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Victim remembered at sentencing

40 family members, friends pack courtroom

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Before his killer was sentenced to prison, Matthew Green's family and friends remembered him as a son, brother, friend and University of Michigan football fan.

"Matthew was compassionate, caring and loving. He never judged anyone by color or their bank account," said Green's mother Kim Branch. "He had so many friends. There were 450-500 people at his funeral, and he would have said each one was his best



Green Patterson
friend." No words could describe the

pain, anger and despair she felt after her son was murdered, Branch said.

"My son didn't deserve to be taken so cruelly," Branch said.

Nearly 40 of Green's family and friends packed Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Qiana Lillard's courtroom Friday for the sentencing of Dion Patterson, 17, of Westland.

Patterson pleaded guilty to a

reduced charge of second-degree murder in the May 16 stabbing death of Green, 33. The plea agreement was for Patterson to be sentenced for 19 to 40 years in prison.

Originally charged with first-degree murder, which carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole,

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One truck in the Fred Scroggs funeral procession carries the message that might save lives.

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Driver enters plea in fatal crash

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Editor's note: Thursday's story should have indicated that Kimberly Garrett pleaded no-contest to one charge of second-degree murder. A second charge of second-degree murder was dropped as part of the plea deal.

A Romulus woman entered a no-contest plea to charges of second-degree murder when she drove off a residential street and killed a Westland boy.

Kimberly Garrett, 39, also pleaded no-contest to a charge of driving under the influence causing death. The plea bargain calls for Garrett to receive a 25- to 50-year prison sentence.

"I'm satisfied with second-degree murder but I'm still upset — she should do life. She (Garrett) is 39 years old, so 50 years will be life for her," said Sequoia Fruge, mother of 8-year-old Kayale Fruge. "I'm going to make sure she does every year of her time. I'll go to everything (parole hearings)."

As part of the plea bargain, other charges against Garrett, including an additional second-degree murder count, reckless driving causing death, operating while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident were dismissed.

"This is a tragic case and we believe the sentence agreement is highly appropriate given the facts and evidence," Wayne County Prosecutor's Office spokeswoman Maria Miller said.

Garrett 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.

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



Garrett

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Tow truck procession remembers driver

A funeral procession of more 250 tow trucks from all over Michigan remembered a Westland tow truck driver who was killed last week while aiding a motorist.

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Fred Scroggs, 25, who worked for Westland Car Care. He was killed after being hit by a motorist who apparently lost control of his vehicle.

The procession began at Westland Shopping Center and proceeded south on Wayne Road to the Uht Funeral Home on Glenwood. A reported 252 tow trucks from all over Michigan participated in the procession.

Scroggs 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



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Westland Car Care employee Ryan Koroleski was close friends with Scroggs.

tow truck. Scroggs and the driver of the Tahoe were pronounced dead at the scene.

The woman whose car needed assistance was uninjured.

The message to motorists during the procession was to merge when they see any emergency vehicle on the side of the road. Failure to do so can clearly be a fatal mistake.

Friends have set up a GoFundMe account to help with funeral costs. In setting up the GoFundMe account, Justin Gabbard said Scroggs "truly cared about others more than himself."

He also called him a hero, saying that he advised the driver to safely wait in her vehicle while he serviced her car and "was able to save her life."

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Safety concerns cancel Wayne Christmas parade

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Wayne tradition for the last 39 years, the annual Christmas parade sponsored by the Wayne Rotary Club has been canceled for 2015.

The Wayne Police Department

doesn't have enough officers to safely staff such a large event.

"At our board meeting, we made the difficult decision to cancel this year's holiday parade," aid Rotarian John VanStipdonk said. "There are a few reasons; primarily it's due

to overtime constraints for police officers and safety concerns."

The parade requires the closure of streets and intersections, including a section of Michigan Avenue.

"For the safety of the participants — kids, moms and

dads — we felt it was in the best interest not to conduct the parade this year," VanStipdonk said. "We are in the works for an alternate event celebrating Santa Claus's arrival."

For the last two years, the

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To donate to the Fundraiser for Fred Scroggs, visit gofundme.com. A fundraiser in honor of Scroggs also will be held from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Village Bar, 35234 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne.

By LeAnne Rogers



COURTESY OF MIKE LECK
The procession ended at the Uht Funeral Home, where two trucks flew a large American flag.

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club has hosted a lighted evening parade.

"Obviously, this decision wasn't made lightly. I spoke with the city manager with my concerns about special events," Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag said. "We just don't have the

people to staff special events like this safely."

Including Maciag, Wayne Police currently has 22 officers. However, Maciag noted that one officer is injured and one recent hire is still in training. From a practical standpoint, he said, the leaves 19 officers working.

"Some special events have been tough — almost impossible," Maciag said. "Last weekend (during Wayne Memorial High School Homecoming) we had to use barricades when officers moved. Citizens moved the barricades and drove into the parade route."

It's not entirely a matter of paying for overtime, according to city officials. Officers are working 12-hour shifts and a lot of overtime currently, said Maciag,

along with handling investigations into a couple of recent homicides.

"I have to take care of them (officers). They are putting in a lot of overtime," Maciag said. "I thank Rotary for understanding. They have helped us get grants."

The alternate event is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, but further details are not yet available.

GREEN

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Patterson armed himself with a kitchen knife and went into a neighboring home on Thames where he stabbed Green. The early morning incident came after Green and others exchanged words about being loud with Patterson's mother.

"Matt loved to debate sports, world history and religion. He was a loyal friend who never was too proud to say he loved them," Green's friend Mike Swafford said. "I connected with a lot of friends because of him — he was the glue."

Two years older, Green's sister Erin Muir said she doesn't remember a time without her younger brother or ever celebrating birthdays or holidays without him. As a nurse, Muir said she had seen many people die surrounded by their families.

"My brother died alone in an ambulance with no one holding his hand, telling him they loved him," Muir said. "I'm lucky to have so many great memories. I will never understand why the defendant decided to savagely take him from us. I will never forgive him or his mother."

Before he was sen-

tenced, the slightly built Patterson read a brief statement: "To Mr. Green's family, I'm very sorry for your loss. I didn't intend to hurt anybody but I take responsibility for what happened. I'm truly sorry."

Having read letters from Green's family and friends, Lillard urged them to hold on to the things they loved about him and the way he lived his life, not letting how he died define him.

Family members also had written letters about Patterson. "It is hard to reconcile the letters about how he was raised and what he liked with the defendant," Lillard said. "It doesn't matter if

the first bad thing you did was to kill someone. You made a choice to destroy your life and Matt's life."

There was nothing happening that night that warranted going into someone else's house with a knife, Lillard said.

"You weren't protecting your mom. It's not like you were driving in a car and had an accident," she said. "Some part of me feels like you should have gone to trial and spent the rest of your life in prison. That won't bring Matt back or help heal his family. This is a tragedy all around."

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several days.

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. Garrett had told police that she was in intensive outpatient treatment and had been clean but resumed using narcotics in March.

An autopsy report from the Wayne County Medical Examiner found that Kayale died of blunt

trauma.

An only child, Kayale had just completed second grade at Thorne Intermediate Elementary School in Dearborn Heights.

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League of Women Voters talks redistricting at forum

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's time to end the practice of having legislators select their own district boundaries every 10 years. That's the message the League of Women Voters is championing across the state, including in western Wayne County.

The League's Northwest Wayne County chapter held a forum Wednesday night in the Livonia Civic Center Library on redistricting, the process in which legislative districts are created following each decade's census. Currently, Michigan law has legislators in charges of drawing the Congressional districts, as well as the state House and Senate districts.

Angela Ryan, the chapter's president and a Livonia resident, said the current process allows for those in power to control who they represent as opposed to voters selecting their representatives and senators.

"If we didn't think there were problems, we wouldn't have you here," she said.

It's an issue the state League of Women Voters has identified as an issue they want to educate voters on, with several presentations on the topic taking place across the state.

It's a topic, Ryan said, isn't a partisan issue: Democrats drew favorable districts for Democrats when they controlled the state legislature, and Republicans have drawn favorable districts for their party while they were in power.

"It doesn't matter which party is in control," she said.

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The concept of drawing such favorable districts is also known as gerrymandering, named



Angela Ryan, a Livonia resident, presents the League of Women Voters' facts about redistricting.

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A crowd of about 50 people gathered at the Civic Center Library for the forum.

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for a 19th century legislator who is credited with popularizing the practice.

Of several of the solutions, Ryan said the League is not able to launch any kind of petition drive at this point to change the process, but said several others states use an independent commission made up of non-legislative members who draw the lines for districts.

"All of these commissions in the states that have them are made up of Democrats and Republicans," she said. "We want our elections to represent the will of the people."

One such example is Michigan's 11th Congressional district, currently represented by Birmingham Republican Dave Trott. The district starts in Canton before going into Northville and Livonia, and then extends north into Oakland County to Milford and heads east before ending in

Troy and the north side of Clawson.

"A lot of people say it looks like a fish hook," Ryan said. "It's wildly different from what it used to be."

Livonia resident Colleen Mills said she believes something must be done to change the way districts are drawn. She said if you look at what communities comprised the 11th District before 2012, they included places, such as Redford and Garden City, which tend to vote Democratic.

"When you look at the district, it is so obvious that the district was designed to keep (former U.S. Rep. Thad) McCotter in office, or any other Republican forever," said Mills, the president of Livonia-based Citizens for Peace. "They wiped out equality, in my opinion."

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Students of Tipton Academy wear pink and form a pink ribbon for breast cancer awareness.

Tipton students support 'Pink Out' in Garden City

Sue Buck
 Staff Writer

Students at Tipton Academy in Garden City took the color "pink" to the extreme recently with a special Pink Out fundraiser.

Student made a \$1 donation to participate.

"They wore all sorts of pink, however they wanted," said Jaylee Lynch, director of compliance and development. "They wore pink boas, things in their hair, pink shirts. That's what a Pink Out is."

The students also lined up in the shape of the pink cancer ribbon, which is symbolic of breast cancer awareness.

"It's a fun thing to do," Lynch said. "We were participating in a fun project. Everybody wore pink — boys, too. They were happy to wear pink."

"This is the second year we have done it," said parent Jen McConnell, who has children in kindergarten and second grade. "All of the money is going to families in



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Physical education teacher Danielle Wensing is all decked out for the Tipton Academy event.

our school who are battling cancer. The whole school will participate."

"We have a few families. One of the families we are donating towards has a mom with breast cancer. We're

trying to put smiles on some of our families' faces who are affected with cancer," she said.

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Glenn's Anderson tapped for national program

A John Glenn High School history teacher has been selected for a year-long professional development program sponsored by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Michele Anderson is one of 18 middle and high school educators selected by National History Day (NHD) to participate in Understanding Sacrifice. During the program, Anderson and her fellow teachers will learn about America's involvement during World War II in the Mediterranean region.

To drive home a deeper understanding of the personal sacrifice experienced at the front lines, each teacher will select one American service member who is buried or memorialized at an ABMC cemetery in Southern Europe or North Africa. The teachers will then spend a year conducting in-depth research on the life of their fallen hero using both local and archival historical resources.

Throughout the program, teachers will attend lectures, study historical books about the conflict and collaborate with staff at National History Day to begin forming ideas for lesson plans from their experience.

The program pays for European travel, supplies, courses and much more. Teachers are only responsible for travel to and from Washington, D.C., passport fees and any personal expenses.

Anderson was selected because of her passion for history and her personal connection to World War II history. Her grandfather, Harold "Bud" Burns, was a survivor of the Bataan Death March. She grew up hearing about the bravery her grandfather showed in the war, although he rarely spoke of his experience. It was this silence that inspired her to learn more about history and World War II.



Anderson

"As a teacher, I strive to make sure my students learn and respect the sacrifices American veterans made for their country and diligently work

to make history come alive," Anderson wrote. "I believe students increase learning by developing a personal connection to U.S. history."

Anderson will have the ability to connect to U.S. history when she travels to cemeteries and memorials overseas for American service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War II.

Each participant will present an eulogy at the grave or memorial of a service member from their home state. Upon returning home, the teachers will use their research and experience to create a lesson plan to reinvigorate World War II education in American classrooms.

The created lesson plans will be made available to teachers worldwide through a website created by the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University.

The lesson plans that teachers develop will make use of the extensive educational and interpretive materials of the ABMC. The plans will also comply with Common Core Standards and will be free to access online at ABMCeducation.org.

The National History Day program is the latest honor Anderson has earned since she involved her students in doing oral histories and hosting USO-style dances for veterans of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War. She also won the 2013 Annette and Jim McConnell History Educator Award for Excellence in Teaching History from the Michigan Council for History Education.

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2 Lbs. Country Ribs or Pork Roast
2 Lbs. Chicken Breast
2 Lbs. Bacon
1 Lb. Beef, Pork or Chicken Cube Steaks
1 Pkg. Homemade Sirloin Patties
2 Lbs. Pork Chops
3 Lbs. Pot Roast
1 Whole Fryer (May Be Cut Up)

2 Lbs. New York Strip Steaks
3 Lbs. Sirloin Tips or Rump Roast
2 Lbs. X-Lean Stew Meat
6 Lbs. Lean Ground Beef
2 Lbs. Porterhouse or T-Bones
3 Lbs. Pot Roast
3 Lbs. Cube Steaks
2 Lbs. Homemade Meatloaf

2 8-Oz. Lobster Tails
2 Lbs. Cooked Jumbo Shrimp
3 Lbs. Catfish Filets
3 Lbs. Tilapia Filets
2 Lbs. King Crab Legs

1 Slab Spare Ribs or Pork Roast
2 Lbs. Pork Stew or City Chicken
2 Lbs. Breakfast Patties
4 Lbs. Pork Chops
2 Lbs. Pork Cutlets
2 Lbs. Bacon

3 Lbs. Turkey Chops
5 Lbs. Ground Turkey
5 Lbs. Smoked Turkey Parts
5 Lbs. Turkey Parts
2 Lbs. Boar's Head Oven Gold Turkey Breast

5 Lbs. Chicken Wings
10 Lbs. Chicken Legs
10 Lbs. Chicken Breast
2 Whole Chickens
5 Lbs. Ground Chicken

Lincoln MKX: A sophisticated, luxury crossover

Cars.com

The 2016 Lincoln MKX is on sale now at Jack Demmer Lincoln, where customers benefit from the "Demmer Difference."

The all-new 2016 MKX is a larger, more sophisticated midsize luxury crossover than the one it replaces. It has a more refined interior, additional technology features and a unique premium sound system.

And it is hit with customers as this first-time buyer from Ontario can attest as he writes on Cars.com: "I love everything about this car, the ride, the interior, the looks it gets, the sound system with 19 speakers is incredible. Very quiet interior, very comfortable seating front and back. ... I give it a full 5 stars."

Exterior

The MKX bears strong resemblance to the smaller MKC, but its greater size affords it some better proportions. The front features the now-familiar winged Lincoln grille appearing on every new model, along with some attractive detailing to the headlights. Prominent fenders front and rear stretch back to a full-width LED tail lamp assembly.

Interior

The upgraded interior features available 22-way adjustable front seats that can automatically shift position to help alleviate muscle fatigue by selectively inflating and deflating one of 11 air bladders. The optional seats also feature a power thigh extender and a four-way power head restraint.

The dashboard has a mix of buttons and switches, but most notable is the absence of a



Lincoln has fitted the MKX with a push-button gear selector.

traditional shifter, Lincoln has fitted the MKX with a push-button gear selector. Unlike the current MKX, there are no more touch-sensitive panels for any controls; everything gets dedicated buttons and knobs. The multimedia system's touch-screen resides in the center console as before and now features improved smartphone and Internet connectivity

via the MyLincoln Mobile app, which allows the driver to start, lock, unlock, locate and remote-start the car. The Black Label trim has been extended to the MKX as well, with four different themes available on the top-level interior package. These include two new designer interior packages: one based on a horse-racing theme, the other on 1920s

Paris. The MKX also features two optional sound systems by high-end home theater system maker Revel, a 13-speaker system and a top-line 19-speaker Ultima system standard in the top Black Label trim, and optional on the lesser Reserve trim. The 13-speaker system is available on the Reserve and Select trims. The Revel system uses a propri-

etary surround-sound technology, offers three listening modes and a 20-channel amplifier.

Under the hood

The standard engine in the MKX is a 3.7-liter V-6 making 300 horsepower, mated to a six-speed automatic transmission and driving the front wheels. All-wheel drive is optional. If you seek more power, a 330-hp, 2.7-liter EcoBoost V-6 engine is available. Lincoln Drive Control is optional, allowing the driver to select between Normal, Comfort and Sport modes.

Safety

The new MKX features a host of electronic safety aids, including the usual list of an adaptive cruise control with automatic full-stop braking, lane-keeping assist, a blind spot information system, cross-traffic alert and a 360-degree camera that can be activated while parking. The front camera is actually

mounted on an articulated mount that pops out from behind the Lincoln star badge in the grille. A full suite of sonar sensors provide front-, rear- and side-vehicle sensing systems, automatic parallel and perpendicular parking, and a system that even pulls the crossover out of a parking spot as well.

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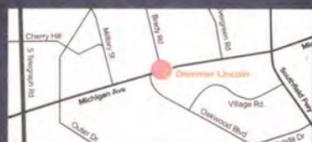
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Distinguished Young Women of Michigan accepting applicants

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for the 58th annual scholarship program, which will be held Jan. 23 at Saline High School.

New this year, this scholarship program is open to high school juniors and seniors in Michigan who are graduating by June 2016 and 2017. Contestants must have a 3.0 grade-point average or higher.

The program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities. Contestants will be judged based on academic achievement, talent, self-expression, physical fitness and interview.

Last year, more than



Vivian Zhong is the Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2015.

\$8,000 in cash scholarships were awarded at the state program. The winner will be awarded the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan and will go on to the Distinguished Young Woman National Scholarship Program in Mobile, Ala., in June for additional college scholarship money.

Michigan has local programs for high school juniors and seniors living in Jackson, Lenawee, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and the cities of Wayne,

Westland, Plymouth, Canton and Inkster. Contestants living in these counties or cities with local program must participate at the local program first before going onto the state program. College scholarship money is available at the local level.

High school junior and senior young women who are graduating in 2016 and 2017 who do not live in an area with a local scholarship program can participate in the Michigan State Program as an at-large applicant. All students who are interested in finding out more information on the scholarship program can email Michigan@Distinguishedyw.org, go to distinguishedyw.org or contact State Director Angela Bobo at 734-354-1827.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

GREAT GHOST CHASE

Time/date: 2 p.m. Oct. 25; 8 p.m. Oct. 30; 10 p.m. Oct. 31
Location: Motor City Theatre, 27555 Grantland St., Livonia

Details: Presented by the Motor City Theatre for ages 7 to adult, this play is based on the book by Tim Kelly. Tickets are \$12 for reserved seating, \$14 for general admission tickets. Students and seniors are \$2 less. Costumes welcome on Halloween night.

Contact: eventbrite.com; www.mcyt.org; 313-535-8962

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Time/date: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: Come in your costume to trick or treat in our parking lot, purchase a small pumpkin for \$2 from our pumpkin patch and bedazzle it for free. Hot dogs, cider and doughnuts available for purchase. Games and prizes. Bounce house.

Contact: 734-464-0211 or htlc@holylivonia.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29
Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The public is invited to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Appointment sign-ups are also available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/date: 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Congregation members will have cars parked in the church parking lot. Children will trick or treat at the cars getting candy and other goodies. Children can dress in costume (adults can too!) and should bring a bag to collect their treats.

OUR LADIES' TEA AND FASHION SHOW

Time/date: 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125

W. Six Mile Road., Livonia.

Details: Seventh annual Ladies' Tea and Fashion Show with fashions by Christopher & Banks, and luncheon by Thomas' Catering. The theme this year is "A Holly, Jolly Christmas!" Gift basket preview opens at noon. Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased at www.shbyzantine.com or 734-522-3166.

FALL COIN SHOW

Time/date: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1
Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15128 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Northwest Detroit Coin Club is hosting its 53rd annual Fall Coin Show. Admission is free. The NWDC meets 7:30-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. New members are always welcome.

Contact: www.nwdcc.org; nwdcccoursechairperson@gmail.com; 512-522-3743.

DINNER DANCE

Time/date: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6
Location: Italian-American Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia.

Details: 48th annual Irish Pallottine Fathers Dinner Dance to benefit East African missions. Cocktails, dinner and dancing to the Joe McShane Band. Tickets are \$65 each.

Contact: 734-285-2966; 586-242-5013.

ART & CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7
Location: Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road, Livonia

Details: More than 130 exhibitor booths, refreshments, bake sale. Admission is \$3; no strollers, please. Enter the raffle drawing to win a gift certificate.

ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOP

Time/date: 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 7
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: A free workshop for parents, professionals and youth on anti-bullying. 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 the "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. CEUs for social workers are available. Registration deadline is Oct. 28.

Contact: Laurie Emery, ce_ssw@wayne.edu, 313-577-9348. Parents and youth should contact Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211 for more information.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8
Location: Manresa Jesuit Center, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: All widowed men and women can benefit from this Widowed Friends bereavement support seminar which will offer speakers, breakout sessions, free time, beautiful grounds, mass, dinner and a opportunity to meet new friends. Cost is \$35, payable by Oct. 18.

Contact: To RSVP and for mailing address information, call Kathy K. at 248-918-1622 ASAP.

VETERANS MASS

Time/date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: St. Michael will again host its annual Veterans Day Mass to thank all veterans, reservists, active military and their families for their service to our country. There will be a color guard and flag raising ceremony at the flag pole in front of the church at 9:45 a.m. followed by Mass at 10 a.m. An informal reception for all will follow, a highlight of which is always the letters of thanks and military tribute made by the St. Michael School children. All are welcome to join in.

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

NORTHVILLE HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14
Location: Five homes in Northville

Details: Five homes — a blend of traditional, woody, cozy and Victorian — will be decorated for the holidays. The style of each home is different and there is something for every taste. Benefits the Northville Community Foundation. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of. Tickets are on sale now at Haven in Northville, Gardenviews, or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may also be purchased on Visa or MasterCard by calling 248-374-0200. Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out each year.

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New for 2015

New standard features include automatic headlights, a USB port, cruise control, Bluetooth connectivity and steering-wheel audio controls.

Exterior highlights

- » 16-inch wheels; 16- or 17-inch alloy wheels available
- » Available fog lights
- » Available spoiler
- » Available power moonroof

Interior highlights

- » Seats five
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- » Two 12-volt power outlets
- » Remote keyless entry
- » Bluetooth connectivity
- » Available Nissan-Connect multimedia system with 5-inch screen
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Livonia Symphony holds 'Lotta Chocolatta' fundraiser

The annual fundraising benefit concert of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra is set for Friday, Nov. 13, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The evening will feature a dinner and silent auction followed by a concert by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk and assistant conductor Carl Karoub.

"Lotta Chocolatta" is the theme of this year's event with lots of chocolate baskets and unusual chocolate beers and wines as well as other unique items.

The orchestra will perform *Chocolate Soldier, My Hero* by Oscar Strauss, *Dance of the Hour* by Ponchielli, selections from *My Fair Lady* by Frederick Loewe, *Pink Panther* by Henry Mancini and *76 Trombones* from the *Music Man* on the first half. The second half will feature *El Choclo, tango Argentino, a Lennon McCartney Medley* by J. Lennon & P.



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McCartney, *Danse des Cygnes* (from "Swan Lake" by Tchaikovsky) and the *Blue Tango* by Leroy Anderson.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and silent auction, dinner is at 7 p.m. and the concert is at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at livoniasymphony.org.

Skeletons are back at Straight Farmhouse

Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The skeletons have again come out of the basement at the Straight Farmhouse, but it won't be too long before they leave.

This is the final week of the free skeleton exhibit at the farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum, located at 6221 Merriman.

Families can attend on Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31, from noon to 3 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m.

This year's theme is: "The Skeletons throughout the Year, Month to Month."

"Every year, the skeletons are doing something," creator Kim Marquette said.

The farmhouse will have expanded hours of 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, and regular hours of noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

"There is no charge," Marquette said. "Come enjoy an evening with your family. This event is child-friendly. Our skeletons scare easily."

Marquette was assisted again this year by her husband Jerry. This is the fourth year the Marquettes have designed a unique skeleton exhibit.

The monthly themes offer different scenarios.

"The Christmas theme has mom sitting at the desk writing Christmas cards," she said. "The kids are sitting on the floor making their wish list for Santa. Dad is trying to put the Christmas lights on the tree. The dog has the lights in his mouth."

During November, there's a skeleton turkey on the plate with Grandma and Grandpa Skeleton sitting at the table.

"There's a little boy sitting on telephone books at the table to raise him up," she said.

Mother's Day and St. Patrick's Day are also depicted.



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St. Patrick's Day isn't just for Irish skeletons.



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Celebrate New Year's Eve with a couple of bony characters.



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"Welcome to the Straight Farmhouse, sweetie!"



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Jerry and Kim Marquette use their imaginations when creating the skeleton show.

Here's the fun part. The Marquettes did the scenery for only 11 months of the year.

"There's one month that is not depicted," she said. "We didn't do anything for it."

Those who can remember which month is missing can write it

down with their name on a piece of paper and there will be drawing at the close on Halloween. The winner gets a basket of Halloween goodies.

"We keep adding new skeletons every year," Marquette said. "Every year, we try to make it bigger and different."

The creative couple hasn't duplicated annual themes yet.

"Nothing is gory about it," she said. "They are skeletons, but it is a fun type of thing. It's family fun."

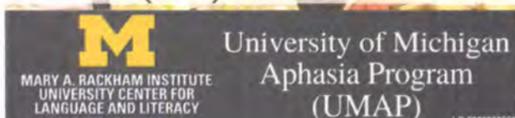
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Lawmakers speak out about roads plan that raises gas tax, fees

Kathleen Gray
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In mostly party-line votes, the House of Representatives passed a comprehensive plan to fix the state's roads that includes a gas tax hike, a 40% increase in registration fees and a \$600-million shift of money from the state's general fund to roads.

The plan faces a challenge in the Senate and with Gov. Rick Snyder who wanted no more than \$400 million from the general fund to go to roads.

"After many miles and many bumps in the road later it's time to step up to the plate," said state Rep. Peter Pettalia, R-Presque Isle. "This is the culmination of many concepts, wishes and ideas. Is it all that I wish for? No, it isn't. But let's get this done tonight."

Most of the House Democrats voted against the bill, noting that it didn't specify where the money would come from in the general fund and that the income tax roll-backs included in the package could blow a huge hole in the budget. "This is not a serious package. People sent us here to do big things, important things and I'm embarrassed by this package," said state Rep. Henry Yanez, D-Sterling Heights.

9-bill package

The House's nine-bill package — or the 600-600 plan — would:

- » Shift \$600 million from the general fund into roads, which would be phased in beginning in 2019.

- » Increase the tax on diesel fuel by 7.3 cents and on regular gas by 3.3 cents tax to raise another \$200 million. The tax hike would be phased in beginning in 2018.

- » Tie the gas tax to inflation, starting on Oct. 1, 2022.

- » Generate \$400 million in new revenue by a 40% across-the-board hike in registration fees for passenger cars, vans, light trucks and large commercial trucks. The average registration fee for a passenger vehicle is \$100. The hike, which would begin Oct. 1, 2016, would increase that to \$140.

- » Create a new surcharge for electric-powered vehicles.

- » And expand the number of people and the amount that can be claimed under the Homestead property tax credit to help lower-income Michiganders and roll back the state income tax, when state revenues exceed inflation, beginning in tax year 2022.

The House plan doesn't generate the \$1.2 billion a year that transportation experts have projected is needed to get the roads into good shape until 2021.

At issue between the House and Senate plans is how much money should be shifted from the state's general fund into road fixes. The Senate and Gov. Rick Snyder have been advocating for a plan that would transfer no more than \$400 million from the general fund into roads. The House is looking to boost that figure to \$600 million. The rest of the \$1.2 billion in both plans would be derived from gas tax hikes, changes in registration fees and increased fees on heavy trucks.

Lacks specifics

"Despite months of opportunity for compromise and negotiation, this new package is worse than the one that was proposed in June," said State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights. "With this plan, the House Republicans have failed to provide specifics on where half of the \$1.2 billion needed is going to come from. This



The Road Commission for Oakland County oversees pothole repairs on township roads. Residents keep calling Township Hall to report potholes, but the county says the holes are a continuing problem.



Cox Plawecki

means that public safety, education and health care funding are all at risk of being cut."

Plawecki said the plan also fails to address the need for more public transportation funding and incorporates a roll-back in the income tax rate that millionaires and billionaires can take advantage of.

"Michiganians deserve a roads funding solution that will work for everyone, not one that comes at the expense of middle-class families while catering to the wealthy," she said. "This is an extremely irresponsible package of bills that I have no intention of supporting. Instead, corporations should pay their fair share, especially considering they are recipients of generous tax breaks over the last few years. The plan put forth by the House Democrats would do just this, and is a better solution for hard-working Michigan families."

However, State Rep. Laura Cox, a Republican who represents most of Livonia, voted for the package, saying that while she did not like everything in the package, it was the best option she saw for properly raising some taxes and using some existing revenues to pay for the roads. "I feel this is the best package we've seen, and I think it's the most fair package given all the issues we have to deal with," she said. "I'm just hoping it holds through."

Cox said it was important to also increase the Homestead property tax credit, something that will help benefit families and seniors who live on fixed incomes. Increasing that income threshold

to \$60,000 and increasing the maximum refund from \$1,200 to \$1,500, she said, is a positive step and will help those affected with an increase in the gas tax and registration fees.

"That is very good for small families," she said.

Alternative plan

Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, had challenged the House on Tuesday to take a vote on the so-called 400-400-400 proposed plan that was being crafted by the legislative leadership. That plan includes:

- » A 6.5-cent increase in the gas tax, which would hike the 19-cent current tax to 25.5 cents and raise \$400 million in new revenue.

- » Eliminate the discount drivers now receive on their registration fees when they buy a new car, increase fees on electric cars and heavy trucks, generating \$400 million in new revenue.

- » Shift \$400 million from the general fund to fund the roads.

- » Lower the state's income tax rate when the economy is booming. Democrats accused House Republicans of caving to that Senate challenge and offering a plan that would harm public safety and education by shifting too much money from the general fund to roads and incur future budget holes if the income tax is cut too.

"The income tax roll-back, that apparently was the price necessary to push this dreadful package through, is the ugly conclusion to what term limits have brought us," said Rep. Jim Townsend, D-Royal Oak. "This is a tax cut that is targeted to the very wealthiest to provide a fig leaf to what we're doing to everybody else. It's a fiscal time bomb and I don't think anyone is aware of how explosive this is likely to be."

But Speaker of the House Kevin Cotter,

R-Mt. Pleasant, said the plan "is a huge step forward, a good, grand compromise," a plan that would generate enough votes from his caucus to pass. If the Senate tweaks the plan, it could face the same challenge when it comes back to the House for concurrence, he added.

Gov. Rick Snyder, who was in Livonia for a SEMCOG meeting Thursday afternoon, was asked about his thoughts on the package of bills. He said while he has some concerns with part of it, the fact that the talks continue to take place on fixing the state's roads is a step in the right direction.

"I believe the activity (Wednesday) night was a positive step forward," he said. "I have issues and concerns with some of the things. We're doing our analysis now. But it showed positive action. It showed people coming back to the table to try to get something done."

One of his concerns, he said, was the amount of general fund dollars being talked about for the package.

"I've made it clear that I will not do that at the expense of making sure we stay fiscally sound and at the expense of other people," he said.

Business Leaders have called "unsustainable and fiscally irresponsible."

"The state General Fund has not grown in real terms since 1999. Redirecting \$600 million from the General Fund to roads means fewer dollars would be available to make college more affordable, train Michigan workers and incent job creation," the group said in a statement. "All are important to our state's future. We should not have to choose between them. The plan adopted by the House would fix one problem but create another."

Staff Writers David Veselenak and Sue Buck contributed to this story.

Livonia Fine Arts Exhibit winners honored

A reception was held Oct. 9 in the Livonia Fine Arts Gallery to recognize the artists who were accepted into the 18th annual Livonia Fine Arts Exhibition. The exhibit features works from local artists that will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery, located on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, through the end of October.

Mayor Jack Kirksey also spoke recognizing the Livonia Arts Commission for their many contributions to the City of Livonia. Then the awards were announced by Grace Karczewski, the coordinating commission of the event, and awards

and honors were given as follows:

- » Best of show, \$700 prize: "Ronaldo" by Robert Perrish
- » Second Place, \$400 prize: "Favorite Chair" by Lisa Mistiuk
- » Third Place, \$300 prize: "Little Claire" by Tim O'Keefe
- » Juror's Choice, \$200 prize: "Scarlet Macaws" by Durwood Coffey
- » Mayor's choice, \$100 prize: "Ranch House at 7 AM" by Charles R. Schroeder
- » Arts Commissioner's Choice, \$100 prize: "The Hat Shop" by Michael McNamara
- » Award of Merit, \$100 prize: "Cuba - Man in Doorway" by Ed Cherniak



Robert Perrish won Best of Show, a \$700 prize, for "Ronaldo."

Livonia church hosts benefit concert for veterans

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia will host a concert to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8.

"Celebrate Veterans" will feature Seek to Be Music Ministry with special guests The American Liberty Pops Singers Alumni.

Favorite hymns and patriotic songs will be presented, along with spirituals, octavos and other music.

Seek to Be is an a cappella group of Christian men and women using the universal language of music to demonstrate their faith and love of Jesus Christ. Through music, the group is able to transcend boundaries and bring joy to people in many different environments.

In the early part of 1988, four men assembled as a quartet to present a song for a Mother's Day church service. The positive response encouraged the group to expand its

repertoire. After three years and some shifts in personnel, the group became a small mixed group of men and women. Seek to Be is available to sing at church services and other functions.

Wounded Warrior Project was founded to foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history. Its purpose is:

- » To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members.

- » To help injured service members aid and assist each other.

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Northville siblings win PAWS for Applause awards

"A child shall lead them." Many have heard this phrase over the years but often we overlook it when it is actually performed. There's definitely no overlooking the selfless acts of two Northville siblings who forfeited birthday gifts and instead hosted a 'No Gifts' food donation parties. Kaitlyn, age 7, and Joshua, age 5, invited their friends and guests to their respective birthday parties (Kaitlyn's in March and Joshua's in May) but instead of bringing gifts, each guest was asked to bring a non-perishable food item.

"At an age where it's all about them, I loved their giving hearts," says Kristine Dreyer, the mother of the youths in a PAWS for Applause nomination letter to the *Observer & Eccentric*.

"Some people right in our very community don't have a lot to eat," Dreyer said. The youths collected roughly 100 food items for Northville Civic Concern, a local nonprofit organization.

"Because of their giving hearts, other friends have now followed suit and have requested a 'no gift' birthday parties for



Kaitlyn, age 7, and Joshua, age 5, at the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals game at Comerica Park on Sept. 20.

MARK CUNNINGHAM

either food or animal items to give to local animal shelters. What a great role model they are in our community," Dreyer said.

We agree, and for that reason the *Observer*

& *Eccentric* and Detroit Tigers recognize Kaitlyn and Joshua as a PAWS for Applause winner. The sister and brother team won four Detroit Tigers baseball tickets to the Sept. 20

game, a Little Caesars Value Certificate, and an autographed item from the Detroit Tiger. Additionally, they were congratulated by the PAWS and awarded a certificate.

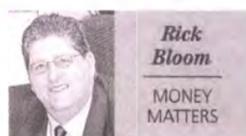
Borrowing from a 401(k) is not best way to pay off mortgage

Q: Dear Rick: I am in my mid-50s and I plan to work for at least another 10 years. I've had an adjustable rate mortgage for the last 10 years and the rate has always been very favorable. Recently, I received my adjustment and the rate for next year is 4 percent. I owe \$125,000. Does it make sense to pay off the mortgage? I currently have about \$50,000 in a money market account that is virtually paying nothing. I was thinking of using that and then borrow the rest from my 401(k) plan. What should I do?

A: I have no problem taking the money that you have in the bank, which pays virtually nothing and using that to pay down your mortgage. However, it is a mistake to borrow from your 401(k) plan.

There are many people who believe that when you borrow from a 401(k) plan it basically is interest free because you're paying the interest to yourself. Although there is some truth to this, there are some other issues that you need to consider.

The first issue is the interest you pay will be



Rick Bloom
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non-tax deductible. Therefore, you are taking after-tax money, using that to pay yourself interest and eventually when that money comes out of the IRA you will pay taxes on it. Therefore, the interest you thought you were just paying to yourself results in you eventually paying more taxes.

In addition, consider that in many 401(k) plans, if you have an outstanding balance, you cannot make new contributions. This can also mean that if your employer had a max, you may lose out.

I believe that retirement money is sacred and it is a mistake to use it prior to retirement. In your case you will be working for at least another 10 years and during that period you will deduct the cost of the mortgage. Therefore, the cost of the mortgage isn't 4 percent but closer to 3 percent or even less, when you consider that you are deducting the interest.

Over the long run, your investments should earn more than the 3 percent and thus, from a purely economic standpoint, at this point in time, paying off the mortgage, particularly by borrowing from a 401(k) plan, is probably not the thing to do. Good luck.

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

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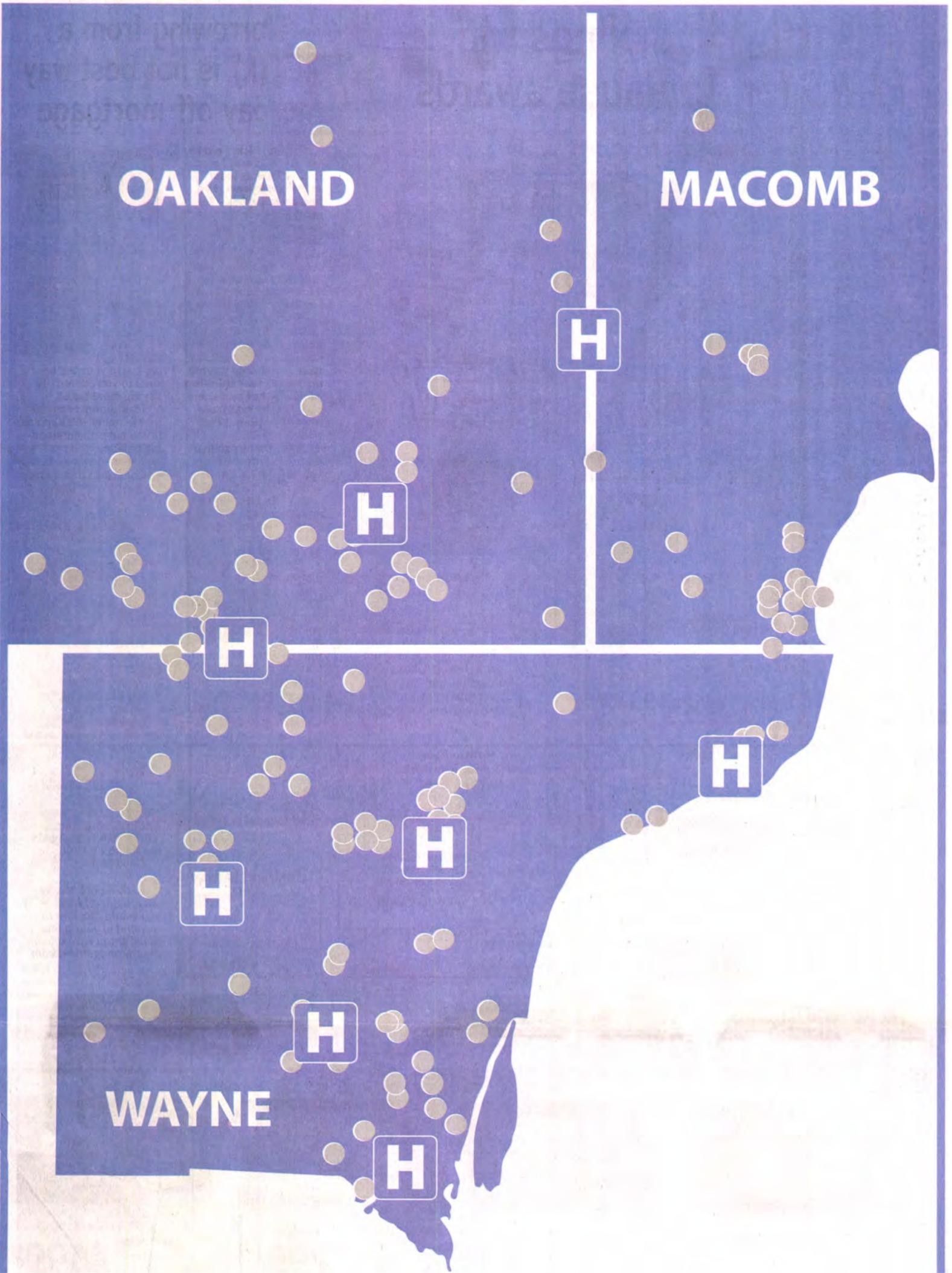
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Franklin punches playoff ticket

Patriots demolish Royal Oak, 41-13

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's football team is a lot like the red-brick ranch homes that populate the neighborhoods around its school — not overly big, but super-sturdy.

The blue-collar Patriots are also playoff-bound for the first time since 2010 after Friday night's emphatic 41-13 victory over host Royal Oak improved their record to 6-3.

Franklin held a precarious 20-13 halftime advantage before switching into over-drive over the final 24 minutes when they white-washed the Ravens 21-0 down the stretch.

"Based on the work ethic and chemistry this team has, I thought we had the potential to be a playoff team before the season started," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert.

"Even though we lost to Stevenson in our opener, I think we got better as the game went on and it gave us confidence.

"Making the playoffs this season means a lot — because

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Franklin senior quarterback Denzel Adams runs for a long gain Friday night against Royal Oak.

MHSAA Selection Sunday show

High school football fans can watch the announcement of the qualifiers and pairings for the 2015 MHSAA Football Playoffs at 7 p.m. Sunday on FOX Sports Detroit.

The show will be streamed live on FOX-sportsGo.com for those without access to a television. This can be done by visiting the website, clicking on "All Chs" on the bottom-left menu, selecting "FOX Sports Go Extras" and scrolling down to "MHSAA Football Selection Sunday".

FOX Sports Detroit will also be the home to four live-streaming games each week of the playoffs leading up to Ford Field on the FOXSportsDetroit.com website; and will carry all nine championship games from Detroit.

Livonia Stevenson has already qualified for the postseason by winning six games heading into Friday's season finale against Livonia Churchill.

Churchill grad Brown lauded

Wayne State University sophomore running back Romello Brown, a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's player of the week after rushing for a game-high 157 yards and two touchdowns, including eight carries for first downs, in the Warriors' 34-31 win over Northern Michigan on Oct. 17.

Brown's first TD turned a 10-7 deficit into a 13-7 lead, while his second TD turned a 17-13 deficit into a 20-17 lead.

For the season, Brown has rushed for 618 yards on 123 carries and a team-high six touchdowns. The former Charger has also caught five passes for 41 yards.



Brown

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Churchill defensive back Jacob Chantres puts the clamps on a Stevenson receiver following a short gain Friday night.

THE PARTY CRASHERS

Fired-up Churchill subdues Stevenson's 50th anniversary celebration, 40-34

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

If Friday night's annual gridiron heart-pounder against Livonia Stevenson proves to be

Sean Stenzel's final high school game, the hard-running senior definitely went out in style.

Stenzel was not only a workhorse (32 carries) for the Chargers, he was also a thorough-

bred, galloping for a career-high 331 yards to power his team to a 40-34 victory.

The triumph improved Churchill's record to 5-4 and gave it at least a shred of hope of making the MHSAA playoffs, which will be revealed Sunday at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports Detroit.

The loss was dispiriting for

the Spartans (6-3), who were hoping to send a mammoth homecoming/50th anniversary-observance crowd home with a "W".

Stevenson, which has now lost three of its last four games, is in the playoffs, but Friday night's loss may have cost them

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Franklin captures first district title since '95

Patriots hold off Dearborn to win championship

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Prior to Friday night, the last time Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team won a district championship, all of the Patriots were at least two years from being born.

That's why Patriot head coach Vic Rodopoulos repeatedly used the word "proud" to describe his feelings in the aftermath of Friday's 3-2 victory over Dearborn in the Divi-

sion 1 district final that was hosted by the winners.

"The boys were jumping around and excited after the game — it was really something to see," said Rodopoulos, whose team advanced to Wednesday's 5 p.m. regional semifinal game against Woodhaven at Dearborn Edsel Ford High School. "When you do something that hasn't been done in 20 years, it's pretty special. I'm still numb."

The Patriots led 2-0 at halftime thanks to a Ryan Bieth penalty kick in the 27th minute and Bobby Mandrink's goal from Matt Conley.

"It was a great through-ball by Matt and Bobby did a nice

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Austin Corona played a key role in Wednesday's district semifinal victory over Dearborn Fordson.

Reporting results

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

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HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Churchill strokes to win over Franklin

Two-time winner Hagood fuel Chargers' victory

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill double winner Maddy Hagood made sure Thursday night's rivalry meet against host Livonia Franklin was twice as nice for the Chargers, who upended the Patriots 116-69.

The Chargers also defeated Franklin in Tuesday's Livonia City double-dual meet.

Spearheading the winners' effort was Maddy Hagood, who won the 200-yard freestyle event in 2 minutes, 12.23 seconds, and the 100 free in 1:00.77.

Also touching the wall first in their respective events were Chargers Joelle Ghareeb, who won the 50 free in 27.72 seconds, Natalie Yurgil, who took the 1-meter diving competition



Churchill's Rachel Flores is pictured during Tuesday's Livonia City Meet.

with 152.30 points, Julia Lewis, the winner of the 100 backstroke in a patriotic time of 1:17.76, and Daria Donelson, who was triumphant in the 100 breaststroke in 1:25.89.

Franklin's rising stars included Paityn Santi, who took gold in both the 200 individual

medley (2:36.79) and the 500 freestyle (6:19.12), and Caitlin Jodway, who continued her stellar sophomore season with a victory in the 100 butterfly.

The Patriots won two of the three relay races, taking the 200 freestyle relay thanks to strong showings from Chey-

enne Franklin, Lauren Niemiec, Jodway and Santi; and the 400 freestyle relay, which consisted of the same four-

some. Churchill's quartet of Rachel Flores, Emma Norwood, Katelyn Liebau and Jenna Stover won the 200 medley

relay in 2:34.64.

CHURCHILL 116
FRANKLIN 69
Thursday at Franklin
200-yard medley relay: 1. Churchill (Rachel Flores, Emma Norwood, Katelyn Liebau, Jenna Stover), 2 minutes, 34.64 seconds; 2. Franklin (Emily Loder, McKenna Scherer, Emma Selix, Maria Walters), 2:35.07; 3. Franklin, 3:02.14.
200 freestyle: 1. Maddy Hagood (C), 2:12.23; 2. Caitlin Jodway (F), 2:14.77; 3. Molly Lancaster (C), 2:32.10.
200 individual medley: 1. Paityn Santi (F), 2:36.79; 2. Rachel Divinigracia (C), 2:39.69; 3. Kaitlyn Casey (C), 2:51.36.
50 freestyle: 1. Joelle Ghareeb (C), 27.72; 2. Kyle Anderson (C), 29.71; 3. Daria Donelson (C), 30.40.
1-meter diving: 1. Natalie Yurgil (C), 152.30 points; 2. Cheyenne Franklin (F), 129.0; 3. Kayla Martin (C), 127.05.
100 butterfly: 1. Caitlin Jodway (F), 1:09.33; 2. Rachel Divinigracia (C), 1:11.18; 3. Kyle Anderson (C), 1:14.83.
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500 freestyle: 1. Paityn Santi (F), 6:19.12; 2. Grace Tolen (C), 6:41.87; 3. Molly Lancaster (C), 7:04.97.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Cheyenne Franklin, Lauren Niemiec, Caitlin Jodway, Paityn Santi), 1:56.86; 2. Churchill (Rachel Divinigracia, Daria Donelson, Maddy Hagood, Joelle Ghareeb), 1:58.54; 3. Churchill, 2:11.08.
100 backstroke: 1. Julia Lewis (C), 1:17.76; 2. Grace Tolen (C), 1:20.98; 3. Rachel Flores (C), 1:22.29.
100 breaststroke: 1. Daria Donelson (C), 1:25.89; 2. Kalei Lewis (C), 1:35.28; 3. McKenna Scherer (F), 1:39.78.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Cheyenne Franklin, Lauren Niemiec, Caitlin Jodway, Paityn Santi), 4:21.05; 2. Churchill (Rachel Divinigracia, Kaitlyn Casey, Maddy Hagood, Joelle Ghareeb), 4:27.71; 3. Churchill, 4:50.21.

TOM BEAUDOIN

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Panthers even season series with Trojans

RU sweeps Clarenceville for third straight victory

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Redford Union's young and steadily improving varsity volleyball team was ready and eager for its rematch Thursday night with Livonia Clarenceville.

The Panthers defeated the visiting Trojans for the first time in six years and avenged an earlier loss with a three-game sweep, 25-18, 25-9, 25-21.

Clarenceville won the first meeting in four sets, but every one was a two-point margin, the last being 28-26.

"That was just three weeks ago, but we've improved a lot," RU coach Rob Reese said.

"We're really young and getting better as the year goes on. We're excited about the rest of this year and next year.

"Clarenceville has a great program and always has a great team. We've been practicing all year, getting ready for them, so it felt great to win tonight."

The Panthers finished with a 4-6 record and three-match winning streak in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

RU, which went 3-2 the second time through the conference, also defeated Robichaud and Thurston, reversing an earlier loss to the Eagles, too.

"I'm really proud of the girls," Reese said, citing their improved passing as the difference in the two matches with Clarenceville.

"We don't have a lot of height. We have JJ (Jakyla Jackson) who's 6-foot tall; everywhere else we're short. But



Sophomore Haley Hebner (above) shares the setting duties with junior Sadie-Anne Miles.

we're scrappy and pass the ball, and our setting has been getting better.

"One of my setters, Haley Hebner, just started setting a month ago. She gets better with every practice, and you're starting to see it out here."

The Panthers are being more consistent on the service line and doing better in that aspect of the game, too.

"Everybody who has watched us says, 'Gee, Rob, if your girls can get their serves in, you're a pretty good team,'" Reese said. "That's the key. We served really well.

"We've come out hitting serve after serve into the net. That just lets the air out of you. So we served really well to-

night, and that puts pressure on the other team."

Kiara Sharps led the Panthers with 15 kills. Jackson had eight kills and five blocks. Ashley Kato and Brianna White chipped in five kills apiece.

Hebner and Sadie-Anne Miles did great work as the setters, Reese said. He added Kato also played great defense, and White was one of the main servers.

"Our libero, Maggie Osowski, was fantastic at passing the ball," Reese said. "Every one of her passes was right on target. Alexis Sprinkle and Destini Sylvester came in off the bench to play back row. They played great, too.

TOM BEAUDOIN

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY

Franklin girls fourth in league meet

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's girls cross country team earned a fourth-place finish in Wednesday's Kensington Conference Championship race at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Northville, led by individual winner Lexa Barrott (18 minutes and 8.9 seconds), won the event with just 17 points, 53 fewer than runner-up Salem.

Livonia Churchill was fourth with 115 points, Franklin was fifth with 128 and Canton rounded out the top-five with 137 points.

Livonia Stevenson placed ninth with 244 points, one spot ahead of Wayne Memorial (263). John Glenn did not field enough runners to post an official score.

Senior star Natalie Douglas earned a fourth-place finish for Franklin with a time of 19:01.8. Also scoring for the Patriots were Erin Seibert (seventh in 19:40.2), Camryn Zurawski (29th in 20:46.6), Allyson Stabler (42nd in 21:38.8) and Julie Wonch, who was 46th with a time of 21:49.6.

Also competing for the Patriots' varsity squad were Natalie Martinez, who placed 56th in 22:06.8, and Emma Devine, who was 60th in 22:25.9.

"We did not run as well as we had hoped to today, but



Franklin's Natalie Douglas placed fourth in Wednesday's Kensington Conference championship race.

finishing fourth in the Conference is a very good result," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "I was proud that Douglas and Seibert were both in the top seven; that bodes well for the regional.

"Zurawski ran OK, but not as well as she had hoped. But we will need to have our fourth and fifth runners be closer to her if we are going to score well at the regional next week.

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FRANKLIN

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it's been a long time since we made it and because this team works so hard. They deserve this."

Franklin's first-round opponent will be revealed during Sunday's 7 p.m. MHSAA Selection Show on Fox Sports Detroit.

The Patriots' will watch the show just like they beat Royal Oak — together.

Franklin got off on the right foot when Rob Erwin hauled in a 65-yard TD pass from senior quarterback Denzel Adams on the first play of the game.

After Royal Oak evened the contest at 6-6, the Patriots scored back-to-back touchdowns: the first on a 4-yard keeper by Adams and the second on Chris Nehasil's 2-yard plunge. Jake Giacobbi booted both extra points to give the Patriots a 20-6 advantage before the Ravens scored with six seconds left in the first half.

The Patriots received a nice omen on the second-half kick-off when they recovered an unintentional outside kick near mid-field. A few plays later Jacob Clark scored to make it 27-13.

Adams scored the final two touchdowns for the winners — both in the third quarter. Clark had a huge night for Franklin, picking up 172 yards on 14 carries. Adams added 158 yards on 14 attempts. He

also completed 6 of 7 passes for 101 yards.

RU triumphant

Redford Union closed the season with a two-game winning streak and a 3-6 record following Friday night's thrilling 24-22 victory over visiting Pontiac.

The Panthers trailed 22-16 with three minutes left in the fourth quarter when they drove the ball 50 yards before tying the game at 22-22 on a 12-yard pass from Tavion Groves-Knox the Marquise Hathaway.

Hathaway then pounded the ball into the end zone with the game-deciding two-point conversion run with nine seconds left on the clock.

The last time RU won more than one game in a season was 2009.

"Hopefully this gives us some momentum heading into the off-season," said head coach Miles Tomasaitis. "We talked about that before the game and the kids responded well."

Trailing 6-0, RU drew even on Hathaway's 80-yard kick-off return for a TD.

The Panthers seized a 14-6 lead on Isaac Grant's 1-yard TD and ensuing two-point run.

Hathaway sacked Pontiac's QB in the end zone late in the third quarter to give RU a 16-14 lead, but Pontiac answered with a 60-yard TD run to regain the lead, 22-16.

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FOOTBALL

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a first-round home game.

Stenzel said there was plenty to motivate the Chargers heading into the game.

"The crosstown rivalry factor got us amped up, but the fact that they saved their homecoming for us — I think they were trying to beat us down tonight like the little brother — is what really fueled us," said Stenzel.

"The dives were working for us tonight. Our linemen up front really played great tonight; I love those guys. Tonight will give all of us seniors a memory we'll never forget."

The Spartans jumped ahead 6-0 mid-way through the first quarter when senior Malik Lowery took a jet-sweep hand-off 67 yards to the house. Lowery zigged and zagged through the entire Churchill secondary over the final 10 yards.

Churchill countered immediately, driving 67 yards on 10 plays — six of which were runs by Stenzel, who capped the possession with a 1-yard TD plunge. Quarterback Evan Cummins then connected with Jacob Chantres to give the



ED WRIGHT
Stevenson quarterback Chris Tanderys pitches the ball to Frank Carlin as Churchill's Vince Vancamp fights off a block.

Chargers an 8-6 lead.

Stevenson regained the lead, 14-8, moments later when Chris Tanderys hooked up with D'Agostino on a 63-yard TD pass along the Churchill sideline before Frank Carlin scampered in for the two-point conversion after the Spartans lined up to kick the point after.

A five-yard keeper by Tanderys with 11:20 to play in the second quarter (and D'Agostino's extra point) upped the hosts' lead to 18-8.

Churchill bounced back swiftly, cutting its deficit to 21-14 on a 6-yard TD keeper by Cummins.

It appeared as if Stevenson would take some valuable momentum into the halftime lock-

er room after Tanderys hit Ian Knoph on a 30-yard scoring pass to widen the gap to 28-14 with 2:25 on the clock.

However, the Chargers orchestrated a scoring drive that was capped by Stenzel's 1-yard run. He then rammed home the two-point conversion to make it 28-22 at the half.

Churchill knotted the game at 28-28 on the first play of the third quarter when Stenzel bolted 65 yards to pay dirt on a dive play.

Stevenson scored its final points of the night on its next possession — a 10-play/80-yard beauty — when Carlin scored from 20 yards out. The extra point was wide left and the Spartans led 34-28.

PREP PROFILE

Edney in middle of action for Cougars

Senior stars at middle linebacker and center

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Nick Edney proved to be a quick learner during his freshman season of football at Garden City. He was a big learner, as well. Youth-football weight restrictions prevented the now 6-foot-2, 265-pound two-way steamroller from stepping foot on the gridiron until his freshman season with the Cougars, but the lack of experience barely showed.

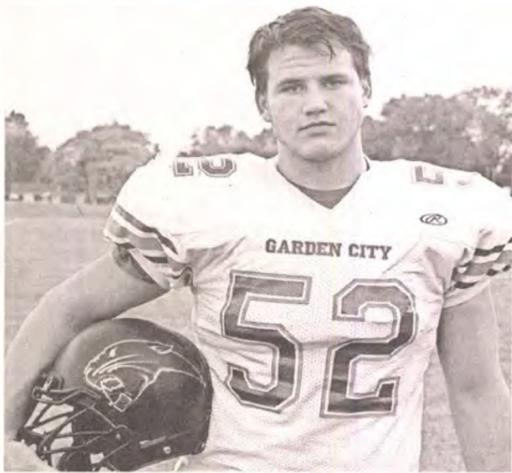
By the time he was a sophomore, Edney had earned a starting spot on the varsity squad's offensive and defensive lines, and on Friday night, he will close his accolades-filled high school career as the Cougars' starting middle linebacker and center.

"Nick has a nasty streak on the field, but he's a total gentleman off it," raved Garden City head coach Scott Murray. "He's a high-character kid, a leader. Even though he was too big to play football when he was younger, he took to it right away once he got here."

"The first time I ever saw him was in the Garden City Middle School lunch room. He was such a big, athletic-looking kid. I walked up to him and asked him, 'You're going to play football for us, right?' and he nodded and smiled from ear to ear."

Edney tackled his inability to play football like he does opposing running backs — with a boundless streak of energy that he funneled into another activity.

"Since I was too big to



ED WRIGHT

Garden City senior Nick Edney has been a three-year varsity standout for the Cougars' football program.

play football, I played hockey," said Edney. "I learned to skate when I was a year-and-a-half-old, so I was pretty good on the ice."

"I couldn't wait to play football, though. I love the dedication you need to play it, and I love the family atmosphere around here."

While he is frustrated by the Cougars' lack of playoff appearances during his varsity tenure, he said his teammates' never-say-die attitude keeps things upbeat.

"Not winning more than we have is frustrating," he admitted, "but the fact that no one on this team ever quits during a game or practice makes it easier to deal with. Everybody always gives 100 percent."

Given his size, Edney defies the laws of physics when it comes to his eye-opening athleticism. He has been clocked in 4.8 seconds in the 40-yard dash, and can dead lift 600 pounds.

"Guys his size aren't supposed to move as well as Nick does," Murray said, smiling. "He's su-

per-athletic. I received a lot of compliments from opposing coaches after we play their teams. A lot of them tell me they try to run away from him."

Edney has excelled on and off the athletic fields — he owns a solid 3.0 grade point average — while growing up in a single-parent home. He credits his mom, Wendy, for helping him pave a successful road.

"She's definitely been my mentor, my inspiration," he said.

Edney's astounding athleticism was in full view during the Cougars' game against Thurston earlier this season when he took a pitch-and-hitch and rumbled 40 yards before getting hauled down.

"I snap the ball then run down the line," Edney said, describing the play's scheme. "The quarterback throws a short pass to a receiver and then he pitches the ball to me. My run got called back because the ref said I face-masked a guy when I was stiff-arming him, but it was still a lot of fun."

DIVISION 1 DISTRICT SOCCER

Churchill puts scare into Chiefs

Chargers take defending state champs to wire, fall 1-0

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

You can never have enough cold-blooded keepers.

That may have been the No. 1 lesson learned during Wednesday afternoon's Division 1 district boys soccer semifinal featuring defending state champion Canton and upset-minded Livonia Churchill.

After Chiefs starting goalkeeper Steven Page was sidelined by an injured finger while making a late first-half save, back-up David McGrath pulled on the goalie gloves at halftime and performed like a thoroughbred over the final 40 minutes of Canton's 1-0 triumph.

No stranger to playing in tense situations — McGrath was part of a three-goalie rotation this fall — the sophomore delivered perhaps the stop of the season when he turned away Jack Schiefelbein's blazing shot from eight yards out with two minutes to play to preserve the slim victory.

"That was a huge save by David," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski emphasized. "If Churchill



ED WRIGHT

Churchill's Chase Calvin (3) and Conner McCarthy (9) protect the ball from Canton's Ryen O'Meara (13).

scores there, who knows what happens. He really came up big."

The game's lone goal was netted in the 55th minute by Canton junior forward Luke Kurili, who positioned himself perfectly about 12 yards out from the goal to head in a spot-on crossing pass by senior defender Beau Hoffman.

"I saw Noah with the ball on the line and I know he has a big boot, so I went back post for it and he delivered a beautiful ball right to the net, and I put it across the

goalie's face," said Kurili. Churchill keeper Brandon Dix kept the Chargers in the game with 3:10 left when he somehow denied Josh Posuniak's missile from the door-step.

"I'm pleased with the win, for sure," Zemanski said. "We didn't do a good job finishing today and it almost cost us the game. We had two or three opportunities in the first half that we should have put away, but didn't."

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CITY OF LIVONIA ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A

CITY GENERAL ELECTION

Will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at which time, candidates for the following office will be voted upon in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan:

- MAYOR
- CITY CLERK
- CITY TREASURER
- CITY COUNCIL

Plus the following proposal:

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SUSAN A. HOFF
LIVONIA CITY CLERK

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

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTCWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 08, 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:

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Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
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Livonia Public School District	August 2014	18 mills	2020 (non-homestead only)
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Clarenceville School District	August 2015	18 mills	2025 (non-homestead only)
	May, 2006	4.5	2016
	May, 2005	1.1210	2016

Signed:
RAYMOND J. WOJTCWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

Dated: September 01, 2015
Livonia Observer
Publish: Sunday, October 25, 2015

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Several local players earn all-KLAA honors

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The recently released Kensington Lakes Activities Association all-Kensington Conference boys soccer team includes several local standouts.

Livonia Stevenson, which finished fourth in the Central Division with a 4-4-2 record, placed senior goalkeeper Austin Kaczmarek and senior midfielders Ian Henzi and Tyler Gregory on the first team.

Livonia Franklin's postseason honorees are senior defender Nathan Iacoban, senior midfielders Bobby Mandrink and Ryan Bieth, and senior forward Jordan Whitt.

All-conference honorees for Churchill are midfielders Kyle Benedict (a senior) and Devin McCulley (a junior), and senior forward Riles Dobar.

Westland John Glenn's all-conference players include senior midfielder Brendan Murphy and senior forward Nyle Ellis, while Wayne Memorial's lauded player is senior midfielder John Willet.

The following area players earned honorable-mention recognition: Churchill's Connor McCarthy, Brandon Dix and Uthman Babatunde; Franklin's Matt Conley, Ryan Prohaska and David Shoemaker; Wayne's Zachary Favazza, Liam Herdon and Jeff Lorenz; John Glenn's Kyle McCarthy, Alfredo Vivar and Mitch Richter; and Stevenson's Max Hoover, Brandon Navarro and Ryan Theisen.

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BOYS SOCCER

Trojans avenge loss to Monarchs with 1-0 victory

Clarenceville in position for first district crown

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville earned another opportunity to play for a district championship in boys soccer with a very gratifying win Wednesday.

The host Trojans avenged a 5-2 loss to Allen Park Cabrini in last year's Division 3 district final, defeating the Monarchs in a semifinal game, 1-0.

"We had something to play for this year," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "They've been talking about revenge all along. When they found out (the Monarchs) were in our district, they wanted them again."

"That's a good (Cabrini) team - a team that five games ago we would have lost to. We started to correct some things that needed correcting, and it's nice to be playing up at the right time."

The Trojans (10-9-1) attempted to win the school's first district title in soccer Friday when they played Dearborn Henry Ford Academy in the final game.

"We have something more to play for," Johnson said. "It's very exciting for these boys."

I've been telling them this is their chance. They have this opportunity."

After letting Cabrini (13-5-1) dictate the play in the first half, Clarenceville played much better in the second and got the only goal from junior Jayson Fitzpatrick with 33 minutes remaining.

Junior Armin Andelija carried the ball up the right sideline on a counter attack and made a perfect cross to Fitzpatrick in the middle of the field.

Fitzpatrick dribbled forward a few more steps and launched a hard shot from 25 yards that was right on the money.

"It had to be that way," Johnson said. "If he took an extra touch, it wasn't going to be a goal. The defense was recovering; everything was quick. You don't have time to think. Sometimes, you just have to put it on net."

"I told Jayson: 'You're not going to get seven chances. You're going to get one chance, and you have to put it in the back of the net. He got one chance and put it in back of the net.'"

Solid on defense

The Trojans focused their efforts on defense in the last quarter of the game and withstood the pressure from the Monarchs.

Cabrini pushed forward and had every field player inside the Clarenceville 40-yard line for much of it.

But the Trojans were solid on defense. They didn't allow the Monarchs to have a quality shot on goal and gave excellent support to junior goalie Jonathan Murphy.

"We played so poorly in the first half," Johnson said. "We just poured it on in the second half. They played their butts off. That was the best half of soccer they've played all year."

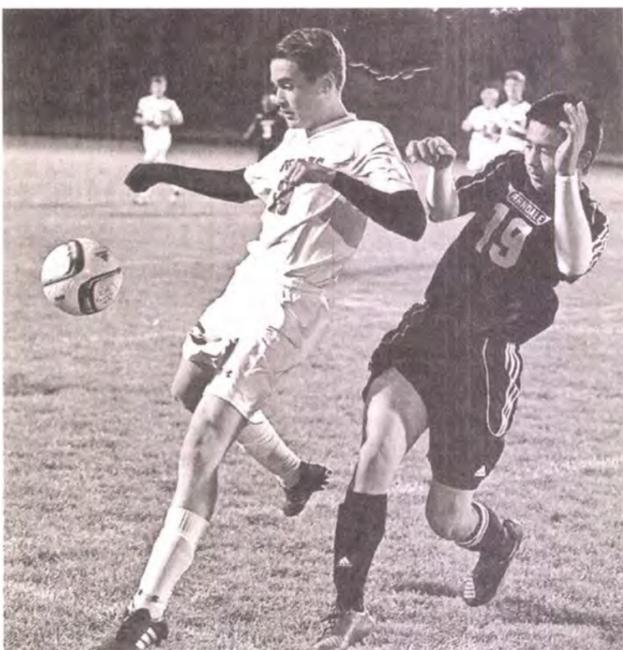
"That's a strong Cabrini team. They have 21 upper classmen on that team, a lot of club players, a lot of good players - and we frustrated them in the zone."

"We played really well. We survived in the first half and thrived in the second half."

Goal was no goals

Johnson added it was all about keeping Cabrini off the scoreboard and giving Clarenceville a chance in a scoreless game.

"Keeping them at zero; that was it," he said. "I told my guys: 'I'll go to extra time. I'm not worried about that. We have the stamina to play extra time, but you cannot let them put one on us first. With our conditioning, I'll take our chances in the extra 20.'"



TOM BEAUDON

Armin Andelija (left) assisted on the winning goal by Jayson Fitzpatrick in Clarenceville's 1-0 victory Wednesday.

The halftime was extended an additional 30 minutes due to a lightning delay. The extra time benefitted the Trojans, who put the first half behind them and talked about what they needed to do in the second.

"It was just kinda nice to sit with them in the locker room and explain to them everything that we've been going through and talk to them about what we were playing for today," Johnson said.

"Everyone signed a ball with the name of someone they were playing for today. Instead of

making it about us, it made it about something bigger. I think it motivated them in the second half."

The Trojans had several opportunities to score a second goal late in the game.

Andelija's free kick looked like it was going in the net, but it curved around the next instead.

Nicolas Siml and Alex Immen got behind the Cabrini defense to go one-on-one with the keeper. Both shots went off target, however.

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job of finishing it off from the left side," Rodopoulos said.

After Dearborn rebounded to slice its deficit to 2-1, Conley provided a crucial insurance goal with about 28 minutes left to put Franklin ahead, 3-1.

"At that point I dropped one man back at each spot to fill the gaps in the back," Rodopoulos noted.

Dearborn scored with just over a minute left to make things interesting, but the Patriots slammed the door shut.

Senior goal-keeper Ryan Prohaska continued his stellar play by making 10 saves - more than a few of which were potential game-savers.

"Ryan made a lot of his saves toward the end of the game," said Rodopoulos. "He's been coming up huge for us the past several weeks. I couldn't be more proud of him

and the entire team. They're really making a name for themselves.

SEMIFINAL WIN

Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team is kicking its way into the school's history books.

On Wednesday night, the Patriots chalked up an impressive 2-1 victory over visiting Dearborn Fordson in a district semifinal.

Franklin never trailed on Wednesday after Ryan Bieth fired home a close-in shot

while in the middle of a scramble in the game's third minute.

Senior Bobby Mandrink tacked on what turned out to be a huge insurance goal with 16 minutes to play. He was assisted by Nick McNabb.

The Tractors made things interesting by scoring a goal with just nine minutes left to cut their deficit to 2-1.

"The final few minutes were definitely frantic," said Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos, "but our guys did a nice job of staying poised and

pulling it out."

Rodopoulos praised the play of senior goal-keeper Ryan Prohaska, who made six saves, and senior defender Nathan Jacoban, who anchored a strong defensive performance for the winners. Bieth was strong in the mid-field, Rodopoulos added.

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Computer knowledge/ Full Time. Ann Arbor area. Email: a2dermsg@aol.com FAX: (734)996-8767

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RNs

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130 Year OLD COMPANY in Livonia, MI with stable work environment and 401K has immediate opening for a part-time, self-starter with good communication skills & phone etiquette. Applicants must possess strong clerical skills. type 60 wpm, be proficient with MS Word & Excel and have filing skills. Attention to detail and ability to multitask required. Minimum 5 yrs. experience.

Send resume to: Inside Sales Manager

MJS PACKAGING
35601 Veronica St. Livonia, MI 48150

Help Wanted - Medical

CLAIMS LIAISON

The Rehabilitative Service Claims Liaison has responsibility for oversight of all administrative aspects of the program, including managing calls, mailings, and general office tasks. Must have excellent computer skills, demonstrate exceptional verbal and written communication skills, organizational skills, and be customer service oriented. \$15.50/hour; benefits. Resume to: humanresource497@yahoo.com

RN

Short-term rehab Experience & qualifications. RN license. Email resume to: yclervering@noviwellness.com

OFFICE ASSISTANT PART-TIME

STERLING
Performance

Must be flexible. MS Word & Excel experience. Milford. Email resume: kyhde@sterlingperformance.org

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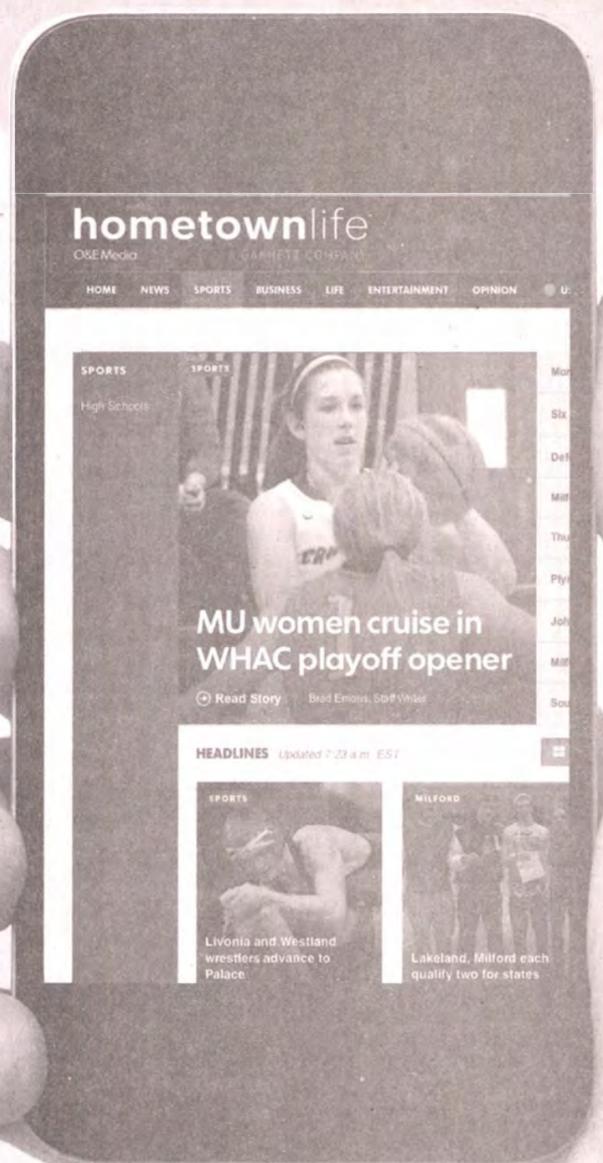
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SHARON DARGAY

John Taylor and Carol Greening remove pumpkins from Taylor's pickup truck. The Southfield resident donated them, along with apples, to the St. Alexander Food Pantry in Farmington Hills.

Campaign encourages healthful food pantry donations

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

John Taylor was flush with apples last week.

"They're Galas," he pointed out, as Carol Greening, manager at St. Alexander Food Pantry in Farmington Hills, helped him unload the fruit from the back of his pickup truck.

The Southfield resident also donated four big pumpkins that he had bought on sale and told Greening he'd likely come back sometime soon with potatoes.

"This gentleman is an angel," she said. "I didn't know he was coming today."

Taylor is among donors who regularly contribute to the pantry, which serves approximately 200 clients each month. Earlier that day, a Livonia resident surprised Greening with several dozen loaves of bread.

Although St. Alexander Food Pantry buys food from Gleaners Community Food Bank and receives food donations from Forgotten Harvest, it also relies on contributions from the community.

Taylor and benefactors like him make it a priority to donate fresh produce and other healthful foods to the pantry. That's the kind of behavior that Michael Miller, chief mission officer for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, hopes to increase in southeastern Michigan with a new awareness campaign.

"We wanted to get out the message of gratitude to the community (for food donations) and encourage people to do something that's not just good, but to go beyond and do something great," Miller said. "We'd rather have people give from their substance than leftovers. That is what we're trying to encourage."

The idea came from a Saint Joseph Mercy Health System "lunch and learn" session that focused on health concerns and ideas for health im-

TOP HEALTHFUL FOODS

Food banks in Michigan request these foods:

- » Baby food and baby formula
- » Canned beans, chickpeas, pork & beans, refried beans, fruits and vegetables with low- or no added salt or sugar
- » Cereal with no added sugar
- » Fruit juice
- » Instant oats
- » Jerky, both turkey and beef
- » Canned beef stew, chili, hash, salmon and tuna
- » Complete boxed meals and helper meals with low sodium, healthy fats and higher protein
- » Oil, both vegetable and olive
- » Pasta, lentils, quinoa, millet
- » Nut butters
- » Instant potatoes, rice
- » Protein bars
- » Flours, spices
- » Whole fruit snacks, nuts, seeds, dried fruit, granola, popcorn
- » Soups, low- or no salt added
- » Whole grain breads, crackers, rice cakes
- » Tomato products
- » If fresh food is accepted: Yogurt, cottage cheese, fat-free milk, fresh fruits and vegetables, chicken, turkey, and beef, such as sirloin, tenderloin, round and chuck that is at least 90% lean

provement. It was open to the public. Laura Blodgett, senior media relations specialist for the health system, said a participant noted that donors sometimes aren't sure what to give a food bank or pantry.

"If someone went to the store to get things for a food drive and got healthy items, it could make a difference for people who rely on food banks," Blodgett said. "We reached out to the Food Bank Council of Michigan and said 'What is your list of most-needed foods?'"

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is spreading the word through parish nurses, local food pantries and its own employees, hoping to make an impact



SHARON DARGAY

Bread at the St. Alexander Food Pantry in Farmington Hills

on the holiday giving season and on annual food drives.

Local pantries

Steve Darr, who runs the Open Door Food Ministry in Canton, said he spends approximately \$800 a week buying foods from Gleaners, and that it makes up about 80% of his pantry's inventory. Another almost 20% comes from Forgotten Harvest. Food drives and individual donations make up the rest.

"Most people are pretty good. People will set up a food drive and they'll ask if there's anything in particular we need," he said. "They bring in nice, healthy items."

That might include gluten-free items or dairy-free foods that meet the health needs of particular clients.

"My wife interacts with each guest. If she knows they have a health need she sets aside the item and gives it only to them," he said.

Because the pantry serves "a family every 20 seconds" during its weekly distribution night, volunteers don't have time to sort through donations to match foods to patrons.



John Taylor of Southfield donated apples.

"We tell people if you can't use it, don't throw it away. Give it away."

Check the date

Both Darr and Greening said some clients need help understanding how to prepare the healthful foods they receive.

"Tonight we've got a pallet of collard greens. Some of the healthy stuff, people don't know how to cook it," Darr said.

Greening also encourages individuals to check expiration dates on cans and boxes before donating them.

"People clean out grandma's cupboard. If it's something you don't need and won't eat, we won't either," she said. "When the postal carriers have their collection, you should see how much we throw out. People give things that are five years old. The expiration date really needs to be stressed."

For more about St. Alexander Food Pantry, visit stgeraldparish.org and click on food pantries. For more on Open Door Food Ministry, visit opendoorfoodministry.org. Visit stjoeshealth.org.

Stove and fridge run on propane in Amish home

A week ago, my darling Valorie and I were privileged to be invited to an Amish home for an evening dinner and along with several friends from Marshall and Union City, we had the meal of a lifetime — meatloaf, mashed potato, fried chicken and several different sorts of pies. More about rhubarb pie later.

For me personally, this event was a culmination in my long-lasting curiosity of Amish life. How can people live without electricity in their homes? No electricity, no appliances, right? Wrong! There were three gas ranges in this home all operating with propane and as I watched the ladies cooking, I tried to figure out the ignition system. As you know, our all-knowing energy department in Washington removed the old-fashioned pilot system, so starting in 1982 gas ranges have had a glow or spark type ignition system that supposedly saves energy costs. Mean-



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

while, this has cost American consumers millions of dollars in repairs to replace those igniters and wouldn't you know, we have enough natural gas to last a thousand years.

As for the three gas ranges in this Amish home, I found out that they have a small 12-volt battery in the range to create a self-igniting feature. As for the refrigerators, they operate off propane just like the many built today for the RV and camper industry. There are no light bulbs in this home but instead gas-burning lamps which light up a room 10 times better than the light bulbs we English use today. The word English means anyone living on the outside of the Amish family religion and that means

you and me.

This home did not have an outhouse but has what they call a privy. It's a regular bathroom with shower and all and just as clean as a whistle. How the water is being pumped to that point will be a discovery at another time.

Barn, furniture

Most of those horse-drawn carriages are powered by former race horses which are trained by the Amish to be very loyal and obedient. The barns are spotlessly clean with plenty of space for religious services and meetings. Their 40-acre property is used for growing food that supplies them all through a whole winter with all sorts of pickled and canned products free of pesticides.

The furniture in the home is of the Amish craftsmanship they are so well known for — plain, simple and sure to last for years. Back to appliances,

there is a telephone located in the barn with a recorder attached and it works. When the telephone became a big thing back in the 1920s the Amish allowed it to be placed into the home on a trial basis. After a year, it was banned because it proved to be a distraction in the family and in the Amish way of life, nothing will distract the family. God and the family are everything to these wonderful, kind and loving people. Their ways have been set in stone for a few hundred years and I pray they are never disturbed.

My last appliance to check out on this "service call" was the dishwashers. I remember writing about our modern way of doing dishes today and how it has removed so much of the family unity we once knew. Much of it was created by the kids doing the washing and the drying and the competition that went on during the process. I saw this and more while

watching the dishwashers operate in this Amish home. When all done, the kids and mothers gathered in front of the sink and sang a song from Matthew 24 which was just absolutely beautiful. It was the end of such a divine meal and the forming of new friends that I should have created many years ago.

My venture is not over as I have received permission to spend three days and nights living and working in this Amish home sometime this winter. I will return the aluminum pie plate from which I stole two pieces of rhubarb pie during dinner. I am not one bit concerned as the Amish way of life is filled with forgiveness and love of others. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

Class teaches hunters, home cooks how to can meat

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer



FILE PHOTO
Christine Venema, MSU Extension educator, gives pointers on safe canning.

You've bagged a deer. Now learn how to can it. Christine Venema, MSU Extension Service educator, can show you how in a class on pressure canning meat, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 14, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

"This is the first time I've done this class," Venema said. "I'm gearing it to those individuals who are hunters. You've already got your buck and your freezer is full. What do you do with the meat you get from your doe permit?"

"I'll be demonstrating techniques needed in the canning of meat and stressing the point that it has to be done via pressure canner. Some folks out there are still using a boiling water bath technique and we haven't done that since 1945."

Although she hopes to pique the interest of hunters, Venema said the class is open to anyone who wants to preserve meat by pressure can-

"You've already got your buck and your freezer is full. What do you do with the meat you get from your doe permit?"

CHRISTINE VENEMA

ning. She'll demonstrate using beef.

"I'll probably demonstrate two kinds of meat techniques. We have a technique for meat strips, cubes or chunks and then one for ground or chopped meat or sausage. I'll demonstrate sausage and the people in class will be able to actually try the cubes."

Poultry, fish, and smaller game, such as rabbit and squirrel, all require different techniques. Venema will focus on the techniques used in preserving venison, beef, lamb, pork, veal and bear.

Why can instead of freeze meat?

"It's a personal preference. Some folks have

canned beef for years," Venema said, adding that her grandmother canned meat from the cows she slaughtered. "When it comes to venison and bear, the canning technique tenderizes the meat somewhat."

Equipment

Pressure canners either include a dial gauge to indicate pressure or a weighted gauge. Price ranges from approximately \$60 to more than \$300. Venema said a dial gauge pressure canner should be tested for accuracy every year and its plastic safety valve should be replaced every three years. She'll have equipment on hand to test

canners brought to the class.

"I'll have information on where to get spare parts if your gasket has worn out or if you've never replaced the safety valve. Some folks find pressure canners at garage sales for little or nothing but need to make sure if they purchase a dial gauge type, they need to test it before using it to make sure the pressure is accurate."

"We can at 11 pounds of pressure if the elevation is below 1,000 feet. If we are one pound of pressure off, that throws the accuracy of the heat penetration off by 15%."

Venema also will teach about vinegars and homemade syrups in a "Gifts from the Garden" workshop from 1-3 p.m. on Nov. 14. She said she'll likely demonstrate a blueberry syrup and a flavored vinegar. Participants in both sessions will take home a food product.

Cost for each workshop is \$20. Register online at www.event-s.ansr.msu.edu. For more information, call 810-667-0341.

Holiday card supports children facing health challenges

The Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary holiday card is on select store shelves and can be ordered online.

The card features work by the Auxiliary's artwork contest winner, Megan Homanick, a Detroit Institute of Arts Studio assistant who also teaches art at Clawson High School. As a studio assistant, she works on the Photo Club, and Bedside Healing Arts & the Healing Garden programs at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

"Working the CHM Healing Garden program over the past five years has been such an amazing opportunity," Homanick said. "The patients and families I have met have continued to show me that art can play such a major role in finding the joy in everyday life ... To be able to do so outside during the summer in such a beautiful, peaceful place as the (Healing) Garden is an added benefit for everyone who participates in the program."

Homanick said Michigan inspired her holiday card, which shows a winter scene with children playing under a starry sky.

"Winter is so special here and I wanted to convey the fun that all kids (and adults) have growing up in a place where nature is just magical during the holidays."

The inside of the card reads, "May your

holiday sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill."

The holiday card sale is the major fundraiser for the Auxiliary. Proceeds from the cards support children and their families that face health-related challenges.

The holiday cards are \$20 for a pack of 20 cards. Cards may be imprinted with the sender's name for an additional cost. Donations

also are available.

Buy the holiday card at www.chmauxiliary.org or at Good Neighbors Family Pharmacy, 1956 Venoy, Westland, 734-722-8774; The Artisan's Bench, 307 W. Main, Brighton, 810-227-4751; or Something Special Gift Shop, located inside Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, 313-745-5425.



Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary holiday card

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:
A public accuracy test of the election software and tabulation equipment will be held at 3:00 P.M., on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

The accuracy test will be conducted for the **CITY GENERAL ELECTION** to be held on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**, in the City of Livonia.

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **November 17th, 2015 at 3:00pm** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Ice Arena Addition

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
Controller

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:
Notice is hereby given that the City General Election will be held in the City of Garden City on, **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

Candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

Mayor
City Council
Library Board of Directors

The following proposal will be voted on:

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

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTCOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 1, 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:

Taxing Authority	Date of Election	Wayne County, Michigan City of Garden City	
		Voted	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	11/03/2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	08/07/2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015
OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES			
Schoolcraft Comm College	10/07/1985	.05 mills	Unlimited
GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS			
Garden City Schools	06/11/2001	3.1 mills	2005 thru (not to exceed 30 years)
	08-2012	18 mills	2018 non-homestead only
	11/2014	2 mills	2020
CITY OF GARDEN CITY			
City of Garden City	08/04/2015	3.5 mills	2020

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

Precincts 1 and 6	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precincts 2 and 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precincts 3 and 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapper accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-793-1620 prior to Election Day. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's Office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 2, 2015, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN

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City of Livonia - 10/05/2015 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Toy, Scheel, Nash, Kritzman, Meakin, Brosnan
Absent: Pastor

#294-15 Approving the minutes of meeting held on 09/21/15.

Public Hearings Announced - Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7PM proposed Annual Budget for the City of Livonia; Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7PM Petition 2015-08-01-07 submitted by Kucyk, Soave & Fernandes, PLLC to rezone properties on the southwest corner of Hix and Ann Arbor Roads; and a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate request submitted by Haithem K. Sarafa, SREP Haggerty Road, LLC.

An X-Item was announced.

#295-15 Resolution referring the issue of dumpsters behind 34126 Parkdale to the Administration for their report and recommendation.

#296-15 Requesting a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding traffic issues at Jaycee Park. Items were received and filed.

#297-15 Approving a request to hold a block party from Holly Stadler for 10/31/2015.

#298-15 Approving a request to hold a block party from Helen Balmforth for 10/31/2015.

#299-15 Approving a request to waive the sidewalk requirement at the home located at 16575 Harrison Road.

#300-15 Establish a fee for a State Certified copy of a birth certificate.

#301-15 Approve the agreement between the City of Livonia and AFSCME Union Local 1917.

#302-15 Accept the bid of Advanced Building Group, LLC for work in connection with the Police Building Lobby Renovation Project.

#303-15 Accept the bid of Integrity Networks, LLC for work in connection with the replacement of computer network - Police & Fire Departments.

#304-15 Authorize the purchase of pulsar briquettes from B & B Pools and Spa's.

#305-15 Authorize an additional expenditure to Tech Mechanical, Inc. to complete HVAC software control at the LCRC.

#306-15 Approve petition submitted by Trinity Home Health for an additional wall sign.

#307-15 Reject the petition submitted by Shay Estates Condominium Association to revise the approved landscaping plan.

#308-15 Approve the application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Livonia Lodge, LLC.

#309-15 Adopt the resolution determining necessity for installation of lights in Richfield Park Estates Site Condominiums.

#310-15 Hold approval of petition submitted by Panamera Motors to operate a used auto dealership pending approval of site plan.

#311-15 Suspend the rules.

#312-15 Approve a request from Schoolcraft College regarding a new full-year, on-premise Michigan Liquor Control Commission Class C and Brewpub liquor license.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.
Susan A. Hoff
Livonia City Clerk
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RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25
Location: Plymouth First United

Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township
Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and more. Free will offering will be accepted.

Contact: detroitlutheransingers.com
HALLOWEEN CONCERT
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
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. Concertgoers may wear costumes. A \$5 donation for individuals and \$15 for families is suggested

Contact: 734-453-0190; stjohnsplmouth.org

HEALTH, NUTRITION SEMINAR

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Oct. 25-28
Location: Plymouth Seventh-day 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

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25
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

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 30
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington 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, Nov. 7
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 available. Call Laurie Emery at 313-577-9348.

Contact: Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211 for more information.

DVD COURSE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, starting Nov. 4
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West 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 248-737-1931; nancyel-len879@att.net

PARADE OF PARTIES

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Concordia 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 refreshments.

Contact: catholicingles@livoniastmichael.org

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising ceremony; 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Nov. 8
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, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
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 Hills
Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

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

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BOLDEA, MARILYNN JANE (Nee STACHOWSKI)

Went to be with her husband on October 18, 2015. She battled hard the last five years but her heart could no longer keep up. She was born October 11, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Stanley and Marie (nee Utas) Stachowski. She graduated from St. Anthony's High School in Detroit; class of 1950. Following graduation she immediately went to work in the "Steno Pool" at General Motors Technical Center in Warren; she later worked as a substitute secretary for Detroit Public Schools. Marilynn was united in marriage to Charles Boldea on October 25, 1958; they spent 56 loving years together until his death on August 27, 2015. Marilynn devoted herself to making a great home for her husband and her three daughters. She was a frequent volunteer at their school while growing up. She was a very doting grandmother and helped to raise her grandchildren. Marilynn was very active with Northville VFW Ladies Auxiliary; she loved going to events and spending time with her friends, collecting chips for free little bottles of wine. She enjoyed collecting antiques. Marilynn was known as a plain talker; what you saw was what you got. She was a survivor and taught her family what it meant to be strong. Marilynn is survived by her loving daughters, Diane (Kurt) Straub, Deborah Reyes, and Denise Boldea; and her adoring grandchildren, Justin Straub, Erica (John) Pavlik, Jeff Straub, Jonathan Straub, Raquel Reyes, Gabriel Reyes, and Angelo Reyes. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her sister Dorothy Michalowicz, and her brothers Raymond Stachowski and Edwin Stachowski. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with a time of gathering beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. She will be laid to rest with her husband at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105.



CROWLEY, LORA BETH

Age 86, of Gladwin, Michigan passed away at her home Wednesday, October 21, 2015. She was born in Saginaw, Michigan May 1, 1929, the daughter of Elmer Norman and Agatha Marie (Konsdorf) La Cross. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, Lawrence D. Crowley Jr. on August 6, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan. They celebrated 50 wonderful years together before Lawrence predeceased her in 2002. She was a lifetime resident of Gladwin County and a very accomplished Stained Glass Artist. She was owner of Gifts EtCetera in Gladwin where she displayed and sold her beautiful works of art. Her other passion was being a coordinator of cruises for friends and family. She leaves her five children to cherish her memory, daughter: Jackie Prining of Gladwin; son: Lawrence D. Crowley III of Gladwin; daughter: Terri (Steve) Worpel also of Gladwin; daughter: Marla (Rad) Acton of Sante Fe, NM; son: Michael Crowley of Wyoming, MN. Her children blessed her with 11 beautiful grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Her parents, husband and two brothers: Lee La Cross and Paul La Cross preceded her in death. Honoring her wishes, cremation will take place and Memorial Services were conducted by Richard McDuke, Saturday, October 24, 2015, 3 p.m. visitation with 5 p.m. service at Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home, Gladwin, Michigan. www.hallkokotovichfuneralhome.com



DRAKE, NELLIE ANN

Age 60, passed away October 14, after a three year battle with cancer. Beloved wife of 32 years to Leonard. Loving mother of Lena. Dearest sister to Judy, Maria, Teresa, Nilda, and Jose Oxholm, and John Cope. Cherished aunt to many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held on October 27, 11:00 a.m. with visitation 10:00 a.m. at St. Genevieve-Maurice Parish, 29015 Jamison, Livonia. (east of Middlebelt). She was an angel all of her life helping people in her nursing career and also loving animals. To share a favorite memory and/or photo of Nellie and to sign the online guestbook, please visit www.turowskilifestory.com.



KUGHN, LINDA P.

passed away at her home in Dearborn, Michigan on Saturday, October 17th surrounded by her family. She was 72 years old. Linda was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be deeply missed. Linda was born in Detroit, Michigan in December, 1942. She and her husband, Richard, lived in Dearborn, Michigan for 32 years. They also had a cottage on Mackinac Island for more than a decade as well as having residences in Bay Harbor, Michigan and Naples, Florida. Linda was blessed to have a large and loving family. She is survived by her husband, Richard; two daughters, Cindy Monroe (Doug); Kimberly McGlynn (Dan); and their four children William Monroe, and Samuel, Emily and Sean Patrick McGlynn. She is also survived by three step-children Suzanne Kloster (John), Gary Kughn (Lynn), and Jennifer Munter; their nine children Janelle Reeser (Matthew), Jessica Baxter (Brian), Charles Kughn (Arianna), Andrew Kughn (Victoria), Elizabeth Kloster, Jacob Kloster (Heather), Carey Kloster (Tara Jackman), and Alexandra and Erika Munter; and 12 great-grandchildren Ruthie, Anna and Gabrielle Reeser, Rebekah, Hudson, Elizabeth and Aliyah Baxter; Eno Mary Kloster; Payton Hayes and Caleb Kloster; Cadence and Kennedy Jackman. Linda is also survived by her sister Susan Markley (Richard). She is preceded in death by her beloved parents Herbert and Lavenia Peterson. Linda earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, with honors. She was a business woman for many years. Linda and Richard shared a strong commitment to contributing to the local community. Linda and Richard's dedicated involvement in numerous organizations and charities significantly impacted Detroit and beyond. Linda served on a number of Boards and committees which included, among others, the Parade Company, the Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade Foundation, the Detroit Zoological Society, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Detroit Orchestra Symphony Hall and the Michigan Cancer Foundation. Funeral services will be held at The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 West Maple Road, Birmingham Michigan 48009 on October 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Internment on Mackinac Island will be conducted at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, the University of Michigan and Hospice of Michigan. Share a memory at www.howepeterson.com

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PAFF, ELWOOD CONRAD, III "BILL"

Of Northville, Michigan died October 23, 2015 at the age 73 after a hard fought battle with cancer. Bill was born in Endicott, New York on December 13, 1941 to Elwood Conrad Paff, Jr. (deceased) and Lela Mae Paff. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Candice Paff. He had four children: Elwood IV, (deceased) Peter, Wendy Robinson and Heather Spencer. Grandchildren: Elwood V, Jaelyn, Jamie, Katherine, Jessica, Theresa and Patrick. He is survived by his siblings: Marcia Stetzel, Rose Newson, Philip Paff and Larry Paff as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was an electrician by trade and proudly carried on the company name, Paff - The Electric Company, which was founded by his father. He enjoyed having his brother Philip work by his side. Anyone that knew Bill would remember him by his outgoing personality and infectious laugh. He could brighten any room. Bill was a generous man and would always lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it. He will be greatly missed. Visitation Monday 2-9 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (Btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Funeral Service Tuesday 10:30 a.m., with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



SWIDER, IRVIN F. "MR. WONDERFUL"

Peacefully at home, October 22, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. Age 88. Proud veteran US Navy - WWII. Attended Eastern Michigan University and graduated from Wayne State University supported by the G.I. Bill. Longtime industrialist in the Detroit area. Beloved husband of Doris M. (nee Muccino) for 60 years. Loving father of Mary E. Swider-Spesser (Carl), Susan V. (Lucia Zamorano), Doris/Marie A., Irvin J. (Stacie), Alesia C. (Kip Snedeker) and Eric S. (Jessica). Cherished Papa of Alex, Calvin, Jack, Stuart, Ava, Johnny, Christian, Sophia, Lucie, Allegra, Rocco and Chad. Dear Brother of Gertrude C. Krezel, Rose Marie Barnett, Thomas Swiderski (Marilyn), Lydia Martino, Joseph Babiarz (Ruth), Alice Ricci (Dominic) and the late Virginia Rzeszutko and Walter Swiderski (Lillian). Also many nieces and nephews. Family appreciates the loving care of Winsome, Tanya, Sharon and Sandy. Family will receive friends Tuesday 3-8 p.m. with Rosary at 7 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (between 13-14 Mile), 248-549-0500. Funeral Mass Wednesday 10:30 a.m. at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln (at Lahser), Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins at 10 a.m. Memorial tributes to Camp Cavell Conservancy, 3335 Lakeshore, Lexington, MI 48450 or Guadalupe Social Services, Attn: Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, 211 9th Street South, Immokalee, FL 34142. View obituary and share memories at www.AJDesmond.com

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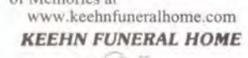


TIMMONS, KENNETH GORDON

Kenneth Gordon Timmons, 86. Passed away suddenly October 20, 2015 in Fort Myers, Florida. Loving husband of Lucy (Cau) Timmons, father of sons Dan and Joe Timmons, daughter Amy Timmons Bell, grandfather of Ryan Timmons and Sarah Binder. Born in Midland, Michigan to Francis (Big Tim) and Doris (Delaney) Timmons and sister Patricia. Loving brother-in-law to Joanne (Cau) and Dieter Jungclaus of Cape Coral, Florida, and to the late Jerry and Gloria (Cau) Camargo of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Loving father-in-law to Jack Bell, Nikki Timmons, and Connie Timmons. Ken was a star athlete at Midland High School, lettering in basketball, football, and baseball. He received a scholarship to The University of Detroit where he played forward in basketball and pitcher in baseball. He was always saying how grateful he was to "U of D" and that he was proud to support the school by getting his master's degree there when he had other less costly options at the time. Ken truly loved being a history and government teacher at Livonia Bentley and Churchill High Schools, where he also coached basketball, baseball, and golf. Many said he taught or coached what seemed like half the students of Livonia in his 36 years of teaching. After his retirement, Ken served as Livonia School Board President and member. He also served as President of the Livonia Education Association, and helped form junior golf leagues in Livonia. The family will hold a memorial luncheon/dinner in Michigan to celebrate his life, at a date to be determined. For further information, please contact the family at: adorann@comcast.net or 248-755-8159.

ZYWICKI, JOHN

Age 76 of Brighton, and formerly a long-time resident of Livonia, passed away October 21, 2015. He was born on May 21, 1939 a son of John and Helen (Porch) Zywicki. On July 11, 1964, he was married to Nadine Paziuk and they made their home in Livonia until moving to Brighton in 2011. John was very proud to be retired from the Air National Guard after serving for 20 years. Growing up in Belleville, he worked at the family farm, Zywicki Greenhouse. After graduating from Lawrence Technical Institute, John went to work at Ford Motor Company for 17 years, and then as a contractual engineer throughout the automotive industry until his retirement. John was a very active alumni who graduated from Belleville High School, Class of 1957. Surviving is his beloved wife, Nadine Zywicki; daughters: Audra (David) Zywicki-Averbach, Cheryl (Kurt) Lusko, Marcy (Paul) Buell; grandchildren: Hallie, Zachary, Noah, and Kirra Averbach, as well as Merina, Harlee, and Gabriel Buell. His brothers: Charles (Linda) Zywicki, Gerald (Peggy) Zywicki, Donald (Carol) Zywicki; and brother-in-law Gene Paziuk and sister-in-law, Doris Zywicki, also survive. John was predeceased by his parents, John and Helen Zywicki, and his brother Raymond Zywicki. Visitation Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 2-8 p.m. and funeral services at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015, at Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton (810-229-9871) Memorial contributions are suggested to Wounded Warrior Project. Please visit John's Book of Memories at www.keehnfuneralhome.com



JENNIFER M. HAGEN

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Health professionals say it's time for flu vaccines

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Osteopathic Association and Michigan State Medical Society are urging residents to get flu vaccines.

During the first official week of the 2015-16 flu season, Oct. 4-10, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Laboratories confirmed the first cases of influenza A(H3N2) viruses. All of the cases were adults.

"Right now is the perfect time to get vaccinated to protect yourself and your family

against the flu this season," said Eden Wells, M.D., chief medical executive with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "The flu is a serious and potentially life-threatening illness; it's not something to be taken lightly. In our communities and as health care professionals, it's important we all encourage our friends and family to remember to get their flu vaccine every year."

Flu is a contagious respiratory virus that often causes fever, sore throat, cough, body aches, and fatigue. People already infected with flu can

spread the virus to others even before they feel sick. Flu vaccination is the single best way to prevent getting the flu and its complications. The flu vaccines available in the 2015-16 flu season were changed to include the drifted flu virus strain that widely circulated last year.

"One of the safest, simplest things we can do to stay healthy this winter is to get our flu shot," said Rose M. Ramirez, M.D., president of the Michigan State Medical Society. "It's just as important that we get our shots to help protect infants and others with

serious medical conditions who cannot get vaccinated themselves."

Health professionals recommend that everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine every flu season. It is especially important that children, adults, 65 and older, persons with chronic health conditions, and pregnant women get vaccinated against flu. Flu vaccination for pregnant women does not just protect the mother, it also protects her unborn baby.

According to Michigan Care Improvement Registry data, only 9% of Michigan children,

6 months to 8 years, who needed two doses of flu vaccine last season received both doses. Flu vaccination coverage in children 5-12 also dropped during last year's flu season.

It takes about two weeks to be fully protected after the vaccination. There are multiple kinds of flu vaccine available this season. Ask your health care provider which flu vaccine is the best one for you.

For more information about vaccinations in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/immunize and www.michigan.gov/flu. To find a vaccine near you, visit <http://vaccine.healthmap.org/>.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Breastfeeding clinic

The course runs 6:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at Beaumont Hospital - Farmington Hills, 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills. It will cover the advantages and benefits of breastfeeding, physiology of milk production, basic nursing positions, assessing latch-on, back-to-work issues, how to determine if your baby is getting enough milk, common problems, and pumping and storing breast milk. Register for "Breastfeeding Basics" by phone at 248-888-2500, or go <https://www.botsford.org/forms/payment/maternity/index.html>

Diabetes Day

Garden City Hospital sponsors its 23rd annual Diabetes Day for individuals with diabetes, pre-diabetes, families, friends and caregivers, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Includes presentations by an endocrinologist, cardiologist, podiatrist and dietitian, in addition to lunch, displays, giveaways and more. Register at 734-458-4259.

Hearing loss support

The Hearing Loss Association of America meets 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297; afcrack@comcast.net

Lyme disease

Thomas Grier, M.S., will talk about Lyme disease, brain pathology, and why Lyme mimics multiple sclerosis, 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 25, at Northwest Unitarian-

Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. His talk, via Skype, is co-sponsored by the Michigan Lyme Disease Association and the Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church. Call the association at 888-784-5963 or the church at 248-354-4488 for more information.

Scleroderma Foundation

The Scleroderma Foundation will present its third annual Hideous Holiday Sweater Run Saturday, Nov. 7, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration for the event starts at 8 a.m. A 13k run/walk will begin at 9 a.m., with a 5k run/walk following at 9:10 a.m. Participants wear their most hideous holiday sweater and will receive a complimentary water bottle and reindeer antlers. The first 300 registrants will receive a commemorative beer stein. The event will include entertainment, prizes and seasonal treats. Cost is \$35 for the 5k and \$40 for the 13k. Register online through Nov. 4 or in person on race day. hideousholidaysweaterrun.com.

Seeking volunteers

St. Mary Mercy is actively recruiting PAL volunteers and will host an informal Coffee Chat for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 28, in St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Center Conference Room, on the hospital campus, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The volunteer program provides patients with daily visits, help with therapeutic activities, and companions during walks, meals, and exercise. For more informa-

tion, call 734-655-3497.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood

pressure testing, lipid panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

Health programs, support

The Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center offers classes designed to strengthen your heart after a

cardiac event. It also offers an exercise class, "Get Up and Move." For more information, call 734-458-3242.

GCH Community Education offers classes in diabetes self-management education. The hospital also hosts various support groups including Nar-Anon, Alzheimer's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Focus on Living and Diabetes, which are held monthly. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Low vision support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at 734-453-0750, Ext. 232.

Lyme support

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, except January, July and September, at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 248-354-4488. For more information, visit the Michigan Lyme Disease Association website, www.mlda.org, or call 888-784-LYME.

Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Ruthann at 734-981-2519 or visit www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

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