

Westland, Wayne voters go to polls

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Voters in Westland and Wayne will be going to the polls Tuesday to elect local officials including council members in each community.

Westland

Along with filling four city council seats, Westland voters will be electing a new city clerk. Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof is the city's only elected clerk and has served since 2004. She isn't seeking re-election, so voters



will choose between Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, and Jody Rice-White. The winner receives a four-year term.

Four incumbent council members are seeking re-election – James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves. They are being challenged by Bill Campbell, Peter Herzberg, Judy McKinney and Charles Pickering, a former mayor and council member. The top three finishers all receive a four-year term, with the fourth-place finisher earning a two-year term.

"We had a 7.5-percent turnout in the primary. I would guess based on past records that we will have an 11- to 13percent turnout for the election," Schoof said.

Westland has just over 60,000 registered voters. This election, Schoof said that 4,568 absentee ballots have been requested, with 3,281 ballots returned so far.

"We'll get more absentee ballots back – over 90 percent will come back," Schoof said.

With the deputy clerk position vacant and another clerk's staff member off due to a death in the family, Schoof said it will be a difficult election Tuesday.

"I have mixed feelings (about handling her last election). I'll be glad when for it to be over with, but I'm still sad," Schoof said.

Wayne

Wayne voters will be electing council members under a ward system for the first time. That's prompting questions from voters, Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller said.

"People aren't used to the ward system. We're getting a

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Glenn thespians look for clues in 'Ax of Murder'

Sue Mason Staff Writer

Group of actors who don't heed the warning of a playwright find themselves solving a murder in John Glenn High School's fall play *Ax of Murder*.

It's a whodunit murder mystery by Pat Cook that has the theater director trying to convince the other members of the troupe that the script is haunted, as writer Colin Chambers hints at the trail of horror that has cursed his work.

"It's a play within a play," director Kevin Gidley said. "The whole first act is a set-up to finding out who the killer is According to Gidley, selecting the play has been a "true collaboration." He came up with a selection of three plays and the students picked Ax of Murder. 'The set looks like it's just being set up or taken down," he said. "It's a coincidence that there is a gun, an ax, a hatchet and a rope on stage and everyone is in the script. What it's like is a game of Clue." The cast and crew have been working on the production since late September under the direction of Gidley and co-director Belinda Walkonis-Semak. It's a mixture of new actors and veterans who had small roles in the past and are now in larger roles. Veteran actors AveMaria Awosika and Eric Kudlawiec are both first-timers in the roles of assistant directors, working with the cast and doing "the little things the directors can't do."



Mild-mannered candle vendor Robyn Ritondale turns into a witch at Halloween.

Halloween comes early to farmers market

Mother Nature may have tried to put a damper on the celebration, but that didn't deter youngsters from turning out Wednesday at the Wayne Farmers Market to celebrate Halloween.

Youngsters and adults dressed for the occasion as witches, army guys and plenty of princesses, including Elsa from Disney's *Frozen*, seen walking around Goudy Park.

Youngsters did some trick or treating, got their faces painted and decorated pumpkins at the event, which helped close out the 2015 season for the market.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Six-year-old Isabell Wright, dressed as a "Teacher Witch," wants you to know that she lost her first tooth. See THESPIANS, Page A2

AX OF MURDER

When: 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 5-7 Location: John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland Tickets: \$8 for students and \$10 for general admission



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"Directing will be one of my focuses in college," said Awosika, a senior who is in her fifth production at John Glenn. "I'm interested in leading my fellow students to have some directing on my college application to gain an advantage in hopes of having a better showing.

Awosika started out working on crew her sophomore year and went on-stage as an actor as a junior.

"I like the pressure," Awosika said. "I'm doing something I love and working with the people I love.

Awosika also has a role in the play, that of Lucille Brit, an actress who eats no matter what her mood is. She has food hidden all over the stage.

Kudlawiec became interested in being a director when he saw



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sgt. Mike, played by Jonah Wallace, and Bonnie, played by Sydney Lowery, watch as Cassandra, played by Kaylee Hutton, begins to have a vision about the events.

what they did during his first show. This is the senior's seventh production. He's been involved in plays at Glenn since his freshman year.

"When I started high school, I didn't know anybody," he said. "The

director was in my class and invited me to join. I'm glad I did.

He plays Collin Chambers, who tries to warn the actors not to read his play. While not on-stage rehearsing, he can be found in the front row, helping students remember their lines.

"We do a lot of managing and we have to keep things organized with things like T-shirts and ads," he said. "It's not so hard, but it has been difficult to memorize

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lot more questions about

lines and keep up with the organization. We balance it out well, because we're at team. Gidley is pleased

with how the show is coming together. "This is an almost

completely new group,' he said. "They're working well with each other. It's come together faster than I thought."

He added that if people want to know who the killer is, "they'll have to see the show to find out."

workers, encouraging them to tell everyone they can vote in all the races."

Seeking a two-year term as mayor are Susan Rowe, currently midway through a four-year term on council, challenger Bob Boertje and Len Fisher, a write-in candidate. Wayne has a city manager form of government and a part-time mayor.

Christopher Sanders is running in Ward 1 and is being challenged by write-in candidates Alfred Brock and Allen "Buddy" Shuh. This is for a four-year term.

In Ward 2, incumbent John Rhaesa is unopposed in seeking a second four-year term. In Ward 3, incumbent

Westland library looking for adult literacy tutors

Fourteen percent of adults in the United States read below a fifth-grade level, while 43 percent of people with the lowest literacy rates live in poverty, according to "Adult Literacy Facts" at proliteracy.org.

It's clear that low literacy is a huge problem in the United States. At the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland Library, the staff is dedicated to helping community members with reading difficulties.

The library runs an Adult Literacy Program and is searching for adult volunteers. Since 2011, the library's literacy coordinators have been pairing volunteer tutors with adults learning to read.

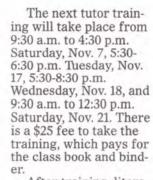
Thanks to Washtenaw Literacy, a nonprofit organization operating out of Washtenaw County, the library is able to offer tutor training for those interested in helping others.

Lorne "Skip" Monit is seeking re-election for a four-year term. He is being challenged by Tom Porter.

Appointed to fill a vacancy, Councilman Anthony Miller is running for a two-year atlarge seat. He is being challenged by Lucietta Miles

With 12,700 registered voters in Wayne, Miller said he expects a 20percent turnout, similar to the city's last general election in 2013. There have been 739 absentee ballots requested, with 386 returned so far, but Miller said many more usually come in over the weekend before the election

Results election night are expected to come in



After training, literacy tutors are paired with a learner and will meet with him or her once a week for two hours. The pair will continue meeting for about a year.

The library currently has a waiting list of people who need tutors.

If you are interested in taking the adult literacy tutor training, or if you would like more information about becoming a tutor, contact Danielle Hansard at danielle.hansard@westlandlibrary.org or Liz Waun at liz.waun@westlandlirbary.org.

To reach the library, call 734-326-6123.

somewhat later, Miller said, due to the write-in candidates, which will require manual tabulation.

"There are two sides to the (voting) machine. It kicks it to the right side bin if there is a write-in," he said. "We have to pull it out to be read and the tape will have to be amended a little later."

The machine will read votes in other races and automatically record those totals.

"I hope we will have the results by 10-11 p.m.." Miller said.

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the voting process," Mil-ler said. "If someone lives in Ward 6, they are afraid to vote for a Ward 3 person. The way it works is

that during the primary, candidates from each ward are selected only by voters in their ward. After that nominating process, all council members are elected by voters citywide.

"They are all citywide races. People vote for all the races that are on the ballot," Miller said. "We are trying to educate people on that. I had training with my election

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Donors large and small make a difference with Pennies from Heaven

Livonia residents donated "a lot of pennies" and some nickles, dimes and quarters too on Oct. 24 during the Livonia Observer's Pennies from Heaven fundraiser benefiting Livonia Goodfellows.

Goodfellows President Bill Heaton didn't have a total yet for the amount collected, but he said it was "a lot of pennies" and other change too.

Last year, the event held at the Civic Center Senior Center brought in \$700 to help the Livonia Goodfellows provide a Christmas celebration to about 365 needy Livonia families, including 813 children.

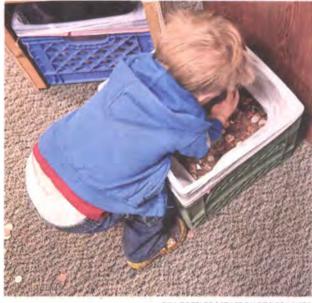
The collection was part of Make A Difference Day, a USA Today initiative, backed by the Gannett Co. and TEGNA Inc. In collaboration with Points of Light and with the support of Newman's Own, it is the largest national day of community service.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Goodfellows Bob Johnson and Steven Fry accept coins that will help finance the charity's projects.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Four generatiions of the family, 3-week-old Nicole Clough, mom Caroline Clough, Grandmother Linda Fry, and great-grandmother Patricia Taylor, show up to help the Goodfellows' cause.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Nineteen-month-old Carson Clough, grandson of Goodfellow Steven Fry, is fascinated by the bin of donated coins.



Livonia residents Lori and John Vensko bring coins to Goodfellow Steven Fry.



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OUR VIEW

Our picks in Wayne, Westland, Garden City elections

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Wayne, Westland and Garden City, residents will decide who can best represent the voters and the interests of their respective city as mayor, city clerk and council members.

Garden City – Incumbent Randy Walker is facing former Councilman Dave Fetter in the mayor's race, while the city council election includes incumbents Margo Arnoske, Jim Kerwin, Patricia McKarge and Patricia Squires and newcomer Mark Jacobs.

The mayor will serve for two years. The top two council candidates will both receive a fouryear terms, while the third- and fourth-place finishers will both receive a two-year term.

In the mayor's race, we believe that Walker has what's needed to keep Garden City moving forward. He cares about his city and it shows. He wants Garden City to be clean, blightfree and crime-free and is supportive of efforts to bring that about. Arnoske, Kerwin, McKarge and Squires have shown themselves very capable of handling the city's business. These four council members have shown they are able to conduct the city's business in a civilized and polite manner. They treat each other — and members of the audience — with respect.

Three residents -Andrew McMechan, Millie Tyszkiewicz and William Paul Werhane are seeking three seats on the Garden City Library Board. McMechan and Werhane are seeking re-election and Tyszkiewicz is a newcomer. The board has accomplished a lot in the few years it has been in existence and it's due to the commitment of individuals like this.

The top two finishers will both receive a sixyear term ending in 2021. The third-place finisher will serve the remainder of a term ending in 2019.

In Garden City, voters would be wise to stay the course and re-elect **Randy Walker** as mayor and **Margo Arnoske, Jim** Kerwin, Patricia McKarge and Patricia Squires to the city council.

Wayne – A citizens initiative two years ago has members of the Wayne City Council elected by wards. Under the system, candidates for the wards are selected during the primary, with the city as a whole voting for members in the general election.

This election cycle, representatives will be selected for three wards, along with a two-year at-large term. In Ward 1, Christopher Sanders is being challenged by two write-in candidates, Alfred Brock and Allen "Buddy" Shuh. In Ward 2, incumbent John Rhaesa is unopposed. In Ward 3, incumbent Lorene "Skip" Monit is facing a challenge from Tom Porter. For the two-year at-large term, appointed incumbent Anthony Miller is being challenged by Lucietta Miles.

Voters also will be electing a new mayor for the first time in many years. Councilwoman Susan Rowe is being challenged by Robert Boejrte and write-in candidate Lenard "Len" Fisher.

We believe the best choices are Shuh in Ward l, Rhaesa in Ward 2 Monit in Ward 3, Miller for the at-large term and Rowe for mayor. We believe Wayne residents would be wise to retain the incumbents. The city is going through difficult financial period and, while the council has tended to waffle on dealing with the issues, members have come together to address them.

In the mayor's race, Rowe clearly has the experience to guide the council and serve as the face of Wayne. She understands that Wayne is at a crossroads and needs to get back to basics and have a dialogue with residents about what needs to be done to help the city survive and thrive. The biggest challenge

facing the council is getting residents to have confidence in it. It will take time, but considering the progress that has been made, we believe the best choices are Allen "Buddy" Shuh, John Rhaesa, Lorene "Skip" Monit and Anthony Miller for council and Susan Rowe for mayor. Westland – Voters

will elect a new city clerk and four members of council.

Wayne County Commissioner Richard Le-Blanc, D-12th District, and Jody Rice-White are squaring off to see who will replace current City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof, who is retiring after 12 years in office. The winner will receive a four-year term.

In the city council race, the candidates are incumbents James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves, plus William Campbell, Peter Herzberg, Judy McKinney and Charles Pickering. The top three finishers will each receive a four-yearterm, with fourth place gaining a two-year term. In the clerk's race, we

believe that Richard LeBlanc is the best choice. He comes to the position with a strong understanding of governmental operations, learned through his many years of service at the city, state and county levels. He believes that electronic access isn't where it should be in the clerk's office and he is prepared to roll out changes to improve service in real time and increase engagement with all residents.

In the council race, Godbout, Hammons, Johnson and Reeves have proven themselves capable of leading the city through good and bad times. They have a proven track record of being able to work together and with the other members of council in getting the business of the city done. They are level-headed and laserfocused on what will keep Westland going and growing.

The clear choices to continue to lead the city in the coming years are **Richard LeBlanc** for city clerk and **James Godbout**, Adam Hammons, **Bill Johnson** and **Dewey Reeves** for city council.

LETTERS

Just the facts

I was watching TV the other night and came upon some old *Dragnet* episodes. It didn't take long for Joe Friday to say his famous line, "just the facts ma'am." I laughed to myself and thought how that would be good advice for all of us when listening to people who want our votes and, just as importantly, those special interests that demand change or "more for your tax dollars."

Some may feel that I am a bit disingenuous because I am an elected official myself. However, I am not running for election and I have always kept my promises to work

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hard, educate myself and look out for the best interests of the community as a whole. I have kept those promises and have a reputation for knowing my numbers and debating special interests that try to twist the facts.

For example, promises of more public safety workers: Westland currently spends about 55 percent of its entire budget on public safety. The city collects about \$29 million per year in taxes and spends close to \$32 million on public safety. The remaining revenues that we operate on come from the federal and state government. As you can see, we depend a lot on other financial sources outside our own city taxes. These outside sources can fluctuate by a greater margin from year to year than the local tax collections. We must be extremely careful when we budget these funds.

Another hot topic has been city hall: The real cost of the new city hall is about \$520,000 a year. The city is making payments on the bonds (20 years) just like a mortgage on your home. This yearly payment is made with TIFA funds, not general fund tax dollars. If the new city hall was never built, about \$200,000 a year would have been refunded back to the city from TIFA. Approximately \$45,000

per year would have gone toward the police and fire retirement fund (hardly the hundreds of thousands that have been claimed by some detractors) and about the same amount, \$45,000, would have gone to the general fund to spend on more policemen, firemen, fixing roads or providing more services.

The new city hall has already brought in \$6.5 million of new investment to Westland that surely would have turned away if those out of state investors walked in the old dilapidated city hall. Investors found it difficult to complete business in a timely manner because they would have to drive to three different buildings the day they visited Westland. Due to the professionalism of the employees and the appearance of the new building, we were able to secure the \$6.5 million in investments. Any private business or pubic leader would call that an outstanding Return on Investment. Next, the water rate

Next, the water rate debate: There have been continuing accusations of local leaders indiscriminately raising rates to support other activities. The city does not charge more than it costs to run the water department. Ninety percent of all raises are pass downs that come to us from the county or city of Detroit. We have reduced the costs of running our own water department by 20 percent over the last five years. I wish the county and Detroit could say the same. As a matter of fact, it is against state law to charge our residents more than what is needed to support our own water department.

I think I covered the three biggest debates going on right now in our city. I hope that all of our residents ask questions and do not accept promises that may sound good at first, but will cost money that the city does not have.

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LOCAL NEWS

'There are many ways to serve,' says U.S. attorney at LPS Foundation luncheon

David Veselenak Staff Writer

U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara McQuade had some life advice for the students attending Wednesday's Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation luncheon.

"I am going to share with you a secret millions of people do not know, but that I have learned," she said. "Some of you, many of the people in this room, have already figured it out, because I've met so many of you who are already doing it. And that is a career in public service."

McQuade was the guest speaker Wednesday at the seventh annual LPS Education Foundation luncheon at St. Mary's Cultural Center, done each year to benefit the Competitive Edge College Savings Program the foundation does.

Andrea Oquist, LPS interim superintendent, spoke before McQuade about the lasting effects of the foundation. She told a story of a former



United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara McQuade urged the crowd to encourage young people to enter public service.

student who had recently worked to make amends for problems he had caused earlier in his life. He called the district to apologize for damaging a computer while he was enrolled. He wanted to send a check for a new computer to replace the one he had damaged and it was suggested he instead send a donation to the LPS Education Foundation. Several days later, a check for \$430 arrived for the foundation. "I thought that was a

wonderful tribute," Oquist said.

McQuade, who also spoke several years ago as a guest of the Livonia Town Hall series, talked of the several high-profile cases she's overseen in her more than five years as attorney in the eastern Lower Peninsula. Those included the prosecution of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick on corruption charges, as well as Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the "underwear bomber" who attempted to blow up an airplane over Michigan on Christmas Day 2009.

That event happened the day after she was confirmed by Congress while celebrating Christmas with her family. She remembers her cellphone getting several



Stevenson High School student Jessica Smith and Churchill student Demarco McKinney listen to speaker Barbara McQuade.

notifications while opening presents. "I'm juggling the kids

"I'm juggling the kids and the gift wrap is still under foot and trying to get the ham in the oven," she said. "So I was off to the races."

McQuade said there are three things those looking for work in life need to find: it should be interesting, it should be challenging and it should be important.

"What's great about those three things is that there are many ways, many different paths, to achieve those goals in work," she said. "There are many ways to serve."

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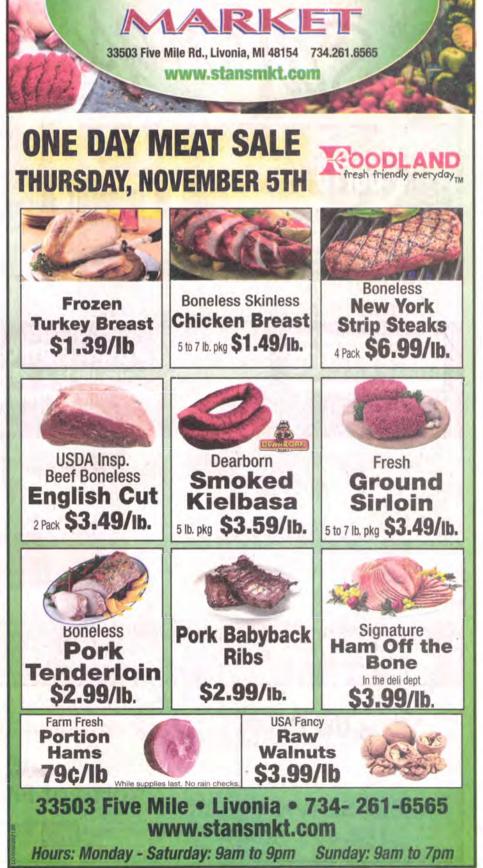
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Churchill grad earns Eagle Scout badge

Jordan A. Antongiorgi, a 2015 Livonia Churchill graduate, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was recognized Oct. 19 at a Boy Scouts of America Troop 732 ceremony at the Livonia Elks Club.

His Eagle Scout project was focused on promoting literacy. Antongiorgi built and installed a couple of Little Free Libraries in some of the Redford Community Gardens for the **Redford** Community Center. The Little Free Library provides a place where books can be retrieved, exchanged, donated, etc., so that people can enjoy a good book on a sunny day while outside.

Antongiorgi has been in the scouts for five years. When he started, he decided to attain the highest rank possible, which is Eagle Scout. He decided to create, pur-

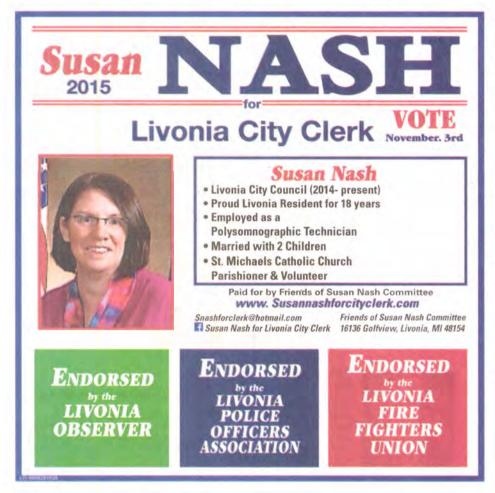


Jordan A. Antongiorgi, a 2015 Livonia Churchill graduate, built and installed Little Free Libraries in Redford for his Eagle Scout project.

sue and achieve his goal from the beginning and stayed on track with help from the leaders within the troop. Antongiorgi graduat-

ed magna cum laude

from Churchill High School this past summer, was awarded an academic scholarship and is now attending Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.



Boy, Girl Scouts joining forces on Scouting for Food

Boy Scouts of America, Great Lakes Field Service Council and Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan announced that for the first time, the two organizations are partnering on Scouting for Food, a region-wide service project Boy Scouts of America have spearheaded locally since 1988.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will collect food donations Nov. 7-14 for Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, a collaborative partner to distribute the food to hungry people.

Scouting for Food has been a tradition of Boy Scouts of America nationally for over 30 years," said Vic Pooler, CEO of Great Lakes Field Service Council, Boy Scouts of America. "This longstanding commitment to community service is what Scouting is all about and partnering with Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan is a wonderful way for more Scouts to canvass areas in our region to provide more food for the less fortunate before the holidays arrive and the need is so much greater.

Last year, Gleaners distributed 34 million pounds of food to soup kitchens, shelters and pantries in southeast Michigan. Scouting for Food helps to shore up Gleaners supplies of food it distributes to help feed people in need throughout southeast Michigan

Michigan. "Scouting for Food helps Gleaners stock pantry shelves in time for the holidays, which can be a difficult time for struggling families," said Gerry Brisson, Gleaners' president. "With the two scouting organizations combining forces, we'll be able to provide even more meals to children, adults and seniors who need help. I'm very excited for this new partnership."

Starting Saturday, Nov. 7, Scouts will distribute bags in neighborhoods throughout their service areas, which include communities stretching from Wayne to Oakland and Macomb counties and Sanilac and Monroe counties. People who receive Girl Scout or Boy Scout Scouting for Food bags can leave non-perishable canned or boxed foods in the bags on their porches for Scouts to pick up by Saturday, Nov. 14. Foods in glass containers will not be accepted.

More than 250 Boy Scout units and Girl Scout troops will participate. Together, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts hope to collect 250,000 pounds of food.

"This is the first time our girls are participating in the Scouting for Food effort and, with more than 160 troops signed up to participate, I'm very pleased to see this level of enthusiasm and excitement," said Denise Dalrymple, CEO of GSSEM. "Taking action to meet the needs of the community is at the foundation of Girl Scouting. It's only natural that we would join in on such an important effort and we are looking forward to a very successful first

run." Last year, the Boy Scouts collected more than 183,000 pounds of food for Gleaners. Since the inception of its partnership with Gleaners in 2009, Boy Scouts have collected more than 2 million pounds of food for the organization.

More information on the Boy Scouts of America, Great Lakes Field Service Council can be found at www.michiganscouting.org.

For more information about the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, which serves more than 32,000 girls and adult volunteers in Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Sanilac and Monroe counties and most of Wayne County, go to www.gssem.org.

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Don't rely on expected inheritance for retirement

Q: Dear Rick: My uncle recently passed away and left me an inheritance. Under the terms of the trust, I was left \$15,000. My cousin is the trustee and has given me a few options for my \$15,000 - have the money paid to me in cash, take it in stock (Ford) or inherit one of my uncle's IRAs. What option do you think I should take? You should know that currently I have no investments and very little in savings.

A: I am sorry about the death of your uncle and I send my condolences to you and your family. In considering your options, I would first tell you that the least favorable option for you is the IRA.

The problem with inheriting an IRA is the tax consequences. Typically, when you inherit property, it is income tax-free. Thus, if you took \$15,000 in cash, you would have no tax liability. However, there is an exception to the rule and that is for things like an IRA.

When you inherit an IRA, there is an income tax consequence. Basically, the tax liability is when you make a withdrawal. Therefore, if you inherited the \$15,000 IRA, as you take distributions from that IRA, you will be subject to income tax.



From a purely income tax standpoint, inheriting the cash or the stock are much better options.

In choosing between the shares of Ford stock or the cash, there is very little difference in the income tax consequence. When you inherit the \$15,000 cash, there are no tax ramifications. However, when you inherit the shares of the stock, there potentially could be a tax issue.

When you inherit shares of a stock, your basis is the fair market value of the stock as of the date of death. That is a number you use in calculating whether you had a gain or loss on that stock.

In the majority of cases, I would recommend taking the cash. My main reason is you then have total control of your money and you can do as you choose. Ford stock may or may not be a good stock, but that really is not important. What is important is whether Ford is good for your individual situation.

In your situation, considering that you do not have any investments and you have very little savings, I would steer away from taking stock and I would stick to the cash.

The first thing I recommend is make sure you have an emergency cash fund. You need at least three to six months of living expenses that you can keep liquid. Only after establishing your emergency fund can you then use the excess to begin investing.

I always tell people never depend upon an inheritance. I know many people who have not begun to save for retirement, believing they will eventually receive an inheritance. This is a huge mistake.

As we all know, life takes tricky turns. Therefore, I believe you need to plan as you will not receive an inheritance and, if eventually you do, all that would do is improve your financial situation.

I'd rather be safe than sorry and that is why I always tell everyone, never depend upon an inheritance for your financial future. Good luck.

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

Tuesday, November 3rd

Men who have made a difference

During the terms of Mayor William Wild's administration in the City of Westland, the community has seen unprecedented growth, success and exceptional fiscal management. The balanced budget Wild has presented during these years with the help of the incumbent council members is a tribute to the successful working relationship that currently exists in City Hall.

Westland was one of the very few communities able to provide new community services including a safe and healthy City Hall and Fire Station, without any additional cost to taxpayers. Westland is the only city in Wayne County with a 3-year balanced budget. As this administration continues to



Mayor William R. Wild

find ways to cut costs and increase services, the city has been able to add a Farmers Market and Spray Park in Central City Park for residents, has opened the new Jefferson-Barns Vitality Center in NorWayne, providing much-needed services to the community and hired several new public safety officers.

This administration also paid close attention to the needs of the senior citizens in the community, refusing to reduce any services provided to this growing segment of residents.

All these accomplishments are more impressive considering the impact of the housing crisis on local tax revenue, a situation this administration, with the help of incumbent City Councilmen Jim Godbout, Dewey Reeves, Adam Hammons and Bill Johnson, managed to increase many city services without new taxes.

The incumbent city council members, unlike those in many other municipalities where services have been eliminated or reduced, have worked to provide a balanced budget, meet their municipal obligations, increase the city fund balance to \$5 million and improve city services while continuing to operate within the current tax rates.

The public made the right choice when casting their votes for Jim Godbout, Dewey Reeves, Adam Hammons and Bill Johnson. The Committee for Responsible Government strongly endorses these four incumbents and has high praise for the work of Mayor William Wild



James Godbout

Employment: Littlefuse Inc, Latin America Sales Manager for Mexico, Caribbean, Central America, and South America

Family: Married to Sande for 37 years, son Matt 37+ Year Westland Resident

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Lawrence Technological University (1978), Michigan Municipal League Elected Officials Academy - Level One: Education Award, Michigan Municipal League Elected Officials Academy - Level Two: Leadership Award

Community Involvement: Vice Chair Nankin Transit Commission, Chairman Westland Recycling Committee, Member Westland Technology Committee, Michigan Municipal League Governance Committee, Michigan Municipal League Energy & Technology Committee, Board Member Wayne-Westland YMCA, President Westland Condominium Directors Organization, President Millwood Village Condominium Association, President Westland Host Lions Club, Senior Warden - Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, Committee Chairman -Cub Scout Pack 786, Committee Chairman – Westland Ice Show

"I am running for re-election to the city council in order to serve the citizens in a positive fashion and to continue to help the city move forward. The progress that has been achieved over the past several years is significant, we have made major improvements to our facilities and fund balance but there is still much work to be done. Continued public safety and infrastructure improvements are top priorities that need to be continually addre

Dewey Reeves

Age: 62 ssion Custom Clothier Wardrobe Consultant Pers nt. Sertorial In

Save the date for 2016 Livonia Prayer Breakfast

Bradford L. Hewitt, president and CEO of Thrivent Financial, will be the featured speaker Thursday, May 5, for the 2016 Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast at Laurel Manor. Hewitt's theme is "Living Generously," focusing on how faith principles can be applied in personal life as well as in the corporate

world

Musical guest will be Russ Taff, gospel singer known for his performance of the song Praise The Lord. Taff has also been a member of the Gaither Vocal Band and occasionally tours with Bill Gaither in the Gaither Homecoming concerts. Earlier this year, Taff joined 32 other

Christian contemporary artists, including Amy Grant and Sandi Patty, in an evening titled "We Will Stand.

Tickets are \$17 per person. Student tickets are \$10. For more information, contact Sally Butler at 248-476-9427 or via email at butler consulting@ consultant.com.







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Family: Married to Gail for 37 years Education: Eastern Michigan University

Community Involvement: SEWHA South East Westland Homeowners Association, Westland DDA Council Delegate, Nankin Transit Commissioner, Westland Compassionate City Volunteer, Westland Diversity Committee Volunteer, Assist at the Westland Senior **Resource Center**



"The City of Westland has made huge strides in efficiency. The New City Hall has brought all offices under one roof, cross-trained all employees, provided a professional work environment and increased employee productivity. "I believe the City of Westland has the opportunity to create something beneficial for all our residents with the Ford Road Project with input from residents, developers, the business community and council members. We have the opportunity to have a walkable, sustainable, vibrant community. I want our city to have it all."



Adam Hammons

Age: 39 Employment: Sales Manager at Home Renewal Realty Family: Wife Melissa, and three boys Nolan, Levi and Landon

Education: Graduate of Grand Valley State University Community Involvement: Member of the Westland City Council 6 years, Former President of the Westland Planning Commission, Former member of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals, Member of Westland's Mission Green

"I have been proud to serve our residents since 2009. It has always been my goal to keep moving Westland forward in a positive direction. I will continue to preserve the

city's budget surplus, maintain fiscal responsibility and protect our essential services. I will also work to protect our neighborhoods, ensuring that they remain clean, safe and blight free.

"It is important that we continue to promote, program and hold events that draw people to our city. We must continue to support and showcase our Farmers Market place, newly renovated Tattan Park, our Splash Pad and Play Planet area. We should also continue to host events like Blues Brews and Barbeque, and our concerts in the park series. These types of programs will continue to highlight just a few of the positive aspects of our city.

Bill Johnson

Age: 65

Employment: Ford Motor Co. Family: Wife Tonya; four children – Bill, Tracy, Colin and Carson; four grandchildren – Brad, Chance, Alexis, Aleighna Education: Attended Belleville High School, completed various work-related educational

courses throughout my caree

Community Involvement: Active in Goodfellows -helped to raise over \$447,000.00 to date; Past Member of the Westland Veterans Association; worked with various other charities to raise money to benefit the community



"I believe Westland is now operating on an even keel. We have increased public safety personnel, built a state-of the-art City Hall, a new fire station and have maintained our parks system and senior center. My family was raised on the premise of helping people. I believe my position is not that of a politician but as a public servant. I have 60,000 bosses - the citizens of Westland. I work for them and I try to live up to their expectations. My priority is always what is best for the largest number of people in my community.



Richard LeBlanc for Westland City Clerk

As a lifelong resident and elected official serving for more than two decades, Richard LeBlanc has served as a State Representative, Westland City Council Member, Board of Education member and as a member of the Wayne County Commission, Working effectively within four different levels of government requires a partnership with local officials, and LeBlanc has proven his ability to work with the current team of Westland City Council members and Mayor William Wild in the building of an impressive legacy of accomplishment.

This group has worked well together in moving Westland forward and the City Council, Mayor and City Clerk are supporting Richard LeBlanc as the next City Clerk in an effort to continue that progress

Imagine telling residents four or five years ago that Westland would have a new City Hall and Fire Station without a tax increase? Imagine saying that the former Central City Park would be home to a Farmers Market and children's Spray Park that is top-tier, unmatched anywhere in the state, and that it was done with no tax increase? Imagine suggesting that the city could partner with the school district to offer services within Norwayne inside the new Jefferson-Barns Vitality Center that would help to reshape a significant portion of the city? Imagine a city where members of the City Council refused any spending adjustments that reduced services to their local senior citizens.



Each of these improvements is now a reality, along with many more amenities and services Westland residents now enjoy. The efforts of the current city council made this progress possible. Even a slight change in the council membership could have derailed the efforts that have benefited the city and the seniors in the community. A new City Clerk must understand and share the values and priorities of the current council members and Mayor to ensure the continued progress in Westland.

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Rwandan genocide survivor to speak Nov. 23 in Livonia

Archdeacon Justin Zigiranyirazo, a genocide survivor from Kibuye, Rwanda, will be speaking at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium.

Zigiranyirazo has worked to reconcile and renew hope in his community in his country for the past 21 years.

One of the poorest areas in Rwanda, Kibuye suffered greatly due to the genocide of 1994. severely affecting economic and social development. Zigiranyirazo has worked tirelessly to reconcile people and build up the community through local churches and leaders and by encouraging and teaching people to use available resources so they can become economically self-sufficient.

Zigiranyirazo will speak about his experi-

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Archdeacon Justin Zigiranyirazo and his wife Philomene.

ence as a genocide survivor and recount how hope, thanksgiving and forgiveness — even in the most tragic situations - can prevail to bring peace. He encourages listeners to be hopeful and thankful in whatever

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difficulties they face. The event is co-sponsored by His Church Anglican and the Livonia Human Relations Commission. Zigiranyirazo will be visiting His Church Anglican in Livonia Nov. 6-29. Church members have visited Zigiranyirazo at their sister church in Kibuye, Rwanda, twice in the past five years.

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The Relay For Life of Livonia is a community event where teams and individuals take turns walking around the track at Bentley Field.

Relay For Life of Livonia hosts fall kickoff party

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Livonia will kick off its 19th annual event 6-8 p.m. Nov. 5 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The Relay Committee

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is inviting people in-terested in learning more and getting involved in the event to attend.

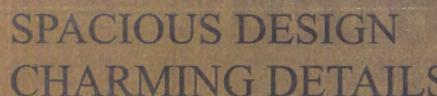
This is the first year that the Relay event will host its Kickoff Party in the fall, rather than the traditional spring. The kickoff will feature a local cancer survivor speaker who will share her story with the audience. Food is bring donated by the local Bob Evans, one of the Relay's long-time sponsors and supporters in the Livonia community. Local relayers, teams, sponsors and cancer survivors are all invited.

The public is welcome and all cancer survivors will receive a gift for attending

"The Relayers in Livonia are so passionate about our event and why we relay. This event is so much fun and packed with entertainment and activities, too. Nearly all of the schools are involved and it's amazing to see people of all ages working so hard together to make a difference and be leaders in our community," said Liz Evans, a local resident and American Cancer Society staff partner.

The Relay For Life of Livonia is a community event where teams and individuals take turns walking around the track at Bentley Field. Each team has at least one participant on the track at all times and participates in fundraising that supports the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives and finish the fight against cancer. The theme this year is "Decades: Relaying through the Decades." Four million people participated in more than 6,000 events worldwide in 2015. This past June, more than 500 people participated in the Livonia Relay and the community blew its fundraising goal of \$107,000 out of the water and raised \$114,100.

Go to www.relayforlife.org/livoniami to learn more about how to get involved in the relay. Additionally, you may contact Liz Evans at 248-663-3452.





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Domestic servitude survivor to speak at Madonna

Often tricked into working for little or no pay - in a country where they may not know the language - too many women and men are silent victims of domestic servitude.

One survivor will share her experience at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Madonna University in Kresge Hall. The event, free and open to the public, is part of the university's year-long Conversation about Human Dignity, organized through Madonna's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.

The survivor scheduled to speak at Madonna was enslaved in her captor's home, after her parents were tricked into allowing her to visit. She eventually escaped and soon will graduate from college.

Amy Allen, a victim specialist with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Department of Homeland Security Investigations, will lead the presentation about domestic servitude, forced labor and sex slavery. A social worker focusing on child abuse issues for more than 30 years, she now works primarily with investigations involving child exploitation, human trafficking and human rights violations. The evening also will include a discussion of the signs of domestic servitude, forced labor and sexual exploitation.

"This is a rare opportunity for students and the public to hear firsthand from a victim of domestic servitude,' said Madonna University professor Tara Kane, chair of the criminal justice department.



Amy Allen will lead the presentation Nov. 9.

"In addition, Amy Allen is a highly respected professional in her field and for her to be sharing her investigative experiences in such an intimate venue as Madonna is a unique treat for the school, as well as the community.

According to the website FreedomForAll.org, victims of domestic servitude live and work in someone's home without pay, perhaps cleaning, cooking, driving or caring for the elderly or young children. They are frequently from foreign countries and often told before they leave their home country that they will make a good income

Instead, victims receive little or no pay, are held captive and have their passports confiscated. They may be told they will be deported or arrested if they run away. They may be sexually abused by their captors or denied adequate food or rest

Similar to domestic servitude, victims of

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forced labor also are coerced to work for little or no pay, but they may be forced to work in mines, factories, farms, etc. Victims also can be subject to abuse and isolation and children are sought as workers for their small size and vulnerability. They may be coerced into working through debt bondage, being told they owe money to their employer and must work it off.

Victims of sex trafficking are commonly controlled by violence, threats and forced drug addiction. Most are vulnerable to trafficking due to pre-existing conditions in their lives, such as poverty or abuse. These conditions may also make it difficult to escape trafficking situations, as they frequently have nowhere to turn.

If you think someone you have been in contact with is a victim of modern day slavery, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline, 24/7 for help and information, at 888-3737-888.

January trial set for Livonia man accused in infant's death

David Veselenak Staff Writer

A jury trial is scheduled for early next year for a Livonia man accused of killing his infant son this fall.

Mark Hontz, 33, will return to court Dec. 14 for a final conference before Judge Ulysses Boykin in Wayne County Circuit Court. A jury trial in his case is currently scheduled for Jan. 16, according to online court records.

Hontz is charged with felony murder and firstdegree child abuse after Livonia police say he harmed his 10-week-old son, resulting in his death. First responders were called to the home he and his girlfriend had recently moved into after he called her and told her he fell down the stairs with the child. After police arrived, the child was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia before being airlifted to Ann Arbor for treatment. The child died the following day.

He was arraigned in circuit court Monday after being bound over from Livonia's 16th District Court earlier in October.

The Washtenaw County medical examiner testified during Hontz's preliminary examination several weeks ago that the child had several injuries that could not be seen and had been there for several weeks. He said the injuries did not appear to be from childbirth.

The child's mother testified during the exam she found the child, who appeared blue, on the ground when she returned to the house after



FILE PHOTO Mark Hontz is accused in the death of his infant child. At left is Hontz's attorney, Sharon Clark Woodside.

Hontz called her. She said the bathtub was also filled with water, as Hontz told her he tried to wake the child up by dipping him in the water. If convicted, Hontz faces up to life in prison. He's currently being held in the Wayne County Jail awaiting trial without bond.

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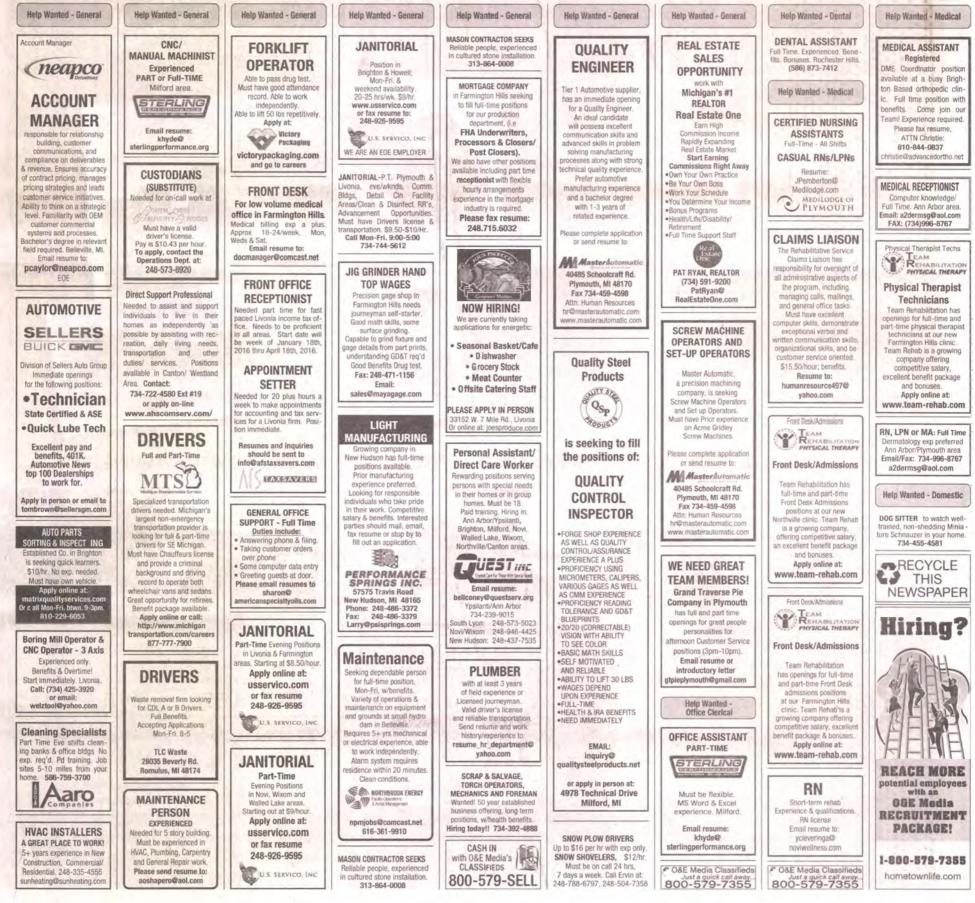


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2015 Nissan Murano is a roomy five-seat SUV

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

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

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

Exterior and styling

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

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

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

How it drives

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

The brakes are also solidly



The 2015 Nissan Murano.

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

The Murano cabin is as quiet as can be.

Interior

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

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

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

Ergonomics and electronics

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

The 8-inch touch-screen standard on SV trims and higher — has terrific resolution and has been completely rethought from the previous generation of Nissan systems. Luckily, everything is still laid out in a straightforward way that should cause few headaches for the tech-averse. There are separate screens for music, navigation and various other functions, as well as a home screen that gives brief glimpses of many systems that are active.

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

Cargo and storage

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

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

A generous cargo area is another benefit of moving up to an SUV this size. At 39.6 cubic feet, the Murano doesn't disappoint, providing plenty of room for four good-size pieces of luggage or a mix of luggage and golf bags.

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

Safety

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

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



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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

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

Contact: Rev. Joseph Marquis, 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 NWDCC 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; nwdccboursechairperson @gmail.com; 512-522-3743.

3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Location: Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: We invite everyone to come and see award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. The program will be a special presentation by renowned 3D expert George "Dr.T" Themelis. After a refreshment break, we'll have a 3D image competition among our own club members. Contact: www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591. **DINNER DANCE**

Time/date: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov.

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**

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

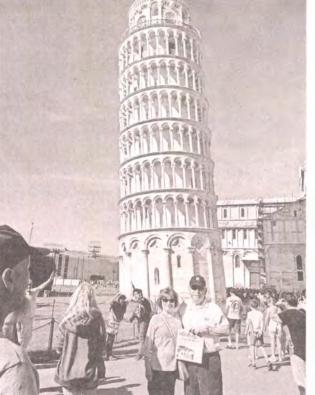
Details: St. Michael will again host its annual Veterans Day Mass to thank all veterans, reservists, active military and their families for their service to our country. There will be a color guard and flag raising ceremony at the flag pole in front of the church at 9:45 a.m. followed by Mass at 10 a.m. 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 this special thanks to our military and their families.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org. HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING PARTY

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8

Location: Genitti's, 108 E Main Street, Northville

Details: Join Leah's Happy Hearts, a Livonia-based charity that raises awareness and funding for pediatric brain tumors, for a Holiday Gift Giving Party. Stop by any time between 1-4 p.m. for the festivities. Bring a new unwrapped toy or gift item (toddler to teen) which will be given out at our annual Holiday Shopping Event at C.5. Mott Children's Hospital. The gifts will be used in the "Santa Store" where children who will be in the hospital over the holidays can shop for free for gifts for their families and themselves. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids, and includes lunch, holiday crafts, and a silent auction including the opportunity to join in at the Holiday Shopping Event at Mott. To purchase tickets, visit www.leahshappyhearts.org PATRIOTIC SERVICE



Nancy and Dan Hughes of Livonia stopped at the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Pisa, Italy, during their Mediterranean cruise in September. Of course, they took along the Observer.

Wish you were here



Deb Strautz and Laurie Rizzolo, both residents of Livonia, traveled to Philadelphia to see Pope Francis for World Meeting of Families 2015. This photo was taken in downtown Philly by city hall. "It was such an amazing trip and we feel so blessed to have been in the presence of the Holy Father Pope Francis in the great city of Philadelphia," Strautz said. "It was an incredible journey for the both of us and millions of others."

ments. Military veterans will also be respectfully acknowledged. Those that love American history will not want to miss this.

Contact: 734-261-6180 GREENLEAF

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, woodsy, cozy and Victorian — will be decorated

Wish you were here Wish you were here



Livonia resident Dr. Robert Legel and the Observer visited Sydney — no, not Australia — but Nova Scotia, Canada. Sydney was once the leading steel- and coal-producing city in Canada.

other dances are taught by a square dance caller. This Christian singles dance is open to the general public ages 21 and older without reservations, pay at the door. No square dance experience is needed, all dances are taught. Make new friends and meet new people. Wear comfortable shoes. Light refreshments and snacks served. Dress casual. Admission: \$12 at the door.

Contact: davesmith76@yahoo.com GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Time/date: 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16

Location: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Details: Karen Krugman will be speaking to the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society about Colonial New England in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Krugman has been researching since 1990 and professionally since 1998. She enjoys the challenge of Lineage Society research. Bring dinner and enjoy conversation with others. Meetings are open to the public. New members are always welcome.

Contact: www.wwcgs.org HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 Location: VFW Post, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford Details: Crafters needed, Cost aht-foot by 47

family. Parking is free.

Contact: For more information or table reservations, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327

GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 and 13.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

Details: All tours start at the Gift Shop, the building closest to the stop sign, about in the middle of the park. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. Contact: 248-477-7375.

ONGOING LIVONIA GOODFELLOWS

Details: Help the Livonia Goodfellows assist families in need and assure "No Child Without a Christmas." Consider sending donations to P.O. Box 51982, Livonia 48151, or volunteering this holiday season by calling 313-438-0862.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia. **Details:** Free domestic violence/ sexual assault group meetings. Contact: 248-622-0359. SENIOR CITIZEN **BOARD GAMES** Time/date: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Details: Cost is \$5 per person. Angel House uses the money to give \$50 gift cards to a family in need weekly. Donations are also accepted via www.theangelhouse.org. Contact: 734-524-0380.

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

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COMMISSION

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10

Location: Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: The Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability will hold a meeting in the Jenkins Conference Room on the third floor of the library. The Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability is a citizen advisory group that encourages energy efficiency, conservation and environmentally friendly practices in the City of Livonia.

Contact: Jim Baringhaus at 734/838-7957 or jbaringhaus@gmail.com. NORTHVILLE HOLIDAY

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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.

CHRISTIAN SINGLES **SQUARE DANCE**

Time/date: 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 Location: YMCA, 14255 Stark

Road, Livonia Details: Square dancing, line

dancing, big circle mixers, and

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on November 5th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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> Devin J. Adams City Controller

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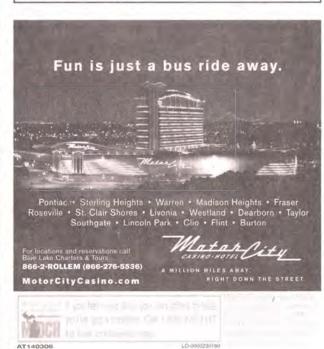


table is \$25 plus one craft. Contact Robin at 313-531-4335 or craftshowlax345@aol.com

TRAIN SHOW

Time/date: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club is sponsoring a buy and swap Railroadiana Train Show. There will be approximately 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and complimentary coffee and donuts will be available for dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food

also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

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



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Bill would protects children in foster care from identity theft

House Democratic Whip Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, was proud to see legislation he introduced, House Bill 4022, pass the House Committee on Families, Children and Seniors. The bill requires Department of Health and Human Services caseworkers to review credit information of children in foster care to ensure no one has stolen their identity.

'Kids in foster care are some of our most vulnerable citizens and, unfortunately, some people would take advantage of that," Kosowski said. "My bill



Kosowski

ensures that while they are in the foster care system, they will be safe from identity theft. The bill now moves

to the full House for consideration.

Latest Veteran of the Month Tabor served during two wars

World War II and Korean War veteran Edward R. Tabor of Livonia was honored as the October 2015 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Tabor served in the Marines from 1946-53. Raised in Detroit, he graduated from Chadsey High School in spring 1946. All through high school, he and his fellow classmates followed the war in Europe and the Pacific. As soon as Tabor graduated and turned 18, he enlisted in the Marines.

By spring 1946, the war was officially over, but he figured there was still something that he

could do. He spent 12 weeks in boot camp at Parris Island, where he learned survival techniques and how to tear apart and reassemble an M-1 rifle. After basic training, his platoon was split up. He was sent to Great Lakes to attend Electronics/Mechanics Technician school. Other members of his platoon were sent to the Pacific to root out Japanese soldiers who didn't know the war was over. He was saddened when he later read in Time magazine that men from his platoon were shot and killed trying to get the Japanese to come out of the caves.

Tabor never got into EMT school and instead was put in a guard company that was also having tryouts for its baseball team. He tried out for the team and made it as a center fielder and shortstop. He also made the Navy/Marine All-Star team. Later he was sent to Camp Perry in Ohio, where he served as an MP, and then to Camp McAlester Ammunition Depot in Oklahoma, where he was put on security detail. In 1948, he went on inactive reserve status and was sent home. He attended business college at Dearborn Junior College and with other returning veterans started their

baseball team. In June 1950, the Korean war broke out and Tabor was called back into active service. He was sent to Camp Lejeune, N.C., for more training and, due to his college studies, was assigned to Battalion HQ as a clerk/typist. He was again put on inactive reserve status in 1951 and returned home, where he completed



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college. In 1953, he was honorably discharged from service.

In 1956, he went to work for the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn as an automotive product design checker. He retired from Ford in 1988 and lives in Livonia with his wife Elinore.

Tabor was interviewed and presented a plaque with his picture and service information by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule

of the American Legion Hall during the month of October for all to see. A DVD was made of the interview and shown at the October S.A.L. membership meeting.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.







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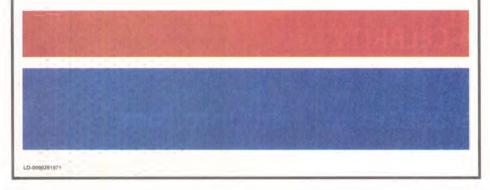
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LOCAL NEWS

First Step speaker touts prevention, teamwork to help combat violence

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Amy Youngquist, chief executive officer of First Step, is pleased with work of the Domestic Violence High-Risk Team.

"The ultimate goal is to prevent homicides," said Youngquist, who directs First Step, working to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault and help victims.

The McGregor Fund grant for the 35th District Court, which serves Canton, the Plymouths and the Northvilles, is stationed at the Canton Police Department. Police are trained to assess at the scene, working with advocates.

Youngquist, speaking Oct. 27 to the Plymouth Club of Rotary A.M., noted the homicide rate related to domestic violence is increasing in Wayne County and not elsewhere. She and colleagues found this model to address the problem in Maryland.

"The ultimate goal is to get rid of the need for people to come to shelters," she said. "Putting ourselves out of business, that's our goal." The 24-hour help line

The 24-hour help line is 734-722-6800 or tollfree 888-453-5900.

They serve some 7,000 clients a year. "We're coming up in a couple years to our 40th anniversary," Youngquist said. There's a center at Michigan Avenue and Venoy in Wayne with 50 beds for adults and children, near the



JULIE BROWN

First Step's Amy Youngquist describes agency services and challenges to a Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. audience Tuesday, Oct. 27.

former Oakwood-Annapolis Hospital, which is now affiliated with Beaumont.

"That's a very busy center," she said. At Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon in Plymouth, a counseling/administration facility is now shared with a business "which is working out quite well, because it pays our mortgage," she said.

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church of Redford has donated space to First Step longer than the 18 years Youngquist has been with the agency. There's also a Lincoln Park office as the agen-

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cy serves Downriver communities.

Youngquist noted work with advocates at police stations, including to address growing abuse of the elderly. "That's a way for us to reach out to victims," she said of law enforcement partnerships. "We are reaching a lot of people that wouldn't normally reach us."

She described work to help victims, usually but not always female, get back on their feet. This ranges from rent help to gas cards, bus passes to furniture and household goods. "It's amazing what can happen two years after someone's been in that program," she said of survivors with a bright future.

A new program helps male victims of childhood sexual assault. "It's a community issue," she said. "We really believe that. It's also a public health issue for families."

Youngquist noted the emphasis in October on breast cancer awareness and prevention. She also cited the help available for problem gambling victims, adding that it affects fewer people than domestic violence and sexual assault.

"We really have to be outspoken on our communities to get the word out," Youngquist said, adding one in four women is impacted by domestic violence.

First Step's annual budget is some \$2.6 million. "It's a lean operat's tion," she said, and relies on volunteers and donations. Staff and volunteers

work with teens on dating behavior, including the 16-year-old age of consent. Boy-girl teams go into classrooms of younger students around ninth grade, she said, to discuss issues.

Plymouth clients usually need counseling and less often shelter. Some Canton clients need shelter, while diversity has brought new challenges to First Step in Canton. Some Muslims families will have violence against a woman continue from another family member, she said, while the perpetrator is locked up. Some Indian families, again not all, keep violence awareness away from outsiders.

Perpetrators will usually also physically and sexually abuse children, she said: "We're trying to cut that off and help kids learn other ways to solve conflicts."

They even visit thirdgrade classes to work on that.

First Step's website is www.firststep-mi.org.

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Santa is already making travel plans so he's in Garden City Nov. 28 for the annual Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade.

Softball standout is grand marshal of Santaland Parade

Plans are coming together for the 55th annual Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade, scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28.

The theme of this year's parade is "Christmas in the Mitten" and participants are encouraged to keep that theme in mind when they design their floats and other entries. Entry forms can be filled out online at www.santalandparade-.com. They can be also be printed off and mailed to Pat Squires, 33623 Leona, Garden City, MI 48135. The deadline for enter-

ing is Friday, Nov. 6.

She may use a mitt instead of a mitten, but the grand marshal of the parade is University of Michigan softball standout and Garden City resident Kelsey Susalla.

Susalla drove in the game-winning run with a first-inning RBI single in 1-0 win June 2 over No. 1-ranked Florida in the Women's College World Series championship series Game 2. After starting 65 games for the Wolverines in 2015, she was named to the NCAA all-tournament team. During the season, she batted .380 with 14 home runs and drove in 61 runs. She was a pivotal part of the Wolverines, hit-

ting cleanup on the team that came within one game of winning the Women's College World Series.

Susalla graduated from Garden City High School in 2012 as fouryear honor roll student and scholar-athlete. She was a four-year varsity letter winner, Michigan Miss Softball nominee, two-time first team allstate, three-time all-area selection, three-time all-region selection, fourtime all-district and allleague selection and three-time team MVP, while leading Garden City to two state championship appearances.

Dozens of entries are already committed to be a part of this parade, including the Garden City High School AFJROTC, the Garden City, Oak Park and Taylor Kennedy Marching Bands, Great Lakes Garrison and Great Lakes Base Star Wars Costuming Clubs, the GC Gators Fastpitch Softball

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team, the Motor City K-9s, Stan the Fireman, the Redford Unicycle Club, the GCHS Pom and Cheer squads and the Canton Young Marines.

The Garden City Downtown Development has once again agreed to be the title sponsor the parade and has committed to next year's parade as well. The DDA again will host the post-parade event at the end of the parade route in area south of Kroger at the corner of Ford and Middlebelt.

Along with the DDA, returning sponsors include The DTE Foundation, Garden City Hospital, Fleming Financial, The Santeiu Family, Barsamian Family Dentistry, Gordon Chevrolet, Inkorporate Graphics and Mayor Randy Walker and his wife Linda.

New this year as a presenting sponsor is the Michigan Credit Union League. The MCUL sponsorship was secured by state Sen. David Knezek, D- Dearborn Heights.

The parade will be carried live in GCTV (Channel 12 Comcast, Channel 18 WOW, Channel 99 U-verse) and streamed live online.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS Clark's four TDs lift Patriots to win

Franklin gridders gain 33-30 district victory over Farmington High

Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Following injuries to two other running backs, Jacob Clark became the go-to guy in the Livonia Franklin offense and go he did Friday night!

Clark rushed for 190 yards on 20 carries and scored four touchdowns to lead the host Patriots to a 33-30 playoff win over visiting Farmington.

He opened the scoring with a 28-yard touchdown pass from Denzel Adams and he later burst through the line for scoring runs

of 28, 54 and 33 yards. "I'm taught to follow my main man, (right tackle) Bobby Madley, through the hole," Clark said. "I go right off his butt just like coach tells me to do. As soon as I see daylight, I have to go as fast as I can. That's pretty much it.'

Franklin coach Chris Kelbert and Clark said the real credit goes to Madley and the other interior linemen - Josh Retting, Dan Domzalski, Joe Fortin and Jax Gasaway.

"Jacob is a great football

player, but our offensive line is phenomenal," Kelbert said. "We had three running backs run that position. Jacob was the third guy and he just picked up where they left off, because that offensive line does a great job."

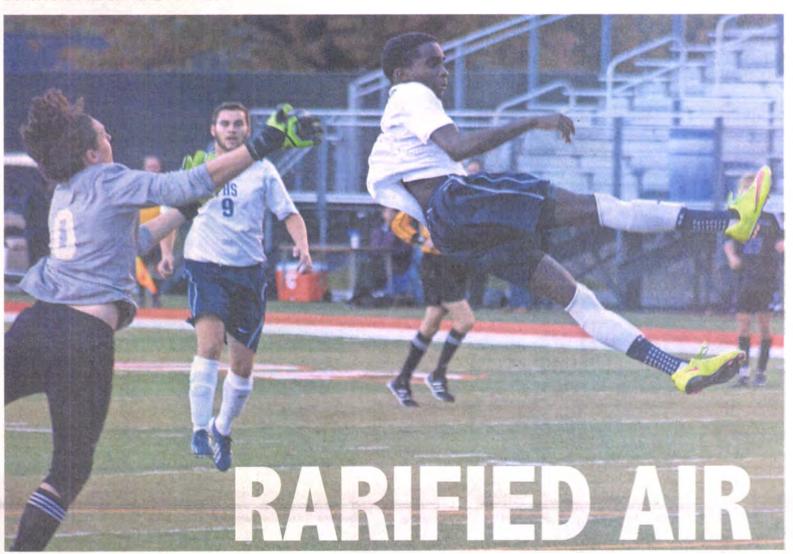
In that regard, it was a program win for the Patriots (7-3), who will play at Jackson for a Division 2 district championship next week.

Clark has been part of the mix of players in the Franklin backfield all season, but he became the featured back after Nate Binkiewicz and Isaac Moore were injured.

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NANCY ERWIN Franklin's Jacob Clark had a huge night running the ball during the Patriots' 33-30 victory over Farmington.



Livonia Franklin's Jordan Whitt watches his header sail into the net during the second half of Wednesday's Division 1 regional semifinal game against

Election Day hockey clinics

With many kids having the day off on Tuesday (Election Day), Suburban Ice Arena in Farmington Hills (23996 Freeway Park Drive) is hosting "Election Day Clinics' for youth hockey players between the ages of 6 and 14.

Clinics will run from 10 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. and will include some of the most popular Suburban Hockey School classes: Quick & Fast for training in quick starts, rapid acceleration, quick directional changes, foot quickness, lateral movement, powerful stride, and full-speed puck control; and Stick-handling & Scor-ing, which teaches the art of stick-handling (quick hands and feet, moves, puck protection and creating space).

Combine this with the technical training of shooting resulting in a quick release, improved accuracy and more velocity in wrist shots, snap shots, slap shots and backhands in all situations.

Last but not least, a Power Skating will be offered, which develops powerful strides, explosive starts, edge control, backward skating and pivoting.

Classes are 80 minutes long and run \$39 each, with multiple class discounts available. Interested parents can visit www.suburban hockey.com for more information and to register online or call Suburban Hockey offices at 248-478-1600.

RU dodge ball

The annual Redford

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL SOCCER

Woodhaven.

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Like Muhammad Ali in his prime, Livonia Franklin senior soccer forward Jordan Whitt floated like a butterfly, then stung like a bee while scoring the ultimate game-deciding goal during the Patriots' historic 2-1 Division 1 regional semifinal victory over Woodhaven

Franklin advances to first regional final in school history

Wednesday night. (Franklin lost to Canton, 3-1,

in Friday night's regional championship game. Details on the contest will be published in Thursday's Observer.) With the Patriots clinging to

a 1-0 lead just over two minutes into the second half. Whitt outjumped Woodhaven goal-keeper Joey Kilgore for a 50-50 ball just inside the 18-yard box before — in the same motion headed the ball into the unattended net, giving his team what proved to be a priceless insurance goal.

Warrior Deavyn Dishroon made things interesting when he chipped in a ball from the left wing with 4:18 left, bringing his team to within 2-1, but the Patriots played lock-down defense the rest of the way to

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SHINING AT THE NEXT LEVEL

Brown punishing tacklers in college

Former Churchill standout making name at WSU

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Once Romello Brown secures a hand-off in the Wayne State University back field, squares his shoulders to the line of scrimmage and starts churning his tree-trunk-sized legs, you should pity the poor defensive back who gets in his way.

After red-shirting his first year for the Warriors in 2013, and backing up NFL free-agent signee Desmond Martin last fall, Brown is making the most of his first opportunity to start for Wayne State.

Heading into Saturday's home game against the University of Findlay, Brown has plowed his way to back-to-back 150-yard-plus rushing performances while accumulating a team-high 779 yards (on 5.3

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WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY Wayne State's Romello Brown leaves a Malone University defensive back in

his wake while striding into the end zone earlier this fall.

Union Dodge Ball Tournament will be held Friday, Nov. 13, in the Panthers' gymnasium

The first ball is scheduled to be launched at 6:30 p.m.

Area residents are encouraged to show up and watch the matches featuring teams of students, teachers, coaches, community supporters and Red-ford Township fire fighters.

Proceeds raised will benefit the school's Blue & Gold Club

Admission is only \$2 per person.

Reporting results

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

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



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Churchill's late rally falls short, 42-35

Chargers' last-minute drive stalled at 6-yard line

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's football team nearly erased a 21-point second-half deficit Friday night at Jackson, but the Vikings took advantage of a couple late Charger miscues to secure a 42-35 victory.

The result capped the Chargers' up-and-down campaign at 5-5 while the Vikings advanced to next Friday's 7 p.m. district final against visiting Livonia Franklin.

"I'm very proud of our kids for the way they fought to the end," said Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo. "We just had too many critical mistakes toward the end — a turnover, a dropped pass in the end zone, penalties — that will cost you when you're playing a good team like Jackson."

Offensively, the Chargers were bolstered by another strong rushing performance by Sean Stenzel and a pair of touchdown connections between junior quarterback Evan Cummins and Mike Hill.

After the Vikings surged to a quick 14-0 lead, the Chargers cut their deficit

to 14-7.

However, a wild final four minutes of the first half proved costly to the visitors.

Jackson expanded its lead to 21-7 when it completed a fourth-and-6 TD pass. After the Chargers clawed back to within 21-14, a Viking special-teams player scooped up a squib kick with 33 ticks on the clock and scampered 50 yards to give Jackson the ball inside the Charger 10.

On the half's final play, Jackson scored on a fade pass in the corner of the end zone to carry a 28-14 lead into the break.

Jackson held leads of 35-14 and 42-21 before the Chargers mounted a nearly-miraculous fourth-quarter comeback. After pulling to within 42-28, the Chargers' defense made a huge stand to give the ball back to the offense, which marched down the field and scored, narrowing the gap to 42-35. Another Churchill defensive stop

Another Churchill defensive stop gave the ball back to the Chargers near mid-field with three minutes left, but an unforced fumble derailed the drive.

The Chargers' final gasp came with 90 seconds to play when it regained possession of the ball and drove to the Jackson 6. However, a second-down pass was dropped in the end zone, according to DeFillippo, followed by back-to-back incomplete passes.

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Churchill's Jacob Chantres intercepts a pass during the Chargers' Week 9 victory over Stevenson.

PREP PROFILE

Tabone engineers Eaglets' football offense to success

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Something about the responsibility that accompanies the most pressurepacked position on a football field has always appealed to Livonia resident Brandon Tabone.

When Tabone was a thirdgrader playing his first season for the Livonia Eagles junior football team, the coaches lined up all the players and asked them to throw a pass.

"That's how they picked the quarterback that first year," Tabone saied.

Tabone must have threaded a spiral because he's been



HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Franklin girls fourth in JV invitational

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Considering its performance in Thursday's Livonia Franklin Junior Varsity Invitational at Nankin Mills, the future is ultra-bright for the Patriots' girls cross country team.

The host Patriots placed fourth in the nine-team ninth/10th-grade competition by racking up 114 points, 90 more than champion Salem.

Northville (49 points) placed second while Canton was third with 87 points. Plymouth was fifth with 119 points, followed by Walled Lake Northern (144), Stevenson (202) and Livonia Ladywood (214).

Northville's Ana Barrott was the individual medalist, covering the 5K course in 19 minutes and 24.7 seconds.

Franklin's top freshman/sophomore

a QB ever since.

"I like having command of the offense," said Tabone, who is 6-foot-1, 180-pounds and plays now for Orchard Lake St. Mary's. "I enjoy the responsibility that comes with it and being in a position to lead the team."

Although the Eaglets often run out of a powerrunning formation, Tabone still gets to launch anywhere from 10-15 passes per game, depending on the score and situation.

Tabone's fondest memory this season unfolded Oct. 24, when the Eaglets avenged their only loss of the year by overwhelming Warren DeLa-Salle, 38-0, in the Catholic League championship game held at Ford Field.

Tabone threw for more than 200 yards and two touchdowns against the Pilots, who didn't have an answer for the Eaglets' balanced offense.

"Basically, we just executed better than we did the first time we played them," Tabone said. "We were ready."

Tabone emerged as a dependable varsity signal-

Livonia resident Brendan Tabone takes off on a quarterback keeper during an Orchard Lake St. Mary's game earlier this fall.

caller when he was promoted to the starting QB slot toward the end of his sophomore season.

'It was very cool'

During his debut varsity season at OLSM, one of Tabone's primary targets was MSU's newest football hero, Jalen Watts-Jackson, whose fumble return on the final play of the Spartans' victory over the University of Michgian two weeks ago has earned him legendary status.

"I was at the game, but I didn't realize it was Jalen who scored the touchdown until I was outside the stadi-

really a blessing; it really is.

put the team on your back

and it's not only me. It's the

whole team. It was a team

myself a Patriot.

ond half.

effort and I'm proud to call

Franklin also had a 55-

yard touchdown run by Ad-

ams that gave the Patriots a

Adams had 110 yards on 13

19-14 lead in a see-saw sec-

carries, but Franklin didn't

game since Clark was carry-

ing the bulk of the workload.

"He commands a lot of

focus on him because he is so

attention," Kelbert said of

Adams, who completed 2-

When defenses have to

good, it opens it up for the

other guys."

of-3 passes for 34 yards.

need him to take over the

"Sometimes, you have to

um after the game," Tabone said. "I texted him (in the days after the game) to congratulate him and tell him I hope he got better soon (Watts Jackson suffered a serious hip injury on the play)."

Tabone said he doesn't get fazed by playing for a team that carries high expectations every time it takes the field.

"The expectations help motivate me because I don't want to let my teammates or coaches down," he said.

Tabone is an extraordinary student who owns a 3.87 grade-point average.



Brendan Tabone is starting quarterback for OLSM.

PATRIOTS

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"It was unfortunate both got hurt," Clark said. "When people get hurt, you have to step up and fill their roles. When someone has a broken leg, you have to be that extra leg.

leg. "I came out here and supported them and, once again, I could not have done it without my line."

The 5-foot-10, 186-pound junior has been averaging seven to eight carries a game. He had 14 the previous week and a season high Friday.

day. "I didn't expect to get the ball that much," Clark said. "I'm not complaining. It's Clark's 54-yard run put Franklin on top to stay, 26-22, early in the fourth quarter and the Patriots were driving for an insurance score after Chris Nehasil's interception.

On fourth-and-two at the Farmington 46, Nehasil got the call, but fumbled at the end of a 13-yard run. Gasaway fell on the loose ball and Clark scored again on the next play.

"My heart stopped for a second and my stomach went," Nehasil said. "Then I saw we recovered it and it was the best feeling in the world. I knew we had it in us when we did that."

The Falcons led 14-13 at halftime, following Kyle Brunson's 27-yard run and Daylen Baldwin's 38-yard pass reception from JDrew McGovern.

Each team missed a PAT, but McGovern ran for the two-point conversion after the Baldwin touchdown.

Brunson was injured early and didn't return. David Reese moved to tailback and rushed for 76 yards on a dozen carries. In the second half, Zach Purry had 83 yards on eight rushes.

Purry's 43-yard run put the Falcons (5-5) in the lead, 22-19. Reese had a 3-yard run for a touchdown with two minutes left in the game. McGovern's pass for two made it 33-30.

"They hit a couple home runs, a couple big plays, and that was the thing we couldn't give up – and we did," Farmington coach John Bechtel said of the Patriots. placed 15th in 21:49.1. Also running for the Patriots were Jenny Engler (16th in 21:51.0), Kaylee English (17th in 21:54.6), Hannah Turner (27th in 22:14.6), Neveah Skalski (70th in 25:24.6) and Morgan Eveslage (79th in 26:10.3).

The Spartans were paced by Ana Bonser, who placed 37th in 22:59.9. Also competing for Stevenson were Sabrina Kliza (49th in 23:49.2), Ana Braschwitz (58th in 24:22.6), Marie-Lou David (72nd in 25:28.6), Gretchen Stemler (74th in 25:55.7), and Erin DeBono (77th in 26:07.9).

Ladywood was led by Meghan Sullivan's time of 23:17.0. Also blazing the trails for Ladywood were Molly Riordan (59th in 24:32.0), Dana Santilli (65th in 25:09.9), Brittni Baxter (66th in 25:10.8), Matyson Vlademer (83rd in 28:34.4), Catherine Darr (85th in 28:51.4) and Rachel Kramer, who placed 87th in 29:18.4.

Although Churchill didn't have enough runners to register an official score, the Chargers received solid efforts from Emily Halkey (21st in 22:03.3), Cathryn McGowan (22nd in 22:04.4), Sharan Mangat (32nd in 22:25.9) and Zoe Zager, who placed 82nd in 27:53.1).

Salem also won the 11th/12th grade race with 16 points, followed by Walled Lake Northern (43) and Franklin, which compiled 103 points. Stevenson placed sixth with 191, just ahead of Ladywood's 198.

Rock Kayla DelaCruz was the individual winner with a time of 20:34.1.

The Patriots were led by Sam Mackiewicz's 21st-place time of 22:21.1. Also shining for Franklin were Riley Shine (22nd in 22:31.0), Rachel Domzalski (24th in 22:41.4), Ashley Olweean (26th in 22:49.3), Sarah deGuise (43rd in 23:35.1), Jessica Reynolds (51st in 24:24.0) and Lauren Forgacs, who placed 54th in 24:29.2.

Stevenson's front-runner was Diana Graham, who was 37th in 23:11.4. Noelle Hilbert (24:35.3), Alyssa Bergman (25:06.8), Taressa Schultz (25:22.6), Dana Deigman (29:20.9) and Rachel Smith (37:05.7) also ran hard for the Spartans.

Ladywood's top upper-class runners were Erin Murray (44th in 23:39.4), Rachel Rykwalder (56th in 24:46.3), Alexis Vlademer (63rd in 25:09.0), Catherine Harrington (70th in 25:55.5) and Dana Santilli, who finished 77th in 27:34.5.

Churchill was paced by Raquel Zwick (ninth in 21:52.8), Madison White (22:20.2), Anna Behrendt (68th in 25:28.0) and Leah Strayhorn, who was 69th in 25:29.2.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Thurston blitzes Fitzgerald, 48-14

Eagles advance to face Allen Park

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Future opponents of Redford Thurston's football team had better not take the Eagles' modest 6-4 record at face value

Despite eking into the playoffs with five wins, the Eagles are playing a lights-out brand of football.

The latest evidence: Friday night's dominating 48-14 victory over Warren Fitzgerland, which entered the game with a 6-3 mark

The final score was actually deceptively closer than the game, which saw the Eagles explode to a 41-0 lead at one point in the fourth quarter.

"We were clicking on all cylinders tonight," Thurston head coach Bob Snell said. "It's the first time all season we've dominated every phase of the game. Our offensive and de-fensive lines were fantastic."

The Eagles' stampeded the Fitzgerald defense to the tune of 382 rushing yards on 44 carries.

Senior Alonzo McCoy was his usual spectacular self,



Thurston's Stephen Pruitt bulls through the Warren Fitzgerald defense for a sizeable gain during Friday night's victory

rushing for 97 yards and two touchdowns on just eight carries

Stephen Pruitt also had a breakout performance for the winners, rambling for 113 yards on just 11 attempts.

Quarterback Zackary Crofford added 46 vards on the ground while completing half of his eight passes for 67 yards.

Fitzgerald managed just 101 yards rushing on 24 carries,

due in large part to the forceful play in the trenches by Thurston defensive tackles Jacob Jenkins and Tyjuan Triplett.

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Other defensive standouts for the winners were Tavian

Claybourne, Chalfontae Phillips, Nathan Hayes and Darry-

"This team has come a long way since our first game, when we got throttled by No-tre Dame," Snell said. "We've gotten a lot better by playing such a tough schedule.

Thurston never trailed after grabbing an 8-0 lead on a 37-yard TD jaunt by Pruitt, followed by a two-point conversion pass.

After Claybourne recovered a fumble in Fitzgerald territory, Justin Cole ran 36 yards to the Fitzgerald 2 before McCoy scored to make it 14-0.

A 1-yard run by McCoy and another successful two-point conversion run bumped the Eagles' lead up to 22-0. A 34yard TD pass from Crofford to King made it 28-0 at the half.

Crofford connected with McCoy on a 35-yard scoring strike on the Eagles' first second-half possession to extend

the margin to 34-0. The lead was 41-0 moments later following a 35-yard TD run by McCoy that preceded Antwain Dungy's extra-point kick.

Thurston's final points came on a 15-yard run by Errol Franklin and Dungy's second extra-point boot of the night.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Old-school Canton sidelines Spartans, 70-35

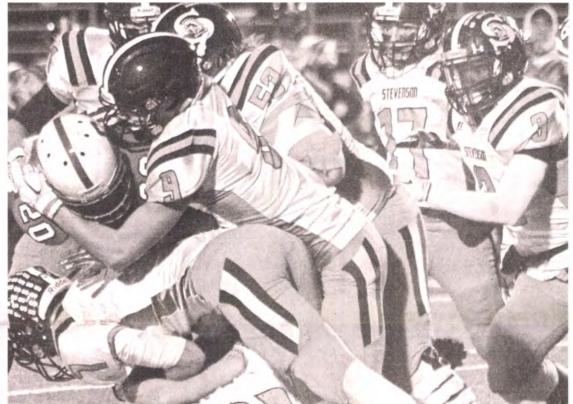
Chiefs score on every possession to outlast Stevenson

Ed Wright Staff Writer

The third most amazing fact that emerged from Canton's 70-35 offense-saturated victory Friday over Livonia Stevenson

(a 49-7 Canton victory), our kids got blitzed by how fast they come off the ball. Tonight, 1 thought we were a little better prepared, but all (Marcus Sanders) needs is a little crease and he can go."

Sanders led a balanced Can-



was that the brand-new score-board at the P-CEP stadium did not blow a fuse

No. 2 on the list: Spartans senior flanker Frank Carlin didn't need an IV after he steered his shifty 5-foot-9, 165pound frame through the Chiefs' defense for 332 combined rushing/receiving yards.

And the most amazing feat that emerged following the close-to-three-hour points-fest: Canton's offense piled up 460 yards rushing (most on runs between the tackles) - even though the Spartans' defense knew the Chiefs were going to run the ball 97 percent of the time between the tackles.

Next in line for Canton's wrecking ball-like tight-T, fullhouse offense is Northville (10-0), which edged Plymouth, 24-20, Friday night.

If the Mustangs, who will host Friday's 7 p.m. district final game, are looking for help on how to slow down the Chiefs, reviewing the 70-point effort against Stevenson probably won't yield too many clues.

"Tim (Baechler) has a machine going with that offense," said Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef, whose team finished 6-4. "It's not fancy, but their kids take a lot pride in running their five or six plays to perfection.

"We can't simulate their speed at practice. The first time we played them two weeks ago

ton offensive attack with 10 carries for 188 yards and four touchdowns, which ranged in distance from 23 (the shortest) to 72 yards.

Canton running back Jared Stephens added 99 yards and two TDs on 10 carries, in addition to a pair of receptions for 52 yards.

Chiefs junior quarterback Jake O'Donnell was the model of efficiency, completing all three of his passes (all in the first half) for 105 vards. O'Donnell's longest hook-up was 53 yards to Brennon Pelland, who hauled in an over-the-shoulder spiral while sneaking out of the backfield before sprinting deep inside the red zone.

'Our offense did a great job tonight," said Baechler, whose team improved to 8-2. "Our only problem was we kept scoring too fast and we weren't giving our defense enough rest.

"And (Stevenson) didn't quit. They just kept coming back at us. I'm not sure how many passes they threw, but it was like watching an NFL game.'

Stevenson quarterback Chris Tanderys finished with Tom Brady-esque statistics, completing 23-of-44 passes for 456 yards and two touchdowns one each to Gino D'Agostino and Carlin.

Carlin caught 12 passes for 267 yards, turning many short ED WRIGHT

Livonia Stevenson's defense made a few big stops Friday night, but not enough to prevent Canton from scoring 70 points.

hitch passes into sizable gains.

"I did get a little tired tonight," Carlin said, moments after finishing a 10-year football career that started with many of his current teammates when he was an 8-year-old member of the Livonia Falcons. "I just kept going. I'm a captain, so I wanted to stay strong for my team.

"I'm going to miss the brotherhood we had on this team. I've been playing with guys like Petrie and Bowersox since I was a little kid, so I'm going to miss that."

One of the Chiefs' two-way mainstays was senior running back/linebacker Jacob Wickens, whose only breathers came on point-after touchdowns and punts.

"I just like to hit people, no matter if I'm playing defense or offense," Wickens said. "We're playing smarter now than we did when we lost to Churchill and Plymouth. We're making fewer mistakes, so we're scoring more points.

'Jake (O'Donnell) is a good leader. He fires us up."

Canton led 35-20 at the half following 24 minutes that had the back-and-forth pace of a U.S. Open tennis match.

The Chiefs set the tone swiftly when Stephens romped 47 yards to pay dirt on the game's third play. Ben Tubaro then tacked on his first of 10 extra points.

Stevenson drove to Canton's 36 on its first possession, but came up about two feet short of a first down on a fourth-and-11 pass to Ian Knoph.

Canton countered with a nine-play, 64-yard drive that was capped by Wickens' 11-yard TD run.

The hosts appeared headed to a running-clock runaway after Sanders bolted 71 yards to the end zone to make it 21-0 with 1:19 still left in the first quarter.

But the Spartans answered with two straight touchdowns - sandwiched around a successful onside kick by Ian Henzi-to pull to within 21-14. Gino D'Agostino registered the Spartans' first points when he secured a 6-yard pass from Tanderys. Moments later, Tanderys connected with Carlin on a 26-yard scoring strike.

The Chiefs widened their advantage to 35-14 on a 34-vard TD run by Sanders, followed by a 1-yard plunge by Stephens, but Stevenson stuck around when De'Andre Cobb scored from 3 yards out to make it 35-20 at the half.

The play that ignited the Chiefs' second-half route came on the Spartans' third play of the third quarter, when sophomore linebacker Lou Baechler - the son of Tim - stepped in front of a Tanderys pass and returned it to the Spartans' 15. Two plays later, Stephens scored to make it 42-20.

"Driving over to the game, I told Lou I thought he was going to get a pick tonight," Tim Baechler said. "He had one earlier this season, but this one was special because it was an impact play in a huge game.

"He's a joy to coach. He's smart and does everything right. I'm having a blast coaching him."

BROWN

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yards per carry) for the season and eight touchdowns while serving as the Warriors' featured running back.

When asked whether he prefers running around a would-be tackler or through him, Brown said he didn't have a preference.

"I'll do whatever it takes," he said. "I just run hard every time I get the ball and try not to let one guy bring me down."

During one memorable carry two weeks ago against Tiffin, an opposing player made the mistake of lowering his head against Brown, who had

already gath-

of steam.



Brown ered a full head

"He put his head down and put his helmet into one of my legs," Brown remembered. "When the play was over, I looked back and saw that he was a little woozy getting up." An admirer of Seattle Sea-

hawk running back Marshawn "Beast Mode" Lynch, Brown credits large doses of patience and resilience for the success

he's experience for the Warriors.

"It's kind of a humbling experience at first, sitting out and playing on the scout team like I did my first couple of years here," he said. "But after a while, you realize it's something every college player has to go through. I learned a lot from watching Desmond."

Football played a pivotal role in turning Brown's troubled teenaged life around.

"I saw a lot of troubling things growing up (in Detroit) that a lot of kids don't see," said Brown, who moved to Westland (in the Churchill

area) after being adopted by an aunt. "I faced some challenges, which is why I look at things a little differently than a lot of kids.

"I was a troubled kid at Churchill my freshman year; I was talking back to teachers, things like that. It was a big learning stage. After I started playing football my sophomore year (of high school), I started caring about things more and turning my life around."

Brown emerged as a bigtime gridiron contributor his junior year at Churchill when he rushed for 1,043 yards and scored nine touchdowns. As a senior, he led the Chargers to a 10-1 season by rushing for 1,843 yards and 29 TDs while earning Division 1-2 All-State honorable-mention recognition from the Associated Press.

A criminal justice major, Brown is on the right track on and off the field as his inclusion on the 2014 Wayne State Coach's Academic Honor Roll reflects.

"I'd like to find a job in the juvenile justice field after I earn my degree," Brown re-vealed. "I want to help young kids who are going through troubling times like I did. I want to give back."

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LOCAL SPORTS

DIVISION 1 FOOTBALL PRE-DISTRICT THE LONGEST YARD

Northville defense stymies last-second bid for game-winning TD

Tim Smith Staff Writer

On a night where the Plymouth offense rolled up 505 yards, it could not come up with a 506th that would have given the Wildcats a last-second victory in Friday's Division 1 football pre-district game against host Northville.

Trailing 24-20 with time running out, Plymouth senior quarterback Christian Walls delivered a perfect pass over the middle to senior wide-out Victor Abraham at the 5-yard line, for a big 20-yard gain.

Abraham might have scored if not for a stellar stop by Northville senior Zachary Prystash.

"You just knew you had to do it; if you didn't do it, the game might be over," said a breathless Prystash, a key reason Northville did hang on to the 24-20 win. "And that's not how I wanted it in my senior year. It was just a play that had to be made and luckily I did it.

After an incompletion, Walls then tried to take it in himself, but came up just shy of the goal line, with Prystash and teammates in on the tackle sealing Northville's fourpoint victory.

"I saw (Walls) running towards the goal line and it was that moment of, like, 'Is this really going to happen?'" Prystash said about the do-or-die sequence near the Mustangs' end zone. "I forgot who hit him and slowed him down, but I was able to punch it out.

'It was just a great team stop at the end. It was really wonderful. I just punched the ball out,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Plymouth's Joey Ahearn (left) closes in on Northville's Adam Ghabra.

just one of those plays that you'll never forget."

Agony of defeat

The back-to-back stops left Plymouth players on the turf, almost beside themselves about how the game ended.

Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk, whose team was bolstered by a huge game by junior running back Darius Timmons - who took over for injured senior Cameron Stella in the second quarter and wound up with 225 yards rushing on 28 carries and all three Plymouth touchdowns - said he didn't get a good look at the final play.

But Sawchuk stressed that the game never should have reached that point for his team.

"The kids played hard, but really it doesn't come down to that one play,' said Sawchuk, whose team finished 6-4. "I It comes down to a culmination of some undisciplined things that we did. That's on me, I guess.'

Sawchuk praised his senior group, including quarterback Walls (292 all-purpose yards), Abraham (six catches, 134 yards), lineman Michael Jordan and running back Cameron Stella, who rolled an ankle in the first half and watched the rest of the game on crutches.

"Very gritty, very proud of those kids (the seniors)," Sawchuk said. "It's a talented bunch of kids.

Northville head coach Matt Ladach, whose 10-0 team will host Canton in next Friday's district final, grinned while talking about the way his defense stood up to the last-ditch comeback try by the Wildcats - particularly the way the 5-6 Prystash contributed to the final stops.

"You can imagine the stress, but our players have been resilient all season," Ladach said. "And this was just another example of our players' toughness. I'm so proud of them.

"And you look at Prystash, he's a small guy, but that dude is pound-for-pound tough. Will take him against anybody any day. I mean, he's just a tremendous fighter."

CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

> Petition 2015-09-01-09 submitted by 15983 Middlebelt L.L.C. pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 15983 Middlebelt Road, located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Five Mile Road and Puritan Avenue in the Southeast 1/4

Historic victory for Trojans



JOE SANCHEZ

Livonia Clarenceville's boys team won the first district tournament soccer championship in school history this year. The Trojans defeated Dearborn Heights Star International, Allen Park Cabrini and Dearborn Henry Ford Academy over five days to win the tournament at Clarenceville. The members of the Clarenceville team are (kneeling, from left) Joe Sanchez, Nicholas Siml, Seth Krazel, Gerardo Arzate, Jon Murphy, Alex Immonen and Armin Andelija and (standing, from left) head coach Trevor Johnson, manager Sam Franco, Jose Saravia, Brett Habkirk, Jayson Fitzpatrick, Kam Maclver, Shaun Smith, Obed Hernandez, Jesus Gonzalez, Nick Snage, Jake Devos-Roy, Dante Marzolo, Jacob Weiss, Elijah Spens, Bryce Marciniak, Nick Schiffman and assistant coach Jimmy Moody.

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preserve the school's first-ever regional-final appearance.

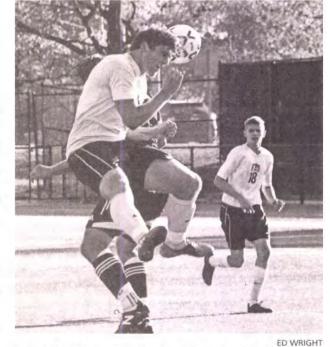
After landing hard on his back, Whitt was slow to rise in the wake of his sensational net-finder, but goals have a way of diminishing even the sharp-est pains, he said.

"The ball was in the air I think Bobby (Mandrink) played it in - and I just happened to be there and I out-jumped their keeper," said Whitt, who weighs just 140 pounds, but displayed the toughness of a 200-pounder. "I got the wind knocked out of me a little bit when I came down, but the ball went in the net, and that's all that matters.

The Patriots played like warriors on the defensive end, helping senior goal-keeper Ryan Prohaska keep the net clean until Dishroon's late run

The defensive play of the night for the winners unfolded just three minutes after Whitt's goal when a high-bounding shot by the Warriors got behind Prohaska, but junior Nick McNabb cleared the ball about a foot before it rolled into the net.

The winners' back-line take-charge leader is senior Nate Jacoban v



Livonia Franklin senior defender Nate lacoban heads a ball out of harm's way during the first half of Wednesday's game.

plan to a "T"

"This is unbelievable; these guys deserve everything that is coming their way," he said. "We had a plan, we stuck to it, we got a goal and then

another goal. "The most important thing tonight was that the boys kept their composure. I thought we should have gotten a lot more calls than we did, but when we didn't get them, we didn't retaliate. We came in here tonight wanting to win and play

hard, and they did both." Rodopoulos said Aus-

the first half, only to be denied by strong defensive plays. Woodhaven's Trevor Deon accelerated on a strong rush up the right side and got behind the Patriots' defense with 21:25 left, but his shot was turned away by a diving Prohaska about 16 yards from the net.

Mandrink came within a heart-beat of giving the Patriots a second firsthalf goal in the game's 22nd minute when he settled a ball just outside the 18-yard box before Kilgore deflected the ball away a half-second be fore Mandrink could tee it up Franklin's offense was humming 10 minutes into the second half when Whitt played a ball to Bieth, who one-timed it to hard-charging Connor Haas, but Woodhaven's Lucas Dupuis managed to get just enough of a toe on it to defuse the chance.

of Section 14, from OS, Office Services, to C-1, Local Business

Petition 2015-10-02-20 submitted by Newquest Crosswell Development Group, L.L.C. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(c)(1) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to construct and operate a freestanding full service restaurant with drive-up window facilities (Sonic) at 29622 Seven Mile Road, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Middlebelt and Purlingbrook Roads in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2.

Petition 2015-10-02-21 submitted by DCA, L.L.C. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 16.11(d) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to develop and operate an outdoor storage yard for recreational vehicles at 33710 - 33760 Plymouth Road, located on the north side of Plymouth Road between Farmington and Stark Roads in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28

Petition 2015-10-02-22 submitted by Creative Touch Therapeutic Massage requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 9.03(m) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a massage establishment within the multi-tenant office building at 18922 Farmington Road, located on the east side of Farmington Road between Curtis Avenue and Seven Mile Road in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

> R. Lee Morrow, Chairman CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 08:15. A request to rezone Lot 596 of said property from R-1 (residential) to P-1 (Parking).

Lot 596 and including 2 1/2 of ADJ VAC ALLEY, Seminole Woods Sub WC MI Rec'd L.38, P75, WCR

> Property more commonly known as 20564 Seminole (Parcel #79-004-04-0596-000)

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING, THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.

It is further required that a copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business November 5, 2015 to be considered.

David Allen, Chairman **Planning Commission Charter Township of Redford**

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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has watched his relatively young defensive teammates emerge as a season has wore on.

"After tryouts, I told the group of defenders that we needed them to play like seniors this season, and they've all come through for us," said Iacoban. "We really developed some strong chemistry back there.

"Woodhaven has a couple of guys who can score - one of their forwards had 16 goals and 14 assists, or something like that - but I told the guys not to worry about that. I said if we do what we're supposed to do, we'll be OK.

Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos said his team followed the game tin Corona's ice-breaking goal four minutes into the contest was "huge", giving the Patriots a surge of confidence that they carried throughout the night.

He also praised the effort of Whitt, who covered the pitch like a tireless road runner.

"Jordan Whitt outhustled himself tonight," Rodopoulos noted. "I call Jordan, Ryan Bieth and Matt Conley my little pick-pockets because they come up from behind the guy with the ball, stick their foot in there and take it from them. I don't know how they do it, but they do it a lot.

Both teams nearly strung together scoring plays mid-way through

Moments after the historic victory, as a light mist fell on the Dearborn High field, Iacoban tried to put the team's accomplishment in perspective.

"It's a great feat, winning a regional game like this," he said. "I'm just glad I could be a part of

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO BE HELD DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016 COMMENCING JANUARY 20, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 21, 2016.

To all persons interested in the meetings of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals: PLACE: Westland City Hall

| | 36300 Warren Road Westland, MI 48185 |
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| TIME: | 5:30 P.M. |
| REGULAR MEETING DATE | DEADLINE: |
| January 20, 2016 | December 23, 2015 |
| February 17, 2016 | January 22, 2016 |
| March 16, 2016 | February 19, 2016 |
| April 20, 2016 | March 25, 2016 |
| May 18, 2016 | April 22, 2016 |
| June 15, 2016 | May 27, 2016 |
| July 20, 2016 | June 24, 2016 |
| August 17, 2016 | July 22, 2016 |
| September 21, 2016 | August 26, 2016 |
| October 19, 2016 | September 30, 2016 |
| November 16, 2016 | October 21, 2016 |
| December 21, 2016 | November 28, 2016 (Monday) |

The minutes of each meeting of the regular meetings listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office of the City of Westland not more than eight (8) business days after the date of said meeting.

Approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five (5) business days after the meeting at which the minutes of the meeting are approved.

This notice is given in compliance with Act. No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976.

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Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC **City Clerk** LO-0000261910 3x5.5

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Vintage Pyrex takes center stage at glass show

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Pyrex. You mix in it, bake with it and serve on it.

Now collect and display the iconic kitchenware with a little help from the Michigan Depression Glass Society. The organization, which meets monthly in Livonia, will display vintage Pyrex at its annual show and sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., at Greenfield, in Dearborn. Admission is \$5.

Jonathan Fuhrman, Society president, visited the Corning Museum of Glass in New York in preparation for the show, which will feature Michael D. Barber, author of two collector books on Pyrex.

"We'll have a big display of Pyrex on exhibit. I went on the Pyrex website and they said Pyrex is in at least 80 million American homes," said Fuhr-man, a Canton resident and avid glass collector for the past 15 years.

Early Pyrex consisted of clear-glass ovenware, but the product line expanded to include serving pieces, bowls, storage containers, coffee pots and more in a variety of styles, colors and patterns.

'Pyrex is durable. I'm always amazed that you can go into a Salvation Army store and can get a couple pieces of Pyrex that someone has hauled they're still in good condition," Fuhrman said.

He displays and regularly

uses his Pyrex pieces. "I have little Pyrex refrigerator dishes I use to organize a junk drawer. I'll use a casserole if I bring food to a friend's house for a party," he said. "Even though I collect Pyrex, I don't consider it one of my main collections."

Other glass

In addition to collecting kitchenware, Fuhrman, 31, who works in marketing at Health Alliance Plan, collects Depression glass, the colorful ma-chine-pressed glassware that was given away as premiums at theaters, gas stations, stores and in product boxes, such as laundry soap, from the 1920s-1940s. He also collects "elegant glass," which consists

of higher quality, mouth-blown



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Dogwood pattern of cups and bowls is not rare, however, the oval platter is.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The blue pattern with lid is called Willow. The green is named Bride's Casserole.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jonathan Fuhrman holds Pyrex Delphite mixing bowls. Delphite refers to the color of the bowls. More examples of his collection are seen overhead in the background.



glass with hand-etched details.

"I'll confess, I own 14 dinner services in Depression glass," Fuhrman said.

He displays a portion of his collection in cabinets throughout his home. The rest remains on storage shelves in his basement.

"I can't display it all at once. I try to rotate everything quarterly."

Fuhrman began collecting glass out of nostalgia for childhood lunchtimes spent with his grandmother. She served him lunch off of pink Cherry Blossom Depression glass plates. He found the plates while helping his mother unpack his grandmother's glassware.

"I remembered those from



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jonathan Fuhrman's collection rests in cabinets all around his home.

when I was a kid. My mom told me there was a glass collecting club in Livonia and an annual show," he said.

Finding, selling glass

He joined the club and was hooked on glass collecting after attending his first show. He enjoys learning about the history of glass companies and the pieces they made, watching the effect supply and demand has on prices, and experiencing the "thrill of the hunt" for hard-to-find items.

He shops garage and estate sales, antique shops and glass shows for his collection and says his best find was a \$5 pitcher bought at a garage sale. It was worth \$300.

"One of the reasons I enjoy being a member of the club is that it gives me the opportunity to sell glass. We have a club booth at the show and you can put in 25 pieces."

In addition to the club's booth, 25 vendors will sell glass from the early 1900s through the 1960s by such makers as Fostoria, Heisey, Fenton, Imperial, Camridge, Anchor Hocking, Hazel Atlas, Indiana, Jeannette, Paden City and others.

Representatives from the Fostoria Glass Society of America will be on hand with a display of Fostoria's American product line, which was introduced in 1915.

"The show is amazing. They bring in massive amounts of glass. It's interesting to walk into the ballroom and see everything sparkle," Fuhrman said. "Just go and experience it. What will happen is you'll go into the show and you'll find something your grandma or mom had.

For more about the show, visit michigandepressionglass-.com.

Local kittens 'Uber' their way to potential adopters

Sharon Dargay Staff Write

Sandy Mezza of Westland delivered kittens to office workers for cuddle breaks Thursday.

"It was amazing," she said. " I didn't know what to expect. We've never done it before.

Mezza, who heads Guardian Angels Animal Rescue in Livonia, took foster kittens Salem, Callie, and Saber on the road for 15-minute stops at six Royal Oak locations, while GAAR volunteers Lisa Wheeler and her daughter, Rylea, shuttled Sheena and Greyson to eight sites in Birmingham and Troy.

The visits were part of Uber's kittens on-demand delivery day, which allowed customers in more than 50 cities to play with rescued kittens for a \$30 snuggle fee. The private transportation service drove felines and their shelter representatives to each stop, where customers broke out feather wands and toys for impromptu play. Detroit-area Uber drivers, shelters and animal rescue groups participated in the program for the first time on Oct. 29. In other cities, previous kitten delivery days have



Employees at RPM Freight Systems in Royal Oak play with kittens from Livonia-based Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

led to 30 kitten adoptions, according to Uber.

Good publicity

Mezza is hopeful that some of GAAR's kittens - maybe even a foster dog - will find permanent homes because of the Uber event.

'We handed out adoption applications for the kittens. We even had someone who wants a big dog. He had three big dogs and wanted a fourth one.'

GAAR fosters and adopts out both cats and dogs, focusing its rescue efforts in Detroit. The organization became involved in Uber's kitten delivery day after a representative from Warren-based All About Animals asked Mezza if she was interested in participating. GAAR, All About Animals and Macomb Animal Control, which also participated, will benefit from the snuggle fee.

"I said sure, I'm game. I'll try it," said Mezza. "The people were wonderful. By the second stop, we couldn't get the kittens back into their carrier.



Employees at O2 Creative Solutions in Royal Oak take a kitty break Thursday with the help of Guardian Angels Animal Rescue of Livonia and Uber, the private transportation service.

Everyone was giving them such attention.

Playful

The kittens were born in foster care, a few days after their mother was rescued from an abandoned house in Detroit.

'Our kittens are such good entertainers. One company even had its own kitty toys."

Her most heartfelt experience was at a Royal Oak home, where a woman with a spinal cord injury awaited a cuddly visitor.

"Her brother had called us to bring the kittens in. The night before, she put cut-out pictures of kittens up next to her bed," Mezza said, adding that she placed Salem in the woman's lap. At other stops, the kitten had been a bundle of energy. "With this woman the kitten just laid on her. The kitten knew she was sick and needed to have that.'

For more about Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, visit gaarmichigan.org.

BIRTH

KEATON LAWRENCE NORTH

Keaton Lawrence North was born Oct. 17, 2015 at Beaumont Hospital - Farmington Hills.

He joins his parents, Karl and Andrea North, and his sister, Elyse, 2, at home in Plymouth.

Proud grandparents are Karl and Nilda North of Westland and Larry and Cynda Clark of Kennewick, Wash.



Keaton Lawrence North

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

David A. and Kathleen M. (McShane) Broad of Canton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 24. They were married in 1965 at Our Lady Gate of Heaven in Detroit.

Dave and Kathy were high school sweethearts. Dave was at Cody High School in Detroit and Kathy attended Rosary High School, also in Detroit.

Their children are Michelle Proffitt of Canton, David Broad of



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SUBMITTED David and Kathleen Broad on their wedding day in 1965.

Plymouth and Karen Wiza of Canton. Grandchildren are Anthony Broad-Crawford, Sara Thomas, Kaila Wiktor, Madison Wiza, and Dylan Wiza. Great-grandchildren are Mackenzie



David and Kathleen Broad of Canton

Thomas, Phoenix Broad-Crawford, and Ivy Broad-Crawford. David has been a member of Plumbers Local 98 for 50 years. His last employer was Wayne County. He

worked at Detroit Metropolitan Airport before retirement.

Kathleen taught third grade at Our Lady of Grace in Detroit before becoming a stay-a-home mom.

The couple enjoys spending time with family, antiquing and taking trips throughout Michigan. The Broads have been members of Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton for 25 years.

They plan to celebrate their anniversary with family and friends at a party over Thanksgiving Day weekend.

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DICKSON, VIRGINIA F.

A long time resident of Birmingham Michigan, died on Thursday (September 17, 2015) in Geneva, New York. She was born in Chicago, Illinois in November 1918 and moved to Birmingham as a young child. Virginia graduated from Baldwin High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State and a Masters of Arts Degree from the University of Michigan, A memorial service will be held on Saturday (November 14) at 10:00 a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham. Memorial gifts can be made to the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Michigan 48202. Detroit. Learning, culture, and art were interwoven through every aspect of Virginia's life. She taught at Upton Elementary School Royal Oak until retiring in 1984. Virginia traveled extensively to all but two continents. She was an active supporter of Detroit's art community, as a longtime patron of the Village Players, a dedicated volunteer of the Detroit Institute of Arts, and a long standing member of the American Association of University Women. Virginia had the honor of cutting the ribbon three different times in her life to dedicate the various grand openings the Birmingham Theater Virginia is survived by her chil-dren James Dickson II, MD of Geneva, New York and Patricia (James) Miller of Marietta, grandchildren Alison Georgia; Dickson-Kozloski. Katherine (Sean) Miller-Boyer, Scott (Johanna) Miller and Andrew Scott (Caren-Joy) Dickson; three great-grand children and her dog Chloe. She is predeceased by her dear husband James Edwin Dickson, parents Cora and Fred Farrar and sister Diggins (JB) John. A. J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.AJDesmond.com AJ DESMOND SONS



FISHER FORTNEY **HELEN ARLENE**

died peacefully at Grandvue Medical Center in East Jordan MI on October 27, 2015 at the age of 84. Helen is survived by daughter Barbara Ann Smearman (Fortney), son-in-law John Smearman of Grand Rapids. Son David Roy Fortney and Lisbet Bryan of East Jordan, MI, Sister Kay Marie Archer (Fisher) and Brother-In-Law Ron Archer of Traverse City, MI. Helen is preceded in death by husband Matthew Glenn Fortney, Son Steven Michael Fortney Sister Marion Podskalny, Mother Dorothy Fisher, Father Roy A. Fisher. Helen was born on May 30, 1931 in Detroit, Mich. to Roy & Dorothy Fisher. She gradfrom Plymouth High uated School. Helen married Matthew Fortney in May 1951 and raised her three children Steven, Barbara and David in Plymouth. Later in 1992 Helen and Matthew moved to their most recent home on Lake Charlevoix where they enjoy their years of retirement. A funeral is scheduled for Friday, October 30 at 1pm at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City, MI. Visitation will be on Thursday, October 29th from 4 pm -8:00 pm. All are welcome to attend a celebration of life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Charlevoix Co. Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St. Boyne City, MI. 49712. The family would like to thank Grandvue Medical Care and staff for their care and dedication. Family and friends wishing to



KALLEAL, LILA ELLEN

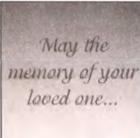
Passed away at Providence Park Hospital in Novi, Michigan on Thursday, October 23, 2015 from complications of Leukemia and Lymphoma. Lila, the fifth daughter of Mary and Charles Kalleal, was born March 1, 1933, in Detroit, MI. She attended Cerveny Grade School and grad-uated from Cooley High in 1951. She was employed by Burroughs Corporation in Plymouth, Michigan after finishing a certification in business machine/office ad-ministration. Lila went on to many jobs including her last long time job at Bonnie's Hallmark Store on Farmington Road in Farmington. Always one to help and serve, she volunteered at the Governor Warner Mansion and Museum on Grand River, served as a City of Farmington Election Precinct Co-Chair and volun-teered during the Farmington Founders Festival every July. Lila was a foster parent for Back-door Friends Purebred Cat Rescue, and she supported them with her time and talents after adopting her beloved Charity, Priya, Missy, and Corey. Under her care and unending love, all four ensured her house was a joyful place. She had been a member of St John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills where she served as Treasurer. She joined Fellowship Presbyterian Church November 3, 2013 and was ordained as Deacon, December 14, 2014. She taught Sunday School, always offered to help in the nursery, and was a Greeter. She faithfully supported the church and gave special attention to the members within her Deaconess ministry. Most lately, she became a charter Board member of Bethany's Babies, a foundation dedicated to "Building Whole People from Broken Hearts." She was committed to its mission to support the pet community with information on FeLV/FIV positive cats. Her hobbies included gardening and serving others with sympathy and love. Lila is survived by her sisters, Mae Bell of Dayton, Ohio and Mariann Otmanowski of Charlevoix, Michigan. Donations in memory of Lila Kalleal may be given to Fellowship Presbyterian Church and/or Bethany's Babies, John P. Herzog c/o Attorney at Law, 23290 Farmington Road, Farmington, MI 48336, and/or Backdoor Friends Purebred Cat Rescue at 35560 Grand River #305, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Her final wishes were for no funeral and no memorial service. Her cremated remains will be inter-red at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.



OUELLETTE, HENRY

Windsor, 90. Born in Age Canada, a resident of Farmington. Henry was the beloved husband of the late Jeanne. Loving father of Louise (the late Greg) Zilan, Suzanne (Allan) Schaefer, Janine MacKinnon, Carole (Allan) McPhee, and Marie (the late John) Shepherd. Cherished grandfather of Barry, Geoffrey, Julia, Nick, Michael, Kevin, Andrew, Ian, Ken, Dan, Scott, Nathan, Sarah. Ryan, Kristie, and great-grandfather of six. Visitation Monday, November 2nd, from 2-8 p.m., with prayers at 7 p.m., at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). His Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, November 3, 11 a.m. (gathering 10:30 a.m.) at St. Fabian Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd. (between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads), Farmington Hills.

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TALASKE, HENRY

"HANK" Passed on October 1 2015 at the age of 95. On January 24, 1920, Henry was born on his family's farm near Posen, Michigan. In 1930s, he met Virginia the Niewadomski "Jean" which resulted in 70 years of marriage and a life together in Detroit and Livonia, Michigan. Hank served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was Honorably Discharged as a Corporal. His working careers included ownership of Harper Music Shop, sales at Sears, and ownership of a residential home painting business. As a painter, Hank offered men and women flexible employment and many of his employees were able to

earn college degrees. Hank retired at the age of 80. Hank was a devout Catholic. In many ways, he lived his life for God and encouraged others to do the same. His faith was manifested in his kindness and genuine

interest he demonstrated with every person he encountered in life. He loved the Detroit Tigers, golfing, and bowling. Hank is survived by his four children lanet Timko (Ken), Marilyn Bitter (Karl), Richard Talaske (Laura), and Suzanne Blankenhagen (David), grandchildren, 11 greatgrandchildren, and his sister

Margaret Grohowski. On Friday, November 6th there will be a visitation at 9 a.m. and Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Priscilla's Church 19120 Purling Brook in Livonia, Michigan 48152.



WILSON, TRUDY

Born October 21, 1923, died September 12, 2015, of pneumonia, at 91. Proud 1942 graduate of St. Rose High School, Detroit; executive secretary at GM; homemaker superb and dedicated mother. Active at St. Regis Catholic Church, Brother Rice High School, Michigan Cancer Society, and Bloomfield Senior Center, Beloved friend to literally hundreds. High school sweetheart and devoted wife of John R. Wilson, lawyer and CPA, for 48 years, until his death in 1995. Beloved sister of Irene Darga, Margaret Masters. Norman Martz, and Genevieve Paye, all deceased. Survived by her children, Jane, Jay, Michael (Amy), and Maureen Wilson; and grandchildren, Katie Robinson, Christopher Wilson, Casey Pallenik, and John Wilson. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, November 7 at 1 p.m. at St. Regis, 3695 Lincoln Rd. (at Lahser Rd.), Bloomfield Hills.

WITTBRODT, SCOTT

54, of Tampa, passed away Wednesday, October. 21, 2015. Scott was born and raised in greater Detroit, MI and spent the last 30 years in the Tampa, Florida area. He is survived by his son, Brandon; daughter, Brooke; father, George; mother, Carol; and sister, Leslie (Bill) Wolfe. A memorial service was held in his honor in Tampa on Saturday, October. 24, 2015. Scott will be greatly missed by many







FEDRAW RONALD W.

Age 88. Born May 9, 1927 ~ October 27, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Jollie. Loving father of Jollie (Glenn) Halberg, Ron H. Fedraw, Kathy Fedraw and Chuck (Nancy) Fedraw and cruck (rancy) Fedraw. Dear grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of four. Brother of Ruth Stackhouse. Uncle of Marilyn Fedraw. Visitation Monday, November 2, from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service at 4:00 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. Memorial contributions appreciated to the American Heart Association.



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HILTON. ELIZABETH

Of West Bloomfield, Michigan, passed away on October 22, 2015. Wife of Donald Hilton. Beloved mother of Christopher (Christine Scheer); Brett (Laurie) and their son Hunter; Neil (Patrick Lesner) and their son Sean; Melissa Benzie (Steve) and their sons Nicholas and Matthew; Kim and her children Robin, Luke, Sophie and Maria. Beloved sister of James Gruszczynski. Preceded in death by her parents Edward and Eleanor Gruszczynski. She was instrumental in the founding of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in West Bloomfield, was a devoted Girl Scout leader and counseled families and individuals struggling with addiction. She'll also be remembered fondly for opening her heart and home to many friends that needed a kind word and place to stay Elizabeth was prayed for and remembered at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a dona-tion to your local Girl Scout







METERKO, KRISTEN E.

Age 43, of Wayne passed away suddenly on Monday, October 26, 2015. Loving mother of Courtney and Jordyn Meterko. Beloved daughter of Kenneth and Donna Wilkins and Carol and Bob Burnison. Dearest sister of John Wilkins, Rob Daley, step-sister of Kelly Jones, Robby Duvall, and Ryan (Shannon) Burnison. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Visitation Sunday, November 1st, 12 Noon until time of the funeral service at 2 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Memorials to the Meterko Children Education Fund. Share Memories www.schrader-howell.com

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PALMER, HOWARD W.

75, passed away October 2015. Beloved wife of Age 24, 24, 2015. Beloved wife of Jeanette; dear father of Tracie Dominique (Glenn Jr.) Boyd; loving grandfather of Haley, Brianna and Desiree; Howard is also survived by his loyal dog Doctor Wakefield. He directed many plays in his life and taught in Garden City for 29 years. Arrangements under the direction of Kaul Funeral Home. the

RASMUSSEN. **RICHARD EMIL**

Of Garden City. October 28, 2015. Services entrusted L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.



SCHRIEDEL, SHAWN B.

October 17, 2015, age 46. Dear father of Miranda and Tyler, beloved son of Shannon, dear brother of Brian, dear and uncle to Sophie. Shawn's funeral service was held Friday, October 23, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. To share a memory or leave a condolence please visit

schrader-howell.com

THISLE, HILARY G.

October 9, 2015. Age 63. Loving wife of the late Keith. Devoted daughter of Patricia Gorman. Dear mother of Matthew and Sister of Charles and Sara Parrish Lauren. Gorman Parrish (James). Services will be held privately. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.



VAN NORMAN, ALLISON

45, lost her six year battle Age with ocular melanoma, Sunday, Oct 25, 2015 at her home in Albany, CA. Allison is survived by her husband, David P. Miller and her sons, Blu Miller, 10, and Cal Miller, 7, all of Albany. She is also survived by her parents, Daniel and Ann Van Norman, formerly of Birmingham and now of Verona, WI and Green Valley, AZ. Other survivors are a sister, Dr. Pam Prochaska (Tom), and a brother, Steve Van Norman, both of Tomah, WI. Allison was a 1988 graduate of Seaholm HS, a 1992 graduate of UM-Ann Arbor and has an MBA from Case Western Reserve, 1995. Allison, greatest joy was in caring for her family, her many friends, all of whom adored her, her community, and her world.



WEAVER, **DAVID GEORGE**

68, of Wixom died October 14, 2015 in Parkwest Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee. Beloved husband of Jean E. Korleski, father of Diana Bachmura and David C. Weaver (Christina Stansell) and grandfather of five. Retired Purchasing Manager for BCBSM, Dave held degrees from EMU and Michigan Theological Seminary and was a Deacon at Grace Chapel, Farmington Hills. Donations Donations may be made to Grace Chapel or TheDesertAngel.org

YARLOTT, PHYLLIS IRENE

Age 98 of Plymouth passed on October 15, 2015 to God and her loving husband, Ford. She was born in Ionia, Michigan on March 28, 1917 to Sylvia and Forey Basom. Phyllis was the beloved sister of Ruth Wyckoff, Myrna Basom and Stuart Basom, all preceding her in death. She will be deeply missed by her daughters, Carol (Robert) Jensen of Colorado, Linda (Larry) Higgason of Plymouth, and son, Nelson (Darby) Yarlott of Colo-rado. As loving grandmother to Wade Higgason, Dana Schantz, Kalyn Bower, Glenn Jensen and Nicole Piche, she will be sweetly remembered. Phyllis delighted in being great Nana to Christopher, Scott, Jaron, Nolan, Nicholas, Jenna, Jasmin and Aidan, Zachary. Phyllis retired from the University of Colorado Library Division in 1978. She and Ford retired to Livonia, Michigan, later moving to Plymouth. She enjoyed travel, bridge clubs, picnics and hikes. She was a gifted seamstress, gardener and flower arranger. Phyllis brightened our world with her piano playing. A celebration of life with a picnic was held on Sunday, October 25th and another Memorial Service will be held in June 2016 in Boulder, Colorado. To share a memory, please visit

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In Memoriam



IN LOVING MEMORY MICHAEL ALLEN

BOROFF September 13, 1939 - November 01, 2014. It's been a year and safe to say, I still think about you every day . I might not hope or even pray, I just love and miss you in my own special way. Love,Jo



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American Cancer Society offers 10 tips to stop smoking

The American Cancer Society urges smokers to kick the habit on Thursday, Nov. 19, its annual Great American Smokeout Day.

It offers these tips on how to break free from a smoking addiction:

» Don't keep it a secret. Include your friends and family in your quitting process; they can offer much-needed support.

» You're not alone. Many

communities, employers, and health care organizations have free or low-cost counseling and support. Call the American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345 to find out what's available.

» Consider using medication to help you quit. There are prescriptions and over-thecounter medications that can help you deal with withdrawal symptoms or even help to reduce the urge to smoke. Talk to your doctor first. » Dump the memories. Clear the places where you usually smoke of anything that reminds you of cigarettes, such as lighters, ashtrays, or matches. Also ask other smokers not to smoke around you, and clean your house and car thoroughly to remove the smell of cigarettes.

» Avoid places where smokers gather.

» Stay calm and stay busy. Counter nervous energy with

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physical and mental activities. Take long strolls and deep breaths of fresh air, and find things to keep your hands busy, like crossword puzzles or yard work.

» Talk to your doctor before beginning any plan for quitting smoking to discuss your best approach.

» When the urge to smoke strikes, do something else. Call a supportive friend. Do brief exercises such as push-ups, walking up a flight of stairs, or touching your toes.

» Even that one smoke can get you back in the habit of smoking full time. Keeping a supply of oral substitutes like carrots, apples, raisins, or gum handy can help.

» Drink lots of fluids. Water is best.

The American Cancer Society is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Brain injury conference

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan presents its second annual Quality of Life Conference, 8 a.m.. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The conference will offer strategies for stress management, relaxation and movement to help brain injury survivors and their family members cope with the challenges of living with brain injury. Robert Palmer, writing coach with Raven Writing Studios, will lead a session in writing as healing. Antonio Sieira will teach Qi Gong exercise. Alika Seu of Spectrum Health Neuro Rehabilitation Services will demonstrate techniques in music therapy. Cost is \$20 for survivors and family members; \$40 for professionals. Register at 810-229-5880 or visit biami.org/november-conference.

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 to 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; aferack@comcast.net

Lung cancer support

The Lung Cancer Support Group meets 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon David Sternberg, M.D., leads the group, which is open to anyone living with lung cancer, and their loved ones. For more information, call 248-473-4828.

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

Turner Town Project

Jennifer Wakenell of Livonia displays her Turner Town Project, a collection of dollhouses with accompanying storyboards that depict the day-to-day challenges of a girl with Turner syn-



Jennifer Wakenell of Livonia and The Turner Town Project that teaches about Turner syndrome. See Turner Town through November at Livonia Civic Center Library.

drome and nonverbal learning disorders, through November at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The project offers suggestions for dealing with both medical and academic obstacles and aims to raise awareness of the disease, which can impact kidneys, thyroid and cardiac functioning and cause learning disorders. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. 734-466-2491

Zumba party

Wear red and dance from 9-10:30 a.m. Nov. 14 at the Summit on the Park in Canton to raise money for the American Heart Association. Admission to the Zumba Party Hearty is a minimum \$5 donation. Zumba fuses Latin, pop and hip hop music with easy-to-follow moves to create a fitness routine. Participants are asked to bring bottled water and come ready to move. The Summit is located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Call 734-394-5460 or visit cantonfun.org for more information.

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.

Amputee support

The Amputee Support Group meets 2-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month in Classroom #1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital., 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-2837 for more information.

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. 734-458-4330.



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