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Wayne explores fire authority option

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

With a more than \$2 million deficit in the current fiscal year and a projection Wayne will run out of money in 2017, the city has turned to two other metro Detroit communities for a possible solution.

A presentation by Eastpointe City Manager Steve Duchane and Hazel Park City Manager Edward Klobucher about their communities' solution through the formation of a fire authority drew a large crowd to Wayne City Hall on Wednesday.

The two cities formed the authority to be able to seek voter approval of 14 mills to

fund public safety services — in this case, their fire departments. It's strictly a financial arrangement with no merger of fire department staff or operations. The two cities are separated by Warren and not geographically contiguous. The money collected by the authority goes back to each city, which fully controls its own fire department.

"The 14 mills sound like an astounding amount. It filled the gap because of the decreased value of a millage," Duchane said. "It stabilized services into the foreseeable future and improved services. It has works very efficiently and effectively for us."

Faced with a financial crisis and an almost certain takeover by the state, Hazel Park was looking for an alternative to an emergency financial manager.

"We wanted to do all we could to avoid a financial manager. Just read the newspaper to see how that works out," Klobucher said. "Municipal finance in Michigan is fundamentally broken. Especially in an established older community with nowhere to build up."

Communities took 100 percent of the hit to revenues from the crash in property values, he said, but now due to the Headlee Amendment and Proposal



LEANNE ROGERS
With Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe and councilmembers seated behind them, Hazel Park City Manager Edward Klobucher (left) and Eastpointe City Manager Steve Duchane made a presentation on their joint fire authority.

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Superintendent: Budget kudos due to staff sacrifices, teamwork

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Revenues match expenditures this year in Wayne-Westland Community Schools, and Michele Harmala, school superintendent, is quick to share the credit for "in essence a break-even budget."

"We got there on their backs," Harmala said of school district staffers, who took cuts in compensation to help their district. She also lauded her predecessor, Greg Baracy, and his team for the financial stability, noting work took place on that before she arrived from the Farmington Public Schools.

"I think there's too much emphasis on test scores," said Harmala, a 30-year educator. She noted the new M-STEP test has followed the MEAP.

"In relative terms, we're in the same place" on test scores, said Harmala, who favors more of a "whole child" method of learning. ACT college admission scores have gone up in Wayne-Westland, but the move to the SAT means more adjusting in Wayne-Westland.

Speaking Feb. 4 at Westland Rotary, Harmala noted the state-identified schools with highest-to-lowest achievement gaps on the Priority Schools List.

"We had a number of those schools," she told Rotary members and guests at Joy Manor. Staffers are addressing that, with Hamilton Elementary now removed and David Hicks Elementary still listed.

Students moving around and poverty impact learning, she said. "None of those

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JULIE BROWN
Wayne-Westland Superintendent Michele Harmala visits with John Glenn High Principal David Ingham on Feb. 4 at Westland Rotary.

Former news editor seeking commission seat

A familiar name in western Wayne County will be on the August primary ballot.

Longtime Westland resident Sue Mason has filed as a Democratic candidate for the Wayne County Commission's 12th District.

This is Mason's first bid for elective office. She recently retired after a 43-year newspaper career, primarily working in Westland and Garden City.

"I decided to run for the commission seat to bring a fresh voice to politics in this area," Mason said. "I believe my many years of working as a reporter and editor have given me a clear view of the unique concerns and issues facing residents and local government. I know how to ask tough questions and I'm prepared to make the decisions that are in the interests of residents of the 12th District and Wayne County."

Mason will face veteran politician Glenn Anderson, who was appointed to the commission last month to replace Richard LeBlanc, the new Westland city clerk.

Mason has worked for community newspapers in western Wayne County since graduating from Wayne State University in 1972. In October, she retired from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers where she was a reporter, special editor and the editor of the

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Retired Westland Observer Editor Sue Mason, shown here after being given a key to the city by Westland Mayor William Wild, will challenge for the 12th District seat on the Wayne County Commission.

Neal reappointed to library board

The mayoral reappointment of Mark Neal to William P. Faust Library board was recently confirmed by the Westland City Council.

A library board member since 2011, Neal was reappointed to serve a five-year term. He has served as the board president since his appointment.

"Mark has done an incredible job in his first five

years as president of the library board," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "He will be a valuable asset this year as the library sees some highly anticipated improvements."

Neal is a retired Westland



Neal

fire chief and a 19-year resident of the city. His wife Patti serves on the Westland Civil Service Commission. The couple has three children and nine grandchildren.

"I look forward to working with the library board and library staff to guide the library through the proposed expansion project," Neal said. "The library expansion will allow us to improve e-

services, computer programs and provide quiet study areas."

The five-member library board oversees the operations of the William P. Faust Library. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the library's Community Meeting Room. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway.



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Wayne-Westland Observer and the Garden City Observer newspapers.

She currently is employed by the Garden City Public Schools as an academic success supervisor, working with 11th- and 12th-grade students at Cambridge High School.

According to Mason, among the issues that need to be addressed are the stalled Wayne County Jail project and the creation of an ethics department.

"Conditions in the existing jails are deplorable; something needs to be done now, not later," Mason said. "I'm glad to see that the county is looking at what can be done to salvage the project. Spending over \$1 million a month on the jail site is absurd. It's also absurd that the coun-

ty commission wasn't made privy to the secret audit of the project. Even if it had to be presented in closed session, the commission should have been aware of what was found."

Because of the scandals that surfaced in the final years of former county executive Robert Ficano's administration, Mason would like to see the county establish an ethics department overseen by an independent officer to prevent and/or expose wrongdoing. That officer would be able to provide sanctions, if ethics violations occur, she said.

"Wayne County needs to be transparent and free of scandal," Mason said. "People are frustrated by the abuse of their tax dollars from the jail project to the failed Pinnacle Race Track. Contracts also should be posted on the Wayne County website to ensure a fair and transparent

procurement process for any services paid for with tax dollars."

With the county selling the former Wayne County Hospital property in Westland, Mason would like to see officials get involved in preserving and protecting the hospital's legacy, its potter's field.

"As a member of the Friends of Eloise, I'm concerned with the damage that's been done by a group of people who have uncovered the grave markers on the historic site," she said. "The current county administration has been working with the Friends in addressing the situation, but more needs to be done to preserve and protect the cemetery. The hospital is a significant part of Wayne County's history."

Mason has been active in the western Wayne County area. She has served on the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA Board of Directors, the Garden City Public Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence and Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center Advisory Board. She has received nu-

merous state and national awards for her writing, was an O&E Journalist of the Year, and received a key to the city from Westland Mayor William Wild in recognition of her community achievement. She also was honored by Garden City Mayor Randy Walker and the Garden City Council for her work in Garden City and received a Good Neighbor Award for her work from the Norway Community Citizens Council.

Mason also is involved with the Western Wayne County Conservation Association's Friends of the NRA Foundation Event, which raises money that benefits the WWCCA's shooting sports programs for women and youth.

Mason and her husband Bob have two adult children.

"I'm not a career politician; I have no aspirations beyond representing the 12th District," Mason said. "I only want to work for the good of the 12th District and Wayne County."

HARMALA

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are excuses," she added.

Harmala explained math/science instruction is being beefed up at all levels. Students are asked to talk about their math reasoning.

"It'll help them to excel as they move forward," she said of those students.

Strategic planning sessions, with attendance ranging from 2-30, have helped district leaders, said Harmala. She isn't facilitating that directly so as not to influence input.

She touted "the wonderful work we're getting from the community to help move our students forward."

She also praised high school mentoring efforts at both John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools. "We're very proud of the mentors and the support," Harmala said.

She cited Champions high school mentoring with community/alumni benefactors, including the Westland Community Foundation. The superin-

tendent also lauded the \$50,000 given by the community and individuals to reopen the planetarium. John Glenn, an unusual offering for a public high school.

Harmala praised the "Leader in Me" program in elementary, upper elementary and now high school settings. "Kids love showing how well they're doing," she said in encouraging school visits by community adults. "They value adults coming in and asking them."

The strategic planning should yield a plan for five or more years, she added, with work upcoming with the Board of Education.

Harmala answered a flurry of questions, including on school funding. She noted Wayne-Westland's \$7,391-per-pupil allocation, not the only such district, although a factor in building closings and staffing levels.

"The kindergarten classes are getting smaller and smaller and smaller," she noted of the birth rate being down. Wayne-Westland loses an average of 270 students a year, some to charter schools.

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A will only see those revenues increase by rate of inflation — about 1 percent, regardless of how values rebound.

Like Wayne, Hazel Park and Eastpointe couldn't legally levy more millage even with voter approval. But the formation of the fire authority allows a dedicated millage to be levied.

One part of the authority law requires that the member communities levy the same millage. The revenue generated by the millage varies based on property values in the individual community.

While Eastpointe

needed revenues from the full 14 mills, Klobucher noted his city needed only 7 mills. To offset the required 14-mill levy, Hazel Park reduced its general fund millage by 7 mills.

"You really run out of options. The council and mayor are faced with few options," Duchane said. "The state is no help whatsoever. The loss in revenue sharing to local government is in the billions. We're all in this together and trying to help each other out."

Whether Wayne wanted to look at joining the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Authority formed by Hazel Park and Eastpointe or seeks another partner, Klobucher said action was needed.

"We had to become the

heroes of our story. You need to save your city," he said.

Some people were concerned about being over-taxed and millage increases negatively impacting the city, Klobucher said, but that hasn't been Hazel Park's experience.

"We have seen our property values go up — that's not a sign of high foreclosure rates," he said. "We got hit the hardest by foreclosures. We were ground zero for foreclosures."

Hazel Park's property values had dropped 55 percent, Klobucher said recently have increased over 11 percent.

"The most important thing we did is stabilize city services. Without that no one will come to your community," he

said. "If you don't do something, it won't be pretty."

Wayne will hold additional meetings to discuss a fire authority along with the recently appointed financial task force. Mayor Susan Rowe said if the city is to join Hazel Park and Eastpointe in an authority, the plan would be place the millage on the August primary ballot with a winter 2017 levy if it is approved.

Since 2012, Wayne and Westland's fire department operations have been merged under one chief but that didn't progress to funding through an authority.

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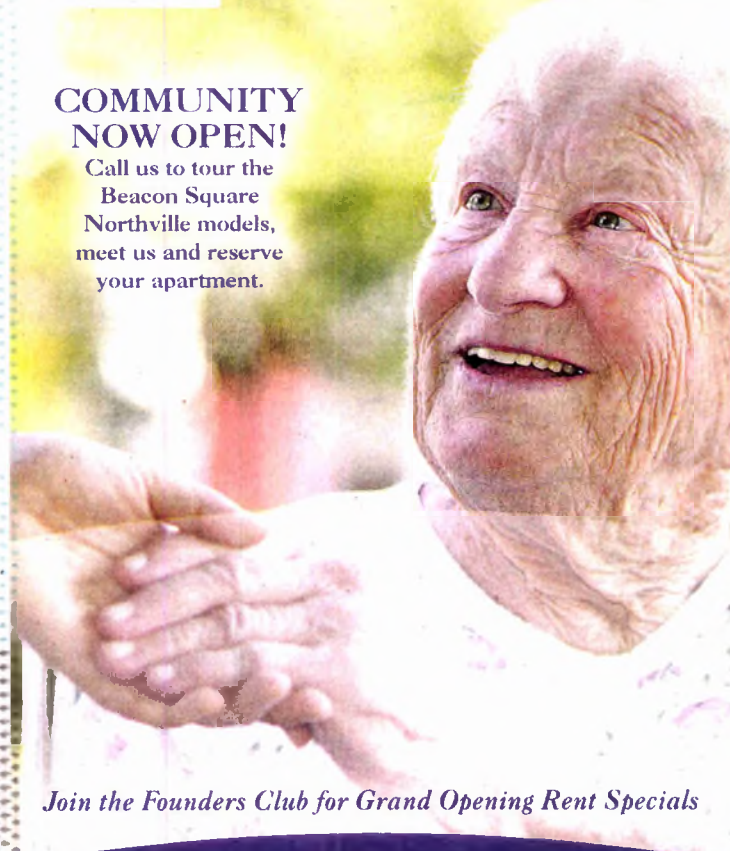
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Federal judge issues injunction on public official 'gag order' law

U.S. District Court Judge John Corbett O'Meara on Friday issued a preliminary injunction to stop the enforcement of a "gag order" provision in Public Act 269 that unconstitutionally was keeping school district and local government officials from communicating with voters before the March 8 election.

"Public officials deserve clarity on this issue so that they may serve the public in the normal course without fear of arbitrary sanction or prosecution," O'Meara wrote in his decision. "This matter is best resolved through the legislative process, with due deliberation and debate. Given the fast approaching March 8, 2016, elections, however, time is of the essence and the court must act."

Over 100 school districts

and local governments with issues on the March 8 ballot were being harmed by Subsection 57(3) of Public Act 269, which bans local officials or employees of local governments and school districts from using public resources to communicate with voters within 60 days of an election by giving them factual information about a ballot measure through radio, television, mass mailing or prerecorded telephone messages in the final two months of an election, according to a press release from the Conference of Western Wayne.

State law already prohibits governmental officials from using tax dollars to advocate for or against a proposal, the release notes. The Michigan Department of State over a three-year period found five

valid complaints where local entities violated the state law forbidding them from advocating for a ballot issue.

Plaintiffs contended the new gag order went far beyond what is constitutionally permissible, violating their First and 14th Amendment rights. O'Meara issued the injunction one day after hearing arguments at the U.S. District Court, Federal Building in Ann Arbor.

"We're grateful that Judge O'Meara recognized the irreparable harm that Section 57(3) was causing communities and voters," said Jerome R. Watson of Miller Canfield, who argued for the 18 plaintiffs Thursday.

Multiple organizations are opposed to Section 57(3) of PA 269, including the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Association of Counties, Michi-

gan Townships Association, Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association, Michigan Association of School Administrators, Conference of Western Wayne, Michigan Association of School Boards, and Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators. The groups have consistently called for a repeal of the gag order provision in PA 269.

"We are pleased that Judge O'Meara concurs with local government organizations that public officials deserve clarity in state law, and the ability to communicate factual information about local ballot proposals," said Larry Merrill, Michigan Townships Association executive director.

Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly, president of the Michigan Municipal League board,

added: "Today's ruling in support of a preliminary injunction is confirmation of what we've been saying all along, which is that this law was overreaching and attempted to solve a problem that didn't exist."

"One could arguably find a communication that 'references' a ballot question to be any communication that merely 'mentions' a ballot question," O'Meara wrote in his decision. "This result appears absurd; it is difficult to imagine that regulators would attempt to sanction or prosecute a public official for merely mentioning a ballot question in a city newsletter, explaining the difference between a millage renewal and millage increase, or explaining what 'non-homestead' means, for example."

Hung jury in attempted murder, arson case

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A Wayne man accused of setting fire to a Livonia building back in September will have a new trial later this spring after a Wayne County jury was hung in his case.

Jonathan Darlington, 46, is accused of setting fire to a building at the intersection of Plymouth and Deering in Livonia back in the early morning hours of Sept. 19. He's charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of first-degree arson, two counts of placing offensive substance with intent to cause physical injury and one count of arson-preparation to burn a dwelling. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

A jury heard testimony Wednesday and Thursday in the case before beginning deliberations at 9 a.m. Friday. By 2 p.m., they were declared deadlocked and could not reach a verdict, resulting in the hung jury.

Another jury trial is scheduled to take place April 26 in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, according to online court records.



Darlington

Testimony

Keshawn Fletcher took the witness stand Wednesday morning in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, still wearing a glove and bandages over his healing skin.

He said he still remembers waking up and feeling a "hot heat" in the building. His then-girlfriend, Kwame Dowdell, picked up a chair and tried to break out a window to escape.

"I told her, 'bust the window out,'" he said. "She threw the chair to bust the window out."

He testified in the attempted murder trial for Darlington, who is accused of setting fire to a building he, Fletcher and Kwame Dowdell were squatting in.

The opening statements and witness testimony began Wednesday morning after the jury was selected Tuesday.

Seven males and six females comprised the jury Wednesday listening to witness testimony. One juror was dismissed before opening statements took place.

Several of the same people who testified in Darlington's preliminary examination last fall in Livonia's 16th District Court took the stand again, including Dowdell.

She said she had lived in the building with Darlington for about a month before the fire took place. The night of the incident, she said she and Fletcher came to the building from a bonfire at her aunt's house in Redford and began to get into an argument with Darlington. She said he told her he didn't want her staying in the building anymore and that she needed to leave.

She said Darlington picked up a wrench and struck her with it. After a short while, the argument died down and the three went to sleep in different areas of the building. Later that morning, she woke up to extreme heat.

"The fire was burning the right side of my face," she said. "I got up and woke Keshawn up."

The two suffered burns on their bodies as a result of the fire. Fletcher required skin grafts from his legs to his arms.

Checked into motel room

Edward Knox, an acquaintance of Darlington's from their time working at Mastronardi Produce in Livonia, said Darlington came into the Royal Motor Inn, 27751 Plymouth, early that morning. Knox worked at the motel and had helped Darlington frequently with water and offering him a place to shower every once in a while.

He said Darlington came into the hotel at about 6 a.m., requesting a room for the rest of the night and the next night. He paid for the room and left the office. Knox said he then saw Darlington via security camera leave the motel property after going to his room.

"I gave him the key and he went in his room," Knox said. "I see the camera and he walks across the parking lot and toward that building."

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POLICE BRIEFS

Firearm stolen

Police were dispatched to a building in the 14300 block of Telegraph on the report of a stolen firearm.

The victim told police he left to get a haircut. He said he returned 15 minutes later and saw the door to his room was forced open and the listed pistol was missing. He did not know who would have broken in or taken the firearm. Police said a firearm was recovered nearby around the same time as this report was made.

Police called to home break-in

Redford police were dispatched Monday evening to a home in the 12800 block of Wormer on the report of a break-in.

When police arrived, they spoke to a realtor overseeing the home, which is currently vacant and for sale. The realtor said the front door was slightly open and the lock box missing. The door handle was also missing. Police inspected the home and found no one inside, and found all the copper piping and water heater still intact. The owner told police he locked the door and the lock box was intact the last time he was at the property.

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Livonia Clerk Susan Nash (left) helps Franklin High School senior Katherine Stenzel register to vote.

Clerks hit high schools to register young voters

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

With a Monday deadline looming to register to vote in the Michigan presidential primary, local clerks have been hitting the high schools in an effort to encourage young people to get involved in the process.

Livonia Clerk Susan Nash and Westland Clerk Richard LeBlanc were at Franklin High School in Livonia on Thursday, part of a week-long tour of

Livonia and Westland high schools to register voting-age high school students.

"We really want to get young people involved in the process," said LeBlanc, elected clerk in Westland in November.

Both clerks were pleased with the results, having been successful at all three Livonia schools:

» At Churchill High School, clerks registered 86 students (68 Livonia residents, 18 Westland residents).

» At Stevenson High School,

125 students registered to vote (including 124 Livonia residents).

» And at Franklin, clerks signed up 76 students (48 Livonia residents, 28 Westland residents).

"This helps get the kids to vote," said Nash, also elected in November. "It also helps, for instance, if the kids are going off to college, because (early registration) allows them to vote absentee. It's a big advantage for the kids."

It's the second year for the

voter drive, organized by Franklin PTSA vice president Ny Derry.

Derry said it's a good partnership between the cities and the PTSA.

"This drive shows the power of parents encouraging advocacy about voting," Derry said. "The kids are so proud when they register."

Michigan's presidential primary is March 8.

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Spelling bee champs crowned

Wayne-Westland Community Schools held the 36th annual District Spelling Bee recently for fifth- through eighth-grade students.

The Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee took place Jan. 28 at Adams Upper Elementary School.

Winners from Adams and Marshall competed in the Upper Elementary School Spelling Bee and winners from Franklin and Stevenson competed in the Middle School Spelling Bee.

Joseph Nunez, a sixth-grader at Marshall Upper Elementary School, won the Upper Elementary Spelling Bee. Basit Fijabi, an eighth grader at Stevenson Middle School, won the Middle School Spelling Bee.

They will both move on to compete in the WXYZ Channel 7 Spelling Bee which will be held in Detroit on March 13.



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Adam Martin, principal at Stevenson Middle School with Basit Fijabi, Earle Chorbagan, Carol Middel and Tom Buckalew.

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Farmington Players present 'Diary of Anne Frank'

The Farmington Players perform the classic drama *The Diary Of Anne Frank*, Feb. 12 through March 5 in Farmington Hills.

It's the gripping tale of the teenage writer, her family and others, who struggled to hide from the Nazis in their attic in Amsterdam. Despite the dark theme, Anne's unbridled optimism and dreams give the group hope for the future.

Anne's adolescent antics are qualities all families can relate to, as she struggles with teenage angst and imagines the possibility of romance.

This version of the play weaves writings from Anne Frank's diary together with survivor accounts to create a passionate story of people driven by hope, and to spotlight the triumph of the human spirit.

Anne Frank recorded her experiences in a diary that she left behind in 1944, when the Nazis captured her family. Her work has since inspired generations. The story by Frances Goodrich and



AMY CASSSELL (DETROIT, FROM LEFT), NANCY COOPER (FARMINGTON), GARY WEINSTEIN (FARMINGTON HILLS), MADISON KRUMINS (WATERFORD) AND LAUREL STROUD (REDFORD) IN A SCENE FROM "DIARY OF ANNE FRANK."

Albert Hackett was adapted by Wendy Kesselman and earned two Tony Award Nominations in 1998 for Best Featured Actress (Linda Lavin) and Best Revival of a Play.

The play is profoundly important to Director Maureen Mansfield of Farmington Hills, who is Jewish.

"My family's history is intertwined with the Holocaust," Mansfield said. "When I first read A

Diary of a Young Girl, by Anne Frank, it helped me understand what my family had been through. It somehow made me feel closer to them.

"Growing up, I was always told that it was our job, as Jews, to spread the word of the Holocaust," Mansfield added. "We had to make sure that no one ever forgot about the atrocities committed, because if they did, it could all happen again. I believe

anyone involved in the production of this show is doing a mitzvah, a good deed, by telling a story about that horrendous event."

The show features Barn regulars Alidor P. Lefere III (Metamora) and Laurel Stroud (Redford Township) as Otto and Edith Frank, and first-time Barn member Amy Cassell (Detroit) as the young diarist Anne Frank. Barn veterans Gary Weinstein (Farmington Hills) and Nancy Cooper (Farmington) play Hermann and Petronella Van Daan. Connor Green (Farmington) is Peter Van Daan. Jared Kovacs (Detroit) plays Mr. Dussell. Annie Schunior (Dearborn) portrays Miep Gies. Jerry Gass (Novi) lends his talents to Mr. Kraler, SS officer and assorted voices. Allie Walter (Canton Twp.) plays a soldier.

Reserved seats for *The Diary Of Anne Frank*, sponsored by Weinstein Jewelers of Novi, are at farmington-players.org or by calling 248-553-2955.

State inspectors find credit card skimmers at area gas stations

DAVID VESELENAK
Staff Writer

State officials say some credit card skimmers were discovered in the past few days on a credit card reader at several pumps at a Livonia and Westland gas station.

Jennifer Holton, communications director for the state Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, said an inspector checking gas pumps at the Shell station at 36420 Plymouth near Levan in Livonia found the skimmer installed on a pump. She said two more skimmers were found Friday at the Mobil station at 38353 Ford Road in Westland, located at the intersection of Ford Road and Hix.

She said there no way to determine how long the skimmers, used to take people's credit and debit card information, had been placed there by a suspect or suspects. The devices were removed from the pump at the station.

"It copies your information," she said. "They use it to counterfeit the credit card."

Those who may have used their credit at the stations are encouraged to keep a

close eye on their financial statements in order to detect any fraudulent charges. After being discovered, the incidents are turned over to the United States Secret Service for further investigation, Holton said.

Several dozen such skimmers have been found across the state in recent months, prompting MDARD inspectors to go across the state to inspect the pumps looking for the illegal devices.

Many gas station owners and operators are also keeping an eye out for anyone tampering with gas pumps and attempting to install a skimmer.

"Gas station owners are doing their part to protect consumers as well," Holton said. "There's been a couple of instances where it's been the station management that have found these devices."

Holton said that is the best way to stay vigilant against someone who may have stolen someone's credit or debit card information.

"Some of the things they can do is monitor their bank account regularly," she said.

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Westland looks for election workers

LEANNE ROGERS
Staff Writer

Michigan has a presidential primary election on Tuesday, March 8 — the first of three elections this year — and Westland is looking for a few good people to serve as election workers.

"I have so many people in Florida who can't work the election," Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc said. "I need 25-30 people."

The job pays \$130 for working from 6 a.m. "until we're done," he said, adding that will likely be 8:30-9 p.m.

If students are interested in working the election but have difficulty working the full day,

LeBlanc said there could be eight-hour shifts paid on a pro-rated basis. Workers are also paid for required training.

"I'd like everybody who wishes to be considered to submit a completed application by Feb. 16," LeBlanc said. "That gives us two weeks (to hire and train)."

New this year, the applications for election workers are available online at the city website www.cityofwestland.com under the city clerk tab. Sample ballots and requests for absentee bal-



LeBlanc

lots are also offered online.

"That's all new — it's different than last time," LeBlanc said.

With a single-issue election like the presidential primary, he said it will be good experience for new election workers before the Aug. 2 primary election and Nov. 8 general election.

Unlike other elections, the presidential primary requires voters to declare a party preference — Democrat or Republican — before a ballot is issued. Some people aren't happy with the system but it's set up under state law.

"I just got off the phone who was mad — he didn't want me to know

who he voted for," LeBlanc said. "He said he was not voting for the first time since 1950."

With multiple candidates on each party's ballot, LeBlanc said no one will know who a voter selects. There is also an uncommitted option on each party ballot; however, if a voter doesn't select that or a candidate, the ballot isn't counted.

"If it was up to me, there would an open primary. I don't care who you vote for — there will be more than one name on the ballot," he said.

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Mendelson's, Mama Mia's earn chamber awards

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce will honor a host of businesses and people at its annual Leadership Awards dinner Thursday at Laurel Manor.

Mendelson's Professional Building and Mama Mia's Restaurant will receive this year's Community Enhancement Award, which honors Livonia companies that invest in a construction project that makes a visible difference in the community.

Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic and Spine Specialists invested \$13 million to redevelop a long-dormant site on the corner of Five Mile and Levan roads. Dr. Herbert Mendelson started his practice in the 1960s and operated at various Livonia locations through the years, most recently on the campus of St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

CEO Mike Beaubien said the company needed more room and looked at various sites in and around Livonia for several years before deciding on the spot last occupied by Frank's Nursery and Crafts.

"We needed more space but we really wanted to stay in Livonia because this has been our home for so many years," Beaubien said. "We wanted a first-class building that will serve this community for a long time."

They constructed a two-story, 43,000-square-foot building that complemented the new construction across the street at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. In addition to the Mendelson Kornblum practice, the new building houses outpatient surgery and bariatric care facilities for St. Mary Mercy, MRI center for Instant Imaging, and Lakes Urgent Care.

Dr. Herbert Mendelson's sons David, Jeffrey and Stephen and



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Emily Bauman was named the Livonia Chamber's Ambassador of the Year.

daughter-in-law Alice are among the practice's 14 doctors. Beaubien said he needed to add 70 positions to adequately staff the new, larger Livonia location. The practice also has two facilities in Warren and with a total of 225 employees, and plans to add at least three more doctors this year.

Baubien said the company is honored to be selected for this honor.

"I realized how visible the project is to the community," he said. "It's nice to see the hard work we put in and focus on the details are recognized publicly."

Mama Mia's Restaurant has been a fixture on Plymouth Road near Inkster Road for 63 years. Brothers John and Chris Vardouniotis acquired the property in November 1976, and with the help of their families, Mama Mia's grew into a popular stop for Italian dishes featuring a variety of homemade sauces and pastas.

The family also controls the Mama Mia's location on Beech Daly Road near Grand River Avenue in Redford.

The family invested more than \$160,000 last year to revamp the restaurant's exterior to provide a uniform look for the 140-seat restaurant



Mendelson's Professional Building received a Community Enhancement Award from the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.



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and 225-seat banquet hall that were constructed separately. Other renovations last year included new carpeting and appliances for the kitchen and bar area.

"We will continue to work on some other interior projects," said John Vardouniotis, who turned 80 in December. "The family wants to keep it, so I put some money into it so they can keep it going."

He is on a winter break in Florida, but he plans to return to Livonia in the spring and resume working at 7:30 a.m. each day at the restaurant. John's wife Catherine; daughters Nancy and Margie; and grandchildren Paul, Katerina, Dominic, and Yanni all work at the restaurant.

"I've always told my grandchildren that whatever you do in life, you should be happy doing it," he said. "It makes me proud to see so many from the family who want to stay involved with the restaurant."

He added he attributes the restaurant's success to fair and consistent service and meals, and the Livonia community.

"I'm very proud to be part of Livonia," Vardouniotis said. "It is one of the best cities in Michigan and I enjoy being here."

Madonna University was selected as the second annual recipient of the Livonia Greenleaf

Award. Developed by the City of Livonia's Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability, the panel aims to reward those Livonia businesses that implement strategies that place equal importance on environmental quality, economic prosperity, and social equity. Madonna's Franciscan Center, completed in 2009, became the city's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building.

The Livonia Chamber's Ambassador of the Year, Emily Bauman is honored as the chamber's leading volunteer. She supported chamber members at ribbon-cutting celebrations, welcomed new businesses to the Chamber and referred other prospective new members throughout 2015.

As a business coach for AdviCoach of Michigan, Bauman works with business owners, specifically family-owned, to help take them to the

next level.

"What we like to do is help the owners really get back to why they started the business and rebuild that passion," said Bauman. "I have met new people and built relationships and having those connections have been great personally and businesswise."

She credits the Livonia Chamber for helping her meet many people when she was still new to the area. Bauman was raised in New York and lived in Colorado most of her professional life.

Baubien and her husband of nearly 20 years, Bill, have three children and they belong to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia. She's also a member of the Livonia Civic Chorus.

Tickets to the celebration are available at \$25 each. Admission includes a strolling dinner and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available. To reserve tickets, call 734-427-2122 or email tahnouch@livonia.org.

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PETITION 2016-01-01-01 submitted by the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 23.01(b) of Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended, to rezone the west 134.10 feet of property located on the west side of Newburgh Road between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail (9309 Newburgh Road) in the Southwest ¼ of Section 31, from PL (Public Lands) to R-1 (One Family Residential - 60'x120' lot).

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Changes to historic district designation up for debate

Kathleen Gray
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LANSING — A newly proposed bill in the Legislature looks to fundamentally change how historic districts are determined in communities across the state.

Under the bill, a new historic district would have to get approval of 75% of the property owners in the district and a city-wide vote before a designation was approved. It also would expand local review of historic districts and allow property owners to appeal the designation to the local governing body.

“Our bill to modernize a law written 45 years ago strikes the right balance between protecting private property owners’ rights and historic preservation,” said Rep. Chris Afendoulis, R-Grand Rapids Township. “This will help many communities maintain their historic identity, while ensuring private property owners have a greater voice.”

The biggest element of the bill, which has historic preservationists adamantly opposed to the bill, is the provision that would require historic districts to have to go through the cumbersome historic designation process every 10 years.

Currently, 78 communities in Michigan have historic districts that contain 20,000 properties within their communities, Finegood said.

Other bills introduced last week in Lansing deal with the Flint water crisis, including: asking for an undetermined amount of additional money to provide services in the city, repealing the emergency manager law and requiring that the water in all schools be tested for lead and copper.

Bills introduced in Lansing last week:

House bills

HB 5231: A supplemental appropriation bill to provide an undetermined amount of money to the Department of Environmental Quality to deal with the water emergency in Flint. Sponsor: Rep. Sheldon Neeley, D-Flint.

HB 5232 and SB 720: Give property owners

more of a say in the designation of historic districts in a town. Sponsors: Rep. Chris Afendoulis, R-Grand Rapids Township; Sen. Peter MacGregor, R-Rockford.

HB 5233: Reduce education requirements for sewage septic haulers’ license renewal. Sponsor: Rep. John Kivela, D-Marquette.

HB 5234: Provide a sales-tax exemption for feminine hygiene products. Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Roberts, D-St. Clair Shores.

HB 5235-5237: Make it easier to declare a walkout by teachers an actual strike, require the suspension of a teaching certificate for a teacher engaged in a strike, and deduct 5% in school aid payments to a district where the pay of striking teachers is not docked. Sponsors: Reps. Tim Kelly, R-Saginaw Township; Amanda Price, R-Park Township; Pat Somerville, R-New Boston.

HB 5238-5245 and 5254: Create an act dealing with how local governments select professional services contracts. Sponsors: Reps. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland; Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township; Jason Sheppard, R-Temperance; Clint Kesto, R-Commerce Township; Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth; Andy Schor, D-Lansing; Harvey Santana, D-Detroit.

HB 5246: Expand eligibility for veteran registration plates to include the Pueblo crisis. Sponsor: Rep. John Chirkun, D-Roseville.

HB 5247: Allow the use of green and amber



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Designations of historic districts would significantly change under a bill introduced in the Legislature last week.

lights on snowplow vehicles. Sponsor: Rep. Robert VerHeulen, R-Walker.

HB 5248: Provide for the use of a registration plate reader system in certain circumstances. Sponsor: Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing.

HB 5249 and SB 721: Allow a public body to share detailed, factual information on any legislation up for a public vote, but no specific details can be given regarding a yes or no vote on the proposal. Sponsors: Rep. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township; Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth.

HB 5250: Allow the Secretary of State to share photographs taken for driver’s licenses or state identification cards with the State Police. Sponsor: Rep. Ed Canfield, R-Sebewaing.

HB 5251: Authorize banks to do loan promotion raffles. Sponsor: Rep. Brandt Iden, R-Oshtemo Township.

HB 5252: Modify collective bargaining laws

to prioritize the prompt settlement of labor disputes and do away with right-to-work language. Sponsor: Rep. John Kivela, D-Marquette.

HB 5253: Modify the emergency manager law to allow for removal of the emergency manager by a two-thirds vote of the local governmental body after the EM has served for 18 months. Sponsor: Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, D-Detroit.

HB 5255: Provide for the prohibition of aquaculture in the Great Lakes. Sponsor: Rep. Jon Bumstead, R-Newaygo.

HB 5256: Create the appropriations act for the 2016-17 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs budget. Sponsor: Rep. Larry Inman, R-Williamsburg.

HB 5258: Restrict oil and gas wells in residential areas. Sponsor: Rep. Jeremy Moss, D-Southfield.

HB 5259: Establish a designated speed limit in a hospital highway zone. Sponsor: Rep. Ray Franz,

R-Onekama. **HB 5260:** Repeal the emergency manager act. Sponsor: Rep. LaTanya Garrett, D-Detroit.

HB 5261: Provide for funding for township road construction projects. Sponsor: Rep. Triston Cole, R-Mancelona.

HB 5262-5269, 5271, 5274, 5276-5277: Provide for the 2016-17 appropriations budgets for the departments of Education, State Police, Judiciary, Community Colleges, School Aid, Environmental Quality, Agriculture and Rural Development, Natural Resources, Corrections, Community Health, General Government, Talent and Economic Development. Sponsors: Reps. Phil Potvin, R-Cadillac; Aaron Miller, R-Sturgis; Earl Poleski, R-Jackson; Paul Muxlow, R-Brown City; Tim Kelly, R-Saginaw Township; Roger Victory, R-Georgetown Township; Nancy Jenkins, R-Clayton; Jon Bumstead, R-Newaygo; Dave Pagel, R-Berrien Springs; Robert VerHeulen, R-Walker; Laura Cox, R-Livonia.

HB 5270: Include circuit court judges as one of the people authorized to perform marriages. Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor.

HB 5271: Allow the county boards of road commissioners to levy a tax on county roads outside the jurisdictions of cities and villages. Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor.

HB 5273: Eliminate veto power of successor judges related to certain parole decisions. Spon-

sor: Rep. Dave Pagel, R-Berrien Springs.

HB 5275: Allow off-road vehicles and horses on forest roads in the Lower Peninsula unless designated as closed. Sponsor: Rep. Triston Cole, R-Mancelona.

HB 5278-5279: Specify the types of costs that can be apportioned on an incomplete drain improvement, and expand the authority to consolidate drainage districts to include villages. Sponsor: Rep. Ben Glardon, R-Owosso.

Senate bills

SB 718: Provide for K-5 music instruction in education curriculum. Sponsor: Sen. Curtis Hertel, D-East Lansing.

SB 719: Authorize the use of debit cards and certain telephone initiated transactions to satisfy payday lending transactions. Sponsor: Sen. Darwin Booher, R-Evart.

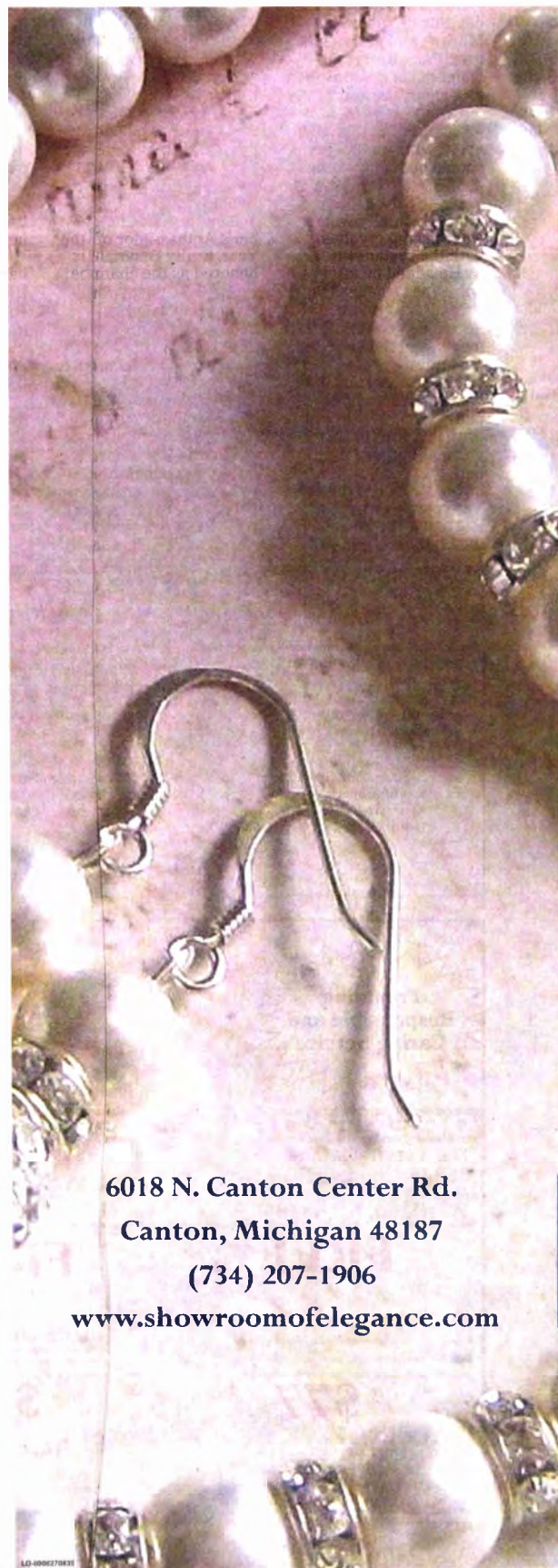
SB 722 and HB 5257: Define and allow social media liquor promotions. Sponsors: Sen. Tony Rocca, R-Sterling Heights; Rep. Clint Kesto, R-Commerce Township.

SB 723: Provide for automatic expungement of criminal records in cases of mistaken identity or identity theft. Sponsor: Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park.

SB 724-725: Require testing for levels of copper and lead in water supplied to schools, and allow for the use of money in the strategic water quality fund to pay for testing of public water supplies. Sponsor: Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

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American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, hosts its Lenten fish fry from 5-7:30 p.m. every Friday during Lent.

The menu is fried cod, baked cod, shrimp and baked chicken. Dinners include fish or chicken, choice of side, coleslaw, bread or rolls and coffee. Price is \$8.50 for fish or chicken dinners and \$9 for shrimp. Bake sale desserts are also available.

Toys and trains

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers' Club is sponsoring a buy-and-swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer Road, between Merriman and Venoy, in Westland.

There will be about 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 doughnuts will be available for dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4

per family. Parking is free.

For more information, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

Origins of Motown

The Livonia Civic Center Library, in celebration of Black History Month, hosts a celebratory and informative program on the Origins of the Motown Sound presented by Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. Stone is senior curator of the Society, which oversees the Detroit Historical Museum, and roughly some 250,000 artifacts in the City of Detroit's collection.

The free event and will take place in the library's auditorium, will last approximately 45 minutes and have a brief question and answer session immediately following.

Lenten services

Lola Park Lutheran Church observes Ash Wednesday with a special 7 p.m. service Wednesday, Feb. 10. The event will include a free grilled-cheese-and-soup supper served beginning at 6 p.m.

The church will also host 7 p.m., Lenten workshop services Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 10 and running through March 16. This year's theme is "Ironies of the Passion."

For more information, call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

Fish fry

For the 10th consecutive year, St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites the community to its All-You-Can-Eat Lenten Fish Fry on six Fridays in Lent, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 18, from 4:30-7 p.m. in the St. Michael School cafeteria.

The dinners will all feature baked or fried, hand-dipped fresh Ice-



Kim and Jeff Dold hold the Observer while on vacation in December 2015. This was at the end of a much-needed vacation to the Caribbean, said Kim, executive director of the Garden City Downtown Development Authority. The photo was taken in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

landic cod, mac and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, French fries or baked potato, rolls, butter, beverages, and ice cream, all at family-friendly prices: Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$8; Kids 3-13, \$5; and kids under 3, Free. Take-out service is also available at \$9 and

\$10 per dinner, with two or three fish fillets, respectively.

Lenten Stations of the Cross services will be offered in the church at 7 p.m. each evening following the dinner. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

For more information, call the parish office at 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniast-michael.org.

Wayne Memorial reunion

The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1966 is holding a 50th year class reunion Saturday, May 14. For information and registration, visit www.waynehighalumni.com.

Open house

St. Michael Lutheran School (Preschool-8) hosts an open house to current and prospective students Saturday, Feb. 20, between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Take a guided tour of the school and meet with teachers. The School offers morning and afternoon licensed latchkey and also bus service for residents of Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

St. Michael is located at 3003 Hannan Road in Wayne. For more information, contact the school at 734-728-3315 or visit www.stmichaellutheran.org.

3D Photography Club

The February meeting of the 3D Photography Club takes place 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. The meeting will feature a tutorial on using the free StereoPhoto Maker software for processing your own stereo images. After a refreshment break, we'll finish with 3D image competitions in "Open" and "Nature/Scenic" categories. There will also be a special "Freebie" drawing for 3D items for club members.

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. For more

information, visit www.Detroit3D.org or 248-398-3591.

Poisoning prevention

The Redford Township District Library hosts experts from the Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29. Experts say lead poisoning is the top environmental threat facing Michigan children. Material for all ages will be provided at this event, including coloring pages for children.

Register at www.redfordlibrary.org or call 313-531-5960, Ext. 105.

Daddy/daughter banquet

Warren Road Church announced a Valentine Daddy/Daughter Banquet on Friday, Feb. 12, from 7-9 p.m. The event will feature dinner, a DJ providing music and a photographer to capture a special keepsake memory of the evening. Tickets are \$15 per family and space is limited.

Call Warren Road Church at 734-458-7301 to purchase tickets.

Livonia newcomers

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, welcomes a chef from Williams-Sonoma Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. The healthy cooking chef will demonstrate an air fryer. Learn how to fry your favorite foods to perfection, using little or no oil.

The presentation will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, located on 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. It is sure to be a fun and tasty evening. Livonia Neighbors and Friends has its general meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May, at 7 p.m.

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Yankee Museum trains for guests with no, low vision

The Yankee Air Museum recently took steps to improve access to its exhibits and collections for people who have low vision or no vision. Key Museum department heads and tour guides (docents) received "sighted guide training" on Jan. 27, as part of the museum's "no guest left behind" initiative. The training was provided as a service of the state of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons.

"At the Yankee Air Museum we have always encouraged people to get up close to our airplanes, something that's rare among aviation museums," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum. "We know people who are visually impaired enjoy being

active and taking in all of the culture of the community. The sighted guide training assures we can deliver a quality 'up close' experience for our visitors who have low or no vision."

Since 2010, when it reopened at 47884 "D" Street at historic Willow Run Airport, the Yankee Air Museum has seen thousands of visitors of great diversity. Walsh said that he and museum staff noticed only few guests had significant vision disabilities.

"The sighted guide training consisted of a presentation and real-time demonstrations with our docents and staff role playing various scenarios," Walsh said. "It was very thorough and all of us came away with a new appreciation for our eyesight and a new sensitivity for people who are visually



The Yankee Air Museum has made improvements to allow for guests without or low vision.

impaired." The museum will offer a "Behind the

Scenes Touch Tour" for people with low or no vision on March 5. Regis-

tration is required in order to keep the tour groups small and the

interactions large.

The museum has 11 docents who recently completed the certification program for Boy Scouts of America merit badges.

"I'm really excited to be able to offer cool new programs that appeal to boys and young men leading to merit badges from Boy Scouts of America," Walsh said. "And we're not stopping with this certification. We'll be moving ahead with the Boy Scouts STEM Nova program and working with the Girl Scouts as well."

For more information on the March 5 "Behind the Scenes Touch Tour," call 734-483-4030.

For more information on the Boy Scouts of America merit badge programs at Yankee Air Museum, email education@yankeeairmuseum.org

Stay away from annuities that have strings attached

Q: I have an annuity that is maturing. This money has been in the annuity for more than 20 years. I received a notice from the company that I have to decide what I want to do with the money. They gave me two options. The first was that I could cash out the annuity, which means I will have to pay taxes on the money. The second option was that I can open a new annuity with them and continue having the money grow tax-deferred. The new annuity has a 10-year penalty period, which doesn't make sense to me. I think I'd rather pay the taxes than lock the money up for another 10 years. I've been to a number of your seminars and I know you say not to let the tax tail wag the dog. However, at least for the next couple of years, I



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

wouldn't mind deferring the taxes. Do you have other ideas?

A: I like the way you think. I agree with you — in today's world, it doesn't make sense to lock up your money for 10 years. You need to remain flexible and investments with high penalties don't give you that opportunity.

You don't want to let the tax tail wag the dog. But I also believe it's not patriotic to pay more money in taxes than you have to. We want to be smart with taxes, but the goal is not to save on taxes, rather to have more money in our pockets. Who would not have wanted to win the recent PowerBall lottery? Most

of us would have focused on the money that ended up in our pockets, not what we paid in taxes.

There is a third alternative. Instead of cashing out the old annuity, you can have it directly transferred into a new annuity with a different company where there are no penalties or surrender charges. Fidelity, Vanguard and Schwab all offer commission-free, no-penalty annuities. You can have the money directly transferred without tax consequences and it will continue to grow tax-deferred.

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Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Email him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.564) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

PETITION 2015-12-01-13 submitted by Michigan Property Group, L.L.C., to rezone the property located on the north side of Schoolcraft Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads, (28900 Schoolcraft Road) in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, from C-2 (General Business) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing).

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St. Val students cook up goodies for first responders, vets

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

For years, seniors attending daily Mass at St. Valentine Catholic Church have hung around afterward on Thursday mornings for coffee and snacks, generally mostly store-bought items they've brought themselves.

On Thursday, though, their snacking had a totally fresh taste to it, courtesy the students at St. Valentine School.

The school's first-through sixth-graders baked cookies, muffins, brownies, Rice Krispie treats and other yummy things for the seniors — and parish veterans — to enjoy as part of the school's celebration of Catholic School Week.

Kris Brake, the administrative assistant to the school's principal, said the effort was a sort of "life lesson" for students centered around the school's mantra of service to others.

"They were designed to help students do service that lets them appreciate others," Brake said. "Service to others is important. It's part of our mission as Catholics and as Christians."

The students spent much of the first part of the week baking in teams. On Tuesday and Wednesday, students made the walk to deliver baked goods to police officers and firefighters, as well as staffers at Redford Township hall.

For sixth-grader Gabrielle Riggins, the celebration paired two of her favorite things.

"I like hanging out with people, and I like baking," she said. "I think it's nice we could help people. I had a lot of fun."

When the parishioners gathered on Thursday, they were greeted by the fresh-baked snacks, homemade placements



The kids of St. Valentine School thank the parishioners.



Dionte Peoples, Kaivin Kong and the rest of the kindergarten class sing "Our God Is An Awesome God."



Mary Ann Senkowski samples treats made from scratch by St. Valentine students.

and bird feeders and were serenaded by first- and second-graders.

Parishioner Margaret Burger of Redford noted it'll be a little different when they gather next Thursday.

"We're spoiled now," she said with a laugh. "To think the children would think of us that way is wonderful. They did a great job."

Sixth-grader Mia VanDeusen said the week had been "pretty fun."

"We got to hang out with our classmates, and we got to have fun while still helping other people," Mia said.

Sixth-grader Christopher Lieto was honored to help the seniors, but especially liked doing something for the first-responders and the veter-

ans. "I thought it was a good experience," Christopher said. "The veterans and the firefighters and the cops are fighting for us. They need a break and to relax."

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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, February 23, 2016, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2016-01-01-02 submitted by Livonia Office Center pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 28200 Seven Mile Road, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, from OS, Office Services to C-1, Local Business.

Petition 2016-01-02-01 submitted by Kucyk, Soave & Fernandes, P.L.L.C. requesting special waiver use approval pursuant to Sections 20.01 and 20.02A of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to develop a Planned Residential Development (Washington Park) under the Single Family Clustering option on properties at 9449, 9447, 9445, 9443, 9441 and 9439 Hix Road (former Washington Elementary School site), located on the southwest corner of Hix and Ann Arbor Roads in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31.

Petition 2015-12-03-02 submitted by Schoolcraft College, pursuant to Council Resolution #41-15 and Section 12.08 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances of the City of Livonia, as amended, to determine whether or not to vacate the existing sanitary sewer, storm water and water main easements at 39201 Seven Mile Road, located on the southeast corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty Roads in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7.

Petition 2016-01-06-01 submitted by the City Planning Commission, on its own motion, pursuant to Section 23.01(b) of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to determine whether or not to amend Article XI, C-2 District Regulations, of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended, to allow indoor, climate-controlled self-storage facilities either as a permitted use under Section 11.02 or as a waiver use under Section 11.03.

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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Holy Name students meet Abraham Lincoln

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It is well known by most that Mr. Lincoln had little formal education, and that his experience in what rough-and-tumble schools did exist on the frontier of his boyhood amounted to less than a year altogether. What may not be as well known is the fact that despite this rocky start, Lincoln swiftly developed a life-long love of books and the written word in all forms.

"Books Made The Man" introduced students at Holy Name to some of the books Mr. Lincoln eagerly read as a boy, but also to the rest of the works of literature and instruction he continued to pour over throughout his life, from the books on *Surveying and the Law* that enabled him to become successful in life to the works on military strategy he found himself reading in the White House, and everything in between.

To learn more about Holy Name Catholic School, visit www.school.hnchurch.org.



Abraham Lincoln, born Feb. 12, 1809, in Kentucky, served as the country's 16th president.

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

'Amazing Woman' scholarship applications available

An Amazing Woman Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for spring and summer programming. Young women ages 10-18 who demonstrate a passion for their art form and a desire to seek additional education and experience in the arts are encouraged to apply. Application

requirements are available at www.AnAmazingWomanFoundation.org.

Scholarship applications are due Feb. 15. Funds can be used for art classes, materials, experiences, instrument and/or space rental, general assistance and much more. AAWF is an inclusive organization,

embracing art in its many and diverse forms.

In its first round of scholarship awards in the fall of 2015, AAWF wrote scholarships to three young women pursuing arts education and experience. "We are very excited about our second round of scholarship applications and

awards," said Sandy Garbovan, President of AAWF. "We are committed to ensuring that the next generation of women are equipped with the courage, inner strength, confidence and positive attitude necessary to enrich their lives and transform their communities and the world in amazing ways."

An Amazing Woman Foundation was started in 2014 to develop confidence and character in young women through arts education and experience. Currently, the organization is active in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

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Canton cops cite drop in student incidents at The Park

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Incidents involving a response by Canton police have shown an overall decrease at the 6,100-student Plymouth-Canton Educational Park since 2012, new statistics indicate, marking a welcome trend for a sprawling campus with three high schools.

A new report indicates the campus had 622 police-involved incidents for the last fall semester — down 9.3 percent from the same time period a year earlier. Even more striking, the latest number is down 11 percent compared to fall semester 2013 and a startling 24.7 percent from 2012.

Police and school officials say it's no coincidence the numbers have fallen since indoor security cameras were installed three years ago to capture incidents on video. Moreover, Canton police have added a third school resource officer, or SRO, to the campus known as The Park.

"Our number one priority is to keep everyone here safe," SRO Andy Curry said.

While the officers certainly strike back against illegal behavior, they say their role also involves going into classrooms to educate students about issues ranging from drunken driving to bullying, mentoring youngsters who need it and protecting a 305-acre campus whose daytime population could be compared to a small town. The Park has about 500 employees.

The numbers

Police-involved school incidents can — and do — fluctuate at The Park. But here's a closer look at some new statistics provided by SRO Dave Eyl:

- » Police made only four custodial arrests of students last fall semester, a drop of 50 percent from the same period one year ago, 81 percent from 2013 and 66.6 percent from 2012. Less-serious citations have increased slightly, with 91 handed out last semester.

- » SROs had no dangerous weapons incidents last fall semester, compared to just one in 2014, none in 2013 and two in 2012. The most serious offenses in recent years involved a large knife and an airsoft gun, or firearm replica, being brought to school.

"We're not aware of any (real) firearms," Eyl said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Officers Dave Eyl, Ed Jagst and Andy Curry practice community policing at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Park's school resource officers are Ed Jagst, Dave Eyl and Andy Curry. They're shown here at Salem High School as students race between classes and lunch.



are tapping into social media to monitor potential issues such as security threats.

Monica Merritt, the Plymouth-Canton district's interim superintendent, said Canton police officers are "an incredibly important part of the educational team" at The Park.

"The experience, mentorship and commitment to student safety that they bring to the unique setting that is The Park helps the experience for the staff and students who teach and learn there on a daily basis," she said. "With all the benefits that the SROs bring to those three high schools, one of the most important and rewarding parts is the relationships that they are able to develop with the students. We know that this provides the high school students with positive role models who work so hard not just to keep The Park a safe place for all, but to be a great example for others to do the exact same thing."

Student perspective

Salem High senior Chris Robbins recalled an incident involving a student who, while waiting for his mother to pick him up at school, made a joking remark about selling drugs. Police and school security took it seriously and investigated.

"As a student, I feel as though that's great. We have people here who care for our safety and care for our well-being," Robbins said. "As great as the teachers are about that, there's only so much they can do if somebody comes to school with a gun or weapon. Having the SROs there makes me feel safer."

Robbins, a reporter for The Park's student newspaper, *The Perspective*, said SRO Jagst once helped him when he was working on a story about SADD, or Students Against Destructive Decisions.

"He gave me a bunch of good quotes for the article," Robbins said. "As serious as the SROs are, they're great people. They do a lot more than what is being asked of them — and they're very good at what they do."

Eyl said SROs also have helped teens who confide that they are victims of sexual assaults and parental abuse. That help may involve detectives, counselors and Child Protective Services.

SROs have investigated an occasional case of ethnic intimidation. One of the more recent incidents involved a white student who assaulted a black student, causing minor injuries. SROs say such reports are rare, even though The Park has a diverse population.

Curry said most Plymouth-Canton area students have long interacted with peers of different races and cultures, simply because the district serves a diverse population.

"They've been growing up with each other from day one in kindergarten," he said.

Students also have been exposed to an array of clubs, ranging from the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community to K-Pop, a group that celebrates Korean culture and music.

Hilden said Canton first assigned officers to The Park in 1997. They receive training from the National Association of School Resource Officers.

Hilden said school officials and SROs work together to set expectations for student behavior. He said they try their best to fairly enforce those rules.

"I think it lets everybody know what is expected of them," he said. "I think it makes for a safer environment."

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- » Police officers handled seven drug-related incidents last fall semester, a 16.6-percent increase for the same period one year earlier. However, those cases were down 30 percent from 2013 and 75.8 percent from 2012.
- » Bullying incidents are down 73 percent since 2012, with only four cases reported last semester. Those numbers are based on students who come forward.
- » SROs reported six

assaults last semester, compared to four the previous fall semester, but much lower than the 27 assaults in 2012.

- » Traffic accidents on or near The Park have spiked considerably. In all, 36 incidents were reported last fall, up 71.4 percent from 2012.

Even when a student is in trouble, SROs say the goal is to help the youngsters work through their problems and strive for graduation — not probation or incarceration.

The officers work closely with The Park's security officers, school counselors, 35th District Court and Growth Works, an agency that provides services ranging from substance abuse treatment to family counseling.

'Best relationship'

Canton Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden said the unified approach, in his opinion, is "absolutely the best relationship" of its kind in Michigan. At school, SROs say one of

their main goals is to develop trusting relationships with students. One teen, who improved his behavior after a marijuana arrest, became a confidant and provided a tip that led police to a student involved in malicious destruction of property.

SROs are careful to protect those relationships by keeping sensitive discussions private.

"We don't want to out anybody in the hallway," SRO Ed Jagst said. Police officers also

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COACHING HONOR

Phill 'Coach of Year' finalist

Stevenson swimming mentor up for national award

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association, which is the professional organization of school coaches and athletic directors, has selected Livonia Stevenson swimming-and-diving coach Greg Phill as one of eight national finalists for "Coach of

the Year".

The award will be presented June 25-29 at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky., during the NHSACA's annual conference, which over 500 coaches and athletic directors are expected to attend.

The selection and nomina-



Greg Phill

on the performance of his program over the years and

tion for this award comes from the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

According to the NHSACA, Phill's selection has been based

his contribution to the sport, school, and community.

The NHSACA is a 51-year-old association with nearly 335,000 members serving as athletic administrators and coaches in numerous high schools and junior/middle highs throughout the United States.

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GCYAA registration

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association will be holding walk-in registration for TBall, Baseball, and Fast Pitch Softball at the Maplewood Community Center on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Online registration is open now through Feb. 26 at www.gcyaa.com.

In order to register, you must bring a parent or legal guardian, a copy of your birth certificate, and the registration fee. Only cash and check are accepted at walk-in registration. Credit cards are accepted with online registration.

The GCYAA registration is open to boys and girls starting with older 3-year-olds through age 18.

The Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, is located between Warren Road and Ford Road just west of Merriman in Garden City.

You may visit www.gcyaa.com for further information on league ages and registration costs. You may also contact the TBall, Baseball, Fast Pitch Softball Commissioner at gcyabaseball@wow-way.com.

Franklin baseball camp

Livonia Franklin's baseball program will be hosting a spring baseball camp on Saturday, Feb. 20.

There will be two sessions: one that runs from 9-11:30 a.m., focusing on hitting, base-running and infield work; and an afternoon session, running from noon to 2:15 p.m., focusing on defensive work and pitching.

The cost for one session is \$30; the cost for both sessions is \$50.

Campers who will be attending both sessions are asked to bring a sack lunch for the 11:30 a.m. to noon break.

For more information, contact head coach Matt Fournier mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us or 734-968-0499.

Crusader cagers win

Behind balanced play and a strong performance from the bench, Madonna University's men's basketball team outlasted Northwestern Ohio, 78-68, on Wednesday in the school's Activities Center.

The Crusaders' reserves outscored the Racers reserves, 38-15, to help MU move to 9-8 in the WHAC and 12-13 overall.

The Racers slipped to 8-17 and 5-12, respectively.

MU senior guard Zak Lewis (Petoskey High School) knocked down four key free throws late to help secure the win and fend off a late Racers run that cut the Crusaders' advantage to two possessions in the game's closing minutes.

JERSEY RETIREMENT



Mike Donnelly is presented a framed Franklin jersey by current Patriots captain Brendan Whitney as his wife Debbie (far left) and daughters Paulina, Alexa and Micaela look on. TOM BEAUDOIN

HONORING AN ICON

DONNELLY HUMBLD BY CEREMONY RECOGNIZING HIS FABULOUS FEATS

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Like an iconic rock star returning to the scene of his first sold-out concert, Mike Donnelly couldn't take more than a few steps along the outside-the-boards perimeter of the Eddie Edgar Arena playing surface Wednesday night without being politely stopped for a memories-sharing chat with former high school buddies or for a quick photo with admiring fans.

It was hard to blame the masses for wanting to connect with the still-fit 52-year-old hockey star, given the mountain of eye-popping accomplishments he piled up during a one-year

stint as a forward for Livonia Franklin, four years as a record-breaking goal-scorer for Michigan State University and a decade as a high-scoring forward in the National Hockey League, where he scored 125 goals and shared a line for five seasons with Wayne Gretzky.

The Patriots and head coach Dennis Gagnon — who is a lifelong friend and former hockey teammate of Donnelly — recognized the former Franklin star with a stirring pre-game ceremony on one of the sheets of ice that served as a springboard to the lightning-quick skater.

"Any time you're recognized for your ac-



Mike Donnelly

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Patriots sail past short-handed Anchor Bay

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It took a little while for Livonia Franklin's hockey team to clear the dock Wednesday night against visiting Anchor Bay, but once it did, it was smooth sailing for the Patriots.

Following a scoreless, tight-checking first period, Franklin took the lead for good in dazzling fashion 17 seconds into period two when Chase Wallis one-timed a thread-the-needle crossing pass from Brendan Whitney past Tars goalie Alex Morin, sparking the flame in a 5-1 triumph over the short-handed visitors.

"I thought we played well

during the first period," Franklin head coach Dennis Gagnon said. "I think our problem was our guys may have looked down and seen that they had a light bench and took their foot off the gas, thinking we were going to win."

"They're a good team, even though they're not as deep as us. Once we started bearing down we were able to turn it on and wear them down."

Wallis was stationed just to the left of Morin, who didn't have a chance to subdue the exquisite timing of the Patriots' dynamic duo.

That goal opened the flood

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Franklin's Jack Engel maneuvers past an Anchor Bay player Wednesday night. TOM BEAUDOIN

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Churchill holds off Canton upset bid with OT win

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Jordan Venegoni not only got things cooking for Livonia Churchill's hockey team Wednesday night, he also turned off the stove on visiting Canton.

Venegoni's 12th goal of the season with 1 minute and 45 seconds left in overtime lifted the Chargers to a 5-4 triumph in a KLAAs South Division nail-biter.

The outcome fortified surging Churchill's record to 15-3-1 overall and 5-3 in the South. Canton dropped to 3-14-1 and 0-10-1, respectively.

After Canton's Matt Eastman gave his team a 1-0 lead midway through the first period, Venegoni knotted the game at 1-1 just over three minutes later when he deposited the puck in the net with assists from Willis Wuebben and Tyler Haydu.

The wild first period didn't



Churchill's John Doyle pushes the puck up the ice during a game earlier this season.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

Carey).

Churchill secured a momentary 3-2 lead 17 seconds into the middle period when Nolan Cioch lit the lamp from Josh Friend.

Undeterred, the Chiefs drew even at 3-3 55 ticks later when Joe Powers scored from Oldani and Marcus Cook.

The Chargers carried a 4-3 edge into the second intermission thanks to Spencer Kovacs' power-play goal. He was assisted by Conor Burnette and Friend.

Cook made the extra session necessary when he scored a third-period goal thanks to an assist from Emerson Taylor.

That set the stage for Venegoni, who stepped up when the Chargers needed a hero.

Andrew Broyles stopped 24 shots for Churchill. Isaac Salinas made 31 saves for the Chiefs.

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end until the teams exchanged goals — Canton's coming from

Brian Oldani (assisted by Michael Gaffka) and Churchill's

equalizer provided by Haydu (from John Doyle and Danny

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Edney primed for big football career at Davenport University

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City senior football player Nick Edney, who dominated opposing linemen no matter what side of the line of scrimmage he was stationed this past fall, ensured that he will continue his gridiron career at the next level Wednesday when he signed a national letter of intent to compete for Davenport University, which will elevate to NCAA Division II status in 2017.

Joining Edney at the signing ceremony were his mom, Wendy Edney, grandfather Jerry Edney, brother Matt Edney, cousin Jeff Edney, Garden City head football coach Scott Murray, Garden City High School Principal Sharon Kollar and Garden City High School Associate Principal Parker Salowich.

Strong and quick at 6-foot-2 and 265 pounds, Edney can



Nick Edney was surrounded by family, coaches and administrators while he signed his Letter of Intent to play football for Davenport University.

cover a 40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds. He posted a vertical leap of 28.5 inches, which matched with his lifting accomplishments (300 pounds on the bench press and 450 pounds on the squat).

"This past year we had him

play center, middle line-backer and some defensive end," said Murray, acknowledging Edney's versatility.

Edney registered 20 pancake blocks while playing center and had a 40-yard run on a hitch-and-pitch play.

Ladywood athletes bound for next level



Several Livonia Ladywood seniors signed National Letters of Intent to compete in sports at the college level during a National Signing Day ceremony on Wednesday. Pictured are (from left) Nicole Reece (Alma College, lacrosse); Jill Jacobs (Tiffin University, lacrosse); Maddie Haas (Schoolcraft College, softball); Conner Huggins (Villanova University, soccer); Rozlyn Price (Binghamton University, softball); Michaela Warner (Davenport University, softball); Alexa Flores (Davenport University, softball); and Rachel Hendrickson (Taylor University, softball).

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Stevenson soccer standout Ackman signs with Longwood University

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson senior student-athlete Paige Ackman will be taking her high-level soccer skills and academic prowess to Longwood University, an NCAA Division 1 program located in Virginia.

A three-year varsity soccer player for the Spartans, Ackman is also a starting forward and captain for the Stevenson basketball team.

Ackman, who has sculpted a stellar 4.1 grade-point average at Stevenson, has been invited to be a member of Longwood University's Honors College while she pursues a degree in history with an emphasis in pre-law.

Ackman is a member of the



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National Honor Society and plays club soccer for the Northville-based Michigan

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Franklin hockey players celebrate after one of their five goals Wednesday night.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Petrie signs with Valparaiso

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Bruising and fleet-footed at the same time, Livonia Stevenson running back Austin Petrie was a nightmare to bring down for opposing defenders the past three seasons.

On Wednesday, Petrie signed a National Letter of Intent to play college football for Valparaiso University beginning in the summer.

Petrie got the most out of his 5-foot-10, 214-pound frame during his senior season, rushing for 831 yards and 13 touchdowns on 117 carries. He also caught 19 passes for 228 yards and returned six kicks for 241 yards and a score.

"Austin was a team captain and led us in rushing the past two seasons, which was impressive since many teams geared their defense to stop him first," said Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef.



Surrounded by his parents and coaches, Livonia Stevenson's Austin Petrie signed a Letter of Intent to play college football for Valparaiso University beginning later this year.

"He does a phenomenal job of blocking and was a big reason why our team has made back-to-back playoff appearances.

"Austin was a difference-maker who made big plays when we needed them most."

HOCKEY

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gates for the hosts, who quickly seized a 3-0 advantage thanks to back-to-back net-finders from Whitney, who was assisted by Nick Salisbury and Wallis on his first goal, before finishing off a sweet give-and-go with Wallis with 1:41 remaining in the period.

Anchor Bay's Troy Saunby gave his fans at least a tidbit of hope with 15.1 seconds left before the second intermission when he popped the puck in the mesh.

Franklin sealed the deal,

though, over the final 17 minutes with insurance goals from Wallis and Trevor Lassaline, who beat Morin with a laser slap shot from the left wing.

Franklin goalie Jake Penny displayed the reflexes of a Venus Fly Trap most of the night, stopping 20 Tar scoring attempts.

"I thought Trevor Lassaline had a nice game tonight," Gagnon said. "And Jack Ores played well defensively for us."

Morin played well most of the night, turning away 37 Patriot pucks.

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PHILL

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Partnered with the Michigan High School Coaches Association, the NHSACA works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athlet-

ics and the role of athletic administrators and coaches.

"The NHSACA and MHSCA are very proud to spotlight Greg Phill, a person whose work and values best mirror those of the association," the NHSACA said in a press release.

Area's elite team features all-state talent

FIRST TEAM
Emma Bradley, 200 free, N. Farmington: One of the best swimmers in school history, Bradley is the Oakland County champion in the 200, posting an area-best time of 1:52.87 at that meet.

At the Division 2 state meet, she was fourth in the 200 and 500 free. She also was the county runner-up in the 500.

Bradley, who will swim for Miami University in Ohio, placed third in the 200 and fourth in the butterfly at the OAA Red Division meet.

She broke former Virginia and Olympic swimmer Katya Bachrouche's school record in the fly with a time of 57.54.

"Emma had a fantastic season," coach Mike Harfoot said. "She can swim any event and do really well. We could always count on her for relays and individual events, wherever the team needed her."

"We had her go against the other team's best swimmer in dual meets, and she always held her own. She's a really hard trainer. She's always looking to do the extra things to get better."

Linda Zhang, 200 IM, Salem: One half of the Rocks' uber-talented Zhang twins, Linda capped off a brilliant four-year prep career.

She finished third in the 200 individual medley at the Division 1 state meet with a time of 2:04.82. It marked her fourth straight all-state performance.

Zhang, also a team captain and outstanding student-athlete (4.0 grade-point average), displayed her trademark versatility for the Rocks, with the No. 1 time among Observerland swimmers in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.84).

She also was among the top area swimmers in every freestyle event, butterfly and backstroke. Her personal best of 2:04.44 was fourth overall in the 200 IM. Zhang was a standout performer on all Salem relays, too.

"Linda owns probably half the Salem records now," coach Chuck Olson said. "All the relays, she's got the 200 free, IM, 100 free, 100 breaststroke. She's been All-American, most valuable the last two years. Just a great person and a great student."

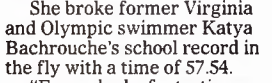
Zhang received an academic scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania and will compete in women's swimming. She also was named co-winner of the 2015 Rock Maurer Award, presented for leadership, academics and athletics, sharing the honor with her sister.

Ashley Turak, 50 free, Harrison: Just a freshman, Turak had a great first year of high school swimming, earning Division 2 all-state status in two individual events.

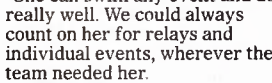
Her major accomplishments include being the OAA White Division champion in the 50 and 100 freestyle. She placed fourth in the 50 at



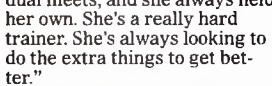
Emma Bradley, 200 free, N. Farmington



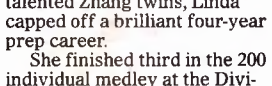
Linda Zhang, 200 IM, Salem



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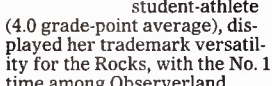
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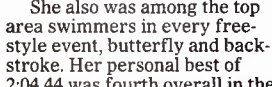
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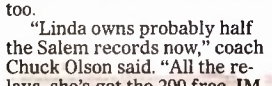
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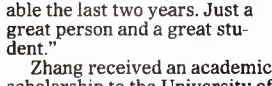
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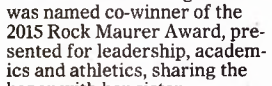
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Julia Borri, 100 breast, Harrison



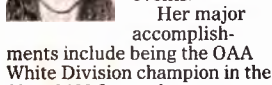
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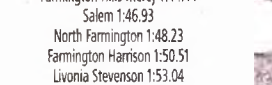
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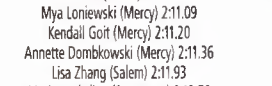
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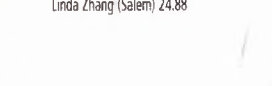
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the Oakland County and state meets. She also was 10th and sixth in the 100, respectively.

"She's just a pure sprinter," coach Kyle Kinyon said. "She bought into the training and improved throughout the season. She's always pushing herself, wanting to get better."

"If you don't have the fast-twitch muscles, you're not going to be a good sprinter. She's blessed with that ability. Recognizing that early, we trained her that way throughout the season, and it paid off for us."

Alexa Rybicki, diving, Mercy: Rybicki had a great sophomore season and has a big upside for future success.

She is the Catholic League champion, scoring an area-best 412.75 points in that competition. She also was sixth in Oakland County and 16th in the state.

"Alexa is very dedicated to the sport of diving," coach Shannon Dunworth said. "Her going to the state meet and scoring points there demonstrated that."

"We've had some really strong divers at Mercy, and Alexa can be on a par with the best of them if she continues to progress."

Alaina Skellett, 100 fly, Mercy: Skellett is the Catholic League and Oakland County champion in the butterfly. She set a league record of 55.88 and swam the fastest area time at 55.20.

Skellett also was the D1 state runner-up in the fly and placed third in the backstroke. She was second in the backstroke at the league and county meets.

"Alaina is one of the most coachable kids, if not the most coachable, I've ever had," Dunworth said. "She's fiercely competitive. She's very, very talented and extremely level-headed when it comes to her swimming."

"She's one of those people you can count on in the pressure situations."

Kendall Goit, 100 free, Mercy: The 100 was a new event for Goit. She adapted well to it and had the fastest time (52.44) of any area swimmer. She is among the best in the 200 and 500 free, too.

In the 100, Goit was second in the league, third in Oakland County and 10th in the D1 state meet. In the 200, she was second in the county and seventh in the state; she also was third in the IM at the league meet.

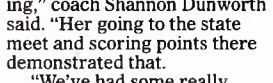
"Kendall made a very successful move from the 500 free to the 100," Dunworth said. "I'm not positive that's going to be her best event, but that's the place on the team where we needed her most."

"She clearly filled that void. It was not without a great deal of commitment on her part to learning new things and dedicating herself to a different event."

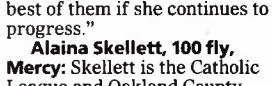
Ellyse Conn, 500 free, Mercy: A perennial member of the all-area team, Conn capped an outstanding prep career by finishing third in the 500 free



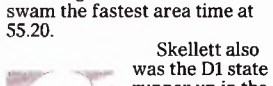
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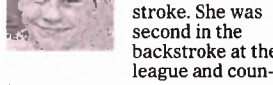
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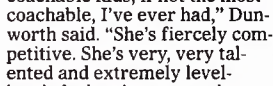
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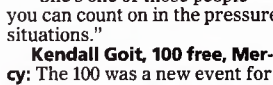
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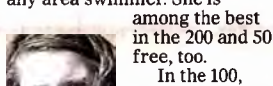
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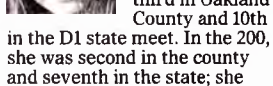
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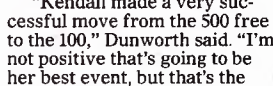
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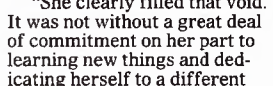
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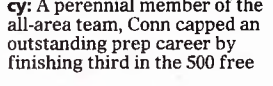
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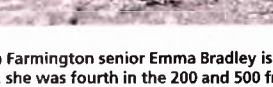
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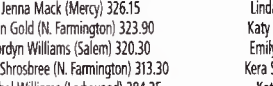
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ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

200-yard freestyle: 1. Emma Bradley, sr., North Farmington; 2. Maria Arakelian, fr., Stevenson.

200 individual medley: 1. Linda Zhang, sr., Salem; 2. Katie Xu, jr., Salem; Mya Loniewski, soph., Mercy.

50 freestyle: 1. Ashley Turak, fr., Harrison; 2. Summer Edwards, jr., North Farmington.

One-meter diving: 1. Alexa Rybicki, soph., Mercy; 2. Camille Burt, soph., Salem.

100 butterfly: 1. Alaina Skellett, jr., Mercy; 2. Katy Kouvaris, sr., Mercy.

100 freestyle: 1. Kendall Goit, soph., Mercy; 2. Allison Lennig, sr., Plymouth.

500 freestyle: 1. Ellyse Conn, sr., Mercy; 2. Morgan Jones, sr., Mercy.

100 backstroke: 1. Katie Minnich, soph., Mercy; 2. Meghan Mans, jr., Canton; Patricia Freitag, sr., Salem.

100 breaststroke: 1. Julia Borri, sr., Harrison; 2. Grace Xu, jr., Harrison; Allison Lobbia, jr., Mercy.

At-large selections: 1. Lisa Zhang, sr., Salem; Hannah Chao, jr., North Farmington; Annette Dombkowski, fr., Mercy.

RELAY TEAMS
200-yard medley: 1. Mercy (soph. Katie Minnich, jr. Allison Lobbia, jr. Alaina Skellett, fr. Annette Dombkowski), 2. Salem (jr. Katie Xu, sr. Linda Zhang, sr. Patricia Freitag, sr. Lisa Zhang).

200-yard freestyle: 1. Harrison (jr. Grace Xu, sr. Julia Borri, sr. Katie Romero, fr. Ashley Turak), 2. Mercy (sr. Katy Kouvaris, soph. Kendall Goit, fr. Annette Dombkowski, sr. Ellyse Conn).

400-yard freestyle: 1. Mercy (soph. Kendall Goit, soph. Katie Minnich, sr. Ellyse Conn, jr. Alaina Skellett), 2. Salem (sr. Lisa Zhang, jr. Katie Xu, sr. Patricia Freitag, sr. Linda Zhang).

and fifth in the 200 IM at the D1 state meet.

Conn, who will swim at Indiana University, is the Oakland County champion in the 200 IM and 500 free. In the Catholic League, she was first in the 500 and second in the 100 IM.

"Ellyse has been the heart and soul of the swim team for several years," Dunworth said.

"She never has a bad day. She's always at her best when it comes to effort."

"You can put her in any event, and she's going to be successful. I'm sure she has or can qualify for state in every event. In addition to the number of points she scores, her day-to-day presence is second to none."

Katie Minnich, 100 back, Mercy: Minnich is a two-time Division 1 state champion in the backstroke and has the area's best time at 54.67. She is the Catholic League and Oakland County champion in the backstroke, too.

Minnich also won the league championship in the 200 IM. She placed third in the county and seventh in the state in that event.

"The biggest part of Katie is her heart," Dunworth said. "When you can point to somebody like her, with her work ethic and overall success without being the biggest girl on the starting block, it leaves little room for excuses for the rest of the kids."

"Katie is a standout in everything she does. A great characteristic of Katie is how giving she is of herself to everything you ask her to do. She says 'yes' with a smile and goes about tackling that task."

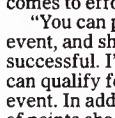
Julia Borri, 100 breast, Harrison: Borri placed sixth in the D2 state meet in this event while swimming the second-fastest area time of 1:07.43.

Borri was the OAA White Division runner-up and was eighth in Oakland County in the breaststroke. She also was fifth in the division and 18th in the county in the 200 IM.

"That was a great way for her to finish her high school



Ellyse Conn, 500 free, Mercy



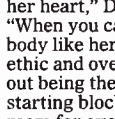
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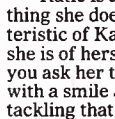
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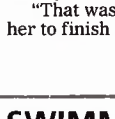
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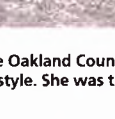
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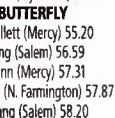
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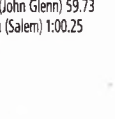
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swimming career," Kinyon said of Borri's state-meet swim.

"Julia is a phenomenal teammate who is always encouraging everyone on the team and not just the most talented."

"When it comes to her training, she has no complaints; she works hard. She prepared really well for the state meet. I was really happy to see her have a great accomplishment and become all-state."

Lisa Zhang, at-large, Salem: Across the board, Lisa Zhang has been an outstanding performer all four years with the Rocks.

Like her twin sister, Lisa's brilliance has been all-encompassing. She also is a team captain and a 4.0 student who garnered all-state kudos throughout her career.

At the D1 finals in Holland, she placed fifth in the 100 fly (personal best \$6.59) and fifth in the 100 back (56.51), good for all-state recognition.

Zhang also is among the area leaders in six other events. "She's in all three relays, owns (Salem) varsity records in the 50 free, 100 fly, 100 backstroke," Olson said. "That pretty much covers most of the strokes (when combined with Linda's records)."

"(The Zhang twins) were most valuable the last two years, and this year they also were Rock Maurer recipients (an award presented for outstanding leadership, academics and athletics)."

Zhang will be going to Columbia University on an academic scholarship and will compete for the women's swim team.

Hannah Chao, at-large, N. Farmington: For the third straight year, Chao broke the school record in the backstroke. She was seventh in the Division 2 state meet in that event and 10th in the 50 free.

Chao is the OAA Red champion in the backstroke and was sixth in Oakland County. In the 50, she was second in the division and 10th in the county.

"Hannah had a fantastic junior year," Harfoot said. "She kind of grew up in competition this year. As a freshman and sophomore, she was always looking at how fast other kids were. She realizes how fast she is and is owning that."

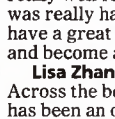
"She was steady for us in the backstroke all season. Her underwater work is some of the best I've ever seen. At the state meet, she was one of the faster starters and one of the better ones off the wall."

Annette Dombkowski, at-large, Mercy: She ended her freshman season with a sixth-place finish in the 500 freestyle at the D1 state meet. In that event, she also was third in the Catholic League and fifth in Oakland County.

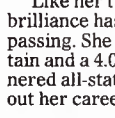
Dombkowski placed third in the 200 free at the league meet. As an IMer, she was eighth in



Lisa Zhang, at-large, Salem



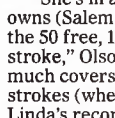
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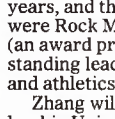
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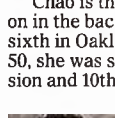
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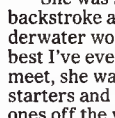
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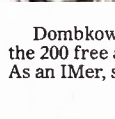
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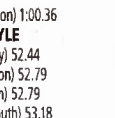
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Elyse Conn, 500 free, Mercy

the county and just missed scoring at state, finishing 17th in the prelims.

"As a freshman, I'm not sure we used her in her best races," Dunworth said. "There are better things to come for her. Clearly, she has big potential in the 500 free."

"She was kind of a role player (in the medley relay) and turned out to be one of the strong links in that relay. We knew she had a lot of potential and talent. I'm happy she lived up to and even exceeded that."

RELAY TEAMS
200 medley, Mercy: Katie Minnich, Allison Lobbia, Alaina Skellett and Annette Dombkowski won the Division 1 state championship with a record time of 1:44.44. The same four-some also won the Catholic League crown.

The record swim was an amazing achievement, according to Dunworth, because the Marlins graduated two former state champions off that relay. Minnich and Skellett were returning members.

"Allie Lobbia had never even been to a state meet, and Annette was thrown into that relay to be a 50 freestyler," Dunworth said. "We were hoping to be able to squeak through that relay and do well. The race that exceeded my expectations more than any other was that race."

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Ladywood's Kate Roney drives to the basket during a game earlier this season.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Blazers sweep Divine Child

Ladywood's Selakowski hard to stop in the paint

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

There's no doubting the Livonia Ladywood basketball team's superiority over Dearborn Divine Child — not after this past week's pair of Blazer victories over the Falcons.

In a rare home-and-home high school basketball series, Ladywood upended the Falcons, 32-26, on Thursday night — just over 48 hours after defeating DC, 37-26, on Tuesday.

Thursday's victory was

spearheaded by an 8-3 game-opening run and a double-double gem from senior Erika Selakowski, who finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

The Falcons knotted the game at 13-13 early in the third quarter, but the Blazers responded with a 4-0 run and never trailed again.

Also shining for the winners were Maggie Shirk (six points, two rebounds), Kate Roney (five points, four assists), Abbey Reppen (four points, six rebounds, three assists), Ally Audia (four points) and Kathleen Bushart (one point, three boards).

The victory improved the Blazers' record to 5-8 overall and 2-5 in the CHSL's Central

Division.

On Tuesday, the Blazers used a 15-point second quarter to knock off the Falcons, 37-26. The Blazers' swarming defense prevented the Falcons from scoring more than eight points in any quarter.

Selakowski was a force again, netting 11 points and seven boards. Audia added 10 points and five rebounds, while Shirk was dynamic in all phases of the game, contributing six points, three assists and three rebounds.

Reppen also sparkled, adding four points, 10 rebounds and five steals.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

AND THEY'RE OFF ...

Mustangs stampede Stevenson in KLAACentral showdown

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Friday night's Northville-at-Livonia Stevenson girls basketball game could have doubled as a Geico commercial.

From the opening tip to the final buzzer, the Mustangs ran, ran and ran some more, which is what mustangs do.

When the dust had settled, Northville had galloped to a resounding 48-10 victory — a Grand Canyon-esque margin of victory that surprised both teams' coaches.

"We weren't expecting this by any means," Northville head coach Todd Gudith said, motioning toward the scoreboard. "We were down a player tonight — one of our starters — and we thought we were going to have our work cut out for us.

"Our defense was strong tonight and they weren't able to really figure it out. Offensively, we made enough in the first half to make it comfortable in the second half."

Northville improved to 13-1 overall and 8-0 in the KLAACentral Division.

The Mustangs bolted to a 20-2 lead at the break, thanks to an across-the-roster smorgasbord of fast, savvy players who seem to enjoy playing defense.

"They run the same press as we do and we knew it was coming at us, but they're as athletic as get-out and we kept shooting ourselves in the foot. We ended up caving in to their pressure," Stevenson head coach Tim Newman said.

Sophomore Roan Haines led a balanced Northville attack with 10 points. Senior Lindsey Rathsborg added nine and Jessica Moorman contributed six.

Sitting out most of the fourth quarter, the Mustangs cheered loudly when reserves such as Ella Duckworth (four points) and Julia Calderon (four points) lit up the scoreboard.

"We're not a big team by any

means," Gudith said, "but it's a scrappy group. Our athleticism and quickness make up for our lack of height."

Northville obliterated any hopes of a miraculous second-half rally for the Spartans by outscoring their hosts 15-2 during the anti-climactic third quarter.

Five different players scored a single bucket for the Spartans, who slipped to 7-7 overall and 3-5 in the KLAACentral Division.

Warriors topple Southfield Christian

Lutheran Westland improved to 11-3 overall and 7-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Friday night by defeating host Southfield Christian, 67-37.

"It was a good road win for us tonight," LW head coach Sandi Wade said. "We were in control the entire game and played as a team. We had four players in double digits and really got out and ran tonight."

Bethany Hoehne was in a zone from beyond the 3-point arc as she knocked down five triples to account for her team-high 15 points.

Taylor Jones continued her red-hot play by contributing 14 points and eight steals. Jones made 7-of-8 two-point shots.

Also playing well for the winners were Rachel Reddeman (10 points, five steals), Eleanor Storck (10 points, three steals) and Kelli Ormi, who added eight points, six rebounds and three assists.

Blazers tumble

On senior night at Ladywood, Farmington Hills Mercy used a substantial second-half surge, then hung on late for a 47-34 win to clinch the outright CHSL Central Division title.

The Marlins jumped out to a 32-13 halftime lead.

The lone Ladywood senior, Erika Selakowski, had four points, four rebounds and one assist in her final home league game.

Junior Maggie Shirk led the way with 13 points, while junior Ally Audia added 11 points and six rebounds.

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Red upended by state power Canton

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Staff Writer



Marissa McVey scored well during Tuesday's meet against Canton.

TOM BEAUDOIN

State-ranked Canton handed Livonia Red a 144.325-140.850 setback Tuesday night in a KLAACentral Division meet hosted by Canton.

Red's standout performers were Marissa McVey, who scored 9.0-plus points in two of the four events, and Mikaela Hille, who turned in a 9.15 score on the vault and a 9.0 for her floor-exercise routine.

Canton was led by all-arounder Jana Hildetch, who scored 9's in all four events.

McVey's best score, 9.30, came in her floor-exercise

performance. She placed second behind only Chief Katie Dickson, who impressed the judges to the tune of a 9.40 score.

McVey and Hille both registered 9.15s on the vault, placing just a fraction of a point behind first-place Hildetch. Olivia Ryktarsyk was sparkled on the vault, scoring a 9.10.

Red's Mackenzie Borrmann scored a 9.0 on the balance beam while Olivia Dillon wowed the judges with a 9.35 on her floor-exercise routine.

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Northville's Julia Calderon is pursued by a trio of Stevenson defenders during a third-quarter fast-break Friday night.

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DONNELLY

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complishments, no matter how old you are, it's very special," Donnelly said. "Having my daughters here was special because they never got to see me play. To see so many friends and family here tonight, well, it was an emotional experience for me."

Donnelly, who currently lives in Northville and works as an instructor for the Los Angeles Kings organization, is as humble today as he was when he was humbling goalies during his long and productive career, Gagnon said.

"I'm so happy for Mike that he is finally getting some recognition," Gagnon said. "As a lot of people learned tonight (from the list of statistics Gagnon noted in his pre-game speech), he certainly deserves this."

"Mike is a great guy. He's always had an easy smile and a ready laugh. He's just a humble, fantastic guy."

Donnelly and Gagnon joined Franklin's hockey team their senior year in high school. In his one season as a Patriot, Donnelly set the school record for points with 98.

"Back then, a lot of kids wanted to play high school hockey; there was no AAA hockey, so it was the best option for a lot of talented players," Donnelly remembered. "All four Livonia teams (Bentley was still in existence) were



Mike Donnelly served as the honorary first puck dropper Wednesday night prior to the Franklin-Anchor Bay game.

TOM BEAUDOIN

strong and when there was a game between two Livonia schools for first place, they'd have to delay the game 20 minutes so that all the fans could get into Eddie Edgar."

A lot has changed at the high school level since the early-80s, Donnelly added, with a smile.

"I just saw an old team photo of our Franklin team, and to see the skates we wore, well, it's pretty amazing how far technology has come," he said. "And when I watch high school games now, I see guys blocking shots. Back in the day, we didn't do that; we got out of the way."

Donnelly said his father planted the hockey seed in his

heart as a little kid, and it never stopped flourishing, even now, decades later.

"My dad played, and he was pretty good, so that got me going," he said. "I remember growing up, we watched every Red Wings game that was on TV and we listened to the other games on the radio with Sid Abel and Budd Lynch calling the games."

"I've just always had a passion for the sport, and I probably always will."

Donnelly's collegiate career started on humble terms as he wasn't offered a scholarship by the national-power Spartans.

However, he persevered and ultimately registered a Division I record-setting 59

goals his junior season (the record still stands) while leading MSU to a national championship.

He shared MSU's George Alderton Male Athlete of the Year Award in 1986 with Spartan football player Lorenzo White.

During his senior season at MSU, 14 Spartans were drafted, but not Donnelly, who flew under the radar in part because of his modest 5-foot-11, 185-pound frame.

However, his non-draft status only fueled his fire to make it at the highest level.

After signing a free agent contract with the New York Rangers, he played one season with the New Haven Night-hawks, for whom he racked up 61 points in 58 games.

During a late-season promotion to the Rangers, he offered a glimpse of his promising future by notching two points in five games.

He finished his professional career with highly-productive stints in Buffalo and in LA, where he teamed up with Gretzky to help the Kings reach the Stanley Cup Finals.

"Playing with Gretzky was a magical experience," Donnelly reflected. "It was like a fairy tale. The first time they put me on his line I was so nervous that the coach called me into his office during the first intermission and yelled at me, 'What are you doing?' I didn't want to make a mistake. But the coach told me to 'just go out there and skate,' which made it easier."

"What a treat it was playing with Wayne. He was so skilled. I've seen a lot of hockey players play, and he's the greatest of all-time in my book."

Donnelly is a glowing example for young players who have a dream to play at the higher levels, even though they may not be blessed with an Incredible Hulk-esque body.

"The odds were against me back then because of my size, not getting a scholarship and not getting drafted," he said. "But I loved hockey so much, that I kept going, kept working."

"I had some success in the NHL, but it was a struggle. You look at all the young players around here that play, and who made it? You had me, Lafrate, Modano, LaFontaine, but that's about it."

Known as one of the fastest skaters throughout his career, Donnelly revealed that he didn't receive his first power-skating lesson until his first year in professional hockey.

"When they told me in New York that I had to go through the power-skating stuff, I didn't want to do it," he said. "My dad was always a good skater and I think I got my speed from him."

A replica No. 7 jersey with Donnelly's name on the back will be hung in Eddie Edgar Arena soon, along with a list of his achievements.

And the plaque holding those achievements will be large.

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HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

John Glenn submerges South rival Franklin

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Westland John Glenn's boys swimming-and-diving team started Thursday night's meet at Livonia Franklin with a tone-setting victory in the 200-yard medley relay and never looked back on the way to a 110-60 victory.

The result improved the Rockets' KLAA South Division record to 1-3 while the Patriots slipped to 0-4.

Igniting the fuse for the Rockets were the members of the medley relay team — Cory Routen, Jeremy Billings, Josh Eddings and Brandon Head — who covered the 200 yards in 1 minute, 58.99 seconds. Franklin's quartet of Ethan Nordstrom Bryan Hives, Patrick Selix and Drew Niemiec was second in 2:02.17.

Nordstrom made sure the Rockets knew his team wasn't

ready to throw in the towel, so to speak, when he won the 200 freestyle by 13 seconds over John Glenn's Peter Augustino.

However, the Rockets won the next four events — including a 1-2-3 sweep in the 100 free — to build a commanding advantage. Routen captured the 200 individual medley before Tzadkiel Ponce De Leon touched first in the 50 free.

Routen struck again with a first-place effort in the 100 butterfly and moments later the Rockets dominated the 100 free thanks to stellar performances from Jeremy Billings (57.10 seconds), Ponce De Leon (59.87) and Devin Strohschein.

Selix got the Patriots back on the winning track with a triumph in the 500 free, which he won in 6:11.68.

JOHN GLENN 110 FRANKLIN 60 Thursday at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Cory Routen, Jeremy Billings, Josh Eddings, Brandon Head),

1:58.99; 2. Franklin (Ethan Nordstrom, Bryan Hives, Patrick Selix, Drew Niemiec), 2:02.17; 3. Franklin (Tim Champagne, Miguel Hernandez, Noah Trackwell, Evan Davis), 2:53.47.

200 freestyle: 1. Ethan Nordstrom (JG), 2:09.91; 2. Peter Augustino (JG), 2:22.45; 3. Devin Strohschein (JG), 2:32.82.

200 individual medley: 1. Cory Routen (JG), 2:17.87; 2. Patrick Selix (LF), 2:37.21; 3. Bryan Hives (LF), 2:54.90.

50 freestyle: 1. Tzadkiel Ponce De Leon (JG), 26.14; 2. Brandon Head (JG), 26.27; 3. Drew Niemiec (LF), 26.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Cory Routen (JG), 59.57; 2. Ethan Nordstrom (LF), 1:02.59; 3. Yihweth Ponce De Leon (JG), 1:24.71.

100 freestyle: 1. Jeremy Billings (JG), 57.10; 2. Tzadkiel Ponce De Leon (JG), 59.87; 3. Devin Strohschein (JG), 1:03.62.

500 freestyle: 1. Patrick Selix (LF), 6:11.68; 2. Peter Augustino (JG), 6:55.80; 3. Noah Trackwell (LF), 7:51.56.

200 free relay: 1. John Glenn (Brandon Head, Austin LeBlanc, Peter Augustino, Tzadkiel Ponce De Leon), 1:56.97; 2. John Glenn (Matt Kalter, Yihweth Ponce De Leon, Devin Strohschein, Jon Grinnell), 2:04.37; 3. Franklin, 2:08.67.

100 backstroke: 1. Josh Eddings (JG), 1:15.44; 2. Yihweth Ponce De Leon (JG), 1:20.94; 3. Riley Diaz (JG), 1:23.35.

100 breaststroke: 1. Jeremy Billings (JG), 1:19.43; 2. Bryan Hives (LF), 1:22.07; 3. Austin LeBlanc (JG), 1:25.39.

400 free relay: 1. John Glenn (Cory Routen, Tzadkiel Ponce De Leon, Peter Augustino, Jeremy Billings), 4:10.93; 2. Franklin (Patrick Selix, Gavin McCreadie, Drew Niemiec, Ethan Nordstrom), 4:26.28; 3. John Glenn, 4:28.77.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Franklin's Ethan Nordstrom back-strokes through the water during a meet earlier this season.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Stevenson's Jeremiah Eason takes the ball to the hole during a game earlier this season.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Northville upends Stevenson

Unbeaten Mustangs derail Spartans, 79-64

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The last time the Northville boys basketball team captured a division title, President Barack Obama hadn't even taken office yet.

But the nine-year drought ended Friday night at home as the unbeaten Mustangs staged an inauguration ceremony of their own by clinching the KLAA Central outright with a 79-64 triumph over Livonia Stevenson.

It was back in the days of President Bush and the old Western Lakes Activities Association when the Mustangs captured their last division crown in 2007 as Alvin Storrs led the way.

"It's very exciting," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team improved to 14-0 overall and 8-0 in the Central. "I'm so happy and proud for my team. They're happy, but at the same time all year long they've had that 'next game' mentality, so I hope they enjoy it for a couple of days and then come back ready to work and finish it off next week."

The Mustangs were able to withstand Stevenson's high-powered offense, getting a game-high 26 points from senior guard Justin Zimbo, who nailed four 3-pointers.

Senior forwards Justin Gibbons and Nick Wilds chipped in 16 and 12, respectively, while junior guard Jake Justice came off the bench to score eight.

The Mustangs shot 46.9 percent from the floor (23-of-49) and made 80.6 percent of their free throws (25-of-31) to hold the Spartans at bay.

"I think they've had at least three games in the 80s, so we



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Churchill's Evan Cummins was not to be denied on this drive during a game earlier this season.

had a pretty good feel it would be up-and-down," Sander said. "If we had tried to slow it down, I don't think we'd be able to do that, so we had to run with them. We can score, too, and we did tonight."

Northville led 22-18 after one quarter and 42-31 at halftime.

The Mustangs then opened up a 19-point third quarter lead, 58-39, on a basket by Jack Burke with 3:22 left.

But Stevenson clawed back and made it a two-possession game, 66-60, with 5:51 left in the final quarter on a steal and basket by Nader Kandalaf.

But Northville regrouped and finished the game on a 13-4 run keyed by a block, a steal and layup by Gibbons with 1:08 remaining to put the Mustangs back up by 13.

"It feels great knowing that we already clinched," said Burke, a 6-foot junior who contributed five points. "It's definitely chemistry. We get along

really well and we play as a team and that really helps us."

Devin Dunn and Kandalaf, both sophomores, finished with 16 points, while junior Ian Knoph added 11 for the Spartans, who slipped to 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the KLAA Central.

"Our defense was pretty bad tonight," Stevenson coach Kareem Smart said. "And then, too, our shot selection ... guys I don't think were real confident shooting the ball tonight as we normally are. It happens sometimes."

Stevenson shot only 35.9 percent from the field (23-of-64) and was 10-of-13 from the foul line (76.9 percent).

"Some days we have a lot of confidence, some days we don't," Smart said. "When we have shots going down, everyone is feeling good and certain days we don't. We're not that big, of course, but we try to get off a lot of shots and try and play aggressive defense on the other end."

Smart said there is a reason why Northville stands atop the division.

"None of their guys are afraid to shoot," he added. "They play tough, they play physical. They come off screens really well. They play a complete game."

Northville, meanwhile, has two division games remaining before the KLAA playoffs start. And the Mustangs hope to continue with the same winning formula.

"I think a lot of it is what has carried us all year ... unselfishness, guys making the extra pass to find open shooters," Sander said.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Belleville holds off strong Thurston effort

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Redford Thurston's boys basketball team gave it everything it had Friday night against host Belleville, but the Eagles were never able to cage the Tigers, who earned a 64-59 victory.

The outcome left the Eagles' record at 7-7 overall and 3-5 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division. The Tigers improved to 12-2 and 8-0, respectively.

"I thought the boys played really, really well tonight; I'm extremely proud of them," Thurston head coach Brian Bates said. "They fought and battled; we just couldn't get over the hump in the second half."

The Eagles' dynamic one-two punch of D'eauntae Jackson (22 points) and Brandon Marshall (10 points) excelled.

Dorian Naylor also provided several impact-making plays before finishing with nine points and 11 rebounds.

Davion Williams led Belleville with 17 points.

Thurston led 14-12 after one quarter before carrying a 27-26 deficit into the half. Belleville extended its lead to 44-35 after three quarters before repelling a furious fourth-quarter rally by Thurston.

"We fought back to within three points in the fourth quarter and missed a three that would have tied it," Bates said.

Warriors roll

Lutheran Westland remained unbeaten Friday night

following its convincing 55-31 triumph over Bloomfield Hills Roper.

The Warriors improved their record to 13-0 overall and 8-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Roper slipped to 4-8 and 3-3 respectively.

LW carved out a slim 10-7 lead after one quarter before stretching its edge to 26-12 at the half.

The Warriors padded their advantage to 41-20 with eight minutes to play before outscoring the Roughriders by three down the stretch.

Brent Croft led the Warriors with 20 points. The senior guard also tormented Roper with six steals.

Luke Smith registered 12 points and six rebounds while Zach Burk contributed eight points and nine boards.

David Gardner was the only Roper player who could get it going consistently, finishing with 15 points.

"Our level of intensity was much better tonight from start to finish," LW head coach Jim Hoeft said. "Roper tends to want to slow the pace of play down quite a bit. We made an adjustment to our defensive scheme at the end of the first quarter and that seemed to make things difficult for them on the offensive end."

"We took care of the ball and took what the defense gave us. It was a nice team win for us tonight."

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FIVE NATIONS TOURNEY PRIMER

Puck drops Tuesday for Five Nations tourney

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The intensity is soon to be ramped up to a global level at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Just around the corner is the 2016 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament, to get started with a doubleheader Tuesday. The 10-game tourney involving the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-17 team and four European countries continues through Saturday, Feb. 13.

The best will be saved for last. Team USA and Russia will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, in the Five Nations finale — capping the first international event hosted by USA Hockey since the organization bought the Beck Road facility formerly known as Compuware Arena.

Prices are \$15 and \$18 for daily passes (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday doubleheaders included) and \$65 for the full tourney slate.

"It's a good kind of first event for us to get international hockey in front of the Plymouth, Northville, Canton communities and let them see what it's all about, with an eye toward there's going to be a lot more of them here in the future," said Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for USA Hockey's NTDP.

"We'll probably have two or three next year and our objective is two to three interna-

tional events a year around all the rest of the stuff that we do."

Sponsored by Farmers Insurance, joining Team USA for the round-robin tourney will be Russia, Finland, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

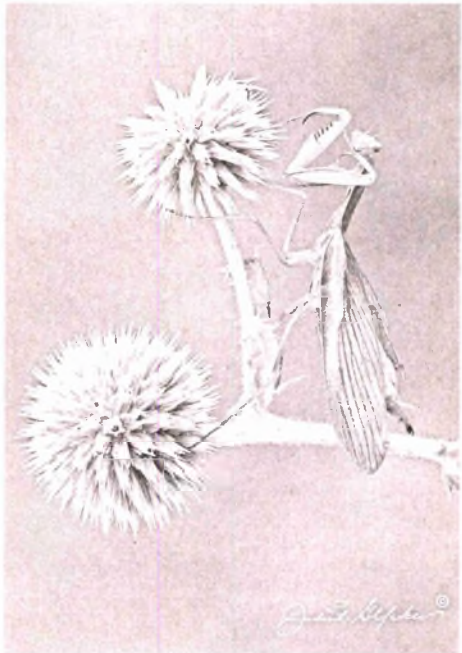
"We're hoping that we have full houses for it," Monaghan said. "We have tournament packages that are at a great discount and then individual day tickets, which you can come to two games (or) you can come to one. But you have the pass for both."

"We're hoping for the Friday and Saturday night to be really big crowds, as weekends you usually have better crowds anyway."

The U.S. will face Sweden at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. But perhaps the biggest draw of the tournament will be the U.S.-Russia game at 7 p.m. Saturday to close out the week. All games will be played on the arena's smaller, pro-style ice sheet rather than the Olympic-sized surface.

For those who can't make it out to the tournament, NTDP broadcaster Pete Krupsky (who formerly called Plymouth Whalers games) will provide play-by-play for all 10 contests. Team USA games will be broadcast live on CN-900.

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"Praying Mantis on Globe Thistle" by Judy Yaker of Birmingham. SUBMITTED

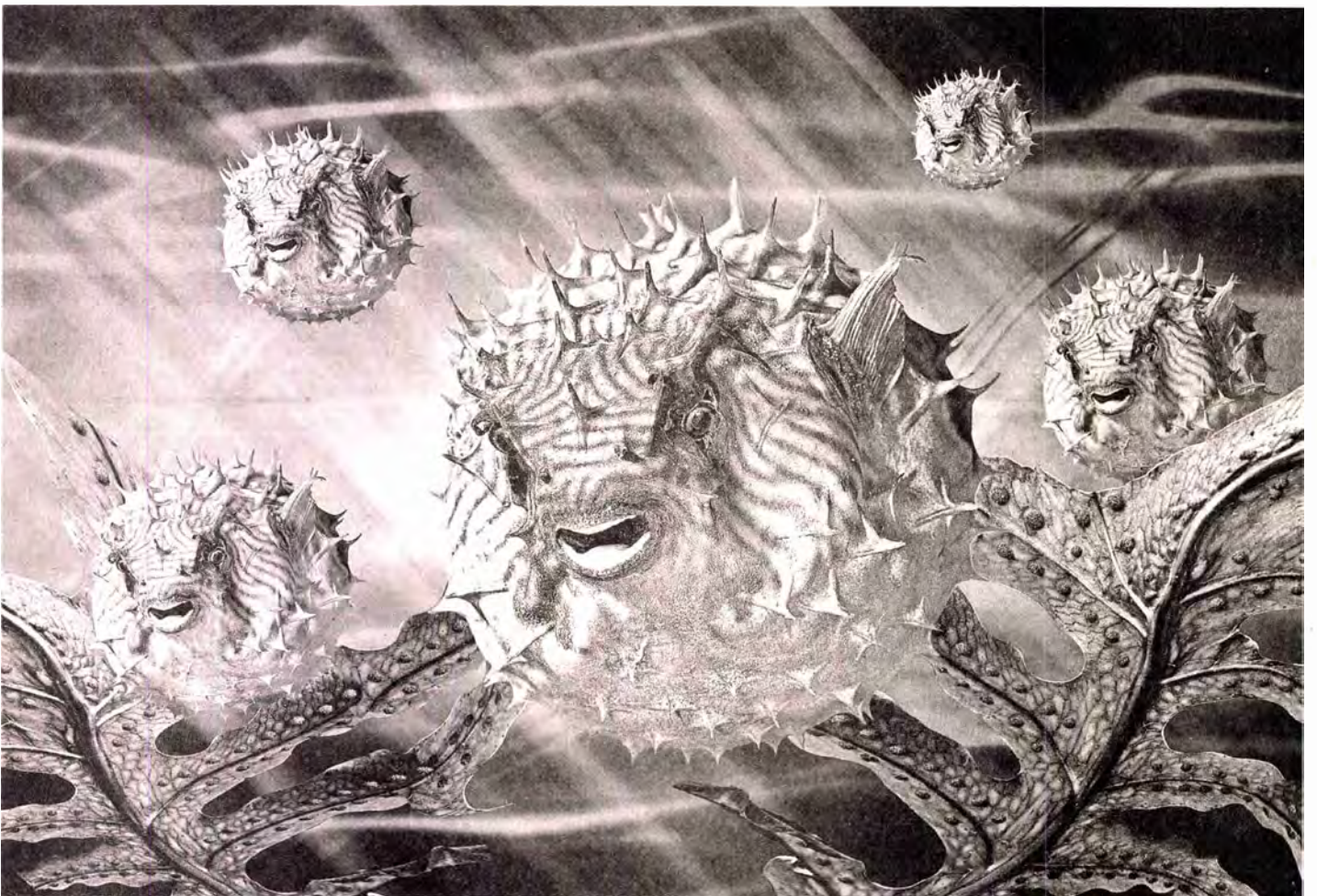


"Cedar Falls" by Lenore Jordan of Livonia. SUBMITTED



"Tethered Hawk" by Jerry Jordan of Livonia. SUBMITTED

Camera club members show their best photos in Livonia



"Puffer Fish Squadron" by Richard Grubola of The Photographic Guild, which meets in Southfield. SUBMITTED

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The "Best Of The Best" exhibit at Civic Center Library in Livonia is both a photography show and the perfect recruiting tool for local camera clubs.

Members from 10 camera clubs that make up the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council are exhibiting the nearly 100 photographs this month. The prints won competitions throughout the year before getting the nod for the

"Best Of The Best" show.

"They did well at the local club level, very well at Greater Detroit Camera Club Council competition and once a year they pick the best of the best and have one more competition and those are the winners on display at the library," said Jerry Jordan, a Livonia resident and member of the West Oakland Camera Club that meets twice monthly in New Hudson. He and his wife, Lenore, coordinate the exhibit at the library. "It's a nice thing to show off the photos and the library has welcomed us back every year."

The photos include a variety of subjects, from landscape to animals, people to buildings, and are grouped according to experience levels.

Jordan and his wife each have two photos in the exhibit. They enjoy photography as a hobby and shoot pictures on vacation and at home.

"We go to Greenfield Village a lot. I like people pictures. I get a lot from Civil War days, the Old Car Festival," Jordan said. "It's a year-round hobby."

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Livonia man talks about grief in new TV series on death



Michael Kovalcheck prepares for his on-camera interview. SUBMITTED

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Staff Writer

Michael Kovalcheck wants to convey a message of hope through his appearance in the new documentary TV series, *Embrace of Dying: How we deal with the end of life*.

The show, which starts Monday, Feb. 8, on WTVS Detroit Public Television, is the final installment in local filmmaker Keith Farnie's three-part look at aging. Farnie interviewed Kovalcheck, a Livonia resident, last year for a segment on grieving, which will air during "Embrace of Dying" episode 4, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29. Kovalcheck and his wife,

Toni, would have celebrated their 40th marriage anniversary last fall if she had survived another year in her battle with stage-four cancer. Toni died in January 2015, just a few months after appearing in a segment on women and cancer in *Embrace of Aging, the Female Perspective on Growing Old*, Farnie's second installment in the aging series. Toni was one of three breast cancer patients profiled in the program. The Kovalchecks explained how breast cancer had affected their lives and how they had faced challenges.

In the upcoming series, Kovalcheck will talk about his grief experience and observa-

tions about death.

"When Keith first asked me it was fresh. I was four months into this," he said. "I thought about it. I didn't know if I could do it. Should I do it for Toni?"

"Then it came to me. I need to do this because people are grieving and they can have hope. I want to show there is hope. Will our lives be the same physically? No. But spiritually you become stronger. My wife is more alive than when she was here. I believe that in my heart. My wife had a smile on her face when she died. She is in pure love that words can't explain."

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'Mass Mob' aims to fill pews at St. Valentine in Redford

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob will visit Redford for a second time this year when it attends a worship service Sunday, Feb. 7, at St. Valentine Catholic Church.

"There's no reason not to come to Mass," said Annamarie Barnes, Traveling Catholic's founder, noting that Feb. 7 is Super Bowl Sunday. "Start your day with Mass and finish up with a good football game. It's a good kickoff to the Super Bowl."

Barnes, a Warren resident, founded the Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob to help increase collection plate proceeds and attendance at various churches. She uses social media to get the word out, encouraging Catholics to become a part of the "mob" of



The Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob helps fill the pews at one of its featured churches last year.

worshippers at the featured church each month. She focuses on churches in financial need or those with schools. Last month, she called for a Mass Mob at St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford and drew approximately 500 participants on a snowy Sunday.

"I'm expecting 400-600 (at St. Valentine)," she said. "That's what I'm hoping for with them having a school and they have alumni." The Mass will start at noon. The church is located at 25881 Dow. Bishop Donald Hanchon will be the main celebrant at

the service, which will include a brief commentary on the parish's history, a special entrance procession and both adult and children's choirs. Refreshments will be served in the school gym after the service. "If you're interested in a

Catholic education for your child, stop by and get a feel for the church and the school," Barnes said, adding that she and her late husband visited churches long before she founded the Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob. "We'd go to a different church each month to see what it was like, out of curiosity."

"This year, with the emphasis on evangelization, sharing the gospel, I can't think of a better way than doing it through a Mass Mob."

In addition to St. Valentine, the Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob this year will visit churches in Detroit, Taylor, Onaway, St. Clair, Sterling Heights and Warren.

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PHOTOS

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"We like the camera clubs because we've made many friends there. We're not professionals. We just go for fun. But it brings out the best you can do."

Improving skills

The Council's 10 clubs all hold monthly competitions for print and digital photographs. Most meet twice a month and assign members a monthly photo challenge. They bring in guest speakers and offer presentations on technique and other photography topics.

"We've done a lot of listening and picked up a lot of tricks at the club," Jordan said.

Learning and improving photography skills is one of the best reasons to join a club, according to Judy Yaker of Bloomfield Hills. She's a Greater Detroit Camera Club Council board member and attends the Oakland Camera Club meetings in Waterford.

"I firmly believe in clubs. You meet people with the same likes, you'll find out where to shoot. We talk about equipment — where to put the f-stop, what shutter speed to use. It's a common interest," Yaker said.

"Some of my best friends I've met through camera club."

"You get better because people critique your work. I do think people who are serious about photography and who want to get better should find a club. They need to be able to take the good and the bad, to take constructive criticism."

Although Yaker had a solo exhibit at the Detroit Zoo several years ago, has traveled worldwide capturing wildlife in photographs, and has sold images to calendar publishers, she's not a professional photographer.

"It's not a job. I just do it for fun," she said.

Bears, tigers

Two of her photographs — one of a tiger, and another of a polar bear and her cubs — are featured on the covers of *National Geographic* calendars this year. She has photographed polar bears in Manitoba for the past four years. She'll travel there again this spring.

"Last year it was minus-50 degrees Celsius and the wind was blowing. You have to keep your distance and you are standing outside all day," she said. "I get them as they are coming out of the den and that is really something. You get goose bumps when you see



"Alert Buck" by Skip Moody of the West Oakland Camera Club.

these babies see the world for the first time."

Most of her tiger photos are shot at the Detroit Zoo. Proud Lake State Recreation area is her favorite place to photograph bugs. Her image of a praying mantis on a globe thistle is on display in the Livonia exhibit.

Yaker joined a camera club and took photojournalism classes in the early 1990s. She quickly discovered a passion for photographing animals.

"I told my professor I really don't like showing my camera into someone's face. I enjoy

photographing my cat. He let me get away with it. It snowballed from there."

The Civic Center Library is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

Here's a sampling of Greater Detroit Camera Club Council member clubs:

» Livonia Camera Club meets at 8 p.m. the first two Thursdays of the month at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. See a presentation on light painting on Feb. 11. livoniacam-

eraclub.com

» Motor City Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile, Bloomfield Township. motorcitycameraclub.com

» Oakland Camera Club meets at 7 p.m., the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Oakland County Executive Office Building in the Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41West, Waterford. oaklandcameraclub.com

» The Photographic Guild meets the first two Mondays of the month at the Burgh Historical Center, located at Berg Road and Civic Center Drive, in Southfield. thephotoguild.org

» West Oakland Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Ave., New Hudson. wocc.photoclubsservices.com

Other member clubs meet in Toledo, Ohio, Windsor, Ont., Detroit, Grosse Pointe, and Dryden. Visit the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council at gdccc.photoclubservices.com

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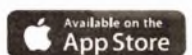


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Mark Hunter, University of Michigan professor, will talk about the current patterns and future problems for Monarch butterflies at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Free for mem-

bers of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association; \$3 for non-members. 734-223-5510. sembutterfly.org

Valentine Day hike

Adults, age 18 and up, can take an evening hike from 8-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, through

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. A naturalist will lead the "Stroll with your Sweetheart" hike, while talking about courtship behaviors of the park's nocturnal animals. Hot drinks and sweet treats will be available after the hike, along with an opportunity to win prizes. Cost

is \$5 per person. Register at recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call the park nature center at 248-477-1135.

Frogs

Friends of the Rouge seeks volunteers for its annual frog

and toad survey. Surveys are conducted independently on warm evenings after dark several times each month from March-June. Potential volunteers must attend a training workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Register for the

workshop at therouge.org.

English Gardens

» Get tips on attracting birds to your yard at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Kids can make a bird treat for \$5 at 2:30 p.m. Sign up online for the kid's workshop.

Passages

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BELL, GEORGE R.
of Arcadia, Michigan, was an Army veteran and life-long educator. He passed away at 88 years old on January 28, 2016. He is survived by Ruth, his wife and soul mate of 66 years. Survivors also include their three children, Steve (Luda), Kathy (Marty) and Robert (Gail) along with grandchildren Christopher, Taylor, Julia and Kamryn. George was the band director at Wayne Memorial High School in the 1950s and became the principal there through the 70s. He then moved on to become the superintendent of Northville Schools and retired in 1995. After his long career in the schools, he enjoyed more than 20 years of an active and adventurous retirement with his wife Ruth. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Wounded Warrior Project - www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Online condolences to obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

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CARPENTER, KAREN THEODORA
61, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 29, surrounded by family and under the able and compassionate care of Allegiance Hospice Home. Her final moments were more quiet and understated than most of those that preceded them. In life, she was more commonly found in a room full of laughter, often the source or the cause of it herself. A lifelong Michigander, Karen grew up in Westland and raised her family in Canton. The "city girl" eventually left Wayne County to settle in Jackson with her beloved husband, John, a "farm boy" from the west side of the state, whom she was paired with hours after signing up for a trial account on Match.com.

Though their years together were relatively few in number, they were rich in travel and adventure, from Washington D.C. to New York City to the Grand Canyon, and filled with an unmistakable love that radiated through their joined families. As a career educator, she dedicated her energy especially to students with disabilities. She earned her B.S. with a concentration in Emotional Impairment in 1979 and her M.A. in Learning Disabilities in 1983, both from Eastern Michigan University. She taught Emotionally Impaired middle schoolers in the Monroe County ISD for four years before taking a "break" to raise her children - a teaching job in itself for which she was indisputably well equipped. She returned to teaching and spent the next 18 years with Plymouth Canton Community Schools, first as a special education teacher at East Middle School before accepting a position as Resource Room Teacher and later Teacher Consultant at Salem High School. At Salem, she used a secret sign to greet her slightly embarrassed son in the hallways, often loaned her daughter lunch money, and kept a close eye on which classes and which teachers both children were assigned. In 2013, she traded in the commute to Canton for a position as Teacher Consultant for Jackson County ISD, where she was based at Western High School. (Although, she then resumed the commute to Canton rather frequently in her excitement at becoming a grandmother.) Karen is preceded in death by her father, Chris Theodore. She is survived by her husband, John; mother, Lu; brothers, Toby (Kim) and Jeff (Karen); son, Lee (Katie); daughter, Erin (Ali); step-daughters, Jenny (Gregg) and Cary; and grandchildren, Jensen, Emily, Ashley, and Jack. Family, friends, and students are welcome to join in remembering Karen at First United Methodist Church, 275 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201 on February 27 at 11 a.m. In keeping with her joyous and generous spirit, her family will also be hosting a charitable event in her honor this coming summer, to benefit causes meaningful to her. Details will follow.

DELANEY, DOLORES ANN (KRUSKE)

March 12, 1924 - January 14, 2016. Dolores was born in Saginaw, Michigan to Hulda and Paul Kruske. She attended St. Andrew School through through 12th grade and graduated with both college preparation and business backgrounds. After high school, she and her four brothers: Paul, James (Kenneth), Russell and Robert enlisted in various branches of the armed services and served during World War II. Dolores was the secretary to a commander for her entire years of service and was stationed in Miami, Florida. After leaving the military, she attended Michigan State Normal College and met her love, Herbert Joseph Delaney, who was to be her husband for 33 years until his death. Herb and Dolores had three children: Cheryl Ann (John Kreger), Patricia Louise Delaney (Leonard Bawol) and Pamela Jean (Robert Careffello). Dolores received her undergraduate degree from Wayne State University and her Masters from Eastern Michigan University. She taught for 26 years in South Redford School District in both the classroom and as a Reading Consultant. She loved the students and made many life-long friends. Dolores was active throughout her life and enjoyed extensive travel, golf, bowling, bridge, pinocchle, cross country skiing, as well as ballroom and line dancing. Wherever Dolores went she had fun and added a touch of glamour and class. Dolores will be missed by her three daughters, nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, her love for 15 years, Benjamin Hain, as well as many friends. The family is most grateful to all who have shown care and kindness: Angela Hospice, Ben Hain, Fr. Gary and St. Collette Parish, and her friends. Donations can be made to the Herbert and Dolores Delaney Scholarship at Mercy High School or to the charity of choice in Dolores' name. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Collette Church on Tuesday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m. with guests gathering at 10:00. Visit: www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

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SCHIRMER, LUCILLE HELEN

Age 95 January 31, 2016 Beloved wife of the late Clarence. Loving mother of Richard (Florence Walraven) Schirmer and Lisa (Michael Powell) Schirmer. Proud grandmother of Jason (Trisha) Van Eck, Lesley (Stefan) Keeney, Robert (Courtney) White and Benjamin Powell. Dear great-grandmother of Colyn Van Eck, Alana Van Eck, Taylor Conn, Jada Autry, Desmond White and Ivy White. Also survived by cherished sister Margie (Ken) Siegel. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until the time of service, 11 a.m., at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

SADDEN, LAUREL MARIE (SPENCER)

Age 93, died peacefully at her home in Tellico Village, Loudon, Tennessee on November 28, 2015. A Chicago native, she married George Spencer in 1942 and moved first to Detroit, then to Huntington Woods in 1947 and to Franklin Village in 1954. Aurel and George played bridge and traveled extensively, and after his 1985 death, Aurel continued to do both. She met Jack Sidden on a cruise; they married in 1987 and moved to Tellico Village in 1995. After Jack's 2005 death, Aurel continued her travels, returning many times to her favorite place, Hong Kong. All who knew Aurel will always remember her kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness. Aurel is survived by her children, Michael Spencer, J. Patrick Spencer (Celese) and Isabel Hansen (John); six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



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FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14
Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland

Details: Auction supports Concordia Lutheran School. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for a table of 10 and includes appetizer, dinner, desserts, drinks and auction. Deadline is Feb. 8. Order by calling 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233.
Contact: Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 14
Location: Crossroads Church, which meets at Trinity Church, 34500 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting winter survival gear, including men's used work boots, men's new and gently-used white socks, ladies new and gently-used turtleneck tops. Contact the church to arrange additional drop-off times
Contact: crossroadsnow.org; Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

CONCERT

Date/Time: 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his puppet sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs. The concert will have a Lenten theme. Admission is \$5 per person at the door, children ages 3 and under admitted free
Contact: Rev. Joseph Marquis, 734-522-3166

FAMILY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Games, prizes and special activities for kids, including a bounce house. Chair massages, chiropractic screening and a talk on health and wellness for adults. Sponsored by Applied Modern Health Chiropractic
Contact: 734-421-1760

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11
Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: The film, *Seeds of Time*, focusing on the global food system, is part of the Life on Earth @ Risk documentary series
Contact: 248-514-8746

FISH FRY

Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12-March 18
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: All you can eat, \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for kids, ages 3-13, free for kids under 3, carry outs, \$9 and \$10
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17-March 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" a five-week series, is for anyone mourning the loss of a loved one. Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy, leads the sessions. For more information and registration details, visit goodmourningministry.net
Contact: 734-261-1455, www.livoniastmichael.org

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21
Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Willie W. Payne, historian and author, will present a multimedia lecture on "Underground Railroad Michigan Connection." He will use music and photos of local Underground Railroad stops to narrate stories and describe places used to harbor runaway slaves. He will discuss how slave work songs and spirituals were used to communicate escape plans and how these songs also influenced blues, jazz and other music
Contact: 248-478-7272

MARDI GRAS PARTY

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9
Location: Plymouth Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair St., Plymouth

Details: Dixieland music by The Tabasco Cats, a light buffet-style dinner, cash bar, beads, trinkets, drawings and a shrimp and oyster bar staffed by senior Boy

Scouts from Troop 743. Tickets are \$10, available in advance at the hall.
Contact: 734-516-0648

PANCAKE DINNER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9
Location: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Shrove Tuesday dinner will include pancakes, sausages, applesauce, packzis, music and fellowship. Donations accepted at the door
Ashes: Imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist at noon and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10
Contact: 734-421-8451

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 20
Location: St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Details: Take a guided tour of the school, meet with teachers, and learn more about Christian education for preschool-eighth grade. The school offers licensed latchkey, and bus service for resident of Wayne and Westland schools
Contact: 734-728-3315; stmichael@lutheran.org

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER-DANCE

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: 1950s theme dinner-dance will include hamburgers, hotdogs, fries and desserts and music for dancing. The event benefits Camp Hope, a bereavement camp for kids, ages 6-17. Tickets are \$20 per person and available at the church office
Contact: 248-553-3380

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

EXERCISE

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

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta@zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

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

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

PRAYER St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

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

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/2 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

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

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive

behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 163

Young heart transplant recipient inspiring others

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat. Less than three months after receiving a new heart, 15-year-old Trevor Sullivan is kicking off the annual American Heart Association's Hoops for Heart fundraiser at his alma mater, Berkshire Middle School in Beverly Hills.

A packed auditorium of students gave the Southfield teenager a rock star ovation Wednesday as he came out on the stage to talk about organ donation and the importance of a healthy heart.

"Hi, everybody," Sullivan told the cheering students. "I'm basically here to tell you my story."

It was a year ago in February that Sullivan and his family learned about his congenital heart disease and the need for a transplant. After waiting more than nine months for a match, he received his new heart Nov. 13.

"So that's why I'm here," he said. "I received someone's heart." His old heart was nearly three times the



Trevor Sullivan spoke to students at Berkshire Middle School.

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normal size and started pushing down on his lungs. The new one is beating strong.

"Once I got the new heart, it felt really good," he told the students.

During the rally, it

was pointed out that more than 720,000 people in the U.S. suffer heart attacks every year and that a person dies from heart disease every 60 seconds. When a teacher asked the students if they personally

knew someone who suffered a heart attack, a sea of hands quickly shot up.

Sullivan told the students he hopes to become the first person to reach old age with a single transplant. He's

already become an overnight media sensation, as a 43-second video of the Southfield teen waking up from his heart transplant has racked up more than 15 million views online, prompting one student at the rally

to ask Sullivan if he's famous now.

"No!" he said, protesting with a giant smile, before adding, "I mean, a little bit."

After the rally, Assistant Principal Roy Bishop described Sullivan as a symbol of courage and inspiration — and a member of the Berkshire family.

"We always say at Berkshire, 'Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat,'" Bishop said. "Trevor has really inspired everyone in this community ... his journey has sparked conversations about what matters in life and how you have to approach school every day to do your personal best."

Eighth-grade student Megan Weiss, 13, said the fact that someone so young had a heart transplant hit home with a lot of students.

"I think that it's really inspiring, because he's been so strong and everything," she said. "It doesn't seem like he ever had any doubt."

For information on how to become an organ donor, go to www.organdonor.gov.

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GRIEF

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"From my perspective, dying is an earthly thing. It's the true beginning."

Grief process

After Toni died, Kovalcheck read extensively about grieving and discovered that some books on the subject "are good for kindling and some are on the mark." He attended a group workshop through Good Mourning Ministries, which is based at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, and still attends one-on-one counseling sessions at Angela Hospice. He also has offered encouragement and support to other individuals with loved ones in hospice and prays with those who are in mourning.

"I am a grief counseling amateur," he said. He still sets a coffee cup out each morning for Toni and visits her grave two or three times a week. He said he feels at peace there.

Kovalcheck's strong Catholic faith helped him through her death and his feelings of loss. He believes in praying daily for deceased loved ones.

"I think dying has always been a dirty word. When someone we loves dies, we have pain. We all hurt and it's not beautiful to hurt," he said. "People say they want to celebrate life on earth. Memories are important, so we celebrate the past, but also we should celebrate the future. What we should celebrate is the fact that they are in a spot that we want to get into. I can't wait to be with her. I'm excited about being reunited. I never say my wife died. I say, Toni went home."

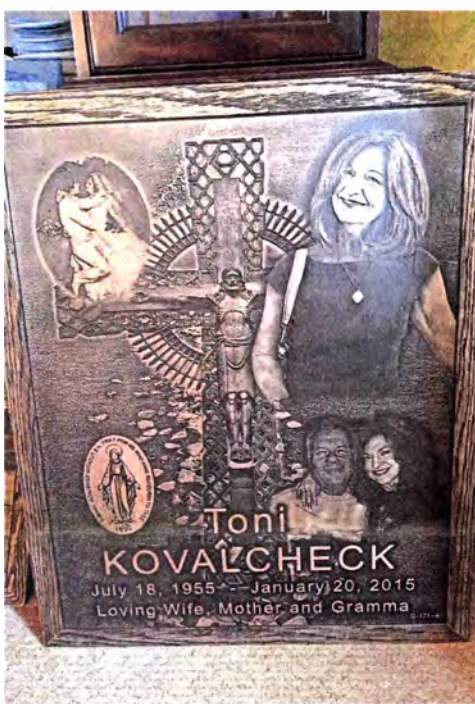
Kovalcheck acknowledges that some individuals, especially those who recently experienced the death of a loved one, may shy away from watching *Embrace of Dying*. But he said the series might also offer a path to healing.

"Maybe they will find some peace in hearing someone else verbalize how they feel. I think that can help some people."

Kovalcheck hasn't seen the series, but plans to watch the weekly episodes on TV.

The shows air at 7:30 p.m. Mondays. Episodes include:

» Introduction, Feb 8: An overview of what dying means as the Baby Boomer generation approaches its twilight years. The episode includes a look at a 96-year-old doctor still



A memorial for Toni Kovalcheck

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practicing medicine in Durand, a collection of "objects d'mort" in Chicago, Ill., thoughts from a psychiatric neuroscientist from Wayne State University, and interviews with funeral directors.

» Hospice and Terminal Illness, Feb. 15: The show travels to England for a historical perspective on hospice, spends a day with rabbis at the Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network, visits a hospice patient, and includes an interview with a "death midwife."

» Funeral Directors, Feb. 22: The program focuses on the funeral profession and its history, a mortuary science student from Wayne State University, and military funerals. Roger Husband of Husband Funeral Home, in Westland, also recounts his experience preparing Rosa Parks for her funeral.

» The Eulogy, Feb. 29: The episode looks at the eulogy in the grieving process, how the Mexican culture regards death, and includes stories from individuals who lost loved ones, including Michael Kovalcheck.

» Cemeteries, March 14: The show travels to cemeteries in England,

France and Detroit.

» The Afterlife, March 21: The program visits the Afterlife Awareness Conference and the Death Cafe in New York City, N.Y.

» Pay It Forward, March 28: The show looks at how death can be a new beginning for someone else, through scholarships, memorial foundations, and organ donation. It includes interviews with the Ingram family of Carleton, founders of Mikie's Minutes, an organization that provides calling cards for deployed troops, and with organizers of the Rich Rau Memorial Bicycle Tour in West Virginia, established in honor of a bicyclist who was killed while riding his bike. Viewers also learn about the story of Jimmy Williams who donated his heart through Gift of Life Michigan.

» Memorials, April 4: The series ends with a look at objects and activities used to remember loved ones. It also looks at the Cryonics Institute and explores memorials of the future, from new-age burial methods to the role of technology in archiving lives.

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Michael Kovalcheck of Livonia and his wife, Toni, who died in January 2015.

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Old advice applies even in today's job search

BY MATT TARPEY
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Job hunting has changed a lot over the years, so it's tempting to assume that the tips of the old days are useless. But no matter how different the process may look, many crucial elements remain the same. Here are five "outdated" career tips that you should still follow.

1. Watch your résumé length.

The digital age has made it easier for hiring managers to review multi-page résumés, but that doesn't mean it's less of a hassle for them to find the relevant information.

"It used to be that career coaches recommended that a résumé cram as much relevant information in so as to demonstrate your skill set, qualifications and ability to hit the ground running," says Roy Cohen, a career coach who wrote "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "In general, résumés nowadays should be brief. No more than two pages or you risk losing the reader's attention."

2. Build your network.

Networking is possibly the oldest piece of advice there is for job seekers, and it remains one of the best. The fact that networking has been the go-to



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career advice for generations is a testament to its effectiveness.

"Whether it's face-to-face or via LinkedIn, connections get jobs," says Joni Holderman, a professional résumé writer and founder of Thrive! Resumes. "Your connection doesn't have to be to a top executive. Even a referral from an entry-level employee carries more weight than a résumé submitted cold."

3. Wear a suit to your interview.

Dress codes are generally becoming more relaxed, leading some to argue that candidates' interview outfits should be, too. But this approach may have negative consequences.

"Even if the first interview is by phone or Skype, there is a benefit to being 'on,'" Cohen says. "A suit makes it feel official. Success in interviewing is not just about being well-prepared. It often happens as a byproduct of feeling ready and knowing that you look the part."

While you should get a sense of the company environment before you select your interview outfit, it's always better to overdress than look unprofessional.

4. Always submit a cover letter.

Some experts suggest that the availability of additional candidate information online

makes cover letters unnecessary. However, a clear and concise cover letter is still an effective way to set yourself apart.

"In an age where hundreds of people can easily apply for a position online without even looking at the job description, a decent cover letter is a great way to stand out from the pack and ... prove you've done your basic homework," says Marc Prosser, co-founder and managing partner of Fit Small Business, which provides reviews for small-business owners. "It shows you've considered the position and maybe even done some research on the company, which is more than most

job applicants will undertake."

5. Pound the pavement.

Not long ago, one of the most common job-hunting techniques was to trek from office to office in search of openings. Job seekers would comb the classified sections and seek out as many interviews as possible.

"Of course, nowadays, most job postings and applications are online, and there's no physical pavement involved. However, the general sentiment of this piece of advice still holds true," says Aaron Michel, CEO of PathSource, a career exploration tool. "In order to find the right job, you need to put some time and effort into it. Instead of going from office to office, job seekers now need to check out a variety of online resources to research and find the right job."

Despite all the changes to job seeking over the years, the main concepts stay the same. Before you write off a piece of advice as outdated, consider its core message and see if it can be updated for the modern job hunt.

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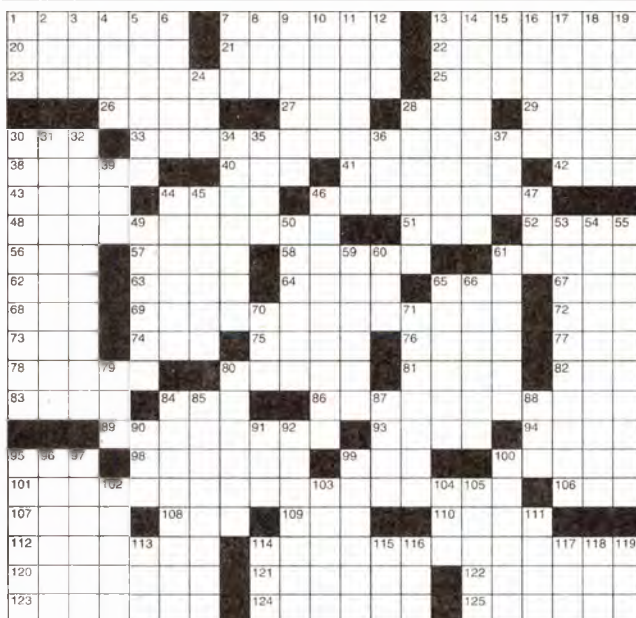
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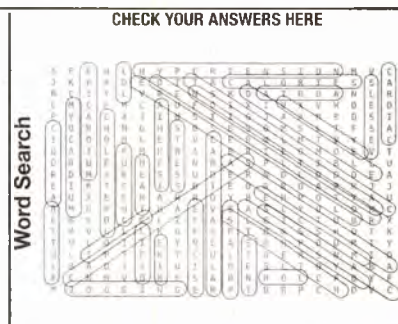
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Car Report

Cadillac Is Ready To Rev Up Its Reinvention With Worthy, All-New CT6 Sedan



By Dale Buss

Cadillac has spent a year or so softening up buyers with a new approach to marketing GM's luxury brand: a fresh positioning under the "Dare

Greatly" rubric, attempts to break with Detroit tradition, an effort to create a genuine lifestyle brand, and promises that a new generation of Cadillac products would back up this brand promise in steel, leather, aluminum and rubber.

Now that day has come, and the first expert reviewers of the initial product in Cadillac's "new tradition"—the CT6 sedan—credit the brand with getting it right. They say that it will do well in supporting Cadillac's aim of delivering a body blow to large rival German sedans such as BMW's 7 Series and Mercedes-

Benz's S-Class.

"The CT6 that hits showrooms in March is its own animal," enthused an Automotive News reviewer. "It's a fresh approach to the big-body luxury-sedan category, one that defies categorization in terms of its size, interior space and price." The new sedan has "serious road presence, with a long hood and low, wide stance. Its cavernous interior" rivals those German targets, too.

Yet CT6 is lighter than comparable German vehicles in part because of a mix of aluminum and high-strength steel welded together with minimal riveting and fewer overall components. Cadillac also outfitted the entry-level CT6 with a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder turbo engine, much lighter than the entry-level V-8 in the Mercedes S-Class.

Price-wise, Cadillac is trying to give US buyers this all-new package for about \$65,000 for a CT6 with a twin turbo, 3.0-liter V-6

engine compared with more than \$82,000 for a BMW 7 Series with the same displacement and power.

"It is a car like no other," Cadillac President Johan de Nysschen told reviewing journalists in California last month.

One reason is that, on contrast to the detailed set of goals most GM projects begin with, according to the Detroit Free Press, chief engineer Travis Hester had almost unprecedented latitude in creating the CT6. He was told the car should use a brand-new twin-turbo V6, have an advanced and lightweight body and structure, and compete with the best big luxury sedans. The rest, the newspaper said, was up to him.

"This is a real commitment to build real large luxury sedans for a brand that needs them," Eric Noble, president of the Carlab consultancy, told the publication. "This requires discipline by GM to avoid discounting. They need to launch it, hold the price and let volume grow naturally as people figure out how good the car is."

And CT6 is just the first in a string of new products, which include a new XT5 crossover-utility vehicle, a compact crossover, an SUV somewhat larger than XT5, and a true, ultra-expensive flagship sedan by 2020.

DeNysschen told me that Cadillac now "must deliver on 'Dare Greatly'" and "that means technology, showing how good the products are, with a distinctive



The bold profile of the all-new Cadillac CT6

design inside and out. We need to show that GM is serious about Cadillac and that we are visibly on par with the Germans."

And, he added, CT6 "shows we have something more to offer than just look and feel and a marketing campaign."

One of the key elements of de Nysschen's strategy for Cadillac has not yet been deployed. That is creating a sense of supply scarcity. He was really good at doing so when he ran Audi, boosting buzz and prices for the brand's high-performance models and leading the Volkswagen-owned luxury brand to unprecedented levels of US sales, market share and profitability.

"You need to show the cars proper respect," he told me. "You must compete on the basis of substance. Before now at Cadillac, though, we had taught our dealers

that Cadillac runs a mainstream brand strategy. If you have too many cars, the salesman says, 'We have a deal today.' You change that conversation with tension in the supply chain."

Or, as de Nysschen told journalists, GM plans to use CT6 to draw a line in the sand between its past and a future in which even worthier vehicles as well as a supply-scarcity strategy will undergird prices, profit margins and brand equity.

"We can't continue to focus on price," he told me. "We need to let sales find their natural level."

And in that regard, de Nysschen said, Cadillac already has made tremendous progress, cutting its inventory to a 48-day supply at the end of 2015 from 120 days at the end of 2014, lowering its incentive spending and increasing average transaction prices.



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