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## Feds release report on firefighter death

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A federal safety agency isn't recommending further actions regarding the 2013 line-of-duty death of a Wayne-Westland firefighter.

On Friday, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, a division of the Centers for Disease Control, officially issued its 113-page report investigating the death of Brian Woehlke, who died in the line of duty May 8, 2013. The report provides a detailed account of what happened during the fatal fire, which has been ruled a case of arson and homicide.

"It was a very unfortunate accident that led to a fatality. A NIOSH report is really comprehensive and takes about three years," Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said. "It's a very extensive report."

The report details what happened during the fire at Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick, located in a



FILE PHOTO  
Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke, who died fighting the fire that destroyed Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick in 2013, with his wife Jennifer and daughter Ava.

strip center at N. Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

The report executive summary describes the incident:

Entering from the front of the restaurant, Woehlke, 29, was far inside the

pool hall part of the building with two other firefighters stretching a 1.5-inch fire hose in conditions described as high heat and heavy

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### RADIO CALL TIME LINE

Based on radio transmissions, here is a time line of the fire scene at Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick on May 8, 2013

» 8:17 a.m. — While on the road, the rescue unit is dispatched to a fire at Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick. Firefighter Brian Woehlke and a second are on the Fire Rescue unit.

» 8:20 a.m. — The firefighters arrive at the fire.

» 8:21 a.m. — Woehlke activates his Self-Contain Breathing Apparatus and Personal Alert Safety System data logger. Two other firefighters do the same.

» 8:23-8:29 a.m. — Woehlke, a fire officer and another firefighter are sent in through the front of the building with a 200 feet of 1.5-inch hose line off of Engine 1. Another crew of three firefighters makes entry into the rear of the restaurant, also with a 1½-inch hoseline.

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## Annual veterans parade marks 20 years

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

As Westland celebrates 50 years as a city, the Veterans Memorial Day parade shared by Westland and Wayne is hitting 20 years.

Normally the parade alternates routes to end in Wayne one year and Westland the next year. In honor of Westland's anniversary, the parade will repeat last year's route — starting at the Wayne-Ford Civic League and ending at the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

The Wayne Westland Veterans Parade Council sponsors the annual parade. Heather Robertson-Mitchell, the parade coordinator, grew up being involved in the parade informally — her father Bruce Robertson was among the original organizers of the parade along with Tom Dobrowolski and Bob Watkins.

"Memorial Days was always about parades. I'd design flyers and things. I always stayed in the background," Robertson-Mitchell said. "My dad died eight years ago. My mom (Joanne) took over the parade. She and I worked on it."

When Joanne Robertson died five months later, Robertson-Mitchell took on the parade coordination duties solo.

"We usually have about 35 units in marching in the parade. Anyone can participate," she said. "In the past, we have had a problem with people thinking that they need to part of a military group. Anyone wanting to support veterans can come out."

Along with participants from area veterans groups, the parade also includes marchers from ROTC units, scouts, churches and baseball associations. Because the parade is aimed at honoring veterans, Robertson-Mitchell makes it clear that you won't be seeing participants dressed as clowns — one year groups showed up in clown costumes and didn't march.

The parade is held to honor veterans



Wayne Westland Veterans Parade Council Chairman Dan Stachow and parade coordinator Heather Robertson-Mitchell.

LEANNE ROGERS

in conjunction with Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day and established to remember those who died fighting during the Civil War. The

parade, however, is actually held on the Sunday before the holiday, which is May 29 this year.

"Other places really don't do any-

thing around Memorial Day. Garden City and Inkster do their programs in

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## Celebrate Earth Day at Nankin Mills Center

Join Wayne County Parks to celebrate Earth Day with a family-friendly Earth Day Extravaganza on Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presenters and entertainers will help celebrate nature at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail.

Participants will learn about the beauty of using native plants in land-

scaping projects, discover which plants attract butterflies and see live birds of prey, such as owls and hawks.

The day will also include a visit to the Huron Clinton Metropark Mobile Learning Center where visitors can see live wetland animals such as frogs, toads, turtles and displays of Michigan mammal pelts and skulls. In addition, visitors can learn about wetlands from

the goofy character, Marsh Mallow man. Children can create crafts from recycled materials.

Local environmental groups will also share information about their organizations, and musician Joe Reilly will sing earth-friendly folk tunes.

The Earth Day Extravaganza is free and all ages are encouraged to participate.



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## PARADE

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November at Veterans Day," said Dan Stachow, a Vietnam era veteran and parade council chairman.

The parade isn't city-sponsored and asks for donations for expenses including the purchase of American flags distributed along the parade route.

"We have a letter from the Westland and Wayne chambers of commerce to show when we go out to ask for donations. We accept any donations," said Stachow, who also puts flags on the graves of area veterans for Memorial Day.

Along with financial donations, the parade council also is in need of volunteers to help organize the parade and to lend a hand getting the parade going from the Wayne-Ford Civic League and handing out flags along the route. The pa-

rade begins at 1 p.m. but starts assembling at 10:30 a.m.

"There are only four or five of us doing this. It starts to work on you," Stachow said. "It really is such a small group that puts this together."

Anyone interested in getting involved with the parade is invited to attend parade council meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 on Wayne Road. Additional meetings are held during May.

For more information, call Stachow at 734-427-2520, Robertson-Mitchell at 313-567-7268 or email Hroberson70@gmail.com.

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## REPORT

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smoke. The three firefighters were unsuccessfully attempting to locate the seat of the fire.

The hose team decided to exit the structure. As they were leaving, Woehlke became separated from the other two crew members. The incident commander saw the two members of the hose team and called over the radio for Woehlke, who responded, giving his location as being at the rear of the building.

Woehlke later gave a radio transmission that he was out of air. A rapid intervention team was activated but was unable to locate him before a flashover occurred and the roof collapsed. He was later located and pronounced dead on the scene. An autopsy found Woehlke, a 29-year old probationary firefighter on the job for nine months, died of smoke and soot inhalation.

**"There are five or six things for us to look at — we were already doing it. Now we're really emphasizing it."**

**MICHAEL REDDY**  
Wayne-Westland Fire Chief

"NIOSH investigates all fatalities to see if there was anything we can do differently," Reddy said. "There are five or six things for us to look at — we were already doing it. Now we're really emphasizing it."

The report notes that both fire engines responding to the scene had fire sergeants acting as captains and there was a captain acting as the battalion chief.

"The staffing that day was a major issue. At 8 a.m. we were waiting for guys to transfer from other stations," said Mitch Tokarski, Wayne-

Westland Firefighters union president. "There were 19-20 positions lost at the fire department at the time."

Other report findings: » NIOSH tested the self-contained breathing apparatus worn by Woehlke, finding it functioned properly and met a required 45-minute rated service time. Without further comment, it was noted that the SCBA did not meet the National Fire Protection Agency test standard. NFPA is a trade association that develops codes and standards for adoption by government agencies.

» The fire and Woehlke's resulting death is still under investigation by the Michigan State Police. MSP Lt. Michael Shaw did not respond to a request for comment on the status of the investigation.

The NIOSH report notes the agency had no information on the point or points of origin of the fire. Their investigators surmise a large fire developed above the acoustic tile ceiling in the pool

hall area. There were no fire sprinklers installed in the 30,000-square-foot business. Metal fire doors did come down, separating the restaurant from the pool hall, where Woehlke died.

That lack of fire sprinklers creates significant risks to firefighters, making "the building highly susceptible to structural compromise and collapse due to fire."

» Woehlke had completed training the department required of all firefighters, including NFPA Fire Fighter 1 and 2 training, driver training, hazardous materials awareness and operations training, and emergency medical training. In addition, he had received station-level training on engine operations, fire fighter survival, hand tools, hose and ladder operations, power tools, pump operations, SCBA and ventilation.

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» 8:32 a.m. — Woehlke's PASS alarm goes into pre-alarm and is reset.

» 8:39-8:40 a.m. — Command sees the crew in the front of the building without Woehlke and tries twice to contact him; no reply.

» 8:42:29 a.m. — Command calls the missing firefighter on the radio.

» 8:42:38 a.m. — Radio transmission believed to be the missing fire fighter answering.

» 8:42:40 a.m. — Command asks, "What's your location?"

» 8:42:57 a.m. — Woehlke responds that he is "hose line, back of the building, near the fire, near the kitchen."

Command asks the firefighter "What crew are you with?"

» 8:43 a.m. — Fireground transmission occurred referencing Ladder 1 crew and the

incident commander believed it was the missing firefighter saying he was with the Engine 1 crew. However, Engine 1 was inside the rear of the restaurant and not the pool hall, which was separated by the roll-down fire doors. The incident commander did not know that these doors were down.

» 8:44 a.m. — Engine 3, from their ladder, reports air conditioner is ready to come through the roof and they need to get everybody out of there.

» 8:45:17 a.m. — Command calls for a progress report.

» 8:45:32 a.m. — Woehlke radios that he is out of air. This transmission is hard to understand and very quick and no one hears the transmission.

» 8:45:39 a.m. — Radio transmission to Command: "Need to get everyone out; two units ready to come through the roof."

» 8:46 a.m. — Woehlke's PASS pre-alarm activates. Fire

fighter's PASS data logger indicates full alarm. The PASS data logger indicated full alarm from approximately 8:46 a.m. until 9:00:34 a.m.

» 8:46:05 a.m. — Dispatcher radios for all units on scene to evacuate the building.

» 8:46:22 a.m. — Engine 3 radios Command that they have Personal Accountability Report for their unit and another mutual aid unit in the rear of the building.

» 8:47:52 a.m. — From unknown firefighter: "Command, we need a PAR count, fire fighter (Woehlke) is unaccounted for." Calls to Woehlke from Command and Dispatch follow.

» 8:48:45 a.m. — Engine 3 radios Command that the Woehlke is not at the back of the building.

After no response to more radio calls by Command and Dispatch, firefighters are sent inside the building to locate Woehlke.

» 8:50 a.m. — Command assigns mutual aid company

of two firefighters to enter the front of the building and try to locate the fire fighter. This crew made entry and attempted to follow the firefighter's hose line and were unable to locate the firefighter. They exited 45-60 seconds later and said they only made it about 60 feet inside. They did not report hearing a PASS alarm inside.

» 8:50 a.m. — Dispatch sends out Mayday alerts.

» 8:51 a.m. — A flashover occurs in the building.

» 9:00 a.m. — Building collapse is reported.

More head counts are taken and radio calls to Woehlke continue with no response.

» 10:30 a.m. — The fire is reported out.

» 11:15 a.m. — Woehlke is located deceased inside the building.

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# Texting to 911 now available in western Wayne County

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Those in western Wayne County unable to call 911 now have another option: via text message.

The announcement that the text-to-911 service is now available to those within the western part of Wayne County was made Friday morning at the Plymouth District Library with government leaders from many of the communities making up the Conference of Western Wayne, a collaboration of several communities that meet on a regular basis.

"The Conference of Western Wayne mayors, supervisors and public safety officials began researching text-to-911 best practices in 2015 after exchanging policy ideas" with public safety officials in Oakland County, said Westland Mayor Bill Wild, the chairman of the Conference of Western Wayne. "Anyone who is within the borders of the 18 CWW communities can use this service as long as they have a texting plan with one of the four major carriers."

The service, meant as a complement to traditional 911 service, is available to cellphones on AT&T, Verizon, Sprint or T-Mobile, and must be done through SMS. Messages to 911 cannot be sent via messaging apps that use Wi-Fi such as WhatsApp.

"You have to have a texting plan with one of the four major carriers," said Jordan Sellek, the Conference of Western Wayne's executive director.

The service will only accept messages that are just text at this time. It's possible videos and photos could be accepted by 911 dispatchers at a later date.



DAVID VESELENAK | STAFF WRITER  
Livonia police chief Curtis Caid speaks Friday morning at the Plymouth District Library during a press event announcing the text-to-911 service that launched Friday morning in western Wayne County.

Several other areas in Michigan, including Oakland and Macomb counties, have already implemented text-to-911 services or are in the process of implementing it.

Leaders still recommend making voice phone calls to 911 if possible, but if that's not an option, a text message can be sent. Safety officials ask that users submit their address in the initial brief message to 911 so that dispatchers know the location. Dispatchers will then send messages back with the messenger to get more information.

The 18 communities that implemented it Friday are the only ones in Wayne County where the service will currently work.

"If the texter is in an area that does not support text-to-911, they will receive a bounce back message informing them that 911 is not available in their area," Wild said.

The service will offer not only 911 service for those who are in a situation where calling may endanger their lives, such as domestic violence or

## COMMUNITIES WHERE TEXT-TO-911 IS OPERATIONAL

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- Dearborn
- Dearborn Heights
- Garden City
- Inkster
- Livonia
- Northville
- Northville Township
- Plymouth
- Plymouth Township
- Romulus
- Wayne
- Westland
- Redford Township
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- Van Buren Township
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kidnapping situations, but also for the deaf and hard-of-hearing who need emergency help, Livonia police chief Curtis Caid said.

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# Final steel beam laid on Masco headquarters

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Jeff Horka knows the construction of a new headquarters for Taylor-based Masco Corporation in Livonia is critical for the company.

Wednesday, he and several others got to witness the final step in building that new headquarters' frame.

"This is extremely important for Masco Corporation," said the manager of the company's real estate. "As we move from a location we've been in for 50 years and transition over here to Livonia. We're very, very excited about it."

The company "topped off" the final steel beam on the building Wednesday afternoon at Schoolcraft College just west of I-275. The topping off signifies the final piece of steel frame installed on the building, marked with a pair of flags and an evergreen tree. The ritual is one done across the country, with its roots



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Placing of the final beam on the Masco Corporation building construction at Schoolcraft College drew applause.

dating back hundreds of years to Scandinavia meant originally to appease spirits in the woods.

It's a ritual, senior project manager Jim Chernosky said, he didn't quite understand until doing more research on it earlier that day.

"It's really a ceremonial thing," said the employee of Pontiac-based George W. Auch Company. "The significance for us in the business is, your steel is done. It's kind of a milestone thing for us."

The project of building the more than 91,000-square-foot headquarters began Feb. 29. With the steel frame assembled, other work can begin to

encase it. Workers such as electricians, plumbers and other laborers will now begin to get the building prepared for the employees to move from the current headquarters Downriver to northwest Wayne County.

"We'll have everyone from roofers, sheet metal workers hanging the duct work, plumbers, pipefitters, electricians," said Vince DeLeonardis, president of George W. Auch Company. "This is the next big step."

Work is expected to be complete by February.

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## DFCU Financial, LPS Education Foundation in tune

DFCU Financial and the LPS Education Foundation are in perfect rhythm when it comes to providing learning opportunities for students in Livonia Public Schools.

Financial support such as that from DFCU Financial allows the LPS Education Foundation to offer classroom grants to teachers who vie for these coveted resources.

DFCU representatives saw, heard and felt, first-hand, the impact the classroom grants are making when they recently visited a Kennedy Elementary third-grade music class directed by teacher Don Stromberg.

Students played tubano drums, which were purchased through two grants from the LPS Education Foundation. The World Drumming program, designed by Dr. Will Schmid, is incorporated into

the K-4 curriculum.

"The benefits of World Music Drumming involve many skills that will be required in the 21st century workplace, which include critical thinking, creative problem solving, effective communication, and the value of self in the synergy of a group," stated Stromberg in his grant application. "Drumming also requires students to practice their memorization skills and provides each child an outlet for self-expression. The mind-body-spirit activity has been proven to enhance social skills, mental and emotional health and increase academic performance."

Research has also shown a strong correlation between music and the development of language arts and mathematical literacy skills.

In 2013, Stromberg received



The students love to play the tubano drums that were purchased through a grant from the LPS Education Foundation and supported by DFCU Financial.

10 pre-tuned tubano drums with a grant award of \$1,551.

He applied for a second grant in 2014 and was awarded

\$1,526 to purchase 12 additional tubano drums.

During the past three years, the LPS Education Foundation has awarded 45 classroom grants totaling \$94,261.

"We could not provide funds for these special classroom projects and supplies without the generous and ongoing support from organizations such as DFCU Financial," said Diane Policelli, LPS Education Foundation president. "We are so appreciative of their 10-year, \$10,000 commitment to the Foundation and we were happy to invite them to come and see just one example of how these funds are being used every day in our schools."

DFCU Financial is a founding partner of the LPS Education Foundation. To learn more about the Foundation, visit [lpsfoundation.org](http://lpsfoundation.org).

## Boy Scouts conducting 'Scouting for Clothing' drive for St. Vincent de Paul

Boy Scouts of America, Michigan Crossroads Council and St. Vincent de Paul are partnering for "Scouting for Clothing," a clothing drive to benefit St. Vincent de Paul in its mission to help those in need. This is the second consecutive year of the event and the Scouts hope to collect more than 25,000 pounds of clothing, which is the amount they collected in 2015.

The public is being asked to place gently used clothing, coats and shoes on their doorsteps, which the Boy Scouts will pick up between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

"The need for quality clothing for families in need is greater than ever," said Bill Brazier, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul. "We are hopeful that the community



responds to the good work of the Boy Scouts and that they give generously."

In addition to the valuable lessons learned on serving the community, Scouts will have the opportunity to earn a first of its kind, special St. Vincent de Paul scouting badge.

"We are honored to partner with St Vincent de Paul for the second year in a row on this project," said Vic Pooler, CEO of Southeastern Michigan Crossroads Council. "We believe we can truly make an

impact in the amount of clothing we collect for families, while teaching our youth the importance of helping others."

On Saturday, April 23, Scouts will canvass much of Southeast Michigan with door hangers to remind the community to collect their donations and place on their doorsteps for Scouts to pick up on Saturday, April 30.

Metro Detroiters are also encouraged to donate at our multiple Scouting for Clothing locations on April 30 throughout Southeast Michigan including in the Westland St. Vincent de Paul located at 6613 N. Wayne Road. Monetary donations are accepted at [svdpdet.org](http://svdpdet.org).

## Sign-up underway for W-W Salvation Army's Summer Day Camp

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Andrew Barylski is excited about the upcoming Summer Day Camp of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

Barylski, director of youth and community ministries, said the annual camp is held "to provide a fun and safe environment for kids throughout the day." Children ages 6-13 learn and experience new things, he said.

"A lot of that happens on our field trips," said Barylski of the camp, which runs June 20 to Aug. 19 this year and meets Monday-Friday at the corps building, 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer Road in Westland.

Registration is underway at the corps office in Westland, Monday-Friday during office hours of 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. The fee payment for

the first week will be required, he said, noting it fluctuates.

Scholarship help for camp is available, with additional details available by calling Barylski during office hours at 734-722-3660, Ext. 110.

He noted past field trips have been to the Detroit Zoo and Michigan Science Center as well as the Rolling Hills Water Park in Ypsilanti, which is especially popular with kids. Those trips are planned for this summer as well.

Barylski added participating children meet new friends, while being "active in the summer."

Last year 128 children sign up, with an average of about 75 a day attending. There is also before- and after-care weekdays to assist employed parents, he noted.

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# Find the appealing 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Avenue, just west of I-275.

### Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the midlevel SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the topline SL trim. New LED running lights up front and angular taillights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

### How it drives

The Rogue's powertrain is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option.

Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

### Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior,



The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.



Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types.

creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable.

The second row of seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with

much more legroom than expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

### Ergonomics and electronics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a 5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information.

A full complement of information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue features not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

### Cargo and storage

Pop the rear hatch (a power liftgate is optional) to reveal a spacious cargo area with low bumper liftover. The second-row seats fold flat in a 40/20/40 split, and the levers are accessible with a stretch from the cargo area to unlatch the seatbacks. Fold the front passenger seat flat as well to get a cargo area able to accommodate an 8-foot ladder. For models without the third-row seat, under-floor storage is presented with two reconfigurable dividers that can also act as pack-

age shelves.

The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include the following:

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# Archdiocese merging three Westland parishes

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Lou Stremich has only attended two parishes in her entire life.

Now she's being forced to add a third.

Stremich, a 90-year-old Westland resident, is among the hundreds of parishioners at three Catholic churches in Westland affected by the Archdiocese of Detroit's decision to merge into one parish.

Congregations at St. Damian Catholic Church and Divine Savior Parish will be merged with church-goers at St. Theodore effective July 1 following the Archdiocese's decision to merge the three parishes in a cost-savings move.

The decision doesn't come as a surprise — officials have been studying the idea for a couple of years now — but doesn't go down any more smoothly for Stremich, who has only attended Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township and Divine Savior, where she's been the last 32 years.

"I think this is rotten," she said simply. "They

waited so long to do it. It's like you've been sitting on a time bomb, waiting for it to go off. It's like losing members of your family."

The plan has been in the works since February 2012, when Archbishop Allen Vigneron issued a pastoral letter calling for strategies for every parish in the archdiocese. The idea back then, according to information provided by the archdiocese, was for St. Damian and St. Theodore to merge first, then for that cluster to forge with Divine Savior.

At a meeting hosted by the Archdiocese at Churchill High School in Livonia last Sunday, The Most Rev. Francis Reiss, auxiliary bishop for the south region, said the overriding factor was money, pointing out that cutting down to one electric bill, one gas bill, etc., would provide a great deal of savings.

"That's a significant savings," Reiss said. "Things are happening so fast, and we're caught in the wave. We're trying to be good stewards of what people have given us over the years."

While it's all indirectly



Several hundred people turned out for a meeting on the merger of three Westland parishes.



The Most Rev. Francis Reiss, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit's south region, talks about the merger.

about finances, there are several statistics the Archdiocese's transition team considered:

- » Number of priests — There were 414 priests to serve 313 parishes in 2000; in 2015 there were 254 priests to serve 227 parishes. At this point, according to statistics provided at the meeting, the Archdiocese has 215 priests. Reiss, in fact, is a retired priest serving as administrator at St. Da-

mian, St. Theodore and Divine Savior.

- » Catholic households — All three parishes have experienced a decline in registered Catholic households since 2000. St. Theodore is down from 1,950 to 1,075; St. Damian has declined from 726 to 587; and Divine Savior has dropped from 702 to 313.

- » Parish finances — Two of the three parishes (Divine Savior, \$451,000;

and St. Damian, \$2.5 million) have outstanding loan balances to the Loan Deposit program. Reiss said St. Damian's was largely accrued trying to keep its school alive.

Parishioners were surveyed for potential names for the new parish, which will be housed at St. Theodore. Holy Trinity was the top vote-getter.

Staffing for the new parish, including the priest, has not yet been

determined. Tony Latariski, director of the office of pastoral planning and leadership services, told the crowd at Churchill that current staff at all three parishes will be allowed to apply for jobs.

While no real anger about the decision was expressed, there were those who thought the merger was premature.

"I think we could have kept the church going with the community we had," said Joe Newton, a member of Divine Savior for 43 years. "It was just a matter of time before (the church's) debt was paid off."

The biggest question among those at last week's meeting was the length of time it took the archdiocese to put the plan in motion, a question to which Reiss had no answer.

"It's like, 'When is it going to happen?'" Livonia resident Paula Montagna said. "We've been sitting around four years waiting for someone to make a decision."

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MARCELINO GONZALES, III,  
Plaintiff,  
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Hon. Susan L. Hubbard  
15-016983-NI

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**EX PARTE ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY SUBSTITUTED MEANS**

At a session of said Court, held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne State of Michigan on 4/1/2016

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE \_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Court Judge

This matter having come to be heard pursuant to Plaintiff's Ex-Parte Motion for Substituted Service, and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that service of process in this action may be made upon Defendant, STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO, by mailing a copy of the Complaint, Summons, Demand for Trial and this Order to Defendant, STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO, at her last known address by way of regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to wit: 33532 Avondale, Westland, Michigan 48186. Proof of Service for these mailings shall be filed with the court by The Sam Bernstein Law Firm.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice be given by posting, for a period of three weeks, this Order in the Wayne County Circuit Court by Plaintiff who shall file a proof of said posting with the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT this Order shall be published in the Westland Observer newspaper once each week for a period of three consecutive weeks with proof of said publication to be filed with the Court by the Sam Bernstein Law Firm.

Notice is hereby given:

- That this matter is pending in the Wayne County Circuit Court before the Hon. Susan L. Hubbard.
- That the names of the parties to this litigation STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO AND MARCELINO GONZALES, III.
- That the nature of these proceedings arise from the careless, reckless, and negligent driving by Defendant STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO, on February 7, 2014, causing injuries and damages to Plaintiff MARCELINO GONZALES, III, and that Defendant STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO was the owner and operator of the said vehicle.
- That Defendant STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO, having been served by substituted means, as set forth in this Order, must file an Answer or an Appearance within twenty one (21) days of the service upon them with the Clerk of the Wayne County Circuit Court.
- If the Defendants served by substituted means fail to file an Answer or Appearance within twenty one (21) days a default may be entered with the court. A default is a legal document declaring that the facts alleged by Plaintiff in the Complaint are admitted. Defendants may not proceed in the action unless and until the Default is lifted or set aside. After the Entry of a Default the Court, upon the filing of a Motion by Plaintiffs' may assess and award damages for the Plaintiffs and against the Defendants.

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# Penguins, people come together at Detroit Zoo

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Patricia Mills Janeway of the Detroit Zoo remembers 1968 like it was yesterday. That's when the zoo's original Penguinarium opened, the first such facility in North America.

"I just remember how cool it was to watch penguins swim. I was mesmerized by it," said Janeway, who grew up in Royal Oak and now calls Bingham Farms home. She and sister Mary Jo, three years younger, lived nearby at 12 Mile and Woodward. "We decided it would be a good idea to ride our bikes to the zoo," recalled Janeway. "We spent the entire day here. We just had the time of our lives. There was a squad car parked outside our house" when they returned.

"We didn't think anything of it," she said of the police car. "We were missing." That story had a happy ending, although she doesn't recall their being grounded by their parents.

"It was so long ago I don't remember what the punishment was," a smiling Janeway said. "And here I am. I get to come to the zoo every day."

On Monday, April 18, the zoo's Polk Penguin Conservation Center opens to the public, with Janeway, who handles public relations, busy with the recent press preview. Nearby was zoo Executive Director and CEO Ron Kagan, standing in the 33,000-square-foot, \$30 million center.

"Well, I'm excited because I think the penguins are having a wonderful time," Kagan said. "From what I can tell, the people are having a wonderful experience."

### Inspired by the past

The Polk Conservation Center's been in the works about four years,



There will be four types of penguins housed at the Polk Penguin Conservation Center.



A gentoo penguin swims in the Polk Penguin Conservation Center of the Detroit Zoo.

Kagan said. "I think we were inspired by what was done back then," he said of the 1968 penguinarium. "We felt we needed to do something new and different that was completely authentic."

"I think this has skipped several generations," Kagan said. "It's pretty advanced, definitely using some cool technology."

There are two tunnels that visitors walk through with penguins

swimming above, as well as a large viewing area. It's "an experience for people that's even better than in the wild," Kagan said. "It gives the penguins a phenomenal experience. It also gives the people a phenomenal experience."

There are ramps to walk down to the tunnel viewing area with scenes of seafaring life, ship decks and masts, on the walls. Those scenes go from day to night and back. That's based on



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Swimming together makes for fun times for these Detroit Zoo penguins.

polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition and crossing of the Drake Passage on his ship, the Endurance.

There's also some artwork as well as scientific exhibits such as one on "Carbon Dioxide, the Heartbeat of Earth's Climate," which notes fossil fuel impact.

Of the new center being unusual, the zoo director noted, "Worldwide, we're not aware of anything like this. We really have a lot of expertise in this. There's nothing of this magnitude" elsewhere.

He said climate change is most noticeable at the North Pole and South Pole, a key element of the new center's educational outreach. "There's quite a bit of science," Huntington Woods resident Kagan said. "We try to help people understand what can they do to make things better. It gives you a whole range of opportunities to have a smaller footprint on the planet."

Scott Carter, chief life sciences officer, noted of the four species of gentoo, macaroni, rockhopper and king only the king penguins haven't moved to their new home yet.

The king penguins are starting their annual molting, explained Grosse Pointe Woods resident Carter. "It's kind of a challenging time for

them physiologically," he said.

### 'It really becomes real'

"We're still kind of amazed," Carter said of the opening. "We know the community's really looking forward to this. That's when it really becomes real," opening day, he said.

"It's part of our mission to educate people," Carter said, including basic zoology as well as saving the planet. He recommends, for example, using reusable cloth grocery shopping bags.

"We're having a huge impact just because of some of the decisions we make," Carter said. "It is (challenging) but it's not impossible. I became a vegetarian at 40. I think a lot of us have the motivation."

Admission to the Polk Conservation Center is included with Detroit Zoo admission, although timed-entry passes are required and are available on a first-come, first-served basis at admissions. While waiting, visitors can see historical photographs from Shackleton's expedition at the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery.

See more online at <http://penguins.detroit-zoo.org>.

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Livonia Symphony presents Evening of Jazz from 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 22, at One Under Banquet Center. Additionally, the Livonia Symphony Jazz Quintet under the direction of Carl Karoub will perform at the Evening of Jazz. Other musicians performing are Robert Hawkins, Bruce Sole, Eric Totz, Aaron Scott and Carl Karoub. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at [www.livonia-symphony.org](http://www.livonia-symphony.org) or by calling 734-591-0266.

first hour, \$1 after 9:30 a.m. The sale will feature a variety of gently used baby, children's and maternity items, including a large item room and a bake sale table.

To sell your gently used items, find sellers' information and table agreements at [www.academicpathwayspreschool.com](http://www.academicpathwayspreschool.com) or [www.mom2momlist.com](http://www.mom2momlist.com). For more information, email Whitney at [APCP-Mom2Mom@gmail.com](mailto:APCP-Mom2Mom@gmail.com).

Zonta wine tasting

Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne hosts its second annual wine tasting event 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road in Livonia.

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The club has been successful in providing scholarships to women to begin or continue their education.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.zonta15.org/waynenw.html](http://www.zonta15.org/waynenw.html). Email Wendy at [emptynest03@aol.com](mailto:emptynest03@aol.com) or call Kristina at 906-361-1033 for tickets.

Mom2Mom sale

Mt. Hope Congregational Church hosts a Mom2Mom sale fundraiser for Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23. The church is located at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Admission is \$2 the

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city, the state and beyond Michigan's borders.

The program takes place in the auditorium at Civic Center Library from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 24. There is no fee to attend, and advance registration is not required. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. The Library is located at 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia; call 734-466-2197 for general information.

5K for a Cause

On May 7, Warren Road Church hosts its third annual 5K For A Cause fun run/walk that starts and finishes at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road in Westland.

Registration is from 9-10 a.m., the morning of the 5K and a \$10 donation is appreciated. The 5K begins at 10:10 a.m., and the cause we are partnering with this year is an orphanage in Kamonkoli, Uganda. We are sending a team of 7 people there in July for 2 weeks. Following the 5K will be refreshments, fellowship and music. For more information, call Josh Sprunger at 734-458-7301.

Vaseline glass

Elmwood Station Chapter of Questers sponsors a program on Vaseline Glass given by Judith Coebly on Monday, May 9, at the Quaker Meeting House in Greenmead Historical Park.

This event is free and open to the public. A reservation must be made as space is limited. Greenmead Historical Park is located at Newburg road and Eight Mile. Contact Judi Fanco at 248-474-0158 for more information.

Livonia Towne Club

Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May. The meeting features a lunch, program, bingo, fashion show, music and more, at different restaurants in Livonia and the surrounding area.

April's program features a guest speaker on human trafficking. The meeting runs from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28. For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

ID theft workshop

Clarenceville United Methodist Church hosts the workshop, "IDENTITY THEFT: What You Need to Know," 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23.

The workshop, presented by Thrivent Financial, will show participants how identity theft can occur; how you can take steps to prevent it; and what to do if it happens to you. This free workshop will be held at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middle Belt, in Livonia (between Seven Mile and Eight Mile). A continental breakfast will be provided. RSVP by April 20 at 248-474-3444 or [clarencevillechurch@gmail.com](mailto:clarencevillechurch@gmail.com).

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

## Spartans repeat as city tourney champs

Stevenson places first in two of four events

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

There is no "i" in team, but there is one in win, which the Stevenson boys golf team did Friday morning at the team-oriented Livonia City Tournament.

Playing in near-perfect

conditions at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, the Spartans earned 9.5 points in the unique nine-hole format to edge runner-up Churchill by one point.

Franklin finished third with six points.

Three points were awarded for first-place finishes in each of the four two-player divisions: scramble, alternate shot, best ball and medal.

Two points were rewarded to the runner-up pairing in

each competition with the third-place team earning a single point.

The Spartans, who won the event in 2015 as well, triumphed in the scramble and medal events. Jon McDonald

and Trevor Lopus combined to shoot a 31 in the scramble while Connor Jakacki (44) and Easton Shlatterbeck (36) fired an 80 to win the medal-play category.

Stevenson's Jacob Anderson and Alex Walkuski joined

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

## Huggins' late goal earns Blazers a 1-1 draw

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Connor Huggins scored a goal during the final five minutes to give Livonia Ladywood a 1-1 draw against Farmington Hills Mercy on Thursday night.

Following a scoreless first half, the Marlins punched home a goal early in the second stanza.

"I felt we had the better percentage of possession; both teams created chances," said Ladywood head coach Joe Carver, whose team is now 1-0-1. "Their goalkeeper played very well and made some big saves."

**Patriots tie Milford**

Livonia Franklin scored early, but not often, Wednesday afternoon against Milford.

Patriot Madison Morell ripped the ball into the net four minutes into the non-conference contest after a stellar play by Riley Burnette.

The goal proved to be the only offense for Franklin, which settled for a 1-1 tie.

Franklin head coach Dean Kowalski was complimentary of Burnette's assistance on Morell's net-finder.

"Riley took the corner kick and the ball returned to her on a deflection," Kowalski said. "Riley made a great decision, keeping the ball in play, and made a beautiful move taking on the defender prior to the cross in the box for the Morell finish."

The Patriots earned a draw despite playing with a short roster.

"We had some key players sitting because of injury, so we had to play as a team in a very fast-paced, aggressive game," he said. "Milford poured on the offense the entire game and was able to equal-

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Livonia Franklin's Kaeleigh Kerpet delivers a pitch Wednesday afternoon at Wayne.

TOM BEAUDOIN

## DOUBLE-HEADER DOMINANCE

Livonia Franklin sweeps Zebras in South Division twinbill

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Everything was clicking for Livonia Franklin's softball team during Wednesday afternoon's KLAA South Division double-header at Wayne Memorial.

Powered by outstanding pitching from Kaeleigh Kerpet and strong performances at the plate from a number of players, the Patriots rolled to a sweep of the Zebras, 13-7 and 21-5 to improve to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.

Kerpet won both games of the twinbill, striking out four during her no-walk complete-game outing in the opener. She fanned one batter and yielded just one walk in the night-cap to improve to 2-0 on the season.

Junior Brooke Garbarino delivered some timely hits in both games, going 3-for-5 with an RBI in game one before delivering three hits, including a double, and four RBI in the second game.

Rachel Beers (3-for-5, double, two RBI) and Miyah Smith (2-for-4) were also tough outs for the winners.

Jessica Banks and Julee Perez both

swiped a pair of bases for the Patriots in the first game.

Banks was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI in the second game. Perez, Makenna Dogonski, Beers and Tara Trujillo also ripped hits to help the Patriots' cause.

**Thurston pummels Southfield**


Redford Thurston's softball team opened its season Wednesday with an emphatic 21-3 four-inning victory over Southfield.

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Livonia Ladywood junior forward Tara McCathy strikes the ball during Thursday's 1-1 draw against Farmington Hills Mercy.



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## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

## Spartans turning the corner

Stevenson's sweep of South Lyon an eye-opening result

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

There is a positive vibe sweeping through the Livonia Stevenson softball program — and for good reason.

On Wednesday, the resurgent Spartans swept visiting South Lyon — 7-1 and 13-7 — to improve their record to 3-0.

Stevenson won just five games all of last season, so there is definitely a corner being turned.

"We have two words that we're trying to live by this season — 'Believe' and 'Trust'," said first-year head coach Kevin Hannigan. "We're telling the girls to believe in one another and trust one another, and good things will happen."

"It's truly been a team effort so far. Wednesday's sweep was huge because South Lyon has swept us the past couple of seasons."

Sophomore Sarah Mesack



A Livonia Stevenson base runner successfully steals second base during Friday's game at Westland John Glenn.



Everybody was on their toes as John Glenn's Mackenzie Huren delivered a pitch during Friday's game against Stevenson.

was phenomenal in the circle for Stevenson the first game, tossing a complete-game four-hitter. Mesack struck out six Lions.

The Spartans jumped on South Lyon early, capitalizing on a flurry of fielding miscues to seize a 2-0 lead in the first.

"South Lyon was 4-0 coming into the game, so I think our girls were a little nervous at first," said Hannigan. "But

scoring the early runs settled everyone down.

Stevenson chiseled away at its lead the rest of the game, never scoring more than two runs in an inning.

Cori Wilson continued her torrid hitting by going 3-for-4 with four RBI. Natalie Bradford and Megan Gronau stroked RBI doubles to help pad the winners' cushion.

Elizabet McCann overcame

some first-inning rustiness to chalk up a complete-game victory on the mound in the nightcap.

"It was Elizabeth's first start of the season and she didn't have her best stuff in the first inning," Hannigan said. "But she really got it together after giving up five runs in the first and she only allowed three or four hits the rest of the game. She really impressed us by the

way she worked through it early."

Stevenson left-fielder Abigail Zwicker rebounded with a vengeance in the second game, going 4-for-5 with four RBI and three stolen bases. The speedy Zwicker missed hitting for a cycle by a home run.

Catcher Alyssa Zahra also swung a hot bat, going 3-for-5 with two runs. She also swiped three bases.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

## Franklin sweeps Wayne Memorial

Churchill posts cross-over win over SLE

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Sparked by lights-out starting pitching, Livonia Franklin's baseball team swept a doubleheader from host Wayne Memorial, 11-0 and 7-1, Wednesday afternoon in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

The pair of victories improved the Patriots' overall record to 4-1.

Franklin ace Adrian Reed tossed a five-inning complete-game gem in the opener, scattering three hits and a walk while striking out five.

The Patriots pounced on the Zebras with two runs in the first before taking command of the contest with a seven-run third.

Junior Jake Giacobbi was the Patriots' offensive catalyst in game one, going 1-for-3 with three runs and two RBI. Joe Chinavare (1-for-4, run, RBI), Kyle Wollam (1-for-3) and Ryan Prohaska (1-for-2) also contributed.

Jon Montie shook off a shaky start to post the mound triumph in the nightcap. The Zebras scored their only run in the first when Jacob Griffith doubled and scored on Justin Johnson's single.

Montie settled down nicely, limiting the Zebras to just two more hits over the next four innings while striking out four.

Harrison Merrill pitched a perfect sixth inning (the game was called after six frames due to darkness) to seal the deal.

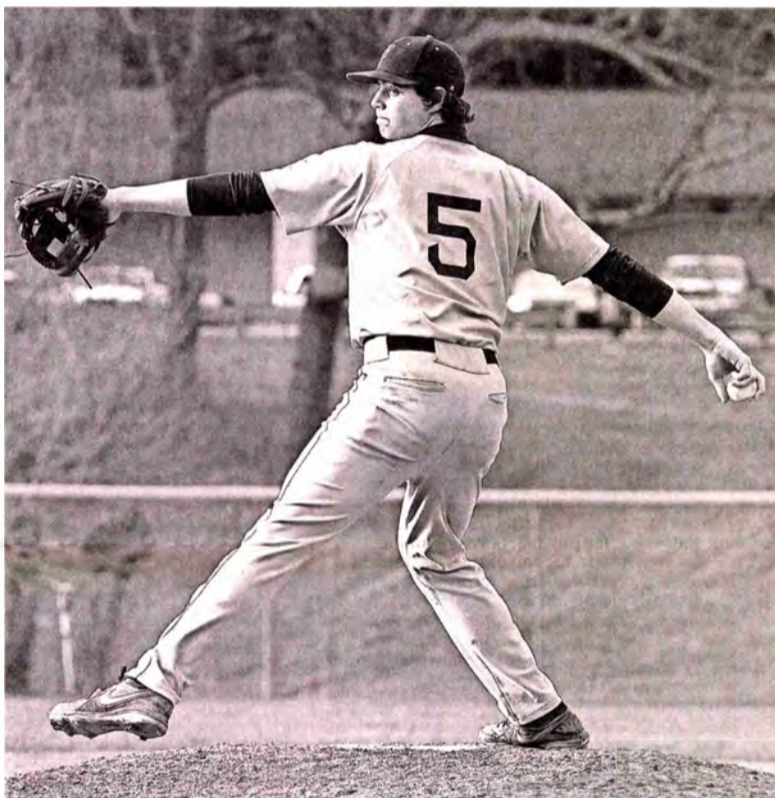
Offensively, Montie helped his cause with two hits. Other contributors included Jay Hopson (1-for-3, two RBI), Wollam (1-for-3, two RBI) and Reed, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

"It was a good day for us all-around," Franklin head coach Matt Fournier said. "Our pitchers threw the ball well and we played nice, sound defense. It was nice to be able to bounce back like we did after we kicked the ball around a little bit (on Monday) against U of D."

## Patriots nip Lions

Prohaska sliced a two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the sixth inning to lead Franklin to a 6-5 victory over visiting South Lyon on Friday.

The big first baseman's clutch hit made a winner out of relief pitcher Harri-



Livonia Franklin's Jon Montie delivers a pitch during Wednesday's double-header at Wayne Memorial.



Wayne's Colin Ramsey throws a runner out at first base Wednesday.

son Merrill, who tossed three shutout innings after replacing starter Kolby Dewhirst in the top of the sixth.

Merrill struck out three and yielded two harmless hits. Dewhirst had an up-and-down day, yielding seven hits and six walks while fanning three over five innings.

South Lyon struck for two runs in the top of the first before Franklin cut its deficit in half in the bottom of the frame. The game was knotted at 3-3 until the fifth when the Lions scored on a two-out, two-run single to take a 5-3 lead.

Franklin scored three in the bottom of the sixth. Hitting heroes for the

Patriots were Chinavare (2-for-4, two runs, RBI), Collin Metzler (1-for-3, RBI) and Bobby Mandrink, who went 2-for-2 with a sacrifice bunt.

## Chargers thump Cougars

Pitchers James Rintala and Drew Alsobrooks combined for a five-hitter to lead Livonia Churchill to a 7-1 victory over visiting South Lyon East Friday afternoon.

The result left Churchill with a 1-3 mark while the Cougars slipped to 0-4.

Rintala earned the win after scattering four hits and a walk (while striking out three) in five innings. Alsobrooks worked the

final two frames, yielding just a hit and a walk.

Hayden Harrigan suffered the setback on the mound for East giving up five runs and six hits in four innings.

Offensive standouts for Churchill included Jon Hovermale (2-for-4, two RBI), Rintala (2-for-4, two RBI), Noah Cross (two runs and a double) and Matt Smith, who scored twice.

## RU edges Trojans

In an early-season classic featuring a pair of Western Wayne Athletic Conference rivals, Redford Union outlasted host Livonia Clarenceville, 5-1, in a game that wasn't decided until the 10th inning.

The victory evened the Panthers' record at 1-1.

In a pitching duel featuring starters Brendan Kerkhof (RU) and Ryan Menifee (Clarenceville), the Panthers held a 1-0 lead until the bottom of the seventh when the Trojans scored the equalizer.

The game remained tied at 1-1 until the top of the 10th when RU's Tommie Lewis ripped a two-run double to start a four-run uprising.

Along with smashing three hits, Lewis also picked up the save with a perfect 10th-inning performance on the mound.

Tyler Collard earned the win after pitching two-and-a-third innings of relief, striking out three and walking three.

Kerkhof was incredibly effective during his six-plus innings of work, striking out five and issuing three walks.

## BOYS TRACK &amp; FIELD

## Churchill dominates Plymouth, 106-31

Belleville nips Garden City at the wire

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's boys track-and-field team opened its KLAA South Division schedule Tuesday afternoon as if it had been shot out of a cannon.

Fueled by several eye-opening performances — including 1-2-3 sweeps in the 100-meter dash and the discus competition — the Chargers conquered the Wildcats, 106-31.

Among the multiple first-place finishers for Churchill was thrower Demarco McKinney, who outshined his competition with strong efforts in the shot put (46 feet, 3 inches) and the discus, which he won with a heave of 138-7.

Churchill's Michael Grabda placed second in both throwing events with distances of 40-11 and 109-9.

The Chargers set the tone by winning the meet-opening 3,200-meter relay event in 8 minutes, 39.46 seconds. The foursome of Dash Dobar, Tyler Opdyke, Brendan Meakin and Josh Momeyer all ran well.

Taji Chappell won the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 16.97, while Churchill's Corey Fuller placed first in the 300 intermediate hurdles with a 44.93 clocking.

Churchill displayed its depth of wheels in the 100 as Carrington Smith (11.28), Jeremiah Roberts (11.97) and Rocco Pareilly (12.04) monopolized the points.

Momeyer and Smith placed one-two in the 400 dash with times of 52.5 and 53.01, respectively.

Dobar won the 800 in 2:06.36, just under three seconds ahead of teammate Meakin's 2:09.08.

## GC edged by Tigers

Garden City's boys track-and-field team came within a couple of strides of making Scott Murray's return to the head-coaching position a triumphant one.

In the season-opening dual meet against Belleville, the Cougars needed a victory in the meet-ending 1,600-meter relay race, but came up just a little short, which resulted in a 72-65 verdict for the Tigers.

"We had some gutsy performances by several kids," noted Murray.

Leading the Cougars' contingent of first-place field-event athletes were shot-putter Nick Edney (47-4), discus thrower Jalen Covington (114-9) and pole-vaulter Ian Tesarz (8-6).

Senior leader Denzel Tinsley placed second in the high jump by clearing the bar at 5-8.

Tinsley was a nightmare for the Tigers to deal with in the 100 hurdles, winning in 14.44, just over a second ahead of teammate Billy Hill.

Sophomore speed-burner Eian Castonguay then won the 100 in a sizzling 10.82. GC's Max Frederick was third in the 100 with a time of 11.44.

With bookends of Castonguay and Tinsley running the first and last legs, and Frederick and Micah Trimble motoring through the middle 400 meters, the Cougars crossed the line first in the 800 relay in 1:39.6.

The Cougars' top middle-distance performers were Devin Dodd, who won the 400 in 55.0, and Jake Sadowski, who placed third in the 800 in 2:25.

Hill won the 300 hurdles in 44.75 while Castonguay took first in the 200 in 22.6.

GIRLS SOCCER

# Precision-like Stevenson grounds Eagles, 5-0

Tom Morelli  
Correspondent

Calling all soccer teams in the KLAA — be on the lookout for a group of girls known to poach goals in bunches. They move in very precise patterns, aren't afraid to fire at will and have been known to cause headaches for opponents.

This assembly of Livonia Stevenson players have been labeled "dangerous" and their most recent victim came at the expense of host Lakeland in a 5-0 decision on Thursday night. "We have a lot of dangerous players," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We're not a team where you can show up and go 'I want to stop that one.' There are four of five of them that can be dangerous at certain times and with our depth, we can come off the bench with three really dangerous forwards."

The Spartans (3-0-2 overall) didn't wait too long to send out their first hit, as Paige Ackman fed the ball to Audrey Kopitz with pinpoint accuracy to knock it past goalkeeper Katie Welsh at the 10-minute mark.

It wasn't until 24 minutes in that Stevenson would double their lead, this time on a header from defender Jenna Thom that came courtesy of a corner kick by fellow backliner Kennedy Thurlow.

The Eagles (1-2) headed into halftime with just one shot on goal, compared to seven by their counterparts.

Pressure continued to be applied by the Spartans in the second half, which saw them tally a



ED WRIGHT

Stevenson's Audrey Kopitz's motors up the field with the ball during a game earlier this season.

pair of scores in the 48th minute.

Junior Megan Verant passed the ball upfield into the box for Kopitz, who blew by defenders and won a one-on-one isolation battle.

After the restart, Thurlow added her name to the scorer's book by firing a rebound at close range to make it a 4-0 affair.

"We had good chemistry last year and this year it's been even better," Kopitz said. "We've had really good success so far. It's all up to us if we want to push ourselves even farther."

Stevenson registered their final marker just past the midway point of the second half off another corner kick, with credit for the finish going to junior midfielder Maria Bayyouk.

Shingledecker talked about the importance these non-conference games have had in getting his squad ready for divisional play.

"We've been just trying to take care of business in some of these games," he said. "Once we get into league play, we know it's difficult every night out. These have been some good tune-ups because we know we have a rough

road ahead of us."

Fresh off their 4-2 victory and Megan Loney's hat trick against Westland John Glenn earlier in the week, this proved to be a difficult test for Lakeland.

"The biggest take-away for us is we knew we were going against a really good team," Lakeland coach Anthony Ibrahim said. "We kind of tried to play defensive and stay behind the ball to catch them on the counter attack, but they were very good defensively. Any ball that we tried to get forward, they cut out and they were just pressing us back again."

Senior Jess Schoenfeldt and freshman Haley Demers each played a half to earn a shared shutout for Stevenson.

"We have three good goalkeepers and they've all done a nice job," Shingledecker said. "It's a nice luxury to have three options that can come in and do the job."

Ibrahim didn't hesitate in giving the Spartans their due.

"Stevenson has 11 great players on the field and it's not just one of those games where we watch their star player," he said.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

# Late homer sparks Lady Ocelots

Power lifts Schoolcraft softball team to 3-2 win; tough week for baseball squad

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill graduate Rosie Garvin's home run in the top of the seventh inning Thursday enabled the Schoolcraft College softball team to win, 3-2, in the nightcap of an MCAA doubleheader at Henry Ford Community College.

The Lady Ocelots (7-12, 4-4) lost the opener, 4-1.

Combining for a strong pitching effort were starter Sabrina Coleman, who gave up one run and two hits in 4 $\frac{1}{3}$  inning, and Elaine Gerou (final 2 $\frac{1}{3}$  innings). Schoolcraft took a 1-0 lead in the fourth, when catcher Caitlin Fitzpatrick homered to center.

Henry Ford pushed across the equalizer in the fifth, but the Lady Ocelots went back in front 2-1 when Kelsie Powell (Garden City) doubled to score Livonia Stevenson grad Cassidy Lipinski, who led off the sixth with a triple to

right-center.

When Garvin cracked a home run to left-center to lead off the seventh, that gave Schoolcraft a 3-1 advantage. That extra run proved to be the difference, because Henry Ford scored in the bottom half of the inning. But Gerou (Plymouth) coaxed a fly ball to center to leave a runner stranded.

Leading the nine-hit attack for the Lady Ocelots were shortstop Katelyn Fitzpatrick (Garden City) and Gerou, with two each; Mackenzie Quinn added a hit.

Schoolcraft is in the midst of a busy weekend, which included: Friday's first-ever home game at Ford Field against Mott Community College; Saturday's doubleheader against Alpena and a Sunday game (11 a.m.) against Alpena.

Baseball recap

Schoolcraft (3-15, 0-6 in the MCAA) lost back-to-back baseball doubleheaders Wednesday (against St. Clair CC) and Thursday (against Jackson CC).

» **St. Clair 2, Schoolcraft 1 (Game 1):** Jordan Pressley and Hunter Sellers (Livonia Franklin) collected the only hits for the Ocelots, with

Daniel Ammons (Westland John Glenn) driving in the run.

Taking a tough-luck loss was Christian Mercure, who threw a complete game and struck out six while giving up just two hits.

» **St. Clair 8, Schoolcraft 6 (Game 2):** A seven-run first inning by St. Clair put the Ocelots in a big hole, although they did chip away to make it close at the end.

Schoolcraft's nine-hit attack featured extra-base hits by Mike Peplinski (2-for-3), Churchill's Steve Szymanski (2-for-4, run, two RBIs), Waymond Lemmon (2-for-4) and Ammons, who tripled in a run and scored twice.

» **Jackson 8, Schoolcraft 2:** In the first game Thursday, Sellers, Lemon and Canton alum Nick Romanowski had one hit each.

» **Jackson 13, Schoolcraft 4:** Despite two hits each by George Betz and Cole Moore (two RBIs), the Ocelots could not stymie the Jackson attack.

Also in the hit column for Schoolcraft were Garrett Edgall, Pressley, Szymanski and Matt Buhagiar.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

# Stevenson netters slam East, 8-1

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's girls tennis team proved to be "doubles" trouble for host South Lyon East Tuesday afternoon in a KLAA Central Division showdown.

Fueled by a 5-0 sweep of doubles matches — the Spartans didn't lose a single doubles set — Stevenson posted an 8-1 victory.

Leading the winners' singles lineup was senior No. 1 player Sam Cyrus, who outlasted freshman Summer McEvers, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Stevenson's No. 2 player, junior Jill Weiland, followed Cyrus's lead and swept Camille Caye, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 3 player Molly Cormier had zero problems handling Natalie Kremer, 6-0 and 6-0.

East's lone point was generated by No. 4 singles player Jahnita Manda, who blanked freshman Sophia Merinelli, 6-0, 6-0.

Stevenson's No. 1 duo of Natalia Hay and Nolle Hillert (both juniors) set the victorious doubles tone by upending Maddy Sexton and Jen Kesler, 6-1, 6-0.

The Spartans' No. 2 pairing of Natalia Roznowski and Allison Malowski made short work of Ally Basch and Nicole Renkel, 6-1, 6-1.

Julia Seychel and Rachel Crachiola won by an identical 6-1, 6-1 score at No. 3 doubles over Megan McCombs and Angel Kittone.

Stevenson's final two points were earned by the No. 4 team of Kayla Parker and Hanna Kliza, and the No. 5 team of

Rachel Smith and Mackenzie Pisko.

Wayne wins

Wayne Memorial proved to be way too much for Lincoln High School Friday afternoon, winning 8-1 in a non-conference meeting.

The Zebras picked up singles victories from Ciara Casey, Savannah Mowry, Sara Hiveley and Karla Strong, who lost just one set combined.

Doubles winners for Wayne included the No. 2 team of Britanni Ricks and Audrey Sabal; the No. 3 duo of Hannah Miller and Kene Nichols; the No. 4 combination of Alondra Lopez and Angela Winkehoff; and the No. 5 team of Madison Boettcher and Misty Tomlin.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD**

At the Regular Meeting on April 26, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., the Redford Township Board of Trustees will have the 2nd reading and adoption of proposed Ordinance #343.

**ORDINANCE NO. 343**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.30 (FENCES) OF ARTICLE III OF THE REDFORD TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE 152N REGULATING THE LOCATION, HEIGHT AND MATERIALS OF PRIVACY FENCES LOCATED ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, SPECIFYING APPROVED LOCATIONS FOR PET ENCLOSURES, PERMITTING THE PLACEMENT OF CYCLONE FENCING NOT EXCEEDING 4 FEET IN HEIGHT UP TO AND ALONG THE FRONT BUILDING LINE WITHOUT RESTRICTION.**

The ordinance can be viewed in its entirety either on-line at [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com) on the home page under the section "Ordinances Links" or at the Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, CLERK  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

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Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at which time the RFP's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each proposal shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Proposals shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late proposals will be returned unopened.

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Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Proposals must be submitted on the Forms section found on the MITN website. Each response to the proposal must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed proposals in response to this request will not be accepted.

All proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN DESIGN BUILD FIRE STATION DORMITORY RENOVATION, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the **City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.**

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Michael Kelly  
LFD Project Manager

Dennis J. Wright  
Mayor

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# Happy hour, power breakfast proceeds buy meals for kids



**Julie Yolles**  
SOCIAL SCENE

This Thursday, more than 600 women will get together for the 23rd Annual Women's Power Breakfast (WPB), a benefit for Gleaners Community Food Bank. The event has gotten so large and successful that Gleaners has added a second powerful component — the WPB Happy Hour.

Sponsored by Michigan.com, the 3rd Annual Women's Power Happy Hour was just held at the MGM Grand Detroit. Over 350 women — and a few good men — enjoyed socializing, spirits and savories.

The Women's Power Breakfast Happy Hour raised nearly \$37,000 which benefits Gleaners' Million Meal Match campaign to provide one million meals to kids in southeast Michigan this spring. Every dollar donated to Gleaners during the campaign will be matched by PNC Bank and other generous supporters. Normally, \$1 provides three meals, but during the Million Meal Match, \$1 provides six meals for hungry children across southeast Michigan. Of every dollar donated, Gleaners uses 94 cents for food and food programs. So WPB Happy Hour raised enough for 110,232 meals. The 2015 Women's



**Beth Gotthelf** of corporate sponsor Butzel Long, Detroit Councilwoman **Jane Ayers** and Livonia resident **Kathleen Lomako**, executive director of SEMCOG, enjoy the WPB Happy Hour at the MGM Grand Hotel.



Representing corporate event sponsor **Delta Dental** at the 3rd Annual Women's Power Breakfast Happy Hour are **Sara Eziuka** of Canton and **Julie Truskowski** of Clarkston.

Power Breakfast chairs are Birmingham resident **Beth Gotthelf**, Butzel Long director of innovation and Plymouth resident and United Road Services CEO **Kathleen McCann**. **Sally McCrady**, President of the PNC Foundation is the honorary chair and Bloomfield Hills resident **Dulcie Rosenfeld** is the WPB founding chair.

Women's Power Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. Thursday, April 21 at Eastern Market, Shed 2, 2934 Russell Street in Detroit. Tickets (\$150) can be purchased online at [www.womenspower-breakfast.org](http://www.womenspower-breakfast.org).

Contact **Julie Yolles** at [socialscenejulie@gmail.com](mailto:socialscenejulie@gmail.com) or leave a message at 248-642-9465.



**Julie Yolles**  
**Spencer Hayes** of Farmington Hills and **Mike Pierce** of WJR are among the few good men among a sea of 350 women at the 3rd Annual Women's Power Breakfast Happy Hour.

## Passages

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### CAMPBELL



**GARALD L., D.P.M.** 70, died on March 28, 2016, in Tempe, Arizona. **Gary Campbell** was born on May 19, 1945, to Alexander and Joyce Campbell. He was raised in Detroit and graduated from Derby High School and Wayne State University. He married Nadine Wycinsky in 1969. They moved to Tempe in 1972 to open Gary's podiatry practice and start a family. In over 40 years of practicing podiatry, Gary served in many community capacities, made numerous contributions to the art of practicing medicine, and touched many lives. Survivors include his three children, Andrea Helderman (Burke), Colleen Campbell, and Scott Campbell (Angela); two grandchildren, Daniel and Cole Helderman; his sister, Bonnie Wojtaszak (Greg); his niece, Kim Sherlock (Brian) and her three boys; and his mother, Joyce Campbell. He was preceded in death by his wife and father. Services were held in Tempe on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

### LEASIA



**FLORENCE MADELYN** April 10, 2016, peacefully at home. Age 91. Loving and supportive wife of the late Richard S. Dear mother of Susan Herment-Cooper (David), Richard Leasia (Nancy), Denise Duquette (Thomas VanHerweg), Edge Leasia (Beverly), Shelly Leasia, Steve Leasia, and the late Michael Leasia. Cherished grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of three. She loved golf and travel, and most of all, was dedicated to her family and grandkids, especially her special son, Mikey, always putting them first. Florence was also very proud of all of her late husband's accomplishments. Memorial service will be held privately. Memorial tributes to Special Olympics Michigan, Southeast Regional Office, 4084 John R., Troy, MI 48065. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248)549-0500. View obituary and share memories at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com).

### POPPENGER



**WILLIAM HOWARD JR.** September 2, 1942 - April 6, 2016. Bill retired from the City of Livonia Planning Department; he served as Vice President of the Livonia Jaycees, and also worked for the Detroit Free Press and Home Depot. He resided in Rosedale Gardens throughout his life moving to Hamburg, MI in 1996 and Utah in 2011. He is survived by his wife, Helen "Missy"; sons Christopher, Carson (Amy) and three precious granddaughters, Belle, Emma and Katelyn; and his sister, Jo Ann P. McFall (Jim). His youngest son, Adam and parents William and Grace Poppenger preceded him in death. Services were held on April 16, 2016 at Alpine Bible Church. Condolences to the family may be sent to 422 S. 780 W. Lehi, Utah 84043.

### SAYLES



**JOSEPH B.** Age 90, of Jensen Beach, Florida and Plymouth, Michigan died peacefully Monday, April 4, 2016 at Waters Edge in Palm City, FL. Born in Westville, Illinois. He grew up in Detroit, MI where he attended McKenzie HS and later at Michigan State. Joe has always had a love of the water, spending early years on Houghton Lake, MI working at his parents - Benedict I. (Slucinskask) and Estelle Sayles-General Store tending boats and fishing. In his late teens he joined the Coast Guard where he sailed the Great Lakes before serving in WWII serving on the USS Cambria and the USCG Cutter John C. Spencer. In 1950 he joined Ford Motor where he worked for over 35 years, retiring in January 1988. Joe was a member of the Colonial Plymouth Kiwanis Club for many years where he met his current wife, Marcia at their Charity Golf Outing. They were married a year later in August of 1993. During the year they met they found they had a lot in common: their Catholic Faith, Community Service, Golf and vacationing on Hutchinson Island, FL where they wintered for the last 20 years living on the ocean. He was pre-deceased by his wife Clara B. (Eshleman) of 42 years, his brother Edward Prentiss and his sister Angelina Prentiss, as well as his natural parents John J. and Elmore (Yurgutis) Prentiss (Pranaitis) who both died while he was very young. Surviving are his wife of nearly 23 years Marcia, his step-daughter Lori Morrison (Michael Paige) of Canton, MI, his sister Patricia Huben of Lauderhill, FL, his son Michael (Terri) Sayles of Carmel, IN, four grandchildren, Claire (Andy) Harry, Lauren (Brian) Arledge, Nicholas and Sarah Sayles. Four great grandchildren, Ella and Levi Harry, Abby and Zach Arledge. A Memorial Mass was said at Holy Family Catholic Church, Port St. Lucie, FL, April 14, 2016. Interment will be at Holy Sepulcher in Southfield, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers family requests that memorial donations be made in his name to Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, attn: Michelle Bracey, 33762 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 or Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth, MI. Online guest book at [www.AllCounty.com](http://www.AllCounty.com)

### DUNKEL



**JOHN A.** died peacefully on March 5, 2016 at his home. Mr. Dunkel was born February 8, 1926 in Royal Oak, Michigan to James Blaine and Martha Schuler Dunkel. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1944 as a navigator. He graduated from Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 1952. Mr. Dunkel and his family lived in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan from 1952 to 2016. He owned Target Corporation in Fenton, Michigan until 2011. He was an enthusiastic member of Red Run Golf Club and loved to travel in his work and for pleasure with his wife Elaine, and their children. Surviving are his wife, Elaine (Hilde); son, Randall of St. Clair Michigan; his daughter, Barbara of Istan, Spain; sister, Jane Chilcott of Tucson, Arizona; Charles of Santa Rosa, California; his grandchildren, Forrest and Jenhis of Rochester, Michigan and Elaine Prieto of Estepona, Spain; and two great-grandchildren, Adelina and Graham.

### FISCHER



**PHILLIP** 63, of Redford, died April 14, 2016. Phillip is the cherished husband of the late Cleo (d. 2014). Phillip is survived by his siblings, Johnny (Sharon) Fischer, Benno R. (Joy) Fischer, and David (Cande) Fischer. Uncle to Tammy, Michael, Tina, Janette, Melissa, and Tanya; great-uncle of 16 nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday, April 18, 2-8 p.m. at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral service Tuesday, April 19, 11:00 a.m. (visitation 9:00 a.m.) also at the funeral home. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Park.

## It's time to ramp up the national conversation about mental health

A few weeks ago I was able to attend the National Alliance of Mental Illness - Metro (NAMI - Metro's) annual fundraising dinner. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell was the speaker of the evening. She wonderfully shared her experiences of growing up in a family where there were members with mental illness. She emphasized how, back then, it was never talked about. She addressed the question "When are we going to start talking, in our society about mental health and mental illness?"

With May, National Mental Health Awareness Month, almost upon us, we'll have plenty of opportunities to focus on the issue. As readers of this column know, we are and have been putting our two cents in, when it comes to talking about mental health. "Our Mental Health," is now in its 15th year with 200-plus archived articles available to the public at the Farmington Public Library.

### In the past

On Feb. 5, 1963, President J. F. Kennedy sent a series of proposals to fight mental illness to Congress. He said: "These afflictions have been long neglected, occur more frequently, affect more people and can require more prolonged treatments, and can cause more individual and family suffering than any other conditions in American life."

Shortly after Kennedy's speech, Oakland County became the first county in Michigan to establish a community mental health board to implement mental health programs. Oakland County Community Mental Health Services, as well as many like-minded mental health authorities nationwide, continue to promote mental health. They struggle the seemingly endless battle of government funding reductions and the lack of true parity by insur-



**Len McCulloch**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

ance companies. And, the question — "When are we going to start talking about mental health?" — is still being asked.

### Tragedy

Focusing on this issue frequently seems to come about in the aftermath of major catastrophes that involve mental illness, such as the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre and Columbine High School killings.

In the aftermath of the Sandy Hook massacre, a great amount of attention was given to the issues of mental health and the terrible price paid for not talking about it enough. However, progress is still pursued. Next month is a prime example. During May, Mental Health Awareness Month, there will be more discussion in schools about mental health. Some schools even hold classes in mental health first aid.

The justice system has developed mental illness courts where the guilt, innocence, and the mental illness involved in criminal behavior is addressed. It is a forgone conclusion that mentally healthy people do not commit mass murders. Yet, it remains the case that our prisons and populations of homeless people comprise a huge percentage of citizens with mental health problems incarcerated and/or abandoned by society.

We have come a long way in decreasing the stigma about mental illness since President Kennedy's speech over 50 years ago. But, there is still stigma and a reluctance to talk about it.

Did you know that many legendary persons have suffered from major mental illnesses? These include Patty Duke, Winston Churchill, Jimmy Piersall, Abraham Lincoln, Beethoven,

Robin Williams and Rosemary Kennedy, younger sister of J. F. K., who was given a lobotomy at age 23.

Did you know that the word stigma is derived from the Latin term for "brand" that marks someone as a slave or criminal? Also, many studies have shown that up to 75 percent of the visits made to a primary care physician or family doctor are for problems related to psychological factors and turn out to have no physical/organic cause.

### Raising awareness

Next month there will be gatherings promoting awareness, free mental health screenings, local rallies, and more. The importance of events like these cannot be emphasized enough. There is no shortage of resources for treatment of mental health problems. We need to continue talking and listening and paying attention to the efforts of like-minded organizations such as NAMI - Metro. We must continue to adapt Congresswoman Dingell's approach to spreading the word far and wide by speaking about these issues louder and more often.

Learn more about mental health by visiting these websites:

- » NAMI-Metro [www.nami-metro.org](http://www.nami-metro.org).
- » The Michigan Association of Professional Psychologists at [www.e-mapp.org](http://www.e-mapp.org).
- » The Therapy Choirs of Michigan at [www.therapychoirs.net](http://www.therapychoirs.net).
- » Michigan Mental Health Authority [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs)

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# Green thumb? No need with glass garden decor

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Forget the trowel and plants.

I started my gardening with a steel rod and a glob of 2,300-degree molten glass Thursday, by "growing" a Percolla Reed at the Glass Academy in Dearborn.

It was the perfect time to make a glass garden ornament that will be cooled and ready to plant among early season lettuce and kale in my backyard next weekend. April isn't just the start of the gardening season, but it historically has been a month to celebrate glass art in Michigan. Although the Michigan Glass Month committee has begun promoting year-round events on its Michigan Glass website, there still are plenty of glass art-related activities happening this month and in May.

Habatat Galleries in Royal Oak opens its 44th Annual Glass International Award Exhibition with a reception, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, May 7. Michigan Hot Glass Workshop in Detroit shows ceramics, glass and print images, 6:30-10:30 April 30, and it teaches glass blowing year-round. Epiphany Glass Studio in Pontiac holds its spring show and sale, along with glassblowing demonstrations May 7-8.

The Glass Academy's Mom & Me - Glass & Tea combines tea and treats with a glass flower-making session, May 7-8, 14-15. Other glass experiences, including a beer mug night, coffee night and bead-making run throughout the year. The Percolla Reed series, like many spring perennial plants, lasts just a few months. It's replaced by a leaf-making class in the fall, followed by icicles in the winter and will return next spring. Reed classes run through June.

## An experience

"The thing that you might not be aware of is how the Glass Academy teaches," co-founder Michelle Plucinsky said in an e-mail. "It's more about an 'experience' with glass vs. teaching students to be glassblowers."

That was good to know, as I headed into the studio this week for my reed-making experience. Although each of the five students in class got the chance to blow through a hollow rod and inflate gooey, hot glass into a delicate bubble, the reed-making session was more about glass sculpting.

"Blowing glass and making something takes a lot of practice," said instructor Logan Albers of Milan. "I have my first blown piece sitting at home on a shelf and it's the ugliest, most lop-sided cup you've ever seen. It takes a lot of practice."

Glass sculpting is a matter of gathering the glass from a 2,100-degree furnace onto the end of a solid "punty" rod, then using a combination of tools, more heat, more glass and



Percolla Reeds



Hot glass that has been shaped in a mold is covered in colored glass pieces.



Sally Sayed of Dearborn gets a little help from instructor Logan Albers as she curls the tip of her reed.



SHARON DARGAY

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Jenai Close of Dearborn makes a glass bubble before trying her hand at reed-making.

# Grow backyard-to-table produce with these garden tips

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

If you plan to start a vegetable garden this spring, you'll need good soil, seeds or plants, water and bees.

Don't forget the bees.

"You get better results if you have bees around to pollinate. I'm a honeybee keeper and I've seen a big improvement having bees around," says Darrell Youngquest, a Farmington Hills resident and plant buyer for English Gardens. "Honeybees are a lot of work."

"Mason and cutter bees are very good pollinators. They're adept at pollinating and you don't have to tend to a hive. Don't be scared. They're not going to sting you and you don't have to have a mask. These are fly-sized bees."

English Gardens sells houses for Mason bees and cutter bees. Youngquest said they're about eight-by-eight inches and can be hung from a pole or a tree.

"They even come with a certificate to get the bee larvae."

Besides pollinators, you'll need to get your soil in shape, figure out where to plant, and



Cold weather plants, including spinach, lettuce, bok choy, can be planted this month.

keep your garden free of weeds and pests. Here's Youngquest's advice:

## Sunny placement

Pick the sunniest area in your yard, one that will get sun from about 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. "Sometimes it's deceiving this time of year. A lot of trees haven't got leaves. Then may comes along and it's shady. When you plant, keep that in mind."

## Bambi and friends

If your yard attracts deer, rabbits or groundhogs, plan to enclose the garden with a 3-foot fence for smaller animals or 8-foot for deer. Deer fencing, a black, plastic screening, can be tied to poles spaced around the garden. Chicken wire will work for smaller animals. Place it six inches into the ground to prevent digging.

## Prep the soil

"Vegetables and fruits and herbs take a lot of nutrients out of the soil. If you don't enrich it every year, the harvest won't be as good as it could be." Use a mix of organic compost, fertilizer with cow manure and top soil in the garden. "If you do blueberries, which are very popular, plant with lots of peat moss. Blueberries require acidic soil." Buy a soil analysis kit and test the soil for its nutrient and acid content.

## Clay is for pottery

You don't want to plant in clay. "The easiest way to get around clay is to garden in raised beds." Pile the good soil on top of the clay soil. Enclose the soil in a raised bed made of boulders or boards. "Stay away from pressure-treated woods because they've got chemicals in them. Stay away from concrete blocks."

## When to plant

You can plant cold weather crops, lettuce, spinach, carrots, cabbages, onions. Hold off until mid-May for tomatoes and peppers, watermelons and other warm weather crops. If you're getting antsy to plant, you can use a cloche to safeguard plants, such as strawberries and thyme. "It's a plastic dome and we've got some with vents on the top. It's like a mini greenhouse and helps keep it warm." Or try a "floating cover," a white, lightweight cloth that can cover plants at night if the temperature dips to 32 degrees.

## Maintenance

Weed to keep them from robbing nutrients from your vegetable plants. Prune and

keep tomatoes from touching the ground. Mulch with straw, not wood bark. "Straw helps keep weeds down. Bark, as it breaks down, tends to leach nitrogen from the soil." Manage insect pests by picking them off plants or using a pesticide designed for food crops. "Butterflies and moths have a caterpillar stage and they are voracious eaters. There are Japanese beetles and stink bugs. You do a little every day and you do have to catch it early."

## New plants

» Brazelberry, a dwarf blueberry plant, is good for landscape and fruit production.

» Mr. Stripey is a grafted tomato with a hearty, disease-resistant root stalk.

» Short snack cucumber produces 4-inch vegetables that are perfect for snacking.

» Dragon's tongue green bean is an heirloom bush bean with blue and white stripes. "It's kind of cool."

» "I've got hula berry strawberries. They're white with a pineapple flavor."

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# Observatory director: From Beverly Hills to Vatican

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It was a combined love of science and religion that lifted Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno from a small Catholic school in Michigan to director of the Vatican Observatory in Rome.

Consolmagno, 63, attended Our Lady Queen of Martyrs through eighth grade, graduating in 1966. On Monday, he spoke to a packed audience of parishioners at the Beverly Hills church about his amazing journey.

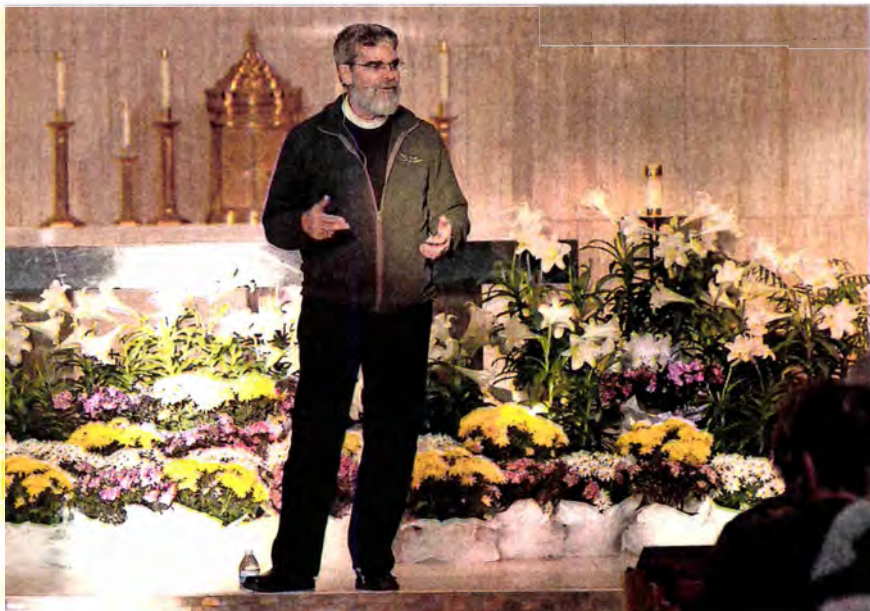
It began with the unfolding of the space age.

"In 1957, when I was in kindergarten, Sputnik was launched," he told the parish. "In 1969, the summer before my senior year in high school, rockets were landing on the moon ... the space age was going on in front of us, live on television. Science was in the air."

Soft spoken with a friendly sense of humor, Consolmagno admitted he was always "a nerd" when it came to science. He earned his master's degree at MIT and a Ph.D. in planetary science from the University of Arizona.

After becoming a Jesuit in 1989, he was assigned to the observatory at the papal palace.

"For the first 18 years, my office was above the pope's bedroom. And I was the one guy in the church above the pope," he told the parish with a big smile.



Brother Guy Consolmagno spoke at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Beverly Hills.

Pope Francis appointed him as director of the observatory in 2015. Consolmagno admits he still gets goosebumps whenever he points the Vatican telescope toward the stars.

### 'God's inspiration'

After the presentation, Patrick Carzon, 20, of Farmington, a physics student at Lawrence Technological University, said he found it interesting how

Consolmagno seamlessly navigated his way between the church and science.

"That was probably the best thing about the talk," Carzon said. "And the idea you can come from anywhere and become the chief of the Vatican Observatory."

School principal Joe Vincler said the theme to this year's Science Day at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs happens to

be astronomy, making the visit even more special.

"He represents exactly what we teach here," Vincler said. "It's the combination of science and education with our Catholic faith — he sums up what we're all about."

Parishioner Judy Cancro of Royal Oak personally thanked Consolmagno for the inspiring talk.

"It's wonderful that he has

such a grasp of the deepest things, and yet he enjoys the simplest things in life. It makes us so proud to have him from this parish," Cancro said. "He's open to God's inspiration in whatever he does."

Consolmagno shared his love of meteorite rocks and the joy of discovering the universe. He spoke about the oceans of water hidden beneath the moons of Jupiter, asking the audience to imagine "an intelligent tuna" living in that body of water.

"You're living in a universe that has a top and a bottom — how would you ever know that there was a universe outside of the universe you're living in?" he asked the parish. "And what are the limits of the universe that you and I are living in ... that we don't even know what we can't see."

Before returning to the Vatican, Consolmagno spoke to the students at OLQM on Tuesday and visited classrooms for the first time since graduating almost 50 years ago. Staffer Mary Staeger said the students presented him with an ABC book of bible verses as a gift to Pope Francis.

"It's that Catholic community," Staeger said of the special homecoming visit. "It's just the connection we have. We all stay together and come back ... almost like *The Lion King*, I guess."

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## GARDEN

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rolling the rod to form shapes and meld colors. The artist sits on a bench seat with the rod resting on metal stands on both sides of the bench. A 2,300-degree heating furnace helps to keep the glass pliable while sculpting.

"If you want to feel adventurous and roll the pipe yourself, you will put your hand in this shiny area. If I see you reaching for this part of the pipe, I'll slap you," Albers

teased, pointing to the charred portion of the rod. "I've never burned a student. I have touched that area." He showed off a burn scar on his wrist as proof.

### Peaks, valleys

Albers worked one-on-one with each participant. He gathered the glass on the rod, rolling the glob into a slight conical shape on a metal table, before plunging it back into the glass furnace and then into a mold to create a ridged pattern. The glass, marked with "peaks" and "valleys" took another roll on the table before

Albers placed it into a bin of colored glass pieces.

"When I roll it across the table, the peaks all get chilled," he explained, placing my glob of glass into the spearmint green color I had chosen. "All the colors will stay in the (warm) valleys."

I took a seat on the bench while Albers simultaneously plunged the glass into a heating furnace and coached me on holding the big, metal tweezers for the best control. I used them to pinch the end of the hot glass into a little tab then switched to scissor-like diamond shears to hold the tab

and pull while he rolled the rod in place. A heat-resistant glove might have come in handy right about then. The glass was as pliable as taffy, but thousands of degrees hotter.

After whacking off the pull tab, Albers gathered more clear glass, letting some of the excess drip off like honey into a bucket.

With another tug, a long pull, and a few squeezes, the reed began to take a slender shape. With tweezers in hand, I turned my wrist and the tip of the glass curled. A quick blast with the blow torch polished the rough tip.

The glass reeds cool slowly in an annealing oven and reach room temperature in about 14 hours. Artisans will attach a metal rod to the bottom of the glass and the Percolla Reeds will be ready to go home in a week — just in time for a little outdoor gardening.

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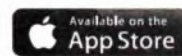


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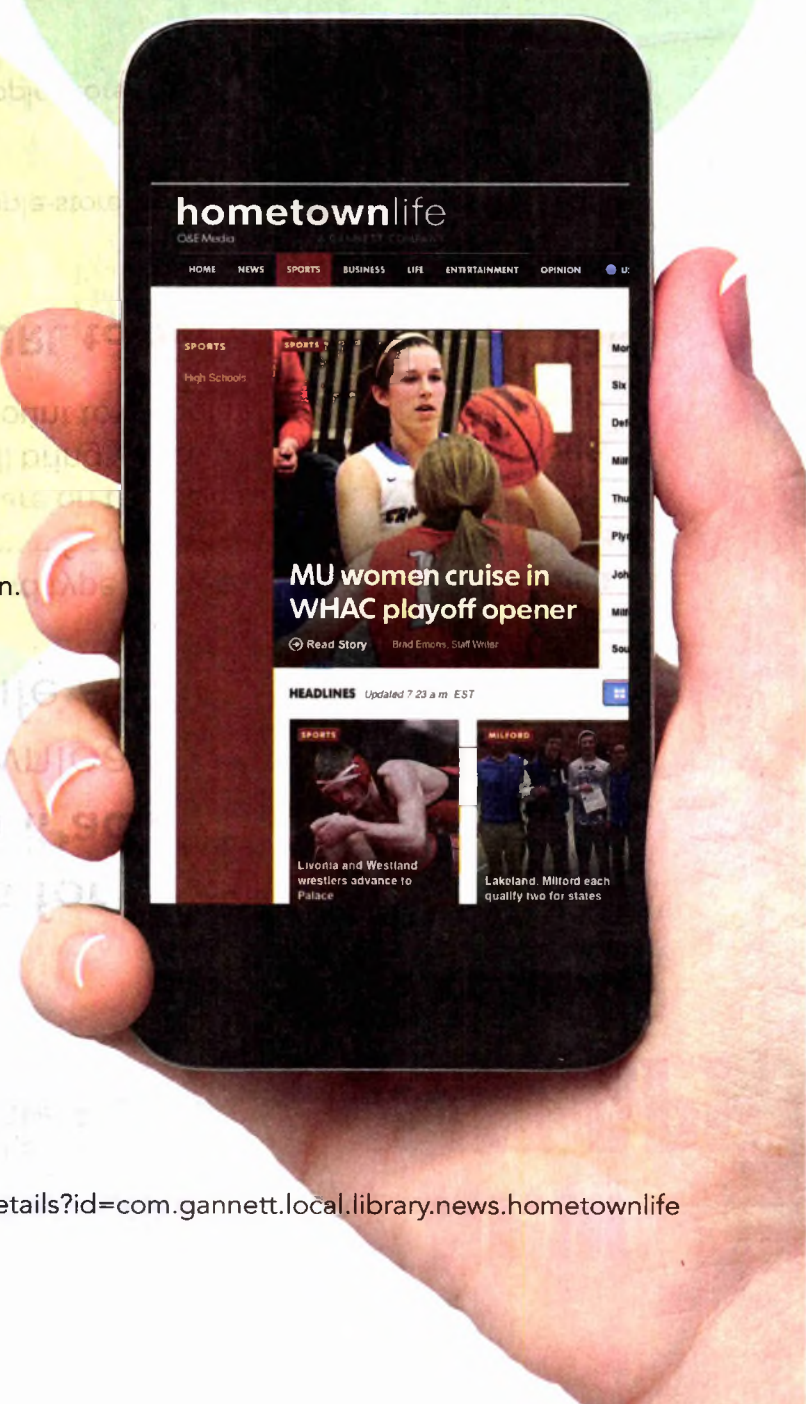
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## Common mistakes can derail your first job hunt

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Job seekers just entering the workforce may be eager to land their first gigs ASAP. While enthusiasm is a positive thing, it shouldn't be at the expense of doing thorough research and taking the time to really prepare for all stages of the job-search process.

If you're new to the working world, here are some common mistakes to avoid so you can set yourself up for a more successful search.

### Having an unprofessional social media presence

You know those pictures of you partying in college that are all over Facebook? It may be time to take those down — if you want to get a job. According to a 2015 CareerBuilder survey, 48 percent of hiring managers who screen candidates via social networks have found information that caused them not to hire someone.

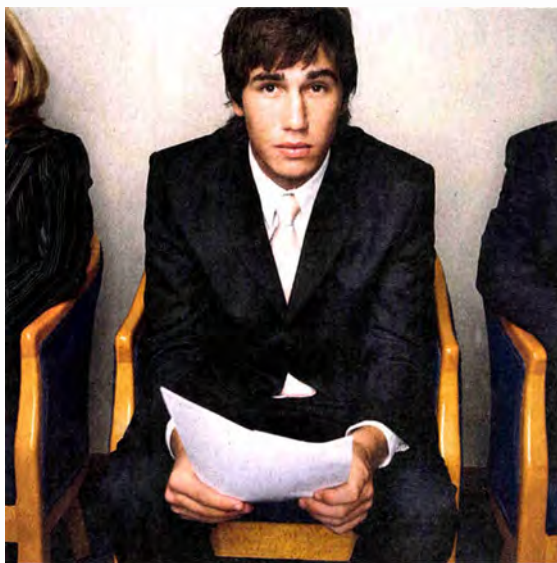
"Let your social media persona match the professional image you want to portray to employers," says Stefanié B. Lomax, president and CEO of the career consulting service HRPro4You. "If you want to keep your image of being fun intact with your friends, mark

your Facebook page private and take other necessary security protocols on other social media platforms to make sure that you aren't presenting an image that you don't want to get judged by."

### Using a generic résumé and cover letter

"Résumés need to be tailored to a specific role and responsibilities," says Susan Peppercorn, a career coach and founder of Boston-based Positive Workplace Partners. "Inexperienced job seekers often assume that a one-size-fits-all résumé is all they need and often don't understand why they don't hear back. Unless you've taken the time to show how your experience and skills meet the needs of the employer, you'll never make it through the screening process."

The same customization rules apply to your cover letter. "The most common mistake I've seen is sending a generic cover letter that doesn't explain why you're applying for the job (or) why you're the best fit," says Ilana Zalika, co-founder of Resound Marketing, a public relations firm. "Take the time to research the job and the company and draw a connection between your background and the position available. If there's no connection, address it head-



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on and explain what other characteristics you have that make you a great fit — maybe you're a fast learner or have a personal passion for the job at hand."

### Being unprepared for interviews

If you've avoided making the above mistakes and have landed an interview, don't ruin your chances by being unprepared. "Going into an interview blind puts you at a disadvantage and will not make a good first impression," says Lela Reynolds, a senior

career consultant at personal-branding firm Resume Strategists. "Research the company, department and details about the job. Look at the company's LinkedIn page and social media presence, spend time on their website and do thorough online searches. ... Also make sure to research the interviewer to learn about their role with the company, as well as their career path and education to identify any commonalities that may help you build rapport."

And don't forget to come prepared with questions —

something first-time job seekers don't always do, Reynolds says. "During an interview, when asked if you have any questions, responding with, 'No, you've answered all my questions' doesn't demonstrate interest in the job and the company, which are key things interviewers look for. Prepare questions that are specific to the role, the company and its culture, growth opportunities and competitive landscape."

### Not following up

Following up post-interview can be intimidating, and newer job seekers may be fearful of coming across as too aggressive. Yet a well-timed and appropriate follow-up can make a big difference, Lomax says. "I have had numerous conversations with hiring managers who were undecided between two candidates, and then one sent a thank-you note/email, and the decision was made. Not following up or thanking the interviewers for their time is a big no-no. ... It's a small detail that has a huge impact for the better."

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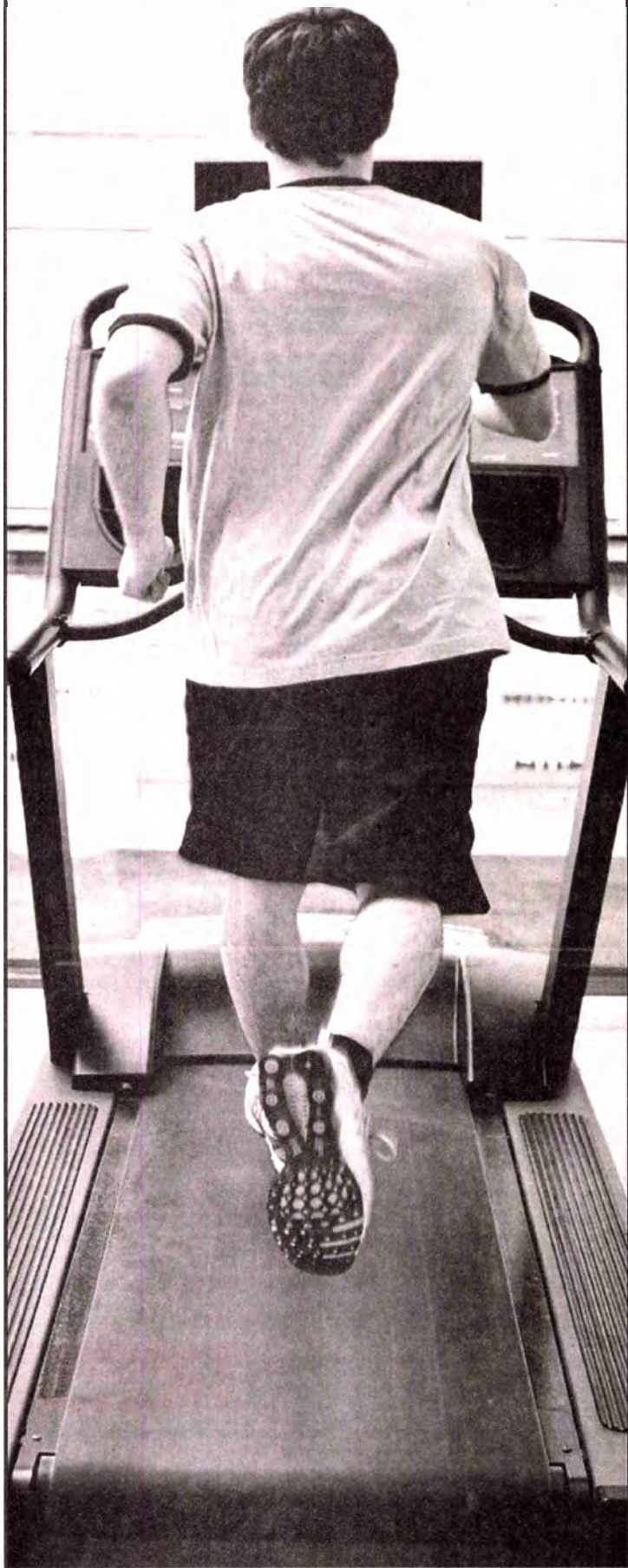
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	6			8				1
3			1					5
4						5		7
		5	9				4	
	3			7				6

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	9	5	2	7	4	1	3	8
3	8	4	9	1	6	5	2	7
7	2	1	5	3	8	9	6	4
4	5	9	6	2	1	8	7	3
1	3	7	4	8	5	6	9	2
2	6	8	3	9	7	4	1	5
5	1	3	7	4	9	2	8	6
9	7	6	8	5	2	3	1	4
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- PROGRESS
- RECEPTIVE
- REGULATION
- RESPONSE
- SKILLS

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**Crossword Answers**

1 Place a call incorrectly: MISDIAL  
 8 "Alley —!": ASHANTI  
 11 — toe in the water: THOUGHT  
 15 Spat: ZORBA  
 19 1979 Michael Caine film: OTTIE  
 20 Sergeant's inferior: PRIZED  
 22 Arab leader: RETIREMENT  
 23 Had a different opinion: ESSO  
 25 Court plea, for short: AHA  
 26 "— the Greek" (1964 film): MAJORS  
 27 Average mark: PROFESSIONAL  
 28 French department: EBAY  
 29 Ax parts: SEAFLOORS  
 30 Mel of the old Giants: NAPE  
 31 1954 hit song with a biblical title: ECLAIR  
 35 Cyberspace letters: WRESTLING  
 37 Sigh of satisfaction: SEATTLE  
 38 Lot of football: MADE  
 39 Valued highly: AGER  
 42 "The Thing" star Russell: NEDS  
 43 Lose vigor: SHOP  
 45 Ship out: TIAS

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# Car Report

## Chrysler Has Potential Hit with New Pacifica Minivan, Supported by Jim Gaffigan's 'Dad Brand'



By Dale Buss

When it came to promoting the new Chrysler Pacifica minivan as a paradigm-buster, Fiat Chrysler CMO Olivier Francois would have had to invent Jim Gaffigan—if the wholesome dad, comedian and author didn't already exist.

But instead, Fiat Chrysler was able to strike an effective relationship with Gaffigan—who has appeared in more than 200 commercials, including as the latest incarnation of Colonel Sanders for KFC—as the personification of a “Dad Brand” for the vehicle that it hopes will shake up the stodgy minivan segment that Chrysler created 30 years ago.



“The modern minivan consumer can't be completely fulfilled with messages about this box-like vehicle about roominess, safety and practicality alone,” Francois told me. “There's a lot of competition these days when it

comes to vehicles with three rows. So we turned to the importance of storytelling, as we always have done.”

Case in point: Super Bowl ads including the “God Made a Farmer” spot and the Eminem “Imported From Detroit” commercial.

“But we recognized that we were not going to sell our new minivan based on telling some big, overarching, timeless truth about the family, about America, about the American family,” Francois continued. “We were going to win the pitch on features, because there are many new ones in Pacifica. But we needed a twist and to be engaging, credible and relevant.”

And so Gaffigan, the comedian who stars in a self-titled sitcom on TV Land, is at the center of a slate of humorous new TV commercials for Pacifica, which is a huge new product bet for Fiat Chrysler.

“When I started navigating



the web and was looking at all these stand-up comedians” for potential dads to fill the role, Francois said, “I said, ‘Gaffigan is my man.’”

Pacifica isn't an all-new vehicle; not by a long shot. It is replacing the venerable Town & Country minivan in a segment that has shrunk over the years, and in a Chrysler-brand product lineup with only three members.

In Gaffigan, Francois chose a formerly relatively obscure comic who has become a certified star over the last few years, with two New York Times bestselling books to his credit, and now movie roles, as well as his longstanding side career as a pitchman. Interestingly, he's portrayed as a classic suburban dad and husband, even though the comedian and wife Jeannie Gaffigan are raising their kids in downtown New York (which is depicted in the TV Land show).

But Pacifica offers a new name as well as a fresh approach to minivans, with a streamlined new exterior design and lots of new features: 37 “minivan firsts,” the company says, “for an unprecedented total of 115 innovations.”

And Francois's tack in marketing the new vehicle is groundbreaking as well: For the first time in a major, serious way, a minivan brand is appealing to fathers in a segment whose vehicles long have been associated with soccer moms. Chrysler especially wants to capture millennial fathers of young kids,



Jim Gaffigan in a Chrysler Pacifica.

of course.

Gaffigan warms easily to the role in the ads, showing off Pacifica's features while being playful with his kids and yet lovingly naughty and sometimes incompetent in a comfortable sitcom-dad kind of way.

As a spokesman, Gaffigan's other credentials also are impeccable, because he is a real father of five young kids—who, with Jeannie Gaffigan appear in the ads as well—with a “strong point of view on fatherhood and modern-day parenting,” as Francois put it in a press release.

“I really didn't want an endorser at any cost. I wanted a real dad or maybe a series of dads,” Francois told me. “Then when I realized that this crazy, funny guy happened to be the dad of five kids, and they're

all young—which is typical of minivan buyers—he was our guy.”

Francois added, “As the Chrysler brand is reinventing the minivan from the ground up, the objective of our campaign is to challenge the conventional category stereotypes and appeal to a new generation of minivan buyers, including younger families. To do that, authenticity is key, with real-life language and an endorser” who has credibility. (It no doubt helps that Gaffigan is famous for “working clean.”)

It's a promising start for selling Pacifica. And Francois promises much more content, soon, by way of new ads starring the Gaffigan clan. Fiat Chrysler has lots of good material for promoting its important new Chrysler vehicle of 2015, and Francois wants Americans to see it.

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