

Plans advance for new businesses

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Two conditional rezonings were introduced and five busi-ness site plans approved by the Wavne Council recently.

The rezonings are to allow restaurants — a Tubby's Subs at 4429 S. Wayne Road and Jouli Coney Island at 5006 S. Wayne Road. If approved, the zoning changes would take the properties from B-1 limited business, which doesn't permit restaurants, to B-2 C neighborhood business, in which

restaurants are a permitted

"The conditional rezoning is really entering into a contract. The property was rezoned about eight years ago," said Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller, who is also the city planner. "We down-zoned to limit automotive uses in the area.

The planned Tubby's site had been a restaurant but after the rezoning it was a grandfathered non-conforming use, he said. The restaurant, Grand ma's Chicken, has been closed

longer than six months. Miller said, resulting in loss of the non-conforming use

The owner tried for years to sell the property for a use that was acceptable under the zoning," Miller said. "The conditional zoning allows the (pro-posed) use but if it fails, the zoning reverts to the former zoning

If council approves the rezoning after the second read-ing, Miller said there would be a contract with the property owner for the conditional zoning.

"This is a little different. We worked with the applicants to fill some of the vacancies on South Wayne Road," Miller said.

said. Similarly, the property at 5006 S. Wayne Road would also go from B-1 to B-2 zoning un-der a conditional zoning to allow a new business, Jouli Coney Island. There had been a restaurant at that address also but it was vacant for an ex-

tended period. The site plan for the Tubby's includes interior and exterior renovations, a new parking lot,

a drive-through window and a new wall to buffer the business from two nearby homes. There will be landscaping on the south side of the property rath-er than a wall to allow room for

"The building is not in too bad. They will change out the lighting, install a monument sign and paint," Miller said. There will also be interior and exterior renovations at th

and exterior renovations at the future coney island building bringing it up to code.

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Police seek shoplifting suspect



Wayne Police are looking this man in connection with a shoplifting incident at Rite Aid on May 4

Wayne Police have released a photograph of a suspect wanted for shoplifting at a local store.

The May 5 incident happened at Rite Aid, 35101 E. Michigan Ave. A suspect fled the scene on a bicycle. Officers were able to obtain a photo of the suspect from store surveillance cameras.

Anyone who recognizes the suspect or has any other information on the incident is asked to call Wayne Police Detective Brent Cahill at 734-721-1414 ext. 1506.

Westland native plans Garden City art center

Diane Gale Andreass Staff Writer

A new art center is on the board for

hand demonstrating their skills and selling their creations A mural will go up on the



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3rd try: Wayne adopts budget LeAnne Rogers

Staff Write

It took three tries but the Wayne Council adopted the 2016-17 budget with a promise to meet with retirees on a proposal to force them to pick up all future premium cost increases.

The \$15.7 million budget is balanced using \$740,000 from the Other Post-Employment Benefits fund and \$750,000 from fund balance. The budget contains no revenues from an August proposal to join a public safety authority that would carry a 14-mill levy. "The budget before you is

realistic. Unfortunately, the budget is the hardest thing to deal with," said Brian Camiller of Plante Moran, which serves as the city finance director. "You will continue with the general fund having a signifi-cant structural deficit. It is \$1.5 million right now. You can't generate enough income for

your expenses." With the use of fund balance in this budget, Camiller said the city will be left with \$1.2 million in fund balance and is projected to run out of money by the end of 2017. He noted that fund balance amount was less than half the recommended fund balance for the city's budget.

Changes in retiree health care increasing their contribu-tions to 30 percent will save the city \$50,000 per month, Camiller said, with changes in providers also resulting in significant savings. That savings was set at about \$500,000. "Without significant revenue increases - more millage or other revenues — the city will not be able to balance the budget in 2017," Camiller said. "The city is backed into a corner. Tough decisions need to be made to keep the lights on. I don't expect anyone to like it but the budget is factual, realistic and honest.'

Garden City

If all the plans are realized, the building next to the Moose Lodge on Ford Road at Middle belt will feature a large gallery exhibiting fine and contemporary art, classes, dem-onstrations, music performances, poetry readings, glass blowing, cultural ev events and a rooftop garden with sculptures.

There will be workshops, recording studios and a mu seum atmosphere with works in progress. Chefs will be on draw attention to the new art center in a sprawling 13,000 square-foot space, on six lev-

Art mecca

"Our plan is to transform the building into a beautiful architectural landmark," ex-plained Don Wakefield, who is spearheading a group of investors for the project. "I didn't choose it. It chose me." The massive space is empty

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Don Wakefield, who grew up in Westland, plans to transform the building next to the Moose Lodge in Garden City into an art mecca.

A number of retirees attended the meeting to object to the

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and "sort of like a blank canvas," he added. "I think by the time we are done with it, it will be an iconic building. We hope to bring the arts to the to bring the arts to the region.

The Westland native and 1974 John Glenn High School graduate moved to California shortly after graduating to pursue his lust for the arts. He became involved with studios on the West Coast where he collaborated with other artists to showcase their work.

More than 40 years later, he sees potential in bringing cultural venues to metro-Detroit. He's hoping to get a nonprofit status that could open the door to grants.

Wakefield is also looking at developing a similar but much bigger art center at the former Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Mold remediation has been a stalling issue on that building.

"There doesn't seem to be much for the arts in the suburbs," he said.

West Coast experience

Once renovated, Wakefield said, he plans to offer the Garden City and Westland spaces for weddings, birthdays and other events. School children will be invited for free field trips.

He is looking for in-vestors and artists. Wakefield said he's gotten a lot of support from local government officials, including Garden City Downtown De-velopment Authority Director Kim Dold. "If the city and com

munity get behind this and really support it, it has the potential to change the entire face of the downtown area in Garden City," Dold said. "I just hope he gets the support he needs and we can make this thing a reality.'

Garden City Manager Bob Muery also sees potential in the art center.

"I am very excited about the proposal," he said. "The concept Mr. Wakefield has presented is fresh and unique and makes excellent use of a building that has stood vacant entirely too long."

Wakefield said he plans to have an open house in Garden City by summer even though the building won't be com-

pletely remodeled. "It will be for people to see it in its rough form and possibly get ideas about what they want to do," he added. For more information

or for a tour of the build-ing, contact Wakefield at 951-756-5900 or email him at wakefieldstudios@mac.com.

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An Aug. 8 trial date has been set in Wayne County Circuit Court for a Wayne man charged with shooting his uncle. Phillip Marmett Price, 50, is charged with assault with intent

to great do bodily harm, being a felon in possession of a firearm and

PLANS

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» A site plan for reno-vations at Wendy's, 32967 Michigan Ave., was approved. Most of the work at Wendy's had already been completed when the site plan came before council.

"The horses were kind of loose in the cor-ral. They (Wendy's) got permits before they were on the agenda They are complying with requirements," Miller said. "A mistake was made and the per-

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30-percent premium co-pay — they had been told 20 percent and had been paying nothing for their health previously — and also the change requiring them to absorb all future premium increases.

"Please reconsider this. We had hoped for 10 percent since the active employees were paying 20 percent. Now it's 30 percent and all the in-creases," Wayne Fire retiree Tim Reynolds said. "I'm retired eight years. For others, this will take 35-40 percent of their income for insurance

Mel Drews, who re-tired from the Wayne Police Department in 1999 after 25 years ser-vice, said younger retirees have the opportunity to work but that's not the to work but that's not the case for older retirees. He noted most workers didn't pay into Social Security being exempted due to their pensions. "We are asking noth-ing but what was prom-

ing but what was promised in our contracts. I feel bad about the circumstances of the city. I really care about the

city," Drews said. Retired city manager John Zech, who worked 31 years for the city, recommended that the city look at a sliding scale for higher insur-ance looking at retirees' income. "I would ask you to

reconsider the cap (on city insurance contribution). When we were asked, a group met and agreed to new insur-ance," Zech said. "This

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juana and Price felony firearm Wayne Police were called to a home in the

mits were issued. I saw the work when I was driving down Michigan

Avenue." The restaurant had full interior and exterior renovations.

» Also receiving site plan approval was Wayne Industries, 36111 E. Michigan Ave. The plans call for conversion of the former Kroger store site into a storage facility with the addi-tional of overhead doors.

The plan calls for a 25-foot area of land-scaping to screen the storage and a permit fence along Michigan Avenue and Williams.

32000 block of Annasa just before 1 a.m. opril 25. A Detroit ma d 44, who was identified Price's uncle, had been shot in the foot with long gun. Police said the men had been consum-ing algobal prior to the ing alcohol prior to the incident. Price had waived his

The 8-foot tall fence will be black with barbed wire along the top.

"They are working with Family Dollar (store) to relocate them out of the building into another location in the

another location in the city," Miller said. The main concern at this point, Mayor Susan Rowe said, was to get rid of the stack large blocks in front of the current storage. » The other site plan

approved by council is for a new construction oil change business, Wayne Lube, 34435 Michigan Ave., next to Tim Hortons.

preliminary examina-Wayne 29th Disand the case not-guilty plea was nered for Price, wh ove eu of

"It's kind a of a com-

LeAnne Roger

plete upgrade of the block. This is s new building with a parking lot," Miller said.

Owner Ed Khalil said the building would be similar to his existing oil-change business on Plymouth Road east of Middlebelt in Livonia. He estimated it would take about six months for the business to be ready to open.

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time we were not asked. We know we have to help. I think there is a better way than is on the table."

Along with concerns that a large cut in bud-geted firefighter over-time was unrealistic due to short staffing, some council members were concerned about inconcerned about increasing healthcare costs for retirees.

"My problem with this is that it's a contract," Councilman Tom Porter said. "The police chief has trouble getting qualified applicants now. I would like the cap (shifting premium increases to retirees) off before we approve the budget."

Mayor Susan Rowe reminded council that state law requires the city to adopt a balanced budget, as does the city charter, which specifi cally says the budget is

to be approved by the second council meeting in May which was Tuesday's meeting. Not hav-ing an adopted balanced budget will trigger more attention from state regarding Wayne's fi-nancial problems, Rowe said.

She noted the council can make amendments after the budget is adopted and work can continue on budget issues.

"We were elected to make the tough decisions. I respect all the retirees. We represent the city — the 17,500 residents," she said. "We will be below at survey will be looking at every department and outsourcing. It is a new day in the city."

Rowe expressed frus tration that council members waited until the meeting to raise their

issues. "I'm really disap-pointed that it came to

met, had conversations and gone over this with the city manager," Rowe said. "If you have these questions now, then you didn't do your home-work." Two motions to adopt

this kind of vote. We've

the budget and millage rate failed with support from Rowe and council-men Anthony Miller and John Rhaesa, who had voted against the last four budgets. A third motion adopt

ing the budget was unan-imously approved following a motion commit-ting the council to work with retirees on the insurance co-pay changes. A meeting would be scheduled within two weeks.

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Census report: More than a city of Detroit story

Julie Brown Staff Writer

The city of Detroit's population loss has dominated headlines, with Mayor Mike Duggan touting its recent slowing pace. The U.S. Census Bureau does population estimates annually for suburban communities,

too. The city of Detroit has fallen out of the top 20 U.S. cities in population, while Observer-area communities also show slight shifts based on estimates released this month. Derver joined the list of the 20 most pop-ulous cities in the U.S., moving up two spots to 19th. It displaced Detroit, which fell from 18th to 21et 21st

Cities and townships in the Observer coverage area show population estimates

» Canton at 90,173 in 2010 Census, 89,879 by July 2015 estimate

» Farmington at 10,372 in 2010 Census,

10,523 by July 2015 » Farmington Hills, 79,740 in 2010, 81,330 by July 2015 Conden City 27 (0)

» Garden City, 27,692 in 2010, 26,920 in July 2015

» Livonia, 96,942 in » Elvonia, 50,542 inf
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July 2015 » Redford Township, 48,362 in 2010, 47,389 in July 2015 » Wayne, 17,593 in 2010, 17,081 in July 2015 » Westland, 84,094 in 2010, 92 000 in July 2015

2010, 82,000 in July 2015 To produce population estimates for cities and towns, the Census Bureau first generates county population estimates using a component of population change method, which updates the latest census population using data on births, deaths and domestic and international migration, a press release notes. This vields a county-level total of the population living in



mates and rates of Stoskopf overall

occupancy are used to distribute county household population into geographic areas within the county. Then, estimates of the population living in group quarters, such as college dormitories and prisons, are added to create esti-mates of the total resident population.

Comparisons are tricky

Robin Boyle, a 25-year urban planning professor at Wayne State Univerat wayne State Univer-sity, said of the popula-tion figures, "There is always going to be some discrepancy." He agreed the Canton and Livonia numbers aren't huge differences and cautioned on comparing an actual number, those

from 2010, to the 2015 estimates.

'So it's a relatively small number," Boyle said. "You've got to be very careful about reading in too much. It does say something about the suburbs." Added Boyle, "In ef-

fect, (Michigan) has a very static population profile. People are be-coming more selective in where they want to live.' He noted population

loss "is slowing signifi-cantly in Detroit, it's reflecting an interest people have in coming back to the central city." Detroit's suburbs are "not growing as quickly. The suburbs are slowing down," Boyle said. "It's reflected in these numbers

Also released this month by the Census Bureau were July 1, 2015, estimates of the number of housing units for the nation. states and counties. These estimates show that Texas gained more housing units than

any other state between 2014 and 2015 (adding 162,000), with North Dakota experiencing the fastest rate of growth in the number of units (3.5 percent).

Home building fluctuates

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of South-eastern Michigan, noted January-February 2016 were the highest two months for building ac-tivity since 2006. April this year was lower than expected, he said.

'The winter was a lot more mild this year,' Stoskopf said, noting builders were building those months. That meant they were pulling fewer municipal building per-mits in January-February

of this year. The HBA of Southeastern Michigan has prelim-inary May figures that "showed a corresponding jump more along the lines of what I expected,' he said. That number

corresponds more to 2013, with Stoskopf's prediction for 2016 probably a little lower "only because April was so far below," he said.

Stoskopf said Wayne County's Canton Town-ship and Oakland Coun-ty's Lyon Township "still have capacity to grow and they have a lot of activity going on." He noted seasonal fluctuations, such as fewer con-tractors working in summer "because they're off on vacation in Traverse

City." The HBA uses a mathematical model, including looking at energy prices, to predict housing data. Stoskopf said the Census Bureau also uses detailed mathematical models including forecasts and actual data. He's more familiar with HBA's model, which includes monthly regional building reports for southeast Michi gan.

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freeway to be closed for

some time until crews

ing, this one involving multiple cars near west-bound I-96 at Middlebelt. Traffic was routed off the

freeway at Inkster while crews worked at the

vestigation for that acci-

scene. Leigh said the Michigan State Police

were handling the in-

dent. A message was left seeking more informa-tion on the accident for

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could take care of it. A second incident took place later Friday morn-

Multiple accidents cause shutdown of I-96 on Friday

David Veselenak Staff Writer

Friday morning was a bad time to be on westbound Interstate 96 through Livonia.

Multiple accidents took place that required the freeway to shut down for several hours, including one earlier in the morning involving a flipped truck trailer that spilled debris all over the roadway. The first accident

involved a hauler that tipped its open-air trailer on the freeway before 8:30 a.m. between Levan and Newburgh. The trail er's contents, which ap-peared to be dirt, wood, concrete blocks and metal, spilled onto the freeway, causing crews to

bring out a bulldozer to help clean it up. Sgt. Brian Leigh of the

Livonia Police Department said a traffic backup had taken place in the westbound I-96 lanes, causing the truck hauling the trailer to brake. He said the brakes locked and the trailer tipped over, hitting the freeway and sliding several feet before coming to a stop

"Once it flipped, it slid for a little bit," he said. Another vehicle, a Hyundai SUV with Tennessee plates, was towed from the scene. Leigh said the trailer hit the windshield of that vehicle when the accident occurred. No injuries were reported from that incident.

It's not the first time in



A five-car accident Friday morning took place on westbound I-96 near Middlebelt.

recent memory garbage has spilled onto the newly-reconstructed freeway. Another open-air truck rolled onto its side during a commute back

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Demolition begins at McKinley Elementary

The demolition of McKinlev Elementary has begun. Work is expected to con-

tinue into the summer months at McKinley, finally closed for good last summer after spend ing several years as a rental facility for outside organizations

According to school offi-cials, McKinley Elementary was built in 1959, during the

'LAunch Scholarship'

Lusk Albertson, a Detroitbased education law firm, has awarded its "LAunch Schol-

arship" to two local graduat-ing high school students.

Each student will receive \$2,500 from the firm to assist

with college costs. Lusk Albertson established

the scholarship to recognize high academic achievement,

community involvement and personal commitment to ex-

cellence exemplified by a high school senior within a

the firm.

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This year, the firm re-ceived more than 100 applica-

tions from highly qualified students throughout metro Detroit. Two students, Ryan Clemmons (Wayne-Westland

Community Schools) and Nathan Sharpe (Oxford Com

munity Schools), stood out

Clemmons, a senior at

the University of Michigan where she plans to study

Political Science and Commu-

At John Glenn, she served as President of the National

Honor Society, captain of the varsity volleyball team and is

John Glenn High School, has a 4.2 grade-point average. This fall, she will be attending

from the rest.

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community's rapid growth period that prompted the need for numerous neighborhood schools throughout Livonia It served as a K-6 school

until 2006, when it was one of seven schools to close due to declining enrollment and a reconfiguration of the grade levels districtwide.

The district has leased space in the building to outside

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organizations until last summer, when the Board of Education voted to begin the process of permanent closure and dem olition, as part of a cost-savings plan

The district intends to use the property for green space, practice fields and extra park ing areas for Franklin High School, which is immediately adjacent to the site.

Wayne alumni scholarships awarded

Scott

Spraying water on the structure keeps down dust from the demolition of

Winners of two scholarships from the Wayne High Schools Alumni Association were an-nounced at the recent all-class reunion held at Waynetree Manor.

McKinley Elementary.

The Wayne High Schools Alumni Association was host to the Wayne High Schools Annu-al All-Class Reunion held at Wayne Tree Manor on May 13, where they announced the winners of this year's scholarships.

The recipients of the schol-arships are Haley Scott and Miranda Crummey, both of Westland. The scholarships are \$1,500 apiece annually for four years

» Scott is the daughter of Rodney and Christina Scott. She has taken many acceler-ated and advanced-placement classes while maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average. Letters from her counselor and sci-ence teacher praised her aca demic achievements and her stellar character. A member of the National Honor Society, Scott is an accomplished vio linist in the symphony orches-tra. She also excelled in basketball and track. Besides her academic

awards, Scott has been recog-nized for her volunteer work in the community as well as her church. She will be attending Central Michigan University and majoring in meteorology.



Crummey

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» Crummey is the daughter of Sheldon and Sandra Crummey. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the art club and has received academ-ic letters. Working as a hostess at Leon's Family Dining while in school, she maintained a 3.97 GPA.

Crummey is a competitive dancer and an assistant in-structor in a youth dance class. She is passionate about her volunteer work. Crummey will be attending Wayne State Uni-versity this fall with plans to work in the medical field. WHSAA has been awarding

scholarships since 1986 begin-ning with one \$500 scholarship for each of four years. Through generous donations from Wayne High Schools alumni, the association has been able to grant two four-year scholarships yearly in the amount of \$1,500 per year. To date the alumni have

awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships. All money donated to WHSAA goes directly into scholarships.

immediately was just how sincere, personable and ener-getic she is," said Kevin Sut-ton, Chair of the Scholarship Committee. "Ryan is the defi-nition of a well-rounded student, who has given her all in every aspect of her high

James Jahns have received full scholarships to attend Michigan State University beginning this fall.

Barazi, of Livonia, plans to major in actuarial science. Jahns, of Northville, plans to major in mathematics, advanced.

Both students will be mem-bers of the MSU Honors College They were selected from

more than 1,100 of the top high school seniors who ap-plied to MSU and took an intensive general knowledge exam in the winter. A commit tee composed of faculty and administrators reviewed the winning students based on the results of the exam, high school programs and achieve-ments, other standardized test scores and interviews with the finalists

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Lusk Albertson attorney Kevin Sutton presented Ryan Clemmons with her scholarship



Barazi Jahns

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surer and animal control

can make an appointment for this month or June at the organiza



to present the 2016 Dog License and Vaccination Program. Pet owners can get vaccinations and a license for their dog.

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Getting to the Goal

Michigan Pet Fund Alliance will head to Flint for its fourth state-wide no-kill conference in September.

The conference brings animal welfare experts together with shelter, rescue, animal control and welfare workers. volunteers, policy makers, and pet owners for educational workshops and discussions.

"We do try to move it around," said Deborah Schutt, Alliance chairperson. The conference has been held in Lansing, Livonia and Ann Arbor. "We wanted to support the Flint economy because of the water crisis and it's an appropriate time because the Gene see County Animal Shelter has done a huge turnaround.

Schutt said the shelter now lets volunteers take animals home for weekend visits and has in-troduced dog play groups at the shelter.

Dog play groups within shelters will be one of many workshops at the conference. A session on reading dog language will be hands-on with trainers and a behaviorist

"It's helping to understand physical cues," she said. "Anyone who walks their dog can bene fit from that. I think there is enough content for the general public and specific content for animal control and rescue. There's enough va-riety for everyone. Several sessions will

focus on the Million Cat Challenge, a nationwide effort to find homes for 1 million cats in shelters nationwide. An all-day training

session for police offi-cers, presented by the Michigan Humane Soci-ety, will be available at the conference for the first time.

"The National statis tics are that 10,000 pets are killed annually by law enforcement," Schutt said. "For example, po-lice officers might be doing a raid on a home and jump in a neighbor's yard and they're taken aback by the neighbor's dog and they shoot it." She said the law enforcement session will include information on

SUBMITTED Owners and their dogs attend a low-cost vaccination clinic in Redford Township.

blood sports, reading dog language, tagging evi dence and other animal-

related topics. The conference will run Thursday-Friday, Sept. 15-16 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre Flint-Grand Blanc. Early registration is \$85. Groups of five or more and certified rescue organizations are eligible for discounts.

Optional events on Thursday session will include TNR training, and an awards banquet. The Friday session includes workshop ses-sions, breakfast, lunch, and discussions.

Register at michi-ganpetfund.org or email conference@michigan petfund.org.

Man charged in attempted break-in

A Wayne man has been charged with attempting to break into a home in 5000 block of Hayes.

Police were called to the home on Hayes in the early hours of May 15 about an attempted break-in.

Officers located and identified a suspect



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gree attempted home invasion. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf. Bond was set at

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Inspire Theatre bruises The Bard

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The production is being put on by Westland's Inspire Theatre and opens for a threeweekend run beginning May 27.

Playing on the recognition that the audience knows of some of the plays and assuming that the language may have often been difficult to engage with for many, director Len Fisher said the play "overcomes the bombastic in the Bard" by ridiculing some of the most famous characters and stories in literature.

The first half runs through 36 of Shakespeare's plays, at about two minutes a play. The second half is the funniest production of "Hamlet" Fisher said audiences are ever likely to see.

"The actors provide one of the most energetic and comic stage performances possible," Fisher said. "And they involve the audience in ways that give a new dimension to the concept of audience participation. While you may associate the works of William Shakespeare with a certain degree of class, formality and sophistication, this play refreshingly and unsurprisingly does not."

Surprisingly does not. Fisher hammers away at the tongue-in-cheek material, creating a fun, coarse and mostly silly show. In it, the actors move at a frenetic pace, relaying the gist of each play by any means necessary. Stuffed animals, interpretive dance and outright irreverence are just a few zany examples.

The performances go



SUBMITTED Deanna Lee of Redford (left) and Betty Berryman of Canton are among cast members who hail from Westland, Livonia, Canton, Redford, Dearborn Heights and Garden City.

SUBMITTED Kenneth Overwater of Dearborn Heights (left) and Thomas Mueller of Westland in a scene from "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare."



"We have a significant number of costume changes and an overabundance of props. The script keeps everyone busy and keeps the audience guessing about what's next." LEN FISHER, director

from outright wacky to farcical. Fisher said those with a wry sense of humor will enjoy the sarcasm, contemporary references, as well as the in-your-face banter that

defines this show. Originally written for a three-person cast, Fisher has cast 10 actors in an attempt to add dimension to the production. "We have a significant number of costume changes and an overabundance of props," Fisher said. "The script keeps everyone busy and keeps

the audience guessing about what's next." The play opens May 27 and runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday for three weekends. Inspire Theatre is located in the Westland Center For the Arts on Warren Road in Westland. Tickets are available at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com. More information can be found at inspiretheatre.com or by calling 734-751-7057.



Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition director Karen Bonanno (left), with Livonia resident Karen Werden, who is a regular participant in the Run 2 Save Our Youth, which takes place June 4 at Livonia City Hall.

Livonia to host youth run

Run 2 Save Our Youth, the ninth annual SK run/ walk, 10K run and Family Fun Fest, will be held Saturday, June 4, at Livonia City Hall.

The run is sponsored by Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition and the Livonia Police Department, with all proceeds going toward substance abuse prevention activities in Livonia and the greater community.

"The run is a celebration of substance abuse prevention awareness in our community" said Karen Bonanno, executive director for the coalition. "This event allows the prevention conversation to continue, which can lead to treatment and recovery as necessary and will, hopefully, act as a catalyst to remove the stigma associated with addiction."

LSOY is a coalition designed to educate the community regarding the health and safety of young people, with a focus on alcohol and other drugs. The group includes parents, teens, educators, health care workers, law enforcement, the faith community and substance abuse professions.

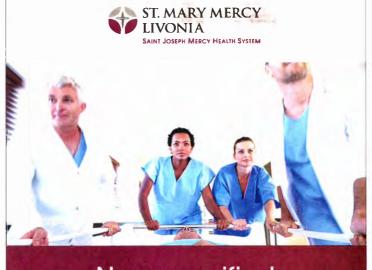
All residents are invited to attend the monthly coalition meetings to share information about substance abuse issues in our neighborhoods. The next meeting is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, in the Livonia City Hall Annex confer-

Run 2 Save Our Youth registration follows a certified course and is professionally timed. Registration includes T-shirts, awards to firstplace finishers (overall and in age groups) and much, much more.

In addition to the run, the event includes a Kids Fun Run, a Family Fun Fest with food, live music, kids' games including a bounce house, a Tin Can Raffle and a Sponsor Expo tent. This year, a Safe and Sober Rally will be included in the fun.

Registration is ongoing. Information can be found at www.livoniasaveouryouth.org or by calling 734-338-9580.





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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Boy Scouts will place American flags on 100 graves of Red Arrow veterans at the Detroit Memorial Park Cemeterv. 25062 Plymouth Road in Redford Town ship at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28. Veterans and every

one is invited to attend.

Westland market

The Westland Farmers & Artisans Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13 (closed June 16 and Aug. 4). It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted.

The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, Central City Park, in Westland. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com

Food pantry

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church invites who could use assistance with food needs to visit their food pantry Sat-urday, June 4.

The pantry will be open from 9-10 a.m. Ho sanna-Tabor is located at 9600 Leverne in Redford east of Inkster Road, and south of Plymouth Road. For more information, call the church office at 313-937-2424.

Benefit fundraiser

The Livonia Buffalo Wild Wings is the site for a benefit fundraiser for Lisa Glen all day June 5 at the BWW on Six Mile in Livonia. BWW will donate 20

percent of all sales (dine-in or take-out) to the Benefit for Lisa Glen (details at buffalowildw ings.com). The event includes a silent auction and T-shirt sales

The BWW is at 37651 Six Mile. For more in-formation, call 734-469-4400.

Citizens for Peace

The film "Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA" will be shown at the Tuesday, June 14, Citizens for Peace meeting at 7 p.m. Robert Greenwald's filr features personal stories from people across the country who have been affected by gun violence, including survivors and victims' families. The Citizens for

Peace joined the Michi-gan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence to raise awareness of the fact that 75 percent of NRA members and 90 percent of Americans desire sensible legislation to prevent the epidemic of gun violence in the United States. Join Citizens for

Peace to view and dis-cuss this film. The film will be shown at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road). Donations accepted. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or visit www.citizens4peace.com

SOLAR meeting

Michigan couple Gary and Linda DeKock kayaked the length of the Mississippi River, from Lake Itasca, Minn., to the Gulf of Mexico. Their voyage started July 19, 2014, and ended Sept. 26, 2014, after paddling 2,291 miles. They did it to raise money for Water for People, a charity that provides clean water and sanitation in nine coun-tries. Come hear their tale, as they share photos and stories of their amazing trip. Their presentation

will take place at the monthly membership meeting of SOLAR, a nonprofit social club run by volunteers who love the outdoors and want to with others. The meeting with others. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile (just west of Inkster

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— Mary, Michael, Gwen and Madalynn Kinney The Kinney family recently visited the Kilauea volcano crater in Hawaii. Of course, they took their Livonia Observer with them.

Road) in Livonia. SOLAR is not affiliated with St. Paul's or any religious organization. For more information, visit www.solaroutdoors.com.

Why Be Catholic

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church concludes Season 7 of its highly successful "Why Be Catholic" series of personal stories and testimonies with an unusual and compelling local speaker, James Steelman, a self-described "suburban rock n' roll gangster turned Jesus freak and guntoting chaplain" who found himself on his most peculiar and un planned journey to date — into the Catholic Church. Come see and hear what miracles God does in the life of the most unlikely at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, in the St. Michael School cafeteria. There is no charge or registration requirement for these meetings and all are welcome

St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman in Livonia. For more information.

visit www.livoniastmichael.org, email whybe-catholic@livoniastmi-chael.org, or call 734-261-1455, ext. 200.

Nankin Mills programs

The next couple of programs at the Nankin Mills Intepretive Center: » Saturday, May 21, 1-2:30 p.m. — Michigan is home to many beautiful species of butterflies Learn to recognize them throughout their differ-ent life stages, from egg to caterpillar and chrys-alis to adult. Discussion will include which plants they use to survive and suggest plants you can add to your own yard to attract them.

After the indoor presentation, the group will visit the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Associa-tion Butterfly Garden next to the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center to see the plants and hope-fully find some eggs, caterpillars and but-terflies. Program is rec ommended for ages 12 to adult, and the fee is \$3 per person.

Franklin reunion The Franklin High School Class of 1966

celebrates its 50th reunion Aug. 25-28. For more information, contact Larry Ruzsas at

810-599-3509 or lruzsas187264mi@comcast.com

Better Made talk

The Livonia Public Library hosts "Better Made in Michigan: The Salty Story of Detroit's Best Chip" from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium. Metro-Detroit journal-

ist and author Karen Dybis will discuss how the iconic food was cre ated; how Detroit's chippers got their start; and the history of Better Made, which celebrated its 85th anniversary last year

The program is free; no registration is re-quired. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. For more informa-tion, call 734-466-2491.

Ice cream social

Livonia's elected offi-cials host "Ice Cream & Information," an ice cream social that will give residents a chance to enjoy ice cream and ask questions of their

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elected officials. The event, which takes place 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at the Livonia Senior Center, will be hosted by Mayor Dennis Wright, Clerk Susan Nash, Treasurer Lynda Scheel and council members Kathleen Mc-Intyre, Brandon Kritzman, Scott Bahr, Maureen Miller Brosnan, Cathy White, James Jolly and Brian Meakin.

Democratic club

The Livonia Democratic Party has two major meeting events each month. Executive board officers (and members who wish to attend) meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Livonia Democratic Party membership meetings occur on the second Wednesday every month. The meetings occur at 7 p.m., and are located at the Livonia Quality Inn & Suites, 30375 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Visit the group's web-site at www.livonia democraticclub.com

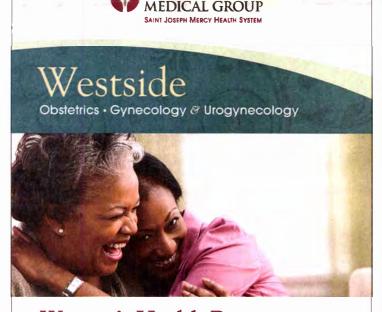
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Casino trip

The Wayne Rotary sponsors a trip to Motor City Casino at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4. Pickup is at the

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Stock indexes can be useful, but not for everyone

O: I have a couple of investment questions I hope you can help me with. The first deals with my portfolio. I have been using a fi-nancial adviser who I am generally happy with. My son, on the other hand, thinks I should be changing advisers. His reasoning is that my account does not do as well as the Dow Jones Industrial Average. My question: Is the Dow a good yard-stick to measure my investments? My second question relates to my son, a recent college graduate who is living on his own. Based on one of your columns, I have set up my own matching pro-gram in that whatever



he puts away in his IRA, I will match. His employer does not have a 401(k) plan. My gut feeling, considering my son is 23 and in a low tax bracket, is that I should use a Roth IRA. What do you think?

What do you think? A: What people sometimes don't understand about the Dow Jones Industrial Average is that it is not a broadbased index on the entire stock market. The Dow contains only 30 stocks and those are among the largest corporations in the United States. As a result, it doesn't take into consideration small or medium-size companies, as well as international-based companies. The Dow does not give you a broad enough index to use to compare how your portfolio is doing overall. In addition, the way the Dow is calculated, it is possible for 25 stocks within the Dow to lose money and five to make money and, as a result, the entire Dow index rises.

In judging a portfolio against an index, whether it's the Dow or the S&P 500, it is important to recognize that those indexes assume you are 100-percent invested in equities at all times. In most investor situations, that doesn't happen. Most investors have diversified portfolios that not only include stocks, but also bonds. Therefore, judging someone's entire portfolio against a stock index does not make sense. After all, you're not comparing apples to

apples. In reality, indexes are nice to know and provide useful information, but they're not as useful when it comes to looking at your overall portfolio. Remember, the goal of your portfolio is not to match an index, but to achieve your goals and objectives. If as an investor you focus on an index, you may find it's at the detriment of achieving your goals and objectives.

With regard to your son's situation, I love the fact that you have implemented a matching pro-gram. I think this is wonderful and believe it will pay dividends into the future. It is important that as soon as young people begin to work, they save for their re-tirement. It is doubtful that Social Security will exist in the future the same way it does today and that is why it's important that people begin to save for their retirement as soon as possible

With regard to Roth versus traditional, I would definitely recommend the Roth IRA. Yes, there are some tax breaks with the traditional IRA, but they only defer the taxes and in many situations you'll put yourself into a higher bracket down the road. I'd rather take a short-term hit with taxes now for long-term gains in the future. After all, I think if any one of us with money in a 401(k) or an IRA could withdraw that money tax-free versus taxable, it would make a substantial difference. Therefore, particularly for someone who is just starting their career, I definitely recommend Roth IRAs. Good luck!

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Barefoot Productions founder eyes Mars project

Sharon Dargay Staff Write

Craig Hane turned in the keys to Barefoot Productions on Sunday and retired from the theater he founded 10 years ago. "Birthing BP and

watching it grow from a 5-by-7-foot rug and folding chairs in the base-ment of the Plymouth Historical Museum to a 97-seat, black-box, 1/4 thrust stage in its own building ... an accom-plishment? I think so. I am happy. I am proud."

But he's also ready to move on, and the next chapter of his life will take him to Mars, via Seattle, possibly Chicago, with stops in New York City and Hollywood.

He's co-writing a play about the colonization of the Red Planet, with Barefoot actor Nathan Corliss, who conceived the story and wrote its first draft. Hane has big plans for the script. "I'm going to take this

show to Broadway or die," he said, with a laugh. "It's a science fiction script and you never see science fiction on stage. It's a thriller. There is mystery involved and murder, but it's happening on Mars. 'I see this on stage like

a movie. After we've won our Tony Award for this play, we'll have to adapt it to a movie and we'll win an Academy Award. So, I've got this all planned out. By that time I should be 90."

Making a move Hane, who turns 54 next month, says moving out of state is an inevita-ble part of the process. He wants to check out the lively theater scene in Seattle, where friends have offered their home for an extended visit. Chicago is on his radar, too. The goal is to take the play to small, profession-al theaters while working toward Broadway. The move won't come

FIVE THINGS ABOUT CRAIG HANE

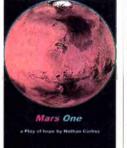
1. He's a foodie. "The only books I have in my house are scripts or cookbooks. I read and eat and eat and read. And I love food." 2. He staged a production called "Food, Glorious Food," at Barefoot by compiling recipes, food essays, and food-related script excerpts. "I wrote it in a weekend. There were fun moments and sad moments and it was all about food."

3. One of his favorite plays was "Rope," staged in 2010. He shifted the starting time of the play from the usual 8 p.m. to 8:40 p.m. and eliminated intermission so the audience could experience the story in real time. 4. He used a hidden, filled swimming pool on stage for a scene that required an actor to "jump off a pier." The water splashed and the first three rows of the audience didn't see the special effect coming — until they felt it. 5. Three plays he refused to do at Barefoot were "Harvey," "You Can't Take It With You," and "Arsenic and Old Lace.

for at least another year while Hane continues his day job managing a med-ical office, and shifts focus from Barefoot to the "Mars One" script. He'll check out Seattle when he is financially secure and aware of potential jobs there.

Meanwhile, Barefoot Productions will say good-bye to its founder and artistic director at a reception that will be open to the public, 2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the theater, 240 N. Main, **Plymouth**

Hane said he was working in the tech booth during Barefoot's produc-tion of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" last year when he realized he needed to make a change. He had been at his day job for 17 years and the theater had consumed his



The working cover for "Mars One," a play Craig Hane is co-writing.



Nathan Corliss (left) and Ken Karges in one of Craig Hane's favorite plays, "Rope," which Barefoot Productions staged in 2010.



Craig Hane and his mother Anne, last year during her 86th birthday celebration. She also has been involved in theater.

nights and weekends. As of last year, he had directed or staged 43 of Bare-foot's 57 shows.

Making it happen

Instead of worrying, Hane intends to "think big" about his new pro-

ject. "Think unlimited. You can't write thinking you have limitations," he said.

"Just believe." That kind of bravado along with a tinge of **Barefoot Productions** The Farmington High School graduate had studied theater at Central Michigan University. where his 87-year-old mother had also been involved in theater dur-ing the 1950s. After college he worked in his chosen field for three

years in Maine, and then moved to southern California where he founded his second theater company. His first was with friends after high school graduation. After seven years in California he returned to Michigan and took a break from the stage for another seven years

until 2005. I finally got involved with some theater companies and dabbled in tech work. My heart was in directing. I'd be in the wings and I'd see poor directing. I'd pull the actors aside and say don't do that, do this. I got into so much trouble

Angry about the poor directing he witnessed and frustrated in his attempts to correct it, Hane decided to start his own company. Barefoot Productions, grown by Hane and its members, staged plays that weren't being done by other community theaters, in an empty furniture store that was converted into a theater. He raised the bar on set design and spe cial effects and built a reputation for edgy and creative program-

ming. "I was Broadway-bound when I graduated from college. Every day since I graduated from college I knew what wanted to do, but there has been doubt, Hane said. "Barefoot has helped me pat myself on the back."

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Law allows pets to be part of PPOs

mA bill sponsored by a local legislator allowing companion animals to be included in personal protection orders has been signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder.

"Often, in domestic violence situations, the perpetrator of the abuse will use a family pet as a way to control their human victims," said State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-West-

land, who sponsored the bill. "In essence, my legislation



would add a check Kosowski box so that a domestic

violence victim can in clude his or her pet while obtaining a personal protection order

Currently, 28 other states have similar provisions in place. One of these states, Minnesota, has been keeping track of how many personal protection orders have included companion animals since 2010. In 2010, the number of

personal protection or-ders including pets was 167. In 2013, that number was 1,067.

"Statistics such as these show that once domestic violence victims became aware they could include companion animals in personal pro-tection orders, they over-whelmingly chose to do so," Kosowski said.

Ensuring that victims are aware they can in-clude their companion animals in a personal protection order not only can save the animal from further abuse, Kosowski said, it can also save the human victims, both adults and children, from being controlled and forced back into violent situations

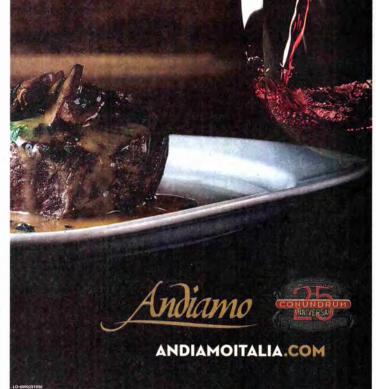


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Check out 2016 Maxima at Nissan of Canton

The redesigned 2016 Nissar Maxima is a powerful, good-handling sedan that stays true to the nameplate's perfor-mance-oriented heritage and features an upscale interior that befits its price. You can view and test drive one at Nis-san of Canton, 42175 Michigan

Ave. "Maxima" is Nissan's longest continually-in-use name-plate, and the eighth-genera tion car is a boldly styled sedan that draws heavily from the Nissan Sport Sedan Concept. Ever since the Nissan Alti

ma grew into a midsize family sedan in the early 2000s, the Maxima hasn't fit neatly into a segment. Nissan says the 2016 Maxima is designed to compete with larger, traditional full-size sedans like the Chevrolet Impala and Toyota Avalon, as well as appeal to buyers looking to move up to a luxury car, like the Acura TLX.

The 2016 Maxima is offered in five trim levels — S, SV, SL, SR and Platinum — that determine the level of equipment; accessories are available, but there are no option packages. We drove an SL, which is priced at \$37,715, and the \$38,495 SR. That one is the most performance-focused model, with unique suspension bushings, springs, shocks, front stabilizer bar and chassis bracing, in addition to 19-inch alloy wheels with stickier Goodyear tires (prices include an \$825 destination charge).

Exterior and styling

The Maxima brings Nissan's Energetic Flow design language to its sedan lineup. Signature cues include a plunging grille bordered by LED day-time running lights and gloss-black pillar finishes that give the roof a floating appearance - something Nissan says is inspired by a fighter jet's cano-

py. The front end is aggressive the car looks menacing when you see it coming up on you in your rear-view mirror — and also memorable. It's a design that demands a reaction, good or bad.

How it drives

Large cars may be known for a forgiving, comfortable ride quality, but that's not the



Test drive the 2016 Nissan Maxima at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

Maxima formula. Compared with a Chevrolet Impala or Chrysler 300, which both do a good job smoothing out bumps and cracks in the road, the Maxima is a much more con nected, tighter-handling car There's remarkably little body roll when driving quickly through a corner. You feel bumps, but they're dealt with in a refined way. The SR trim level's unique

suspension is considerably firmer and busier; you feel more road imperfections, even smaller ones, and the impact is harsher when you hit a big pavement crack. It's a little too rough-riding for me, especially considering the good ride-andhandling balance the regular suspension provides. You'll want the SR trim if

you really care about steering feel, as it offers the best of the bunch. Press the Sport button in an SR, however, and the steering wheel gains a nice, firm heft to it and some feedback through the wheel. It feels right in this performance focused trim.

All trim levels benefit from the performance of the stan-dard 3.5-liter V-6 engine, which provides smooth, effortless acceleration. Rated at 300 horsepower, the V-6 still has power to spare for a quick pass at highway speeds. It pairs with a continuously variable automatic transmission that's programmed to act like a conventional automatic at low speeds for a more traditional driving experience, according to Nissan.

The Maxima shows how far CVT technology has come recently, at least when paired with a powerful engine. It's mostly unobtrusive, with only a hint of the droning that's associated with this type of trans-mission when you accelerate hard. If you've been driving a car with a conventional automatic, this CVT won't seem strange or different.

One of the benefits of a CVT is that it's able to quickly increase engine speed when you want more power because it doesn't need to shift to a lower gear. The Maxima's CVT is very responsive; nudge the gas pedal and engine rpm immediately increases, providing more power. CVTs usually enhance gas

mileage, and the Maxima's EPA-estimated 25 mpg combined rating tops most V-6 competitors by a few mpg or

Interior

Overall quality and attention to detail is very good. The standard leather-wrapped steering wheel feels great; it's even better in the SR, which has Alcantara simulated-suede inserts.

The upper sections of the doors are finished with softtouch material that's a comfortable alternative to the door armrests.

The center console has a padded section to rest your knee against, and there's real stitching on the doors, console and dashboard. One element that doesn't look premium, however, is the simulated met-al finish on the dashboard, doors and center console. It doesn't look real.

Fighter jets also informed the layout of the cabin controls, according to Nissan. The center dashboard control panel is angled 7 degrees toward the driver, and center console con-

trols are close at hand. The new Maxima's roofline is 1.3 inches lower, which contributes to the sedan's hunkered-down look.

The Maxima has the latest version of Nissan's NASAinspired Zero Gravity front seats. They're finished in cloth (S), leather (SV and SL), premi-um leather with quilted Alcan-tara inserts (SR) or premium leather with quilted leather leather with guilted leather inserts (Platinum).

Ergonomics and electronics

Digital screens are rapidly taking over the dashboards of modern cars, and there are two in the Maxima: a 7-inch screen between the gauges and an 8-inch touch-screen in the center of the dashboard. The gauge cluster screen lets you cycle through different modes to see information like speed and heading, trip data, tire pressure and active safety features.

The dashboard screen is the primary display for the stan-dard navigation system and multimedia functions. The Display Commander control knob on the center console can also operate the dashboard touch-screen.

Cargo and storage

The Maxima's 14.3-cubicfoot trunk is nicely shaped, and the trunk lid's support arms move within an enclosed area, so there's no risk of them crushing your cargo. The re-lease straps for the 60/40-split folding backseat are in the trunk. The rear seatbacks fold flat with the trunk floor.

The Maxima has a media bin just ahead of the center console cupholders. The bin is large enough for an iPhone 6 Plus, according to Nissan, and it's also where the car's two stan-dard USB ports are located.

Safety

Most of the Maxima's active safety features come on SL and higher trims. These models have standard blind spot warning, rear cross-traffic alert, adaptive cruise control, for ward collision warning with autonomous braking and predictive forward collision warn-ing. Predictive forward collision warning uses low-mounted radar to "see" under the car directly ahead of you to the next one in line. The system can issue a warning if it senses that car slowing suddenly even if you can't see it yourself.

The top-of-the-line Platinum trim adds a surround camera system with moving-object detection and a drowsy-driver warning system. Drowsy-driver warning compares steering inputs at the beginning of a drive with ones later in the trip to determine if the driver is getting tired and needs to take a break

Value in its class

Years ago, Nissan dubbed the Maxima the 4-Door Sports Car. It's an ambitious tagline, but it reflects the fact that the car caters to a specific type of buyer: the driving enthusiast who still needs sedan practicality. The 2016 Maxima is no different from its predecessors in this regard, but its new level of luxury — both in terms of cabin materials and features now makes it a credible alternative to entry-luxury sedans. If you're shopping sport sedans, it's worth a test drive. Cars.com





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HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Celtic assists stricken coach

Livonia resident Carlson diagnosed with fast-spreading cancer

Ed Wright Staff Write

Assists are as important as goals in Ken Carlson's favorite sport, so it's fitting that the ultra-popular Canton Celtic youth soccer coach and his family are receiving waves of assistance while he faces a daunting health crisis

The long-time Livonia resi-dent currently resides in Livonia's Angela Hospice in the

wake of being diagnosed with Grade 4, Stage 4 glioblastoma brain tumors. The tumors, which are inonerable due to their location in

Carlson's brain, have taken a swift and torturous toll on the loving father, son, brother and mentor to a large number of young soccer players who have been the recipients of his vast knowledge and going-the-extra-mile coaching style. "I've seen several people

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stricken with cancer, but I've never seen it become so devastating so quickly like it has with Ken," Canton Celtic club manager Dan McEvilly said. "When I visited him in the hospital a couple weeks ago,

we were talking soccer and baseball. Then a few days ago, he didn't know my name "Ken is a fantastic coach See CARLSON, Page B2



Cen Carlson was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer

PEAK PERFORMERS

Stevenson finds its groove as post-season approaches

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Much like Kentucky Derbywinning thoroughbred Ny-quist, Livonia Stevenson's baseball team is hitting its stride at just the right time

With the state tournament fast approaching — the Spar-tans will host a Division 1 district tourney on June 4 - Ste venson won its fourth straight game on Wednesday, 14-2, over

host Waterford Mott. The lopsided triumph upped

the Spartans' record to 17.14 while Mott slipped to 9-17. The game was the final KLAA cross-over contest for both teams.

Starting pitcher Dan Bos was brilliant for the winners, limiting Mott to just two hits and four walks while piling up five strikeouts over the first

five innings. Stevenson, which out-hit Mott 17-3, exploded for three runs in both the first and second innings before tacking on three-spots in the fifth and seventh, too, to overwhelm its hosts

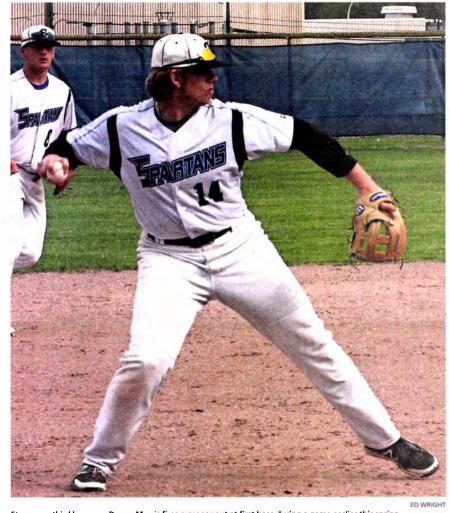
Junior shortstop Chris Tan-derys extended his torrid stretch of hitting by rapping out three safeties, including a three-run home run, and scor-ing three runs. Vince Jenaway also spar-

kled at the dish, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

Also chipping with multiple-hit efforts were Nate Bunton (2-for-2, run), Frank Carlin (2-for-3, two runs) and Nick Beers, who brewed up a pair of singles and a run.

Nate Micallef made effi-

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Stevenson third baseman Danny Morris fires a runner out at first base during a game earlier this spring.

With the state tournament fast approaching — the Spartans will host a Division 1 district tourney on June 4.

Reporting results

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

outstanding source to give hard-working high school athletes positive accolades for their achievements, but the coaches' cooperation is crucial.

The deadline for Thursday editions is 10 p.m. Tuesday. The dead-line for Sunday editions is 10 p.m. Friday.

Senior golf

Several local athletes fared well in the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association tournament played May 14 at Fieldstone Golf Club in Au-burn Hills.

The first of 16 tournaments hosted by the MPSGA, 22 winners were crowned from a handicapped field of 87 players, all of whom are 50 years or older.

There were 14 commu-nities represented.

Livonia resident George Catto won the Flight B championship with a score of 83 (ad-justed to 69 with handicap). Livonia's Dan Pav-lat won the Flight D title with a 90 (67). Northville's Jim Mly-

narczyk won the A Flight with an 81 gross and 72 net, while Mike Kidder of Ann Arbor was the Flight C winner.

For more information regarding the upcoming tournaments, go to www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.

Stevenson hockey clinic

The annual Livonia Stevenson Youth Hockey Clinic will be held 4:30-6 p.m. June 6-8 at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena

The June 8 session will also include a classroom session for players and parents 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Stevenson High School team room. Refreshments will be served.

The clinic, which will be led by Stevenson coaches and players, is for players currently in sixth through eighth grades. The cost is \$75 per

participant. The clinic will offer a variety of high-tempo, high-in-tensity drills, simulations and exercises that will will focus on skating, stick-handling, shooting and puck control, among skills. The last days of spring are a great time to "re-fine" basic skills for the youth hockey player for the following season SHS hockey is offering a youth clinic to allow players to do just that. SHS hockey coaches and players will conduct sessions that will focus on a wide variety of skills.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL Poston named Patriots new head coach

Ed Wright Staff Write

When Kellsey Poston officially addresses the Livonia

Franklin varsity volleyball team for the first time prior to the 2016 season, the Patriots will soon discover that their new coach knows of what she speaks.

Poston, who was hired in March to replace Ashly Butkowski, excelled as an all-

around volleyball player at New Boston Huron before playing four years of soccer and one year of vol-leyball at Saginaw Valley State University. Currently em-

ployed as a graphic designer at Wimsatt Building Materials in



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Former freshmen coach was two-sport collegiate athlete

Wayne, the 23-year-old Poston has plans to design a winning blueprint for a program that has struggled to reach the 500 plateau in recent years.

"I was very excited and a little nervous when I first found out I got the job," said Poston, who was the Patriots' freshmen volleyball

coach last fall. "I learned a lot about coaching last year and from playing college volleyball. I love vollevball because it's such a technical sport.

"I had some negative coach-ing in college, and I don't want to be that kind of coach. I understand that there are players who respond well to being pushed hard and others that shut down if you're too hard."

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LOCAL SPORTS

OUTDOOR SPORTS

Trail Challenge, Bike Fest set for June 4

11th annual biking event features 100 trail miles

Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Motor City Mountain Biking Association is joining forces with the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alli-Trail Challenge and Bike Fest from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, June 4, in and around downtown Milford. Registration is \$20 in advance or

\$25 event day. Proceeds will support development and maintenance of bicycle trails in

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the region. Cyclists can choose familyfriendly paved routs or a variety of back road and mountain bike trails suited for beginners to experts. More than 100 miles of riding are easily accessible by bike from downtown Milford.

Same day registration and event start runs from 7:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. at Main Street Grill, 327 Main Streat Entertainment with the Street. Entertainment will be provided by the Orbitsuns beginning at 1 p.m. Parking is available in nearby public

lots and on local streets. Just 40 miles northwest of Detroit, Milford that can best be described as a hidden gem for bicyclists, hikers, kayakers, food connoisseurs and history lovers alike. Many residents liken the

community to an iconic Colorado mountain town, with abundant wildlife, woodlands and hilly terrain.

From the Huron River that was once traveled by Native Americans in birch-bark canoes to the adjacent 20,000-plus acres of state and regional recreation areas featuring more than 100 miles of single track, rail trail and paved bicycle and hiking paths, Milford has become Michigan's hottest destination for outdoor activities. The most adventurous and fit moun-

tain bikers can tackle 16 miles of chal-lenging single track in Highland Recreation Area that is rated as the best trail in the state.

Bikers need to bring strong lungs to complete all four loops of this trail as

it offers a total of 2.090 feet of vertical climbing. Additional local MTB trails range from beginner-friendly sections of the Milford Trail to intermediate trails at Proud Lake Recreation Area.

Local rail trails also provide pleas-ant riding for riders of all ages. Participants may even be able to explore sections of the forthcoming Michigan Airline Trail while communities ad-jacent to Milford work to develop this section for former railway into a trail that will link multiple communities on its route.

For more information, go to www.milfordchallenge.com

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PREP BASEBALL

Garden City mounts late rally to edge Pioneers

Ed Wright Staff Write

In a must-win game while facing an against-all-odds scenario, Garden City's baseball team proved it had the right stuff Wednesday afternoon against Western Wayne Athletic Con-

ference Blue Division rival Dearborn. Trailing 3-1 entering the bottom of the seventh and needing a win to stay in the thick of the race for the division crown, the Cougars scored three times to post a walk-off 4-3 triumph over the Pioneers. The win upped GC's division record

to 7-1 with two games against fellow Blue front-runner Belleville still on the docket.

The rally made a winner out of undefeated starting pitcher Tyler Kelly, who issued just four hits and one walk while striking out six. Only two of the three runs Kelly yielded were earned.

The dramatic comeback — which was sculpted against the Pioneers' hard-throwing closer — started when No. 9 hitter Dakoda Durocha was hit by a pitch. Following a strikeout, Avery Emerson hit into a fielder's choice, leaving him at first with two

outs. Vinnie Bakerian then walked and Dakota Mahkimetass singled home

Emerson, sending Bakerian to third and cutting the hosts' deficit to 3-2. Logan McGraw, who was inserted into the game as a pinch-runner for Mahkimetass, stole second and scored, along with Bakerian, on a walk off single by unior Lossen Ma walk-off single by junior Jassen Ma-tuscak, who dropped a 1-1 pitch into a void behind the first baseman and in front of the right fielder.

Emerson was the only Cougar to register two hits. Bakerian went 1for-2 with two walks and a stolen base.

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cient use of his lone hit as it knocked two Spartans.

Ryan Ruelaj and Larry Lindemier stroked one hit a piece for Mott.

No-hitter for Dewhirst

It appears Livonia Franklin junior pitcher Kolby Dewhirst's offseason injury issues are behind him. On Wednesday, Dewhirst threw a five-inning no-hitter against a tough Walled Lake Central team as the Patri-ots prevailed, 10-0.

The victory improved Franklin's record to 22-11.

Dewhirst struck out eight Vikings and walked three. "Kolby was on fire today," Franklin head coach Matt Fournier said. "He threw all of his pitches well. It was nice to see him do that after all the bad lugh back head with injuring. He bad luck he's had with injuries. He

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Making adjustments will be a big part of Poston's strategical plans, she said

'We play all the teams in our division twice, so if we get beat by a team the first time we play them, we should learn their strengths and weaknesses

was very, very sharp today." Central's best chance for a hit came in the bottom of the second when the

lead-off batter lined a shot up the middle that Dewhirst snagged.

"That was the only solid contact they had off him the entire game," Fournier said. Offensively, Dewhirst received

plenty of support from Adrian Reed, who went 3-for-3 with three runs scored and four RBI. Reed's early three-run home run provided De-whirst with all the offense he would peed need

Also hitting well for the winners were Jake Giacobbi (2-for-4, RBI, run) and Joe Chinavare, who went 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Senior first baseman Ryan Prohaska just missed cranking two home runs, Fournier added. He launched a warning-track sacrifice fly one at-bat and a long double in another plate appearance.

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Having already coached a year at Franklin will give the Patriots' new coach a jump start once the program's summer workouts kick in later next month.

"I didn't get to see the junior-varsi-ty team play much last season because it played the same time as the freshmen, but I did stay for the varsi-ty matches," she said. "I like the group of players we have coming back. We only lost a few seniors to graduation, so I'm excited to get go



ictured with Allie Lynn (seated at right) during her signing ceremony were (top row from left) father Don, sisteres Madison, Ashley and Natalie, mom Denise and (seated next to Allie) Schoolcraft coach Shannon Pummill.

Garden City volleyball star Lynn signs with Ocelots

Ed Wright Staff Write

Garden City senior Allie Lynn is not taking her high-flying, well-tuned vol-leyball skills far, which is great news for Schoolcraft College head coach Shannon Pummill.

A four-year varsity difference-mak-er for the Cougars, Lynn will still be a cat, at least mascot-wise, after deciding to continue her spiking career with the Ocelots.

"To be able to play at the college level is so exciting for me because volleyball has been such a big part of my life for as long as I can remem-bers," said Lynn, who was a multiple-time member of the all-Western Wayne

Athletic Conference teams. "I've been talking to Schoolcraft since the start of my senior year. Everything about it — from the beautiful campus to the outstanding coaches -

liked the way she coaches for a long time. She's a great recruiter. She never put pressure on me and always looked out for my best interests." Lynn, who was a stellar softball player at Garden City for two years before deciding to focus solely on vol-leytball said Madonna University was

leyball, said Madonna University was also a school she was considering.

"I am going to pursue a degree in physical therapy or athletic training, so I plan on taking a lot of my basic classes at Schoolcraft before transferring to either Grand Valley, Saginaw Valley or Central Michigan," sh she added. "I may try out for the volleyball team at the four-year school I transfer to, but if I don't make it, I'll be happy with just working toward my degree." Lynn said she will probably play all

around at Schoolcraft, similar to her role at GC, with a possible stint as libero on the docket.

Lynn is an outstanding student and

'The head coach. Shannon (Pummill), played in high school with my sister (Ashley), so I've known her and owner of a 3.9/ grade-point average

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enough so that we should perform better against them — and hopefully beat them — the next time we play them," she said.

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BOYS GOLF

Garden City golfers split two matches

Ed Wright Staff Write

Garden City's boys golf team closed out its Western Wayne Athletic Confer-ence dual-match season Wednesday by splitting a pair of decisions with Dear-born Fordson and Dearborn Heights Crestwood. The Cougars fired a four-player

score of 171, which good enough to beat the Tractors (234), but not low enough

the that the Stargers, who carded 166. The split left GC with a 6-3 record. Dearborn won the WWAC regular-sea-son title with a 10-0 mark, while Crest-

wood was runner-up at 9-1. David Rush paced GC on Wednesday with a solid round of 40. Andrew New fired 41, Connor Johnson shot 44 and Evan Breen registered 46. Crestwood's Malik Jawad was the

day's medalist after firing 37.

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and mentor for the young players. He prides himself in helping them develop their individual ball skills, while beginning to develop their tactical skills — all while maintain-ing a fun and challenging environment."

A picture of health just a few months ago, Carlson was hospital-ized in early April after he suffered a heart attack

Just a week after his release from the hospital, Carlson was re-admitted for symptoms similar to the ones he suffered earlier. More comprehensive tests re-

where comprehensive tests re-vealed the terminal brain cancer. "Ken has had so many of his play-ers and their parents visit him the past few days," said Laura Pakkala, Carlson's sister. "They've made up signs for him and told us, the mem-bers of his family what an inspire. bers of his family, what an inspira-tion he has been to the kids.

"I was told by several parents of the young girls team he coached prior to this season that they re-

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LAURA PAKKALA,

Carlson's sister

ferred to him as, 'The Big Teddy Bear'. He's always been such a big-hearted guy and he loves coaching so much.

"When he was in the hospital after his heart attack, one of his teams was getting ready to play a tournament in Cincinnati. Ken had the coach who was going to replace him come up to the hospital so he could tell him about each of the players.

McEvilly will step in to coach Carlson's U12 Boys Silver and U13 Boys Green teams for the remainder of their seasons.

Carlson is the father of two children: a 20-year-old daughter, Kris-ten Chase, who recently got married; and 16-year-old son Kody, a student at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Like it's done several times in the past, the Canton Celtic Soccer Club is organizing a fundraiser to help Carlson's family offset mounting medical expenses.

A "Spare Change Drive" has been planned for next weekend's Canton Cup Soccer Tournament. People willing to help Carlson's family can drop off spare change at any of the official Canton Cup apparel sales booths.

Monies collected will be donated to Angela Hospice. The Canton Cel ic will match all donations collect ed, McEvilly said.

ed, McEvilly said. For those who will not be at ing the Canton Cup, but would to help out the Carlson family cause, a gofundme account has established for the popular coach. The link is: gofundme.com/kencarl son

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2016 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GYMNASTICS TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Brianna Rhoad, Livonia Blue: The senior capped her incredible high school career by winning the Division 2

all-around state title with a score of 36.525. She became the first Livonia Blue gymnast to win an all-around title in the program's 10-year histo-

ry. A gymnast since the

age of 6, Rhoad works at her craft on a year-round

basis, honing her skills at the Livonia Rec Center during the high school offseason

Rhoad will attend Eastern Michigan University later this summer and pos-sibly try out for the school's gymnastics team

"Bri has a laid-back personality, but when she's out there competing, she's very focused," Blue head coach Lisa Broomfield said. "She goes out there, blocks everything else out, and does her thing

Elisa Bills, Farm. United: The sophomore gymnast had an outstanding state meet, helping her team finish third and earning individual all-state honors.

Bills finished second in the Division 2 allaround with a 36.225 total. She was second on beam with a 9.4, sixth on floor, eighth on bars and ninth on vault.



marveled at how she was able to compose herself and rebound after a fall on bars, scoring well enough to be the No. 2 all-arounder.

"This little girl is loaded with talent and goes all out in competition," Dwyer said. "Elisa has a difficult bar routine with a very risky dismount. Not all gymnasts can get back and do what she

did. "Her last event was beam, and she calmly hit a 9.4 routine. I have seen many gymnasts drop out of contention with such a fall, but I give her all the credit in the world for being such a tough, hard-nosed competitor who doesn't give up."

Jacquelyn Farquhar, Farm. United: A repeat member of the all-area team, Farquhar had a great finish to her ju-

nior season, placing third in the Division 2 all-around at the state meet with a 36.10 score.

She was all-state in three individual events. Farguhar was tied for fourth place on vault, finished sixth on bars and placed third on beam with a 9.325.

"Jacquelyn continued to do what she has done all year, placing as one of the top all-arounders in the state," Dwyer said. "She is ultra competitive and hard-working. She was named captain as a sophomore and again this year for those reasons.

"Jacquelyn has learned to not be so hard on herself, and that bodes well for her. I believe she can make a serious run at being one of the top gymnasts

again next year." Jessica Weak, Livonia Blue: Only a junior, Weak has enjoyed an extraordistandout, we are has enjoyed an extraordi-nary high school career. An all-around standout, she joined teammate Bri Rhoad as the program's only indi-uidual extensions

vidual state champions in March by taking gold in the Division 2 uneven parallel bars event. She is an exceptional student as well, which is reflected by her 4.3 grade-point

average. "Jessie is a fighter," Broomfield said. "Her bars routine is very stren-uous because she goes from the low bar to the high bar, back to the low bar and back to the high bar, while most girls just do one bar change. I knew she had it in her to win the state championship.' Jana Hilditch, Canton: There were more outchanding currents on the

many outstanding gymnasts on the regional champion Chiefs again this season and junior Hilditch was at the top of the list. Hilditch earned the team's Most Valuable Gymnast Award with "consis-tent and all-around leadership all season," coach John Cunningham said. One highlight was her 9.8 balance beam during the season, which tied the

chool record and led to Elite All American recognition (she was All American in all events). Her regional bars (9.0) won second and floor

(9.475) placed third. Already named one of Canton's 2016-17 cap-tains, Hilditch took three medals at

states — sixth on vault (9.45) and beam (9.35) and eighth in all-around (36.875). Kacey Noseworthy, Farm. United: Noseworthy capped a fine freshman

season with a seventh-place finish in the Division 2 all-around at the state meet, compil-ing a 35.275 score.

Ing a 35.2/5 score. In the process, she placed second on vault with a 9.45 and was close to being all-state in two other events. She was tied for 11th on bars and was 14th on floor Nose

worthy also worked three

events in the team competition. "She is such a powerful vaulter, and judges value power and height," Dwyer said. "That is the reason for her high scores

"Kacey is beginning to realize her potential. She has been such a hard worker in the gym, and it's paying off.

"The all-around is crazy hard as a gymnast must remain tough and focused the entire meet (six hours). What

a meet for such a young, promising gymnast!" SECOND TEAM

Kelsea Kernosek, Canton: The ju-

nior had an outstanding season, receiving one of the team's trophies for most improved, the result of

becoming a leading scorer, Cunningham noted. Kernosek also achieved All-American status in five events.

At regionals, she won D1 vault with a 9.5 score

and also qualified for states in the all-around with a third-place finish of 35.775. She continued to excel at states,

taking third on vault — again with a 9.5. Haley Metz, Plymouth: The versa-

tile senior qualified for individual states in four Division 1 categories at regionals, finishing first in all-around with a in all-around with a 36.975 tally. She placed first on uneven parallel bars (9.450) and balance beam (9.375) and took

fourth on floor exercise with a 9.350.

At states, Metz earned all-state honors

on bars with her seventh-place tally of 9.125. In the all-around, she placed 14th

(35.875). "Just a very strong performance, Yockey, following individual regionals. "(Metz) was really just right on today." Metz was a key contributor to the

Wildcats' second-place finish at team regionals, earning a spot in the team finals.

Katie Dickson, Canton: Only a sophomore, Dickson made her presence felt for the KLAA and regional champion Chiefs.

"Her five event scores were a big reason for our 13-1 record," Cunningham said.

Dickson had a field day at regionals, qualify-ing for states in four D1 events. Those included second on vault (9.350)

and all-around (36.5) and third on bars (8.850) and beam (9.250). At finals, her tally of 8.950 on bars earned her a medal (10th place). She came in 11th in the all-around (36.475) and 12th on floor (9.175) while her 9.075 on vault was good for 18th overall. Jordyn Williams, Salem: The pop-

ular and talented sophomore set and broke her Plymouth-Canton Education al Park record on floor three times (9.75, 9.8,

9.85) The latter score came

"As good as she is



friendly with everybody and she just

tumbles really effortlessly." At finals, she tallied a 9.55 to finish second and win all-state honors.

Williams also qualified for states on vault (fifth, 9.05) and came in 15th with a 9.2 sco

Emily Welch, Plymouth: The senior showed her versatility for the Wildcats all season and even more so at regionals

That's where she qualified for Division 2 states on vault (third, 9.150), uneven parallel bars (third, 8.675) and allaround (sixth, 34.525). At the finals in Rock-

ford, Welch earned all-state honors in D2 with her fifth-place score on bars (8.725). She finished 13th in the

all-around with a 34.700 total. Rachel Socha, Canton: Another talented sophomore for the Chiefs is Socha, who also won an award for the team's most improved.

Socha was outstand ing on beam, most partic-ularly, winning the event at the Jeanne Caruss Invitational and KLAA conference meet.

At regionals, she finished second on D2 beam with a 9.2 score and finished fourth in the event at states (9.2

She also qualified for states in the all-around (34.675) and was All-Amer ican in four of five events, Cunningham said

Brooke Rabban, Farm. United: A senior and perennial member of the all-area team, Rabban received an allstate medal for her

top-10 performance on the balance beam.

The Division 1 gymnast was part of a threeway tie for eighth place with a 9.325. Rabban finished 16th in the allaround with a 35.30. "Brooke had it tough

this year as she would have been eligi-ble for Division 2 status, but she remained a Division 1 gymnast due to a rule change," Dwyer said. "That put her in competition with

club girls who put in many more hours per day. She knew it would be hard to be all-state. It was so gratifying to see her stick her routine.

'She is not a crier usually, but a lot of tears flowed after her dismount. I was so happy to see her dream come

"We lose a great competitor. Brooke made this sport look like an art form on beam and floor."

THIRD TEAM

Carina Wright, Farm. United: A perennial all-stater and all-area selec-tion, Wright came back from two injuries during her senior season to qualify in two events at the state meet.

She tied for 10th place

on floor to earn all-state status again. Wright competed in every event but bars in the team competition and helped Farmington finish third in the state

"This was a tough year for Carina as she was out approximately 70 percent of the season," Dwyer said. "I know she looked forward to her senior year. How-

"Without her scores, we don't com-pete at the level we did. She's a gamer who really turns things on during competition.

"I was glad to see her be all-state. I know she wanted to place higher. C sidering the limited time she could practice, it was a courageous effort and it paid off.

"Carina could always light it up on vault, beam and floor. It will be very hard to replace her natural talent and her desire to win.'

Hailey Hodgson, Canton: The Chiefs' senior captain capped off a standout four-year career. She excelled on

for fourth place with a score of 8.850. At Rockford, she finished 10th on D2



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HONORABLE MENTION Farm. United: Emily Stecevic, Ava Farquhar, Kennedi Seals, Emily Fowler, Canton: Stephanie Cox, Allison Kunz, Katherine Najduk, Annika Wang; Salem: Cloe Longeway, Camille Burt; Plymouth: Molty McSween, Rebeca Simu, Samantha Fontana, Lindsay Badger, Kayla Janevski; Livonia Red: Mackenzie Borrman, Mikaela Hille; Livonia Blue: Katie Grover.

finals

Other state-qualifying events were floor (second, 9.575), vault (seventh, 9.1) and all-around (third, 35.725).

Hodgson then had a strong showing at finals, medaling on floor with a 9.05 tally (tied for sixth). Her 33.875 total in

the all-around was good for 18th place. Emily Chatterjee, Livonia Blue: Chatterjee energiad for Plus this sparkled for Blue this past season, earning all-state honors in three individual events. She placed sixth on the beam (9.125), 10th in the floor-exercise routine (9.0) and 10th on the



ing in the all-around by one 10th of a

"She has been one of our most con-sistent bars workers this year. I never

worry about her hitting a routine. I was so happy for her; it was well deserved.

Marissa McVey, Livonia Red: McVey, a Churchill senior, finished her

A two-year captain for Red, McVey is very in-volved in extra-curricular activities at

Churchill. She is a member of the

school's diversity and spirit clubs, among other interests. Riley Fisher, Salem: The freshman

Kelly has lots of potential going into

recognition with her seventh-place finish on

the uneven parallel bars with an 8.675 score. The junior gymnast provided needed depth and helped to make Farmington United a force in team competition. "This was a big goal for Kelly," Dwyer said of her all-state performance. "She was disappointed at the regional as she just missed qualify-

point.

her senior year

stellar high school gym-nastics career by placing 15th in the state Division 2 all-around with a score of 34.350. McVey earned all-state honors on the

all-state honors on the

vault when she tied for 10th at the state meet.

has a promising future if her "rookie" season is

any indication. Her ex-cellent season was re-

warded when she was

the state meet in D2 on balance beam after tying

recipient of Salem's Coaches Award. Fisher qualified for

at regionals, where she won the D1 champion-ship and brought the house down with her routine.

she's not really full of herself," assis-tant coach Dana Driscoll said. "She's



beam (All American Elite, 2014 state champion in the event). At regionals, her

score off 9.150 was good for third in D2 beam, earning her a spot in the

beam with an 8.875 tally to win all-state honors

Her 34.5 in the all-around at region-als was good for seventh; that was just .025 short of qualifying for states. "Riley had a really consistent sea-son," Driscoll said. "She works ex-

tremely hard day in and day out to keep improving herself and her skills.

CLARENCEVILLE SPORTS REPORT

Trojan baseball team out-slugs Eagles

Dan O'Meara

Staff Write

Livonia Clarenceville pounded out 14 hits and won its second straight baseball game Wednesday, 13-3, over Redford Thurston.

Mitch Kubiak and Kam MacIver had three hits apiece to lead the Tro-jans, who are 6-3 in conference play. Adam Sade, who had a pair of dou-bles, Ryan Menifee and Justin Kelley

chipped in two hits each. "Adam is seeing the ball really

well," coach Craig Cotter said. "With his speed and ability to turn the lineup over right now, we are going to have

opportunities to score some runs."

On the mound, Bobby Jaber went the distance minus one out for his third win of the season, giving up only four hits and striking out nine. In non-league play Thursday, Dear-born Divine Child defeated host Clar-

enceville, 14-3.

enceville, 14-3. The Trojans stayed close until the fifth inning when the Falcons scored four runs. Divine Child added five more in the last two innings. "We played much better than the score indicates," Cotter said. "We had ning hit and mit the ball in play all

nine hits and put the ball in play all game

Sade stayed hot and went 2-for-3.

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Nick Bisaro had two hits. Five other starters had a hit as well.

Menifee took the loss, giving up nine runs on 10 hits in four-plus in-nings. Zack Richards and MacIver pitched relief.

Softball team clipped

Clarenceville managed to keep the score close despite six errors, but it couldn't overtake Redford Thurston in 5 loss Wednesday. а

The Trojans, who are 2-8 in confer-ence play and 4-15 overall, were within a run twice, 4-3 and 6-5 after six innings

Clarenceville pitcher Emily

Schmidt allowed just six hits, walked one and struck out three

The offense had its highest hit total with nine. Claudia Moore was 2-for-4 and scored two runs. Kylee Ham-mond's two hits included a double. She had one RBI and scored a run. "We managed to fight and keep

we managed to right and keep ourselves in the game," Clarenceville assistant coach Bryan DeCaire said. "We swung the bats well, but we need-ed that key hit. We left eight runners on base.

"We're a young team and getting better, but we have to make the plays defensively when they're there.

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PREP BASEBALL

Eagles split pair of WWAC showdowns

Ed Wright Staff Write

The Redford Thurston baseball team's bats were smoking during a pair of West-ern Wayne Athletic Conference games played earlier this week.

The Eagles rebounded from a tough 15-9 extra-inning loss to Romulus by upending Dearborn Heights Robichaud 24 hours later, 12-4.

The resilient Eagles rallied from a 9-6 seventh-inning deficit to knot the game at 9-9 against Romulus but left the potential winning run on second base.

Romulus then erupted for six runs in the top of the eighth to seal the deal.

The Eagles' dramatic three-run, game-tying rally started when Quintin Richards reached on an error, Jaylen Burch

singled and Chalfontae Phillips ripped a one-out double up the left-center field gap to plate two runs. Austin Benoit then

stroked an RBI single, scoring Phillips. Benoit spearheaded Thurston's 11-hit attack with three hits and three RBI. Donald Permuy also shined at the dish, going 3-for-4 with a double. Benoit was sharp on the mound

against Robichaud, pitching six-and-two-thirds innings, striking out 11. He also exploded at the plate with five hits and four RBI. Permuy contributed two hits in the win, including a triple. Thurston never trailed after scoring

three in the first inning and four in the second. They put at least two runners on in each of the seven innings.

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Thurston's Chalfontae Phillips takes a cut at a pitch during a game earlier this spring.

BOYS GOLF

SPARTANS SWEEP RIVALS IN QUAD MATCH

Stevenson shoots season-best score to derail Churchill, Franklin

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's boys golf team turned in a peak performance Thursday during a KLAA Kensington Conference quad match at Livo-nia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The Spartans carded their best four-player score of the season — 154 — to upend cross-town rivals Churchill (158) and Franklin (161).

Salem, which was the fourth team on the links, fired a 163 in the competitive match. The pair of triumphs lifted Ste-

venson's dual-match record to 6-5. "The guys are really coming to-

we head into the KLAA Tournament and districts next week," Stevenson head coach Curtis Hay said.

Stevenson was powered by co-medalists Connor Jakacki and Jon McDonald, both of whom recorded sizzling 37s. Easton Schlatterbeck matched the other teams' low score with a 38 while Trevor Lopus and



Stevenson's Easton Schlatterbeck carded a 38 during Thursday's match at Idyl Wyld

Ben Zammit came in with 42s. Tyler Smith shot a commendable 44, but it



TOM BEAUDOIN Churchill's Aaron Walton carded a solid 39 during Thursday's action at Idyl Wyld

didn't count toward the final scoring.

Although Franklin lost to Steven-son, the Patriots managed to trim the Rocks, 161-163. Jacob Kenward was the main man for the Patriots, shooting a 38, one shot lower than teammate Zack Nelson. Also figuring in the scoring for the Patriots were Matt Wiebelhaus and Trevor

Van Vliet, both of whom carded 42s. Non-scoring Patriots were David Shoemaker (46) and Jeremy Haist

The Chargers went 1-1 on the day with a win over Salem and a setback to Stevenson.

"Our guys played well, but Stevenson played just a little better," Churchill head coach Paul Worley said

said. John Doyle brought his "A" game for Churchill, registering a 38. Also scoring for the Chargers were Aar-on Walton (39), Matt Matley (40) and Griffin Ahmet (41). The non-scoring Chargers were Max Proulx (47) and Davis Caughlin (50)

(50).

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LOCAL SPORTS

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL

SUPER-CHARGED! Churchill wins D1 crown

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Speed, endurance and strength proved to be a triumphant combination for Livo-Churchill's girls track and field team during Friday's Divi-sion 1 regional meet at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium.

Like Salem on the boys side of Friday's meet, Churchill piled up points in field events and enjoyed outstanding depth across all events.

The Chargers totaled 153 points, well ahead of secondplace Plymouth (116.5), to win the regional for the eighth time

in nine years. "We scored a lot of points like we have been all year com-ing out of field events," Chargers head coach Pat Daugherty said. "And then the 4-by-8 team won and really set the tempo for us. Gabby Swider and Chanel Gardner are going to score in all four events they're in.

'Gabby Carter won both

throws, so we've have a lot of success today. Takia Bradley had a really good turn in the 300 hurdles and she qualified. It's been a total team effort." Daugherty added that Fri-

day's success was heartening because there were so many contributors. "We rely heavily on about

"We rely heavily on about five girls to do most of our point-scoring and they all came through today," Daugherty said. "I'm proud of them and proud of the whole team. We're looking forward to the state meet. We have a chance to score in a couple events there for the first time in a while." for the first time in a while."

Setting a school record in the pole vault was senior Olivia Ryktarsyk (11-9).

Plymouth head coach Ricky Styes credited the Chargers' balance for keeping the Wild-cats from the top spot.

But he said there were nu-merous key performers from his team, including high jum-per Kat Harris, who qualified for the fourth year in a row),

long jumper Bailey Brown (first with a PR of 17-2) and sprinter Ryen Draper (qual-ified in the 200 and 400 dashes

with school records in both). Plymouth's 800 relay team of Erin Bradley, Faith Washing-ton, Reghan Draper and Ryen Draper also broke a school record and qualified.

Emily Caragay (10-3) and Natalie Janke (10-0) qualified in the pole vault and Bradley also made the cut in the 100 hurdles.

Canton's 400 relay team of Jessica Krone, freshman twins Jada and Jade Sabir and fresh-man Donae Adams made the cut

Missing going to states by about six seconds was the Chiefs' third-place 3200 relay team of Sam McGrath, Elaine Bradlee, Anna Nagelhout and Isabelle Verdugo (9:52.46). Livonia Franklin's Natalie

Douglas won the mile with a time of 5:13.13.

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Churchill Olivia Ryktarsyk won a regional championship Friday by clearing the bar at 11 feet, 9 inches at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

BOYS REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD

Chargers finish strong second to Salem at regional

Tim Smith Staff Write

Racking up points by the bushel in field events launched Salem's boys track and field team to the regional champi-onship Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Salem started rolling early with dominance in the shot put with dominance in the shot put and discus — Jannik Schmitt (53 feet, 7.5 inches) and DeAn-gelo Meredith (145-5) won those events, respectively — and continued with a regional champinghin and school rec championship and school record in the high jump by Camer-on Grace (6-6.25).

That set the tone for Salem's first-place total of 118 points, well ahead of second-place Livonia Churchill (92).

"We started peaking during the week of Observerland meet and we carried it through conferences and today," Rocks head coach Dale Maskill said. 'We've got good coaches that are working with those guys, sprint coaches Ron Davis and Tom Crawford and our throws coach who was really the coach of the year, Jimmy Crabill.



Churchill's Antonio Alexander passes the baton to Deon Pitchford during Friday's Division 1 regional meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

"He's done a heck of a job with those guys. They scored 28 points in the disc today and 18 points in the shot today. Got a really good group over there. Hopefully it continues for the next two weeks into the state

Joining the Salem points party were first-year senior Calin Crawford, who scored in the high jump and long jump, and sophomore throwe Howie (who qualified in the

shot put with a personal best throw of 49-3). Salem perennial all-stater

Salem perennial an-state. Chaz Jeffress also qualified in the 1,600 and 800 with second-place finishes of 4:22.75 and 1:57.92, respectively. "Those two were legit run-ners that beat him today," Mas-till coid referring to Dear-

hers that beat him today," Mas kill said, referring to Dear-born's Riad Rababeh (4:21.90) and Churchill's Dash Dobar (1:57.48). "He scored some big points today." Although the Chargers came in second head coach

came in second, head coach Rick Austin was taking more positives away than negatives from the meet.

"They have a very strong team, so my hat's off to Sa-lem," Austin said. "But we shot ourselves in the foot today. We failed to make a call for a race and some of the events did not work out in our favor.

"But we had a lot of different kids step up today and score points for us in a lot of different areas. So I think we

had a good showing today." Churchill's Jamal Allen (11.11) finished third to qualify in the 100 dash, having beat the 11.20 state qualifying time.

11.20 state qualifying time. Also making the cut in that event were David Graham of Westland John Glenn and An-drew Davis of Salem. In the 200 dash, Livonia Franklin's Brandon Smiley took second (22.42), ahead of additional qualifiers Johnathan Parker (John Glenn) and Dar. Parker (John Glenn) and Dar-ren Davis (Canton).

Regional champion in the 400 dash was Wayne Memorial standout Montel Hood (47.42), who outraced Churchill's Carrington Smith and John

Glenn's Jared Tarrance. Franklin's Tony Floyd placed second in the 3,200 run with a time of 9:38.22.

In other events, Garden City senior Denzel Tinsley took the top spot in the 110 hurdles (14.56), with Canton junior Jemal Vaunado winning the 300 hurdles (39.79). The Chiefs also had a regional champ in the pole vault, with Andrew Koenigsknecht recording a 14-0 mark.

John Glenn (400 relay, 800 relay), Wayne (1,600 relay) and Franklin (3,200 relay) topped the relay events.

Spartans edge 'Cats in thriller



CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

Petition 2016-05-02-09 submitted by Omorfia Esthetics requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 10.03(m) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a massage establishment at 17142 Farmington Road within the Burton Hollow Shopping Center, located on the east side of Farmington Road between Six Mile Road and Curtis Avenue in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10.

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

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Ian Wilshaw, Chairman Pro Tem CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

City of Livonia - 05/04/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: White, Bahr, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, Jolly and McIntyre

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meet."

Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth players are pictured battling for a 50/50 ball during Wednesday's KLAA crossover match at Plymouth. The Spartans prevailed, 3-2, following two 10-minute overtimes and a penalty-kick shootout.

PREP SOFTBALL

Elmore's homer lifts Marlins

Staff Writer

Andrea Elmore has contributed greatly to the Mercy High School soft-ball team's success with her pitching. She showed another side of her ath-

letic ability Thursday, demonstrating she also can hit the ball.

Elmore's three-run homer helped separate the Marlins from visiting Allen Park Cabrini and propel them to a 2 victory in a Catholic League semifinal game.

"Andrea has done more pitching than batting the last couple years," coach Alec Lesko said. "I talked to her about that. I said: 'Let's work really hard on your swing and getting you some at-bats.'

"She has really responded to that. What a time to hit the first home run of your career — in a Catholic League semifinal game!"

Trailing 2-0 after two innings, the Marlins started the third with back-to back singles by Anna Dixon and Sophia VanAcker.

With one out, Cari Padula and Nicole Belans produced consecutive RBI singles, setting the table for Elmore's blast over the left-center field fence.

'She has hit the ball hard many times but not gotten much air under it when she did," Lesko said. "On this one, she did. She really stroked it well; it carried our fence and then some." The Marlins (23-1) added a sixth run

in the sixth inning when Shannon Gib-bons hit a leadoff single, stole second base and scored on Mary Reeber's one out single.

Mercy had 10 hits with seven players contributing to the total. Belans was 2-for-3, Dixon and VanAcker 2-for-4.

The Marlins had to deal with a little adversity as they fell behind 2-0 in the first inning. Both runs scored when a fly ball glanced off the glove of the center fielder for an error

Elmore allowed only three hits and struck out seven. The Marlins will play Pontiac Notre

Dame Prep in the A-B Division championship game at 6 p.m. Monday at the University of Detroit Mercy.

- Approving the minutes of the 1,799th Regular Meeting of the Council on April 18, 2016 #174-16
- Approving a request to barricade Victor Parkway between Seven and Eight Mile #175-16 Roads for a 5k Charity Run.
- #176-16
- Approving a request to waive the City's noise ordinance. Approving a request to waive the City's Sidewalk requirement for Mike Adams. Referring to the City Planning Commission Petition 2016-03-03-01. Referring to the Administration Petition 2016-03-03-01. #177-16 #178-16
- #179-16
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- Agency in the Administration Petition 2016-03-03-01. Approving the appointment of Sam Caramagno to the Planning Commission. Approving the 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan: 2016-017 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Annual Plan and Budget. Approving the Hold Harmless Contracts for the 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). #181-16
- #182-16
- Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).
 #183-16 Accepting the bid of Advanced Pool Services, Inc., for the Botsford Pool and Sheldon Pool.
 #184-16 Authorizing the purchase of a server and software upgrade for Offendertrak (Jail Management System) for the Police Department.
 #185-16 Authorizing the purchase of one (1) Marked Police Vehicle from Bill Snethkamp.
 #186-16 Approving Petition 2015-12-02-26 to develop a Planned General Development submitted by Livonia Corp. Tower, L.L.C.
 #187-16 Approving Petition 2015-12-02-06 waiving the requirement that not more than 20% of the total floor area of the building be used for residential apartments.
 FIRST READING was given to an ordinance vacating the use of portions of street, alley and public ground.

- public ground.
- Approving the renewal of the towing contract with Livonia Towing, Inc. #188-16
- #189-16
- #190-16
- Approving the renewal of the towing contract with Livonia lowing, inc. Referring to the Law Department the preparation of the ordinance amendment to Section 10.21.24. of the Livonia Code of Ordinances. Amending and revising Council Resolution 03-16, to reflect the correct organization name, Livonia Symphony Society, Inc. Accepting the Grant of Easement executed by Meyers Atlantic LLC., on property located at 13301 Middlebelt Road. #191-16
- Suspending the rules for procedure as outlined in CR 574-82 to permit consideration of items that do not appear on the agenda. Directing that closed Committee of the Whole Meeting be held in regards to City #192-16
- #193-16 of Livonia v Discount Pool & Spa. Inc., and Home-Owners Insurance Company v Discount Pool & Spa. Inc., et al.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash Livonia City Clerk

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with Bastien. No Sunday school

or child care. Coffee after the

Location: 9435 Henry Ruff

Contact: 734-421-5406

Contact: 313-255-6330

» New Life Community

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Contact: 734-846-4615 or

ommunitychurch4u.com

Roman Catholic Church

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. and 8

and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses

www.newlifec

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

» Our Lady of Good Counsel

a.m. weekday Masses; 8 a.m. Saturday Mass; 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacra-ment, 7-8 a.m. Monday-Friday;

Monday through 3 p.m. Friday in the Day Chapel; Sacrament of Reconciliation, starting at noon Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Sat-

Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m.

urday or by appointment

Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-453-0326

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Location: 47650 N. Territorial

» Plymouth Baptist Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor

Details: Both services feature

contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth

Bible teaching. Full nursery and

preschool programs available at both services.

» Prince of Peace Lutheran

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour

Location: 37775 Palmer, West-

» Riverside Park Church of

Time/Date: 5 p.m. every second

Details: "Sunday Night Lights"

service designed for younger families; other services are 10

Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 9481 W. Six Mile

» St. Andrew's Episcopal

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 16360 Hubbard,

Contact: 734-421-8451 or

standrewslivonia@mi.rr.com

» St. John Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Saturday,

Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m. Sunday; and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Beginning Oct. 11, one 10 a.m. service Sunday.

» St. Matthew's United Meth-

Time/Date: Contemporary service, 11:30 a.m. fourth Sun-day of the month

Location: 30900 Six Mile,

» St. Paul's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Contact: 734-422-6038

Location: 23225 Gill Road,

Contact: 248-474-0584

Farmington Hills

odist Church

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Church

Contact: 248-349-0674;

a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m.

Contact: 734-464-0990

» Salem Bible Church

Location: 11771 Newburgh

Sundays, with an education

follows each service.

Contact: 734-722-1735

and fourth Sunday

Trail, west of Haggerty

Contact: 734-453-5534

Road at West Chicago Road,

» New Beginnings United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford

service at 3 p.m.

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MAY **CORPUS CHRISTI** PROCESSION

Time/Date: After the 11 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 29 Location: St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia Contact: maryjo@saintpriscil-

la.org WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: James Steelman, a self-described "suburban rock n roll gangster turned Jesus freak and gun toting chaplain," tells his story of joining the Catholic Church. The session wraps up the seventh season of Why Be Catholic? Contact: 734-261-1455 ext 200:

whybecatholic@livoniastm chael.org

JUNE

FOOD ASSISTANCE Time/Date: 9-10 a.m. Saturday,

June 4 Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne,

Redford Details: The church's food pantry will be open to anyone with food assistance needs

Contact: 313-937-2424 GOOD NEWS DAY САМР

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20-24

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. Deadline to register is June 13

Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

GUEST SPEAKERS Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn Details: Two female Christian missionaries, both former Muslims, talk about living in the Middle East and their escape to freedom. The presentation is sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society and aimed at women. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments served Contact: 313-581-2525

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. to dusk, Saturday, June 11

Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights Details: Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office from 9 a.m to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684

Contact: Grace Topolewski at 734-525-3607

RUMMAGE SALE Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 2; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 3; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4 Location: St. Innocent Orthodox church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford

Contact: 313-538-1142

ONGOING **CLASSES/STUDY**

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township Details: Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May Location: 11441 Hubbard, just

south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200. or www.livoniastmichael.org Faith Community Wesleyan Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every

Saturday Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

EXERCISE

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

Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more in formation, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364 FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday Location: Salvation Army

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

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

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month Location: The Antiochian odox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS **Christ Our Savior Lutheran**

Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m

second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschool-

ers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

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

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

practical help and spiritual hope

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Contact: 313-563-0162 PRAYER St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia **Details:** Group meets for sing-ing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-

464-1223 Contact: 734-464-1223 St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING **RISEN CHRIST** LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month Location: 46250 Ann Arbo

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

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304 Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individ-uals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200: lef@dwo.org Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, ¼-mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399 SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email ancyellen 879@att.net SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

View Online

www.hometownlife.com

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Cantor Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Conne tionchurch.info or 248-787-5009 Contact: 248-851-5100

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Bible classes

» Christ Our Savior Lutheran

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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11

a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sund school and youth and adult

Location: 14175 Farmington

Contact: 734-522-6830

Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Congregation Bet Chave

Time/Date: Services are held 7

p.m. the third Friday of the

Location: At the shared facil

Details: Reformed Jewish

Robin Liberatore

ities of Cherry Hill United Meth-odist Church, 321 S. Ridge,

Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist

Contact: www.Facebook.com/

betchaverim or email to be-

» Due Season Christian

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible

Location: Stevenson High

School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational

multicultural, full gospel church

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit

» Faith Community Presby-terian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile,

Details: Women's group meets

12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the

month. Vacation Bible School

Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-

» Faith Community Wesley-

a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul

Retention Discipleship classes, 4

Contact: pastor Roger Wright

» Garden City Presbyterian

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at

8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large

church fellowship hall immedi-ately after service. Elevator and

print order of service is avail-

able. Refreshments in the

Location: Middlebelt, one

block south of Ford Road

Good Hope Lutheran

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Commu-

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

Lutheran Church (WELS)

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday

Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile,

Contact: Rev. Thomas E.

Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

» Grace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional

Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15

Location: 46001 Warren Road,

between Canton Center and

Beck, Canton Township

Contact: 734-637-8160

» His Church Anglican

school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m

Contact: 734-427-3660

nion each Sunday; Bible study 10

» Good Shepherd Evangelical

Contact: 734-421-7620

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Location: 14560 Merriman.

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worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

www.DueSeason.org

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Connection Church

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford: Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland

Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011 Merriman Road Baptist

Church

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

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibro-

group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519 » Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Details: Fireside Adult Day

Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializ-

ing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho-

g.org; or email to adm@fire sidechog.org » St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard,

Livonia Details: A twice-monthly

drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15

6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 » Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional

» Ward Evangelical Presby-terian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8

p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile

Details: Celebrate Recovery

hangups (addictive and com

helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and

pulsive behaviors); child care is free.

7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/

Contact: Child care, 248-374

Northville Township

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THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for

additional information

information

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Passages

Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers • Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

DOUGLAS

O'CONNELL MacDONALD O'CONNELL SHIRLEY A. 93, of Farmington Hills, died Thursday, May 19, 2016, Shirley is survived by her brother, Patrick (Kelly) O'Connell, and many friends. Sadly, Shirley is preceded in death by her sister, Claire O'Connell. Shirley was a caring, joyful, and a person with a generous spirit. She was also nurturing and patient while caring for her sister with dementia. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 11 am. (visiting at 10:30 a.m.) at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington. Shirley will be laid to rest next to her sister, Claire, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Shirley's honor to Angela Hospice, Right to Life – LIFESPAN Educational Fund, or St. Gerald Church. heeney-sundquist.com



WILLIAM E. May 2, 2016. Husband of the late Beverley. Dear father of James (Susan) Nancy DeVooght (the late Joe) and Patti. Also survived Joe) and Patti. Also survived by eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Memorial Service Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 12 Noon at White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Memorial tributes to Glacier Hills Foundation Scholarship Program, 1200 Earhart Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. A.J. Desmond & Sons. 248-362-Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obligary and share memories at

AJDesmond.com





DOUGLAS J. 67 of How died May 18, 2016. Doug DOUGLAS J. 67 of Howell, died May 18, 2016. Doug is survived by his beloved wife, Linda; children, Megan (Heathermarie), Stephen and Tyler; brothers, Dennis (Kathy) and David (Connie); granddaughter, Skyler; and step-children, Amanda, Terry and Melanie. Preceded in death by newarets William and and Melanie. Preceded in death by parents, William and Flossie, and his sister, Diane. Funeral Service Tuesday, May 24, 12 Noon, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., Ken Quit Mela Park (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N (DTW: 9-10 Mille Hds., Just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Sunday, May 22, 2-7 pm (no visitation Monday). Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. heeney-sundquist.com

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third May

Way of Life Christian Church

Location: 9401 General Drive Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618 TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliptt, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solarus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credit ed with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compas-sionate coursel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

» Adat Shalom Synagogue Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays Location: 29901 Middlebelt,

Farmington Hills

Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna Univer-

Contact: www.HisChurchAngli can.org; 248-442-0HCA

» Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. iunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.

Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-1414

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 9600 Leverne, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford Contact: 313-937-2424

» In His Presence Ministries Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford

Contact: 313-533-1956; detroitinhispresence.org

Nativity United Church of Christ

Time/Date: 11 a.m. service with Plumb Line Church with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Praise Group, Sunday school and child care. Coffee at 10:45 a.m. Traditional Sunday worship service at 2 p.m. » Trinity Episcopal Chu

Location: 27475 Five Mile, one

block west of Inkster, Livonia

Contact: 734-422-1470

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 6:15 p.m. Wednesday; 6 p.m. Sunday Bible studies and worship center for all ages includes dinner, child care is provided.

ocation: 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue

Contact: 734-699-3361

» Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays

Location: 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkstei

Contact: 734-421-1760

» Ward Evangelical Presby terian Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. liturgical in the chapel; 9:30 a.m. contempo-rary in the sanctuary; 11 a.m. traditional in the sanctuary; 11 a.m. post-contemporary in Knox Hall, all on Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-374-7400

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study; 7:30 p.m. Friday intercessory prayer

Location: 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth Township



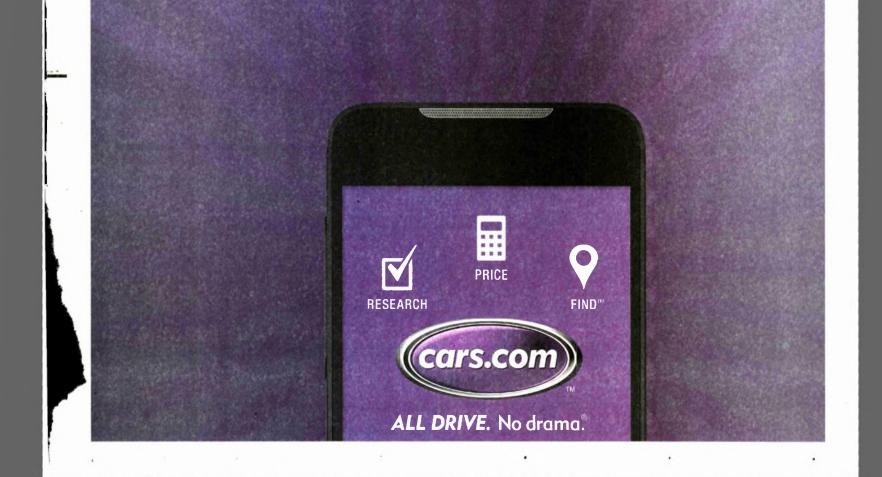
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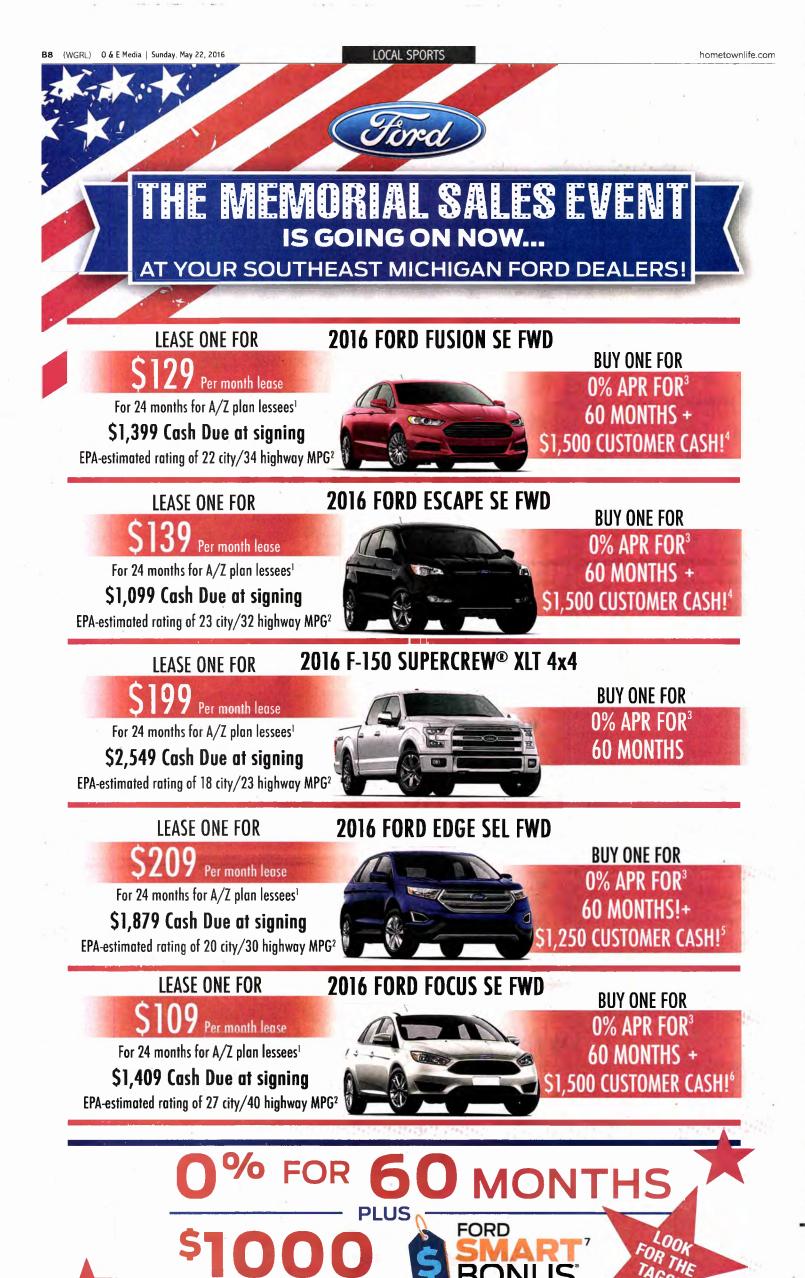
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2016 Edge SE FWD 2.0L EcoBoost ® 1-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 20 city/30 hwy/24 combined MPG and the 2016 Focus SE 2.0L Ti-VCT direct-injection 1-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 20 city/30 hwy/24 combined MPG and the 2016 Focus SE 2.0L Ti-VCT direct-injection 1-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 27 city/40 hwy/31 combined MPG. Actual mileages will vary. (3) Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit Financing. 0% APR Financing for 60 months at \$16.67 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment. (4) The \$1,500 Customer Cash on the Fusion and Escape consists of \$1,000 Ford Motor Credit Cash and \$500 AZD Cash. (5) The \$1,250 Customer Cash on the Edge consists of \$500 AZD Cash and \$750 Open Bonus Cash. (6) The \$1,500 Customer Cash on the Focus consists of \$1,000 Financed regardless of down payment. Smart Bonus Cash vehicle supply is limited. See dealer for 60 months at \$16.67 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment. Smart Bonus Cash vehicle supply is limited. See dealer for availability. For all offers, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by \$5/31/16. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for qualifications and complete details.

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BY MATT TARPEY CAREERBUILDER

ow that the stress of finding a job is behind you, it's smooth sailing, right? Well, not always. The first couple of weeks at a new job can be a major adjustment, and it can be difficult to know where you stand. Luckilv. there are some general guidelines you can follow to help you know that you're on the right track.

Consider this road map not only to survive the first month of a new job, but to set yourself up for success in your new role.

First day: Just the basics

The first day of a new job can be pretty overwhelming. There's going to be a lot of information flying at you, but don't be alarmed --- you won't be expected to completely absorb everything right away.

"On the first day at your new job, you should focus on the basics, such as where is the break room and restrooms, as well as other simple stuff, like how to clock in and the location of the water cooler," says David Bakke, a career expert at Money Crashers. "You may also want to take some time to read through the employee handbook if time allows."



First week: Get comfortable

With the first day under your belt, the rest of the week is all about acclimating to the atmosphere and making sure you fully understand your role. Don't be afraid to ask questions about the way things normally work or what you should be doing.

"During your first week, the goal should be to have a crystal-clear understanding of your job responsibilities, as there's often a bit more detail

involved than what you might have read in the job description," Bakke says. "Get going on establishing a routine as to how you'll complete them as well.'

It's also a good idea to start working your way into the social environment of the office. Take note of how your co-workers dress and interact with one another throughout the day. Make an effort to start learning people's names.

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one's names within the first few days," says James Rice, head of digital marketing at WikiJob. "But the more quickly you remember them, the more you'll look and feel like part of the team.'

First month: Establish yourself

By the end of your first month, you should have a well-formed understanding of your role. You've created a routine and gained enough experience working with the

team that you can start looking for ways to make a larger impact.

"Your goal by the end of your first month should be to have contributed in a tangible and exceptional way," says Adam Hatch, a career adviser and hiring manager at Resume Genius. "Do some work that people are patting you on the back for. If you can impress your supervisors and your team in the first month, you're well on your way to being a top employee."

Of course, if you're going to take off the training wheels, expect a couple of spills.

"If you make no mistakes in your first month on the job, you aren't trying enough. Mistakes are learning opportunities, and your supervisors and co-workers will use them as a way of teaching you," Hatch says. "Don't make the same mistake twice, though. When you mess up, make sure you get to try that task again, but crush it the second time around. Nothing shows competence better than having made a mistake and learning from it?

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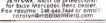


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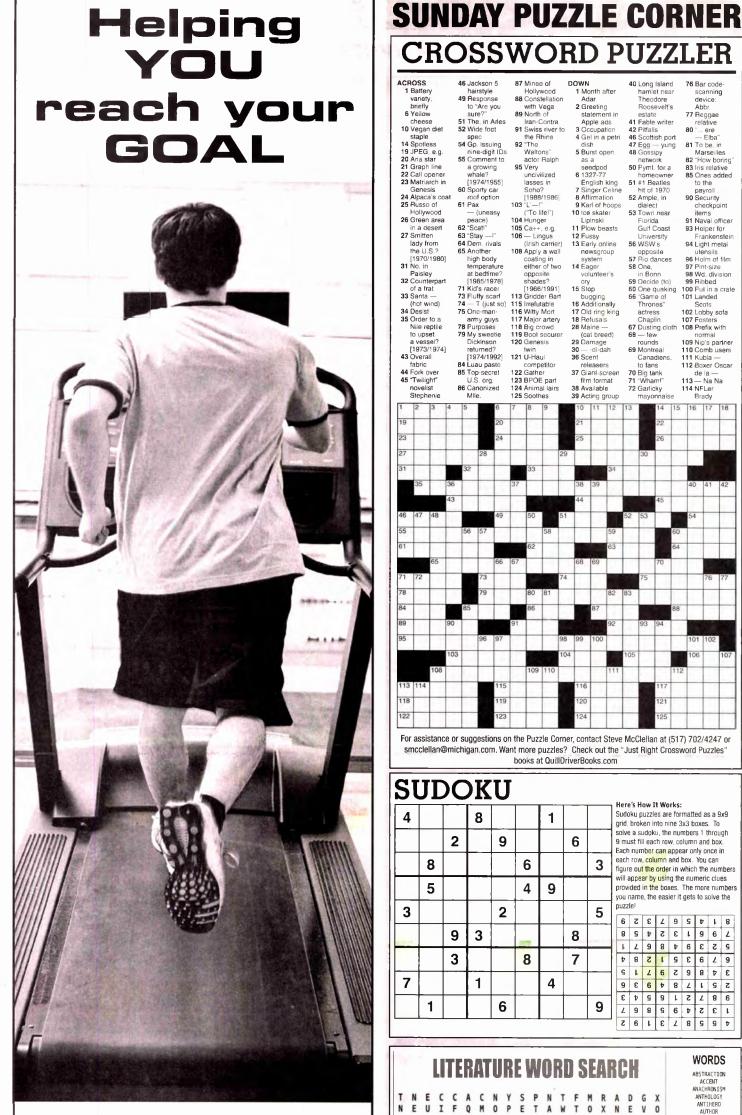
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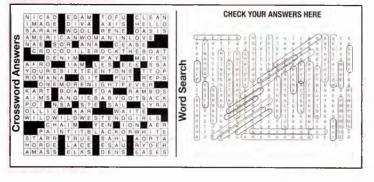
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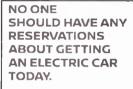
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As it reported improved operating results, Nissan said earlier this month that it has acquired 34 percent of Mitsubishi for about \$2.2 billion and formed a "far-reaching strategic alliance" that will extend to common vehicle platforms, joint plant utilization and "growth markets," expanding a lower-level tie they have had for five years

Nissan-Renault CEO Carlos Ghosn has managed to make a success of Nissan's tight alliance





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with Renault (he runs both companies) since it was formed in 1999.

Now that Nissan has effectively seized control of Mitsubishi, in fact, Nissan-Renault has joined the top shelf of global automakers that sell more than nine million vehicles a year, which also includes General Motors. Toyota and Volkswagen.

Pundits have been wondering what - besides control of mere higher numbers of sales - Nissan-Renault sees as advantages in taking the helm of Mitsubishi, whose stock has plummeted and future existence has been brought into question after it was revealed that it falsified fuel-economy reports for vehicles sold in Japan since 1991. (No vehicles sold in the US were affected.)

Mitsubishi just admitted that more models sold in Japan were affected by its systematic overstatements of fuel economy than first revealed. Even as recently as early May. Mitsubishi management had been insisting that the company has enough cash to withstand the hits to sales and its finances from the mileageinflation scandal that it said affects only models sold in Japan, yet their bravado was wearing thin

But there are some other things Nissan acquires. They include Mitsubishi's strength in SUVs and electric vehicles, a legendary name in highperformance AWD compact cars in Lancer EVO, strong sales in several Asian countries where

Nissan is weak, and, of course, savings in combining Mitsubishi's engineering and purchasing with Renault's.

"In the profitable segments of pickups and SUVs there is significant opportunity to develop platforms which will gain from the additional economies of scale," Paul Newton, HIS Automotive director of world markets analysis, told USA Today

Meanwhile, however, Nissan has been preoccupied with what to do about Tesla. Nissan pionecred the all-electric vehicle with Leaf in 2010, but sales have never amounted to nearly what Nissan had projected at the start and, in fact, continue to fall.

Tesla, however, not only has created success, after beginning with no automotive experience, in a luxury-EV segment it essentially originated with its Model S, but also now intends to sell a less expensive all-electric Model 3 within a couple of years.

And after Tesla said recently that it's received about 400,000 deposits of \$1,000 (refundable) for a Model 3 that remains far from production, Nissan tweaked the whole thing with aggressive print ads that asked consumers why they aren't just buying a Leaf EV that is available now at about the same price projected for Model 3 and about half the touted allelectric range of the eventual nameplate.

Also, in the UK at least, Nissan is trying to outflank Tesla in another way- by helping connect



The 2016 Nissan Leaf -- now a Tesla fighter

schedule for meeting demand for Model 3, which he recently moved up a couple of years to volume output by 2018. Tesla, however, just parted with two of its top manufacturing executives.

And while Tesla then turned around and hired an experience manufacturing leader from Audi, practically no outside observer gives the company a chance of ramping up from its current production of about 50,000 autos a year to its intended 500,000 Model 3 units within two years

Yet Musk just keeps doubling down. Tesla said this week that it hasn't even finalized the design of Model 3, which would call for a never-before-seen fast timetable to production to meet Musk's new goal. He may have to visit that deadline yet again.



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