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Griffin leaving W-W school board

Three will vie for seat in fall election

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Charles "Trav" Griffin is stepping down from the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, having chosen not to seek re-election.

"I think the Wayne-Westland schools are in good hands," Griffin, a Westland resident, said of the district, which includes a part of Canton. "I think our school district is going to survive and thrive. We've got great people in our



Griffin



Buckalew

community that can guide us in the future."

He's throwing his support behind incumbent Tom Buckalew and newcomer David Cox in the Nov. 8 election in which the two men will seek two six-year seats. Judy McKinney has also officially filed

as a write-in candidate for the Wayne-Westland board, Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc confirmed Friday.

Griffin was elected to the Wayne-Westland school board in 1972 and served only 14 months then due to a job transfer that took him from the area. He explained his work with the Michigan Education Association then could have caused a conflict of interest.

In 2012, Griffin was appointed to the school board, having run and lost narrowly the year before. In 2014, he ran successfully for the balance of the term, two years. He's served this time about 4½ years.

His goals included fiscal stability in the district. "The worst thing to happen to our school district is to have some

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Original Dairy Dan marks sweet milestone



Dairy Dan owners Sue and Larry Traver are looking forward to serving the community for many more years to come as their business celebrates 60 years serving yummy treats.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Original Dairy Dan employees Glory Kozak, Cierra McKenzie and Emily Plas raised more than \$2,500 that will go to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over 16 years, Dairy Dan ladies have given more than \$35,000 to Karmanos.

Westland treat shop celebrates 60 years in business

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Liz Davanzo brought daughter Natalie, 6, son Alex, 5, and Natalie's friend Lily Terrell, 6, to the Original Dairy Dan on Ford Road in Westland on a sunny August afternoon. "We love it," said Davanzo, a Westland resident. "The kids get Twists on a cone. I really like their Upside Down Banana Split." They visit when playing down the street at Tattan Park.

"It's almost a daily request," a smiling Davanzo said of the kids wanting ice cream. "At least 10 times a summer"

they visit. "And they're always waiting for this place to open every year," she added as she parceled out the sweet treats.

Westland residents Sue and Larry Traver own the Original Dairy Dan on Ford Road, although not the other Dairy Dan in Westland. Their Dairy Dan is marking its 60th year of business this year.

'Never missed a season'

"We bought this in '99, so this is our 17th season. It has never missed a season," Sue Traver said. "It's been open every summer. That's 10 years older than the city."

She grew up near Wayne

Memorial High, and recently marked her 48th wedding anniversary with Larry. "Never in my dreams did I think I'd own it," she said. She moved to Westland from Royal Oak around second grade and stayed.

"Right now, it's the Pumpkin Pie Flurry because I just brought it out," she said of a top seller. What's on the sign often is the most popular choice.

Mike Dinco of Westland, a recent visitor, likes "the Twist. It's chocolate and

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Canton rally is gift to Olympians Schmitt, Porters

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

After winning silver and gold medals at the Rio Olympics, Canton's Allison Schmitt once again received the rock star treatment during a boisterous, All-American rally Thursday evening at Heritage Park Amphitheater.

So did track and field hurdlers Jeff and Tiffany Porter, a married couple from Canton who represented the United States and Great Britain, respectively.

The love went both ways. "The support has been tremendous," said Schmitt, the 2008 Canton High School grad-

uate who just won medals at her third Olympics. "Whether it's here — thank you for being here — or looking on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook. I can't thank you guys enough and we heard you all the way from Rio."

At least 1,000 turned out for the program, cheering loudly and waving miniature American flags from the grassy berm opposite the stage — where Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy issued full-throated resolutions honoring the three Olympians.

LaJoy also made a big announcement, that Summit on

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Canton Olympians Tiffany Porter, Jeff Porter, and Allison Schmitt field questions from WJR radio's Paul W. Smith.



COURTESY WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS. Sidney Sauls and Breanna Bolden working in the lab.

Students are summer shadows at U-M hospital

High-achieving science students who are interested in medicine got the opportunity of a lifetime this summer when they were invited to participate in a job-shadowing program at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The five-week program included Friday visits to the hospital where the high school students were able to shadow many of the departments and watch medical professionals do their job and interact with patients.

They went through anesthesiology, child and family life, the sterile processing department, infection prevention, microbiology, neurology, trauma burn and HIPAA.

They also visited a 9-1-1-call center and Huron Valley Ambulance and learned the proper abdominal thrust techniques for CPR and participated in mock emergency situations.

"The program was a life-changing experience for my students and I'm so grateful to the University of Michigan Health System for donating their time and energy to the collaborate," said Heather Brescol, director, Upward Bound, Wayne Memorial High School.

Students who attended the program were incoming 11th-grade and 12th-grade students at Wayne Memorial High School and John Glenn High School. Most of the students are also part of Upward Bound or EMU Bright Futures.

All of the students aspired to have a profession in the sciences. After their five weeks at UM Hospital, they gave speeches on how the program impacted them. Many said they now know they want to be pediatric surgeons, physical therapists, pediatricians, anesthesiologists, etc.

Wayne-Westland students who participated included Antrunika Alonzo, Nikita Bhangu, Breanna Bolden, Jasmine Chaparro, Trevor Dunn, Karin Gharib, Paige Holland, Katie Iwanka, Chelsea Justice, Michaela Minnis, Daja Nuckles, Audrey Sabal, Sidney Sauls and Makari Whittaker.



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GoFundMe page started for sisters killed in accident

Diane Gale Andreassi
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Two Garden City High School graduates were killed in a car accident police believe might have been caused by distracted driving Thursday in Dearborn Heights.

Heidi Fox, 23, a 2010 graduate, and Samantha Fox, 19, a 2014 graduate, were traveling north on Beech Daly in a Ford Focus. Heidi was driving and reportedly ran a red light, according to

Dearborn Heights police.

Terrible loss

Both women were Dearborn Heights residents and within a mile from their home. They were pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said the preliminary investigation showed the Focus struck the rear of a semi-truck and was lodged under the trailer about 9:15 a.m., said Dearborn Heights police Cpl. Robert Poshadlo, the department's

accident re-constructionist. The semi-truck was traveling west on Van Born and dragged the Focus. The Focus became dislodged and was run over by the two rear axles of the trailer.

Police are investigating whether or not distracted driving might have caused the accident.

"We don't know if the driver or the passenger was on the phone, but we know there was some sort of argument that might

have caused them to be driving the way they were," Dearborn Heights Sgt. Nick Szopko said Friday. "We give our condolences to the family."

This is the second fatal accident, causing three deaths, at the intersection this summer. In late June, police said an Inkster woman ran the light, crashed into another car and killed a 50-year-old Dearborn Heights man.

Dearborn Heights police are planning a

distracted driving enforcement program in response to the accidents.

"People can't seem to put down their phones when they're driving," Szopko said. "We really urge people to take a moment and think, 'Is the phone call or text message that important that you could possibly lose your life over?'"

A GoFundMe account has been set up under Heidi & Samantha funeral costs.

"Nobody plans on

burying their daughters this young so the family is not prepared financially for a double funeral," the GoFundMe post read. "Please help us raise this money so we can give Heidi and Sam the funeral they and their families deserve."

By early Friday afternoon the account raised \$5,948.

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outsider come in and run our schools," said Griffin, who's proud of the current fund equity.

"My goal was to work with the entire board," Griffin said, noting the 4-3 votes of the past are now often 7-0. Griffin tips his hat to Superintendent Michele Harmala.

"The most important vote I've had is the selection of a new superintendent," Griffin said. "She's redoing our curriculum, which we wanted to update it to the modern day."

Buckalew is in his sixth year as a board trustee and is seeking a second term. Buckalew noted in an email to the Observer, "I originally intended to serve a single term, but in the last year I decided that perhaps a second term might be possible. Many factors entered into this decision. Support from my family was critical. Since coming to Wayne-Westland, Superintendent Harmala has been leading the district toward a Strategic Plan for district improvement. It is now in place and

frankly I want to be a part of that process. And finally, I enjoy the work of being a trustee for a great school district."

In 1968, Buckalew began working for the Wayne Community School District (now the Wayne-Westland Community School District) and continued there until his retirement in 2009. During that time, he earned a master's degree in secondary school teaching from Eastern Michigan University and an education specialist degree in secondary administration from Wayne State University. In addition to teaching American history, Buckalew coached wrestling for 20 years, taught driver education, served as a class sponsor and co-chaired the North Central Accreditation Committee for John Glenn. Buckalew also served as Social Studies Department chair.

A Wayne-Westland district resident since 1968, Buckalew, on the board since 2011, has served as its president and vice president. He also noted the need of school board members to work together.

Buckalew wrote in his Observer email, "Nothing is accomplished with-

out the a majority of trustees in agreement. So when I talk about my accomplishments it is really the work of the entire Board. That said, there are two things that for me rise above other accomplishments. The first is the decision to avoid privatization of district services. As attractive as the cost savings side of privatization appears, the ability to maintain a qualified and dedicated support staff for the district was more important to me. I think the negative experiences of some districts that have privatized proves we have made the right decision for our students and our parents. The second accomplishment was hiring a new superintendent. Following the retirement of Dr. (Greg) Baracy after many years of service to Wayne-Westland the board was left with a task that none of us had ever experienced. With the help of the Michigan Association of School Boards we began the process of interviewing candidates and narrowing the field of applicants. As the process neared completion it was clear that Dr. Harmala should be our choice. Her selection was unani-

mous and we have had no regrets. I am confident that this decision will give our district the highest quality leadership for the foreseeable future."

David Cox could not be reached for comment for this story and will be profiled in an upcoming Observer prior to the fall election. He has served on the Westland City Council and is active with the Westland Community Foundation. McKinney is a community activist and will also be profiled before the November election.

The departing Griffin will keep busy. At age 76, he'll volunteer. "I'm really going to stay active in my community," Griffin said. "I think we're going to have great stability on the board. I think it'll be a great board for our community. If you don't have good schools, then people aren't going to move into your community."

Griffin was a teacher, including high school government, and has coached baseball, basketball and football. "I'll miss the camaraderie," he said of leaving the school board.

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Court: Funeral home within rights to fire transgender staffer

Teresa Baldas
Detroit Free Press

In a decision that favored religious freedom over transgender rights in the workplace, a federal judge ruled that a Garden City funeral home did not discriminate against an employee when it fired her for transitioning from a man into a woman.

That's because transgender individuals are not a protected class under federal employment laws, the judge ruled, and the funeral home can't be forced to make employment decisions that go against its sincerely held religious beliefs.

In this case, the funeral home owner believed that a person's sex is a "God-given gift," and that the government can't force him to abandon that belief.

U.S. District Judge Sean Cox agreed.

"The funeral home's owner admits that he fired (the employee) because (the employee) intended to 'dress as a woman' while at work," Cox wrote in his ruling. But, he added, forcing the funeral home owner to do otherwise "would impose a substantial burden on its ability to conduct business in accordance with its sincerely held religious beliefs."

Moreover, Cox stressed: "Significantly, neither transgender status nor gender identity are protected classes under Title VII."

The case involves Aimee Stephens, formerly Anthony Stephens, a funeral director who was fired in 2013 from her job at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City after disclosing her decision to

transition from a man into a woman. During her six years of working at the funeral home, she hid her female appearance, but decided in 2013 to go public with the truth, in a letter to her employer.

"Dear Friends and Co-workers, I have known many of you for some time now, and I count you all as my friends," Stephens wrote in the letter on file in U.S. District Court.

"What I must tell you is very difficult for me and is taking all the courage I can muster. I am writing this both to inform you of a significant change in my life and to ask for your patience, understanding and support, which I would treasure greatly."

"I have a gender identity disorder that I have struggled with my entire life. ... I have felt imprisoned in my body that does not match my mind, and this has caused me great despair and loneliness. ... I cannot begin to describe the shame and suffering that I have lived with. Toward that end, I intend to have sex reassignment surgery."

Two weeks later, Stephens was fired. ACLU attorney Jay Kaplan, who initially interceded on her behalf, believes it was discrimination disguised as a religious view. And Cox's decision, he said, will only allow more such workplace discrimination to take place.

"This case represents the dangerous slippery slope. Any individual employer can cite their own religious beliefs to discriminate," Kaplan said, noting the funeral home is not a religious organization, but strictly a business. "It's not a religious funeral home.

It serves all denominations, and yet because the owner professed a particular viewpoint toward transgender people, he can willfully violate civil rights laws? ... It's a highly flawed decision. ... This is now open season to justify discrimination by individuals and businesses against various groups of people."

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) civil rights organization, issued a response to the decision.

"This is a reckless ruling against a woman who was fired simply because she is transgender," Human Rights Campaign Legal Director Sarah Warbelow said.

"Judge Cox's deeply disappointing decision has the possibility of setting an incredibly dangerous precedent that purported religious beliefs can be used as an excuse to violate non-discrimination laws. It has the potential of opening a Pandora's box of discrimination against a wide range of vulnerable communities. We are incredibly concerned about the implications."

Doug Wardlow, an attorney with the Alliance Defending Freedom group, which defended the funeral home, believes Cox made the right decision.

"It's a big victory for religious freedom," Wardlow said. "The government doesn't have the ability to force business owners to violate their religious beliefs about human sexuality, or anything else for that matter."

At issue in the funeral case, Wardlow said, was that Stephens wanted to

dress like a woman at work.

"The funeral home would have had no problem if Stephens wanted to dress that way on his own time. The problem was that he wanted to dress as a member of the opposite sex while at work ... on company time, and present himself in a way that contradicts (the owner's) religious beliefs."

The Stephens case made history two years ago as it marked the first time the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission challenged discrimination against transgender employees under the Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in the workplace on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex and religion. The EEOC filed the Stephens lawsuit on the same day it filed a similar case in Florida, where an eye clinic was sued for firing a transgender employee. In that case, the employer settled with the employee for \$150,000 and agreed to implement a gender discrimination policy and provide training to its management and employees regarding transgender discrimination.

In the funeral home case, the EEOC investigated and concluded that the funeral home wrongfully fired Stephens because she is transgender, transitioned from male to female, and/or because she did not conform to the funeral home's sex or gender-based "preferences, expectations or stereotypes."

All of this, the EEOC claims, is prohibited under federal employment laws.

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'Finding Dory' screening helps kids with autism have fun

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Children with autism and other special needs will enjoy a 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, sensory-friendly showing of the movie "Finding Dory" at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

"This is our first time trying it," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends of the Penn. "We'll just see how it goes. Everybody is welcome. There are no restrictions," she added, noting it's not just for autistic children.

The showing is sponsored by Autism Compass Consulting with the Penn Theatre as host and will have the lights turned up and volume turned down. Gluten-free snacks will be available and kids can get up and dance.

"Finding Dory," which tells the animated tale of a friendly but forgetful fish named Dory, continues the story of "Finding Nemo" of several years ago. "Finding Dory" is rated PG and runs 97 minutes. Admission is \$3 each.

Elliott, a Plymouth resident, noted the "activity,

moving around and noise" will make the showing different from others. "I think it's a good thing to try," she said. "People have different needs and we want to meet those needs."

The box office of the theater adjacent to Kellogg Park will open a half-hour before the showing, without any advance ticket sales. That's the practice for all Penn Theatre showings.

Other show times for "Finding Dory" (which will not be sensory-friendly) are: 4:45 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1.

The Penn Theatre is online at www.penntheatre.com. Its phone is 734-453-0870.

Autism Compass provides a variety of services for families and individuals with autism and other developmental and social disorders, including consulting, guidance and special social skills classes that allow individuals to learn necessary, everyday life skills that will help them succeed at home, in school, on the job and in their daily lives, a press release notes.

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vanilla. A little of both." He's a regular at Dairy Dan.

"We've all got set stuff," he said of his family's favorites. Of the 60th anniversary, Dinco noted, "it's a long time."

Traver uses a "24-flavors" system, for example being able to serve a pumpkin cone made with yogurt, custard or vanilla ice cream. She and the staff can accommodate diabetics, with sugar-free and fat-free flavors.

Dole offers pineapple, mango, lemon and orange flavors that are dairy-free, lactose-free, fat-free, gluten-free and 90 calories.

"I put it in the machine, took one taste, got rid of my chocolate yogurt (which she can make)," Traver noted of the Dole options. "It's a hit. This surprised me. I didn't expect the response I got."

'Super-busy summer'

Dairy Dan's open April through typically September, with a tentative Oct. 2 closing this year. "It's been a super-busy summer," she noted. "It's been a gorgeous summer." Of customers, "You have so much to choose from. That's probably one of my customers' biggest complaints," until they pick a favorite, Traver said.

Dairy Dan has a Girl Scout Cookie Flurry incorporating several varieties, including Peanut Butter Patty. The staff of 13 experimenters with flavors: "Mud Pie Parfait, that's a big mover," Traver said. "I think it's the way we layer it."

She and Larry hire teens starting at age 14 with one 24-year-old there on her 10th year. "I become their second mom. I love teenagers," she said of the business, which is open noon to 10 p.m. daily and on Facebook.

She gets compliments on quality of food, cleanliness and friendly staff. "They're always friendly. You'd better be smiling when you go to that window," she said.

If a teen has had a family quarrel, her mood quickly shifts at the window. "And then they're having a good time. This is their first job. I want them to enjoy it. We don't do drama," Traver said.

Battling cancer, doing good

The staffers don't touch their tips in the season, and donate half to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. To date, they've donated over \$35,000 through the years, and will attend a Karmanos luncheon in Birmingham in late September to laud that accomplishment.

Customers "come to the window and hold our hands and cry," the owner said. "Do you know what that does to a teenager? The girls love it. They feel like they're doing



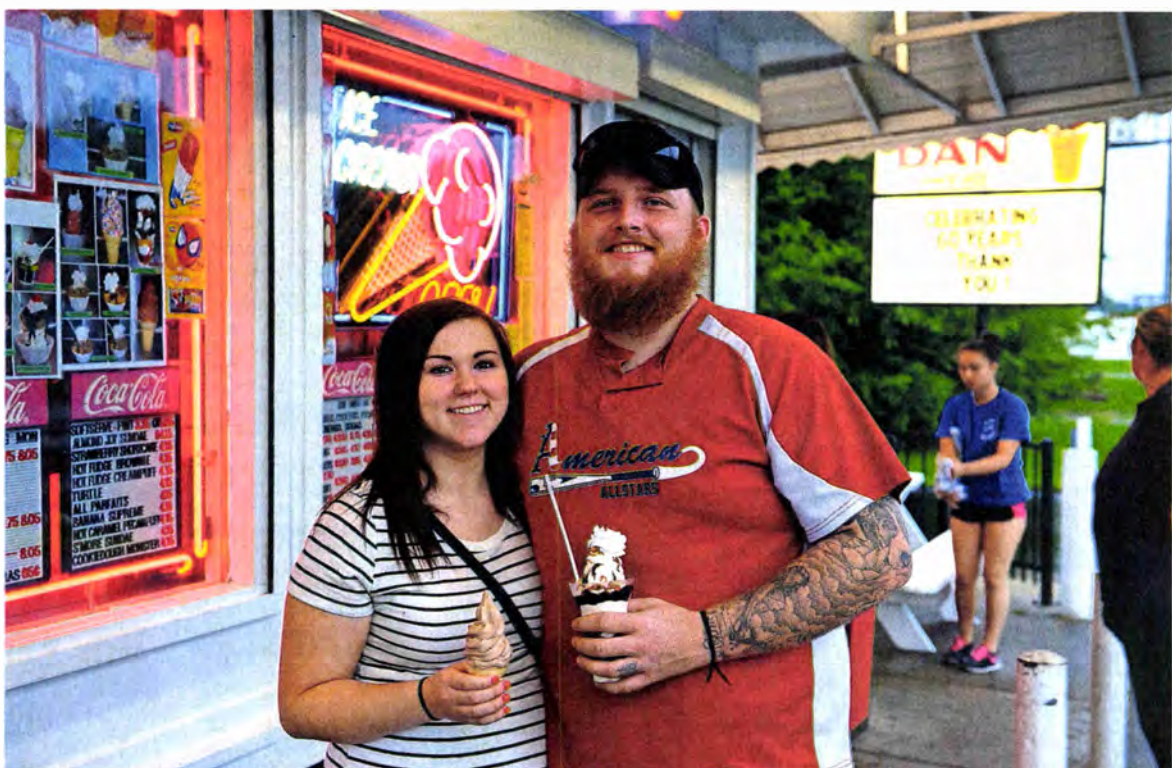
TOM BEAUDOIN
Westland resident Angela Long digs into her ice cream at her favorite place, Dairy Dan on Ford Road in Westland.



TOM BEAUDOIN
Brigid Lockhart and daughter Riley of Westland stop for dessert at Dairy Dan on Ford Road in Westland.



TOM BEAUDOIN
Dairy Dan manager Danielle Abraham makes a strawberry sundae during "Neon Nights" that takes place during the month of August.



TOM BEAUDOIN
Chelsea and Kyle Parker enjoy the tasty treats that Dairy Dan offers on a warm summer evening in Westland. The business celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

something important, and they are. We've done a lot here."

The Clowns Around Redford recently visited Dairy Dan, an annual event in which all tips go to Karmanos, she added.

A wall of customer photos visible from the picnic tables is a hit. "Oh, there I am. I'm so little," they'll say, she noted. "We're running out of room."

A Traver daughter who studied culinary arts at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center helped the couple

with "how-to" details when they took over.

The business had 28 prom couples in formal attire one evening. Kids come in limos for birthdays, and there was a marriage proposal for which the newlyweds returned on their first anniversary.

"They had to spend it here," Traver said. "It's been good," she added with a pat on the building's exterior. "Even when the economy took a hit, she did good. The store takes care of itself. Ice cream's a

happiness, it's a comfort food."

The business keeps them busy, said Traver, who's 67. Larry's retiring from truck driving in October. "We'll see how it goes," Sue said when asked of retirement.

She recalled then-Mayor Sandra Cicirelli liking custard, and asking her to serve on the Downtown Development Authority board, which Traver still does. "I've been on the DDA board since then. She brought me in," Traver said of

Cicirelli, now a district court judge.

It's work for the family to run Dairy Dan but work they like. "Sue asked me if I could help her out," said sister-in-law Sally Keller of Westland, among the managers. "I said sure. It's like a big kid candy store. You can get pretty much anything you want here."

Dairy Dan, 35705 Ford Road, is at 734-729-0399.

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Rotarians relax at namesake park

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Don Oesterwind Jr. was enjoying his time with fellow Westland Rotarians and guests at Westland's Rotary Park.

"It's a great park," Canton resident Oesterwind, president of Westland Rotary, said. "I would say it's a hidden treasure. It's away from the hustle and bustle. It is actually a nice park surrounded literally by the neighbors."

Westland's Rotary Park sits behind the Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, south of Marquette and east of Wayne Road. At Florence and Hanlon, the park offers a hoops court, play structure, swings, benches, walking path and a shelter for dining built by students under staff supervision from the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center of the Wayne-Westland schools.

"I've been to many other Rotary Parks," Oesterwind said. He has two Westland-based businesses, Beginning Step and Safe Step Communities, focused on substance use and co-occurring disorders/mental health.

Oesterwind likes the Westland park's opportunity for solitude. He noted the Plymouth Rotary Park is also community- and neighborhood-oriented, while Garden City's Rotary Park (also on Marquette) is "more of an actual park park."

He said of Westland, "This one's a little more open to the serenity. You've got the school in the background."

Westland Rotarians and guests gathered in the picnic shelter Thursday, Aug. 25, to share fellowship and food. Shari Kudek of Westland, who has a catering business, did the grilling honors with brats, get-



Westland Rotarians Mark McConnell of Westland (right) and Don Oesterwind Jr. of Canton get some tasty food at the Aug. 25 picnic at Westland's Rotary Park.

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DON OESTERWIND JR.
president of Westland Rotary

ting help from daughter Paige Greenfield of Westland.

Nearby, Constance Harvey of Wayne, a guest, visited with Rotarian Joe Tseng of Farmington Hills, a Westland dentist. Harvey owns Alpha Screening of Westland, which does employee drug testing for businesses and organizations.

Nearby at a picnic table was Rotarian Maria Mitter of Livonia, who runs the Eastern Michigan University Bright Futures program for Wayne-Westland schools. That EMU program offers an academic and personal boost to kids.

Jim Godbout, West-

land City Council president, stopped by to say hello, including to Judge Mark McConnell of the 18th District Court, a Westland Rotarian and past club president.

Oesterwind noted the annual picnic gives Rotarians an up-close look at the park, which is run and maintained by the city of Westland. Rotarians spied some graffiti at last year's picnic, which was cleaned up quickly.

"This is a great opportunity for all of us to share with family and friends," he said of the picnic.

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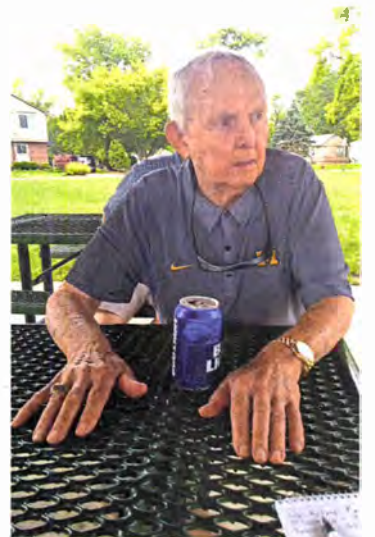
Doing the grilling Aug. 25 at Rotary Park were Paige Greenfield (left) of Westland and mom Shari Kudek of Westland, who has a catering business.



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Westland Rotarian Maria Mitter runs the Eastern Michigan University Bright Futures program for the Wayne-Westland schools. She's a Livonia resident.



Don Douglass of Canton, a longtime Westland Rotarian, is a retired administrator at Westland John Glenn High School.

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the Park Aquatic Center would permanently feature Allison Schmitt Lane.

"Oh my gosh, I was shocked. I think I screamed, 'What!'" Schmitt said, while greeting fans and signing autographs following the program. "They all hid it from me. I had no idea."

The program also featured singing of the national anthem by Workman Elementary School music teacher Keri Mueller and a question-and-answer session moderated by Paul W. Smith of radio station WJR-AM (760).

Following a pre-rally press conference, Schmitt and the Porters were escorted by Canton police officers and flag-carrying youngsters from Summit Swim School to the amphitheater.

Although the crowd didn't need much pumping up, emcee Ralph Cabildo did just that, encouraging them to "shout it out and show 'em what Canton's all about."

Later, Cabildo said the people did just fine.

"This is awesome. What Canton has done here is fantastic," Cabildo said. "It's fun to see people come out and celebrate their heroes. It's a good thing."

"They got up on their feet and they were just roaring as our Olympians came in."

Inspirational

Cheering from the front row were members of Canton High School's current girls swimming and diving team.

They also made noise from their living rooms when Schmitt won gold with USA Swimming's 800-meter relay team and silver with the 400-meter relay team.

"I think it's really inspiring to be able to see them and hear their stories," said Canton senior

"It took a lot to get to where I am today. The journey from 2012 to 2016 was not necessarily the easiest journey,"

ALLISON SCHMITT
Olympian gold medalist and Canton native

Lauren Phillips, 16. "It's really incredible, it's really cool that they're representing our hometown, especially Canton. It's not that big of a place compared to everywhere else."

Phillips said she did not personally send any tweets toward the Canton Olympians, but "I watched all of it."

So did another Canton swimmer, 16-year-old junior Maya Bhat.

"It's so cool. We train at the same pool she did, she swam at Canton, too," Bhat said. "Her name is all over the record board."

"Every time we look up to see what events we have to swim, it's really cool that you can see her name there."

The swimmers were just a few of the many Canton residents who made enough noise to be heard more than 5,000 miles away.

At the Canton home of Frank and Kristie Smith, the whole family was dialed in whenever Schmitt swam or the Porters competed in the hurdles.

"Oh yeah, we were screaming and cheering," Kristie Smith said.

Plus, it was a return engagement for the Smiths as far as welcoming Schmitt back to Canton.

In 2012, they were at Heritage Park Amphitheater following Schmitt's five-medal haul at the London Games. That time, they brought their older daughter Courtney (who swam at Canton and graduated in 2015). She



U.S. Olympic gold-medal winner Allison Schmitt revels in the hometown welcome during Thursday's rally at Heritage Park Amphitheater.

TIM SMITH

had her Chiefs swim cap signed by Schmitt.

On Thursday, it was Canton sophomore Carly Smith's chance to attend a rally.

"The Porters are great," Kristie said. "My daughter (Carly) is on the cross country team, so she wants to get their signatures."

Will they and other fans get another chance in 2020?

"It took a lot to get to where I am today. The journey from 2012 to 2016 was not necessarily the easiest journey," Schmitt said during a pre-rally press conference. "And I'm grateful that I was able to represent our country and to bring back medals. I'm kind of relaxing and letting it all sink in. I'm not making any decisions right now, but we'll see."

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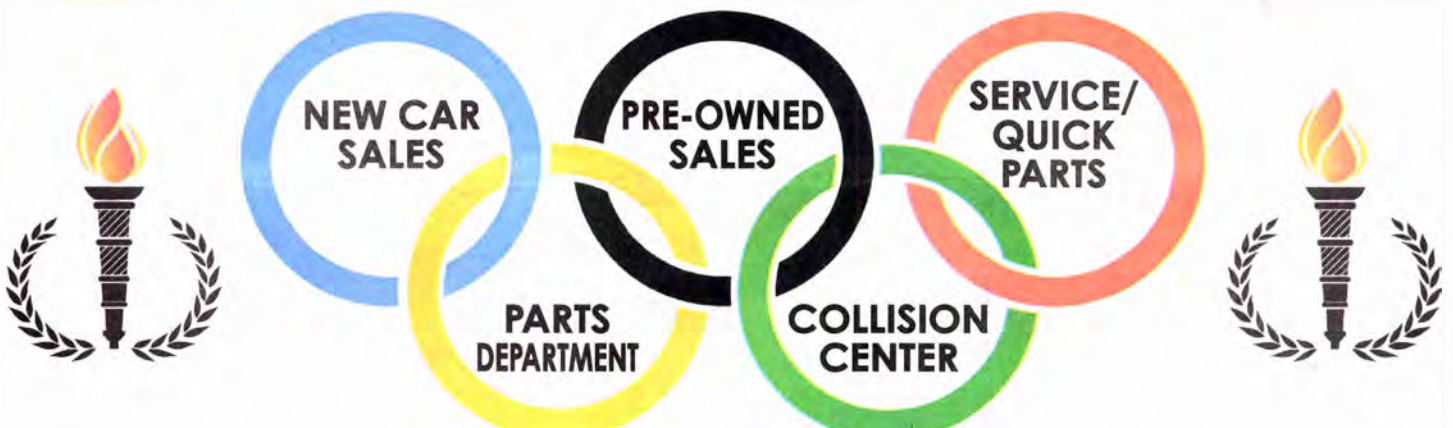
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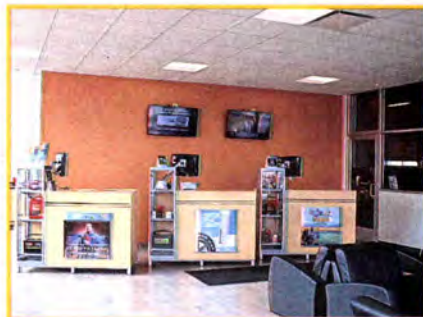
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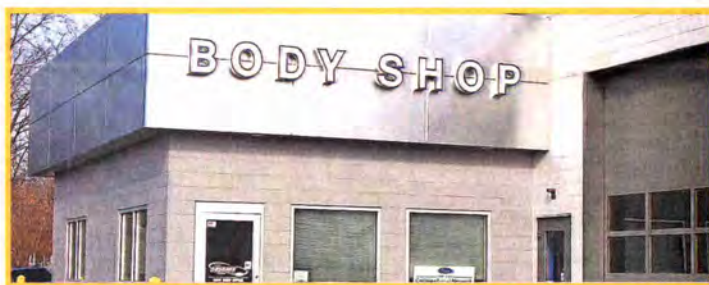
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"The 5K offers the community a chance to celebrate cancer survivors, encourage those currently fighting cancer and remember those we've lost," said Michaeline Raczka, race director and director of Community Health at St. Mary Mercy. "Almost everyone knows someone who has or had cancer. I encourage all of us to call a friend or neighbor and to come out in support of this great



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Airport Ambassador Scafero lauded for service, commitment

Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) employees and volunteers were among the honorees at the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau's 22nd annual Recognition of Service Excellence (ROSE) Awards on Wednesday, Aug. 24. The event honors those who have demonstrated the highest of standards in customer service. The Wayne County Airport Authority, which operates Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run Airport, had 33 nominees, including one winner: Airport Ambassador Joe Scafero received the top prize in the Volunteers Category.

"A key part of any airport's success is the quality of its customer service. Our ROSE Award nominees understand that," Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton said. "At DTW, we are lucky to have an entire team of committed employees and volunteers — our Airport Ambassadors — who recog-

nize how important our customers are and who strive to exceed their expectations."

Scafero began volunteering as an Airport Ambassador more than 10 years ago and has provided over 2,500 hours of service to DTW and its customers. In all six years the Airport Authority has participated in the President's Volunteer Service Award program, Joe has earned a Silver award each year. He is known for being compassionate, dependable, professional and determined to help travelers make their flights. While Scafero was the only winner in the ROSE Awards Volunteers Category, 25 additional Airport Ambassadors were nominated. A total of four were finalists for the honor: Scafero, Karen Andrusiak, Sharon Kelly and Carol Oakley.

For the first time, Airport Authority employees were nominated this year, seven in all. Jason Wade, a manager

in the Landside Services Department, was recognized as a finalist in the Transportation Category. Landside Services is responsible for the administration of all parking operations; the Commercial Vehicle Access Program, including taxis, buses and car rental shuttles; and all airport-provided shuttle services.

"We're especially proud of Jason and Joe," Naughton said. "They always go the extra mile to help our customers."

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During last year's ROSE Awards, Detroit Metropolitan Airport received the William F. McLaughlin Hospitality Award for Service Excellence. It's the only award in Michigan that honors customer service excellence in businesses.

Film about 2012 Sikh shooting screening at Madonna U. next month

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Supporting each other in the community, no matter what the differences are.

That's the goal of an event being held next month in Livonia looking back at the events that took place in Oak Creek, Wis., back in 2012.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 in Kresge Auditorium at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft in Livonia. The event will feature a film, "Waking in Oak Creek," which details the aftermath of the shootings in Oak

Creek where six Sikh residents were shot and killed preparing for Sunday prayers.

The 33-minute film, created by filmmaker Patrice O'Neill, will be screened before a discussion with O'Neill, a resident of Oak Creek who survived the shooting and local community leaders.

Steve Spreitzer, CEO of Detroit-based Michigan Roundtable, said the presentation is one that came about locally because of the charged demeanor with the upcoming round of elections facing the United States. Because of the attitudes of some candidates this election cycle and their views toward certain groups, Spreitzer

said an event like this one could be put on to help dispel stereotypes and introduce the community to groups of people they may not have ever met.

"My hope was that we would be proactive here," he said. "That we would be learning about our neighbors and our friends."

There have been many accounts across the country of people being targeted for what they look like, Spreitzer said, especially Sikhs, who may dress similarly to many who follow the Islamic faith. He referenced one such incident that took place last year in Grand Rapids, where a Sikh male was shot.

"It's just not the Muslims that are at risk right now," Spreitzer said.

There are several area places of worship, called gurdwaras, for Sikhs, including Singh Saba of Michigan in Canton and Mata Tripta Ji Gurdwara Sahib in Plymouth.

Sikhism is the world's fifth-largest religion, with large populations in nations such as India, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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Students paint mural at Village Arts Factory site

An old warehouse wall on the emerging Village Arts Factory in Canton now has curb appeal.

What started as an idea last year from Doug Mans, past chair of the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, became a reality on a mid-August Monday. The partnership had a wall that needed help — and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Art Club had the talent.

Grace Ma, art club vice president, had contacted Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director, after a teacher informed her that the partnership was looking for students to sketch out a large mural on a building in Cherry Hill Village.

It wasn't just any old wall — it was an exterior wall on a dilapidated, worn-down warehouse that had been vacant since about 2005. The painting was going to take place across a 203 foot exterior wall located 60 feet parallel from Cherry Hill Road.

The structure was in poor condition with missing cement, peeling paint and boarded-up windows. The mural, Engel said, would become part of a beautification project. The warehouse is one of three buildings on the 14-acre Village Arts Factory site — the others being a former Ford factory and a veterans dormitory, part of Henry Ford's final village industry built in 1943.

Engel and the partnership plan to use the site as an arts and education center with healing programs for veterans, walking and biking trails, artist studios and possibly even as a brewery.

On Aug. 15, six art club students painted a grid across 100 feet of the warehouse and then proceeded to transfer the mural design they created on paper to the north wall on the warehouse with black paint. They started at 10 a.m. and finished at 4:20 p.m. — just in time to walk to the nearby Cold Stone ice cream shop before it began to rain.

The girls are Kaylee Yang, Cindy Stuch, Christina Lai, Tanvi Sharma, Grace Ma and Annie Ning-ranging.

"The talent of these six girls was amazing," Engel said,

The partnership plans to use the site as an arts and education center with healing programs for veterans, walking and biking trails, artist studios and possibly a brewery.



Students create art on an old warehouse wall.



Art students involved in the warehouse wall makeover are Kaylee Yang, Cindy Stuch, Christina Lai, Tanvi Sharma, Grace Ma and Annie Ning-ranging.

adding later, "They were measuring, up and down ladders, painting, correcting, calculating, modifying the design — and everyone took a different area to paint. It was an unbelievable process from start to finish."

Engel said area residents have given positive feedback. Next month, 25 people from the Ford Volunteer Corps will be going to the Village Arts Factory to paint another mural. It's one of the projects being completed on the Ford MODEL

Teams "Community Building" Accelerated Action Day. The Partnership received a Ford Volunteer Corps mini-grant of \$2,000 for all of the supplies to complete this community project. For more information about

the Village Arts Factory project and photos, go to www.partnershipforarts.org and sign up for a monthly newsletter, check out the partnership on Facebook or Twitter, or call Engel at 734-765-7061.

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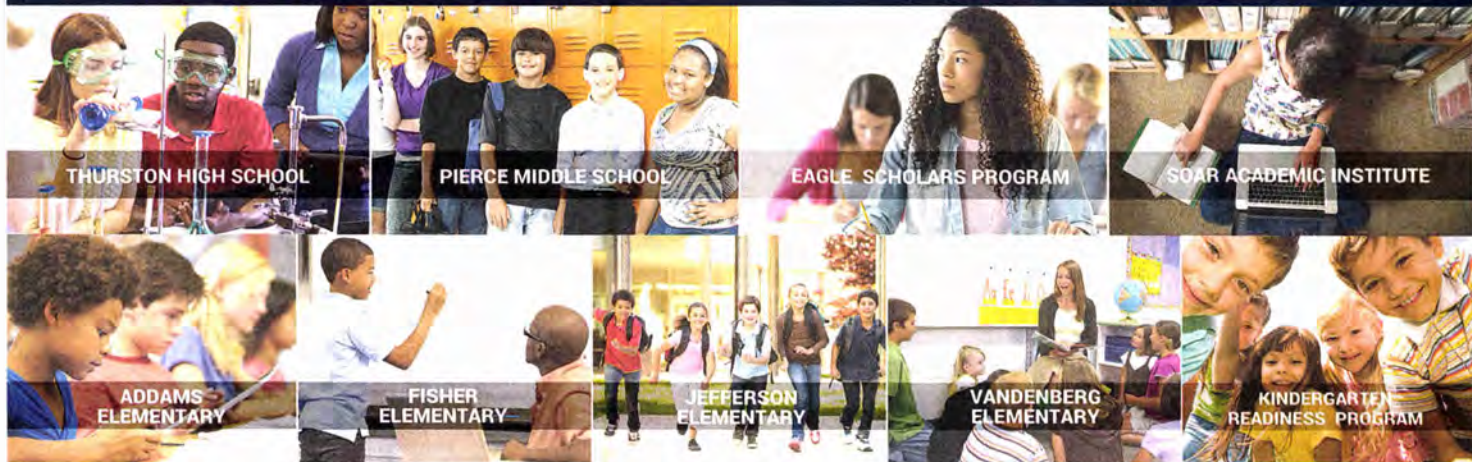


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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Universal Class

Livonia Public Library, in partnership with Recorded Books Inc., announced the availability of online continuing education service Universal Class and comprehensive database of how-to training videos Atomic Training beginning Sept. 1.

Through livoniapubliclibrary.org, patrons have access to lifelong learning courses in over 30 subject areas, many of which offer continuing education units (CEUs). More than 500 courses are available, and all are designed and led by professional instructors to build deeper understanding and mastery of subject matter. Universal Class includes videos, assignments, quizzes, tests and options for social media interaction with other learners. Patrons may take multiple classes and learn at their own pace.

Atomic Training, a comprehensive online database of how-to training videos covers popular Microsoft, Apple, Adobe and Google software programs. With in-depth software training tutorials to fit users' needs, these videos help patrons of all ages improve job skills and become more proficient in basic computer applications. Mobile device training is also available, allowing patrons to learn how to get the most out of their smartphones and tablets.

Lighthouse yard sale

The Lighthouse will host a yard sale Sept. 2-10 to fill its food pantry and buy food for the poor.

The sale, which will be at The Lighthouse, 34033 Palmer in Westland, will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. All proceeds will go toward feeding those who need it.

The Lighthouse is

accepting gently used items, which can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 734-326-3885.

They're also looking for volunteers for the week, particularly for set-up from Aug. 29 through Sept. 1. To volunteer, call Paola Tucker, 734-334-3104.

Genealogical meeting

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, Sept. 19, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia.

Please note the new format: 5:30 p.m. Bring your dinner and join the conversation with other members, 6:15 p.m., announcements and pre-program, 7 p.m., Wally Schlegel will present the new and improved FAMILYSEARCH.ORG website. Schlegel has been an active staff member of the Bloomfield Hills Family History Center. She will cover what is new and how to navigate the website to its full potential.

Meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.wwcgs.org.

Documentary screening

The Livonia Civic Center Library hosts a screening of "The Great Detroit," a documentary that examines the positive aspects of Detroit at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22.

The screening will be followed by a discussion with director Anthony Brogdon. The Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile in Livonia.

Flu shots

Walgreens will provide free flu shots to those who either do not have insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover the cost. The shots will



The Westland Farmers & Artisans Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13.

be given from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt in Livonia.

For more information and to register, call 248-474-3444 or email clarenceville-church@gmail.com.

Goodfellows meet

Livonia Goodfellows will hold its general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the Livonia Senior Center on the southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington Road. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 313-438-0862.

Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace present Dr. Saeed Khan's talk "Manufacturing Bigotry! We Don't Need Bigotry in the Law!" at its meeting set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile.

Khan will share the findings of his research on a variety of laws that impact minorities. He will suggest bipartisan

political engagement and coalition building around common values, common interests and common solutions. All are welcome.

For more information, call 734-425-0079 or visit www.citizens4peace.com.

9/11 remembrance

Sunday, Sept. 11, marks the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on this country. A worship service of remembrance will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, to commemorate the 9/11 anniversary and honor those who serve their country and communities.

Church officials invite the community to join them in honoring first responders for the sacrifices they make to keep our communities safe. First responders and their families are specially invited.

Immediately following the service (at approximately 11:30 a.m.) a picnic lunch will be served. To help plan for food, RSVP by calling 734-464-0211 or register at http://tinyurl.com/htpicnic or email dlove@holylivonia.org.

For more information, contact Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211, Ext. 202.

Surf and turf

St. Robert Bellarmine is hosting a surf-and-turf

Fish Fry Fundraiser (while supplies last) from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at the parish, at Inkster and W. Chicago in Redford.

Traditional fish fry fare (shrimp, baked or fried fish, strip steak, and the sides) will be available for prices ranging from \$11-\$15, and the drive-through will be open.

Livonia Towne Club

The Livonia Towne Club is a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction.

The club meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's held on the second Thursday). The club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, musical entertainment and more, plus an occasional local day trip.

For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

75th birthday party

The Livonia Fire Department is inviting residents to its 75th birthday celebration, which is set for 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, in Rotary Park at Six Mile and Hubbard.

The event will feature games for kids, food and drinks, fire department

giveaways, an obstacle course, a fire truck display and raffle drawings. Fire department officials urge visitors to bring bathing suits for fire hose fun.

Lucky Squirrel

The Garden City DDA will host its Lucky Squirrel Vendor and Flea Market Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, and vendor space is available.

The Lucky Squirrel is an outdoor event with over 10,000 square feet. Vendors can reserve a 10-by-10 space for \$10 to peddle wares at the old Farmers Market area, at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt. Crafters, artists, wood workers, artisans and cottage food vendors are welcome. Homemade jams and yard art are always a big hit, organizers say.

To register, vendors need to download and print the Lucky Squirrel Registration Form at www.gcdda.com and send it with payment to Garden City DDA, 29213 Ford Road, Garden City, MI 48135 by Sept. 9.

For more information, call the Garden City Downtown Development Authority at 734-261-2830 or email Theresa Manuel at the-resa@downtowngardencity.com.

Westland market

The Westland Farmers & Artisans Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13. 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.

Wayne Farmers Market

The Wayne Farmers Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26. It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted.

The market is behind city hall in Wayne. For more information, call 734-658-5296 or email towfmmmanager@gmail.com

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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, September 13, 2016, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

Petition 2016-08-01-05 submitted by Michael Gowen pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone a portion of the property at 38105 Plymouth Road, located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Newburgh Road and Jarvis Avenue in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, from C-1 (Local Business) to R-1 (One Family Residential).

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

Ian Wilshaw, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Ask Dr. Stewart

Dr. James Stewart offers treatment for sleep apnea and chronic snoring from his practice in Livonia, MI. Today he discusses whether nasal dilators help with snoring.

Do Nasal Dilators Stop Snoring?

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Nasal dilators can be very helpful for patients who may have trouble wearing their CPAP or oral appliance to treat their sleep apnea. The dilators help improve nasal breathing, making CPAP and oral appliances easier to use. It is important to remember that nasal dilators alone cannot treat sleep apnea.

As always, if you snore regularly you should talk with your doctor as you may be at risk for obstructive sleep apnea.

If you have questions about your sleep difficulties contact Dr. Stewart by calling 734-425-4400 or visiting sleepbettermichigan.com.

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World of Beer hiring, expects October opening

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

World of Beer is now projecting an early October opening in Canton as the company moves to hire 75 employees for what owner Chad Wilson called "beer school" training.

While not a brewery, World of Beer is expected to bolster Canton's place on the craft beer map because it will offer 550 different bottled brews from about 30 countries and another 50 beers on tap.

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden called Michigan's still-growing craft beer industry "huge" and said World of Beer should prove successful, while also bringing in new jobs and adding to the tax base.

"That's what makes a community tick," he said. "The more businesses we have coming in, the better it is for the tax base and the more opportunities we have for employment and for residents to get excited about new businesses. That's what keeps a community vibrant."

World of Beer, which also serves food, is taking shape on Ford Road, west of Lilley, placing it along Can-



Matthew Valentino, general manager of the Canton World of Beer, stands by a now-hiring sign as the business draws closer to opening.



Things aren't quite ready for patrons, but World of Beer in Canton is taking shape and should be open by early October.



World of Beer in Canton is expected to open by early October.

everything there is to know about beer — the ingredients, how it is made, the different styles of beer, the history of beer," Wilson said. "They will sample 60-70 beers (spread over the training period). It's a very intense training process and it's fun to learn about craft beer."

Potential workers may stop by the World of Beer site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday to apply, Wilson said. Interviews are expected to begin soon.

"We give them all the training they need," he said.

Some Observer readers have frequently inquired about World of Beer's opening and whether it is hiring. It's a place where Wilson said patrons can drink their beer and eat it, too, because it is used in some sauces and dressings that accompany menu items.

Canton WOB is expected to seat 150-175 people and will have an outdoor patio.

When it opens, it will be the only World of Beer in Michigan, though construction also has begun on a site in Woodhaven.

ton's premier retail and restaurant corridor. It

will employ about 75 bartenders, servers

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week training course. "They will learn

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POLICE BRIEFS

Mirror taken

Police were called Thursday afternoon to a residence in the 30600 block of Seven Mile on the report of a mirror being stolen from a vehicle.

The resident told police someone had taken one of the mirrors off of his vehicle sometime between then and the day before. The wires were still intact. The resident said he did not know of anyone sus-

pected of taking the mirror, and no suspect information was available.

Fraudulent scanning reported at Walmart

Police were called Thursday afternoon to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect that was in custody.

The suspect was seen by a loss prevention employee and was recognized by them as someone who has been

suspected in other crimes in other stores in the area. The suspect was seen scanning several items, but the same price came up for all of them. It was discovered the suspect had a UPC bar code on her finger, and was scanning it for all of the items, paying several hundred dollars less than the retail value. She was stopped by an employee when trying to leave, and the items were recovered. Police arrived and ar-

rested her, taking her to the police station for processing.

Retail fraud suspect cites bad hip in theft

Livonia police were called Thursday afternoon to Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud that took place at the

store.

A store employee told police the suspect selected a reciprocating saw and placed it in his cart. He then allegedly went to the garden center and passed the closed register point of service without paying for the saw. He was stopped when he left the

store and brought back in before police arrived. He told the store employee the reason he didn't pay for the saw was because he had a bad hip, police said.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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CITY OF LIVONIA - 07/25/2016 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

- Present:** White, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, Jolly and McIntyre.
Absent: Bahr.
- Items were received and filed.
- #285-16 Approved minutes of the 1,804th Regular Meeting of the Council on July 11, 2016.
 - #286-16 Amending minutes of the 1,803rd Regular Meeting of the Council on June 20, 2016.
- President McIntyre announced (4) upcoming Public Hearings scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Livonia City Hall Auditorium, also, one X-Item at the end of tonight's agenda and new data on Item 28.
- #287-16 Approving request to close Susanna Street between Ross and Donald, Sat., Aug. 13, 2016, 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for block party, rain date, Aug. 14, 2016.
 - #288-16 Approving request to close the west side of Summers between 34713-34708 Summers and 14074-14092 Riverside, Sat., Aug. 13, 2016, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for block party, rain date, Aug. 14, 2016.
 - #289-16 Approving request to close Hees Street between Hubbard and Georgia, on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a block party.
 - #290-16 Approving request to close Woodring between Oregon and Vermont, on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a block party.
 - #291-16 Approving request to close Minton between Merriman and Sunset, on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a block party.
 - #292-16 Approving request to close Gillman Street between Clarita and Pickford, on Saturday, July 30, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a block party.
 - #293-16 Approving request waiving the City's Noise Ordinance, to allow a wedding reception with music at 14389 Bassett Street, on Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 5 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.
 - #294-16 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Livonia and the County of Oakland, for Information Technology (I.T.) Services for the City of Livonia (Public Body) for five (5) years.
 - #295-16 Authorizing purchase of fifty (50) Cradlepoint computer modems; fifty (50) Cradlepoint five-year Enterprise Cloud Managers; and forty-five (45) Powertech antennae, for \$42,324.44 from budgeted funds, to be utilized by the Uniform Division.
 - #296-16 Authorizing Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Livonia and Schoolcraft College, for purpose of defining police services on the Schoolcraft College Campus.
 - #297-16 Approving modifications to Guidelines Regarding Appearance of City of Livonia Employees in the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.
 - #298-16 Approving addition of an autism rider for the City of Livonia Health Insurance Plan for (4) bargaining units that agree to include autism rider with a signed Memorandum of Agreement.
 - #299-16 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Livonia for road improvements of Eight Mile Road (Farmington Road to Golf Ridge Circle) and Seven Mile Road (Farmington Road to Newburgh Road).
 - #300-16 Authorizing release of the Sidewalk Bond to Leo Soave Building, Inc., 20592 Chestnut Circle, Livonia, MI 48152, the proprietor of Churchill Manor Site Condominiums.
 - #301-16 Accepting bid of Rotondo Construction Corp., for work required in connection with the City Hall Front Entrance Project; FURTHER, authorizing an expenditure to D & B Landscaping, Inc. for work in connection with the irrigation system portion of the contract; FURTHER, authorizing an expenditure to Christensen's Plant Center, to be utilized by the Parks Department for plant and landscape materials for the City Hall Entrance Project.
 - #302-16 Approving Petition 2016-04-08-04 submitted by Curtis Creek, L.L.C., in connection with a proposal to construct an accessory building for the apartments (Curtis Creek Apts.) located at 18203-18351 Farmington Road, subject to conditions.
- Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 080, Title 8, Chapter 40, (Noxious Weeds and Refuse) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.
Kritzman stepped down from the podium at 7:21 p.m.
- #303-16 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute a contract amendment between the City of Livonia and Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. Kritzman returned to the podium at 7:22 p.m.
 - #304-16 Approving Petition 2016-05-SN-04 to replace ground sign with variable electronic message board for Johnny's Ribs and Pizza located at 19333 Victor Pkwy, subject to conditions.
 - #305-16 Approving Petition 2016-05-02-09 submitted by Omofria Esthetics, to operate a massage establishment at 17142 Farmington Road, subject to conditions.
 - #306-16 Approving Petition 2016-06-08-07, submitted by Joe's Produce, to remodel the exterior of the commercial shopping center (Maiorana Plaza) located at 33000-33152 Seven Mile Road, subject to conditions.
 - #307-16 Accepting a cash donation of \$1,000.00 from Allstate Insurance to be used for the purposes as designated by the donor.
 - #308-16 Suspending the rules.
 - #309-16 Approving request, to waive Noise Ordinance, to hold a wedding reception with a DJ at 11634 Deering, scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:46 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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**CITY OF LIVONIA
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals
September 13, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Gallery (5th Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259**

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-06-45 (Tabled on June 28, 2016): Jeff and Vanessa Schembri, 18792 Vanderhaven, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to construct a new single family dwelling with two (2) attached garages on property located on the east side of Wayne (18100) between Curtis and Bennett, resulting in excess number of garages and total attached garage area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-53 (Tabled on July 26, 2016): Christopher Gable, south side of West Chicago, (35875) between Arthur and West End, seeking to perform fire arm sales and distribution from a personal residence, which is not allowed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-55 (Tabled on July 26, 2016): Sandra Bush (Trzaskos), east side of Orangelawn (35980) between Parkdale and Arthur, seeking to construct a detached garage, resulting in excess garage area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-09-64: Livonia II, LLC, 21 East Long Lake Road, Ste. 101, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, on behalf of Lessee Goodyear Tire, seeking to erect three (3) wall signs (north, east and south elevations) and a ground sign, on property located on the west side of Middlebelt (12661) between Industrial and the CSX Railroad, resulting in excess number of wall signs, wall sign area, excess ground sign height and area, also, the electronic reader board on the ground sign is excess in area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-09-65: Ben Couch, east side of Lathers (18316) between Pickford and Curtis, seeking to construct a single family dwelling upon property, resulting in deficient lot area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-09-68: Timothy and Diane Mann, west side of Ingram (19655) between Bretton and St. Martins, seeking to reconstruct a detached garage, destroyed by fire, and increase the height, which results in excessive height.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Chargers lookin' good, 42-13

Churchill builds 28-0 lead and rolls past Monroe

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Livonia Churchill's football team opened its season in style Friday night, wearing new threads and wearing out visiting Monroe, 42-13.

Decked out in just-off-the-rack red jerseys with white sleeves, the Chargers exploded to a 28-0 second-quarter lead before playing the Trojans to a stand-off in the second half.

The Chargers' defense forced three turnovers (two fumbles and one interception) — the biggest coming with 9:32 left in the third quarter, Monroe trailing 28-6, riding a wave of momen-

tum and knocking at the door of the Churchill goal line.

Quarterback Ryan Ernest was separated from the ball in a scrum near the Churchill 5-yard line and the ball was smothered by a Charger defender.

Churchill then mounted a victory-sealing 14-play, 95-yard drive that was capped with a 5-yard TD run by Omar Morris to extend the hosts' lead to 35-6 with 4:47 left in the third quarter.

Among the winners' defensive stand-outs was senior strong safety Jake Osen, who blind-sided Ernest with a jarring tackle late in the second quar-



Churchill's Ja'vante Van Buren crashes into Monroe's Carson Clark as the two players battle for a loose ball.

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PREP FOOTBALL

SPARTAN STAMPEDE

Stevenson rolls to convincing victory over Franklin

Mike Rosenbaum
Correspondent

Having an experienced, multi-talented quarterback is a great advantage in high school football and Livonia Stevenson employed its key asset to great effect in Thursday's season-opening 42-29 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Chris Tanderys, the Spartans' senior third-year starting quarterback, completed 13-of-19 passes for 258 yards and four touchdowns and also led Stevenson's running attack with 83 yards on eight carries, on both scrambles and planned rushes.

"Chris did a great job, both with his feet and with his arm," Stevenson coach Randy Micallef said. "He got a couple first downs in key situations. And then he was able to use that to open some things up with his arm."

The contest wasn't nearly as close as the final score indicated, as Stevenson opened a 42-7 lead late in the third quarter. The Patriots eventually closed the gap with two touchdowns in the final 3:13, after Micallef had begun substituting liberally.

After starting the game with a three-and-out, Stevenson took charge by scoring on five consecutive possessions. The Spartans grabbed a 14-0 lead after one quarter on a 49-yard scoring pass from Tanderys to Parker Graham and Devin Dunn's 1-yard TD plunge.

Franklin's first quarter, meanwhile, featured one disaster after another, including an interception and three shotgun snaps that sailed over starting quarterback David Brackett's head. The Patriots lost a total of 32 yards after recovering the first two bad snaps, before losing the ball when Stevenson's Abdel Afify recovered the third, at Franklin's 44-yard line — which set up the Spartans' second TD.

Earlier in the quarter, Franklin



Stevenson's Parker Graham takes off on a long run during Thursday's victory over Franklin.

TOM BEAUDOIN

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PREP FOOTBALL

Strong off-season work ethic to fuel Glenn's resurgence

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Things are looking up for the Westland John Glenn football team following an un-Rocket-like 1-8 season in 2015.

"The thing I like best about this year's team is how hard the kids have been working," said second-year head coach Steve Waller, whose ties — either

as a player or coach — to the John Glenn football program date back to 1993. "Nobody complains; they show up and work.

"This is a fast, athletic team. Our four-way scrimmage went smooth, for the most part. We have a few things to clean up, but we got through it with no injuries."

John Glenn opens its 2016 slate with

non-division games against White Lake Lakeland, Waterford Mott and Brighton.

Engineering the offense will be junior quarterback Matt Nutt, who got his feet wet at the varsity level as a sophomore during the final three games last year.

Among the 5-foot-10, 184-pound signal-caller's assets is blazing speed.

"Matt is fast and athletic and his passing is getting better every day," Waller said. "He's a baseball player, too, so once that season was over, he has really dedicated himself to football."

Nutt will be backed up by fellow junior Kyle Heim.

Speedster David Graham, a 5-9,

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PREP FOOTBALL

Garden City cooks up win in Baker's debut

Second-half rally results in 27-20 victory

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Even if first-year Garden City head coach Jim Baker goes on to win 300 games in his career, he'll never forget the one his Cougars earned Friday night at home against Flint Kearsley.

After trailing throughout the first three quarters of Baker's debut, Garden City roared back with two fourth-quarter touchdowns to post a 27-20 victory over the visiting Hornets.

"Kearsley runs the wing-T on offense, so our defense had to play very disciplined, assignment football tonight," said Baker, who was hired to take over the reins of the GC program this summer. "We were letting them convert way too many third-down plays in the first half, so we made a few adjustments at halftime and I challenged the kids. They really stepped up in the second half and stuffed them on third down."

The Cougars' offense was diversified as five players shared the bulk of the ball-carrying load. Logan McGraw topped the rushing chart at the end of the day with 54 of the team's 273 ground yards.

Quarterback Kyle Becker completed three of his six passes for 57 yards.



Garden City's Dylan Rayburn drags a Kearsley defender for a few extra yards Friday night.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Kearsley dominated the first quarter, limiting the Cougars to just three offensive plays.

Rylee Brown hauled in an 18-yard TD pass from Chandler Ford late in the first quarter to give the Hornets a 6-0 lead, which expanded to 8-0 following a

successful two-point conversion.

GC cut its deficit to 8-6 on a 5-yard TD run by McGraw.

Kearsley led 14-6 at the half when Brown reeled in a 27-yard scoring strike from Ford.

The Cougars seized the second-half

momentum quickly, scoring on a 19-yard run by McGraw to make it 14-12.

Emad Rehman then gave the Cougars their first lead of the night, 18-14, when he rumbled in from 8 yards out. Eian Castonguay plowed in with the two-point conversion to give GC a 20-14 edge.

Kearsley countered with an 8-yard TD run by Thomas Plunkui to draw even at 20-20, but the Cougars' defense line stuffed the ensuing two-point try.

Becker's quarterback sneak with just over one minute to play proved to be the game-winner. Alex Sherlock booted the extra point.

Cameron Walter batted down the Hornets' last-gasp attempt as the clock hit 0:00.

Redford Union rolls

Junior running back Isaac Grant churned out 191 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries Thursday to propel Redford Union's football team to a 36-13 victory over Allen Park at Kraft Field.

The Panthers gained some redemption after dropping last season's opener to Cabrini, 20-6.

The Panthers led 16-7 after one quarter and 22-7 at the half.

Cabrini faced an uphill battle the entire night and trailed 30-13 with 12 minutes left.

RU quarterback Carl Ware completed 2-of-7 passes — both to Ryan Tate — for 68 yards. Marquise Hathaway added an 8-yard TD run.

CHARGERS

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ter, forcing a 20-yard loss.

"I liked the way our defense forced a lot of turnovers tonight," Osen said. "We were in the right spots most of the time and we didn't make a lot of mistakes."

"On the forced fumble, I was blitzing, no one picked me up and I had a clear shot at the quarterback. I hit him just when his arm was going back, so he didn't have a good grip on the ball."

Churchill senior quarterback Evan Cummins had a splendid night, completing 10-of-12 passes (including his first six) for 224 yards and three touchdowns.

The most jaw-dropping aerial play unfolded late in the first quarter, when Cummins connected with speedy teammate Jamal Allen for a 67-yard bomb, extending the Chargers' advantage to 14-0.

Allen, who chalked up three receptions for 99 yards and one carry for 33, didn't have to break to stride while running down the home sidelines and looking the ball into his hands.

The most spectacular catch belonged to senior receiver Mike Hill, who went completely horizontal to haul in a 37-yard spiral from Cummins in the second quarter. Hill piled up five catches for 111 yards and two TDs, the first of which came after he secured a short hitch pass and reversed his field before out-sprinting the Monroe secondary into the end zone.

Morris handled his debut as the Chargers' lead running back commendably, churning out 105 yards on 17 hauls.

Cummins rushed for 24 yards on four runs, including a 17-yard TD keeper.

"As a head coach, the first game always makes you a little nervous because sometimes you see a lot of crazy mistakes," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "We talked all week about staying focused and minimizing penalties and missed assignments and I thought we did that, for the most part."

"We started fast, jumping out to a 28-0 lead, and played good defense. We beat a very good Monroe team, which has such great tradition and was a play-off team last year."

Churchill was six-for-six on extra points — the first five coming off the toe of sophomore Drew Alsobrooks. Katherine Ristola split the uprights for her team's final point of the night.

The Chargers' schedule doesn't get any easier as crosstown rival Stevenson is on deck for a game scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Churchill.

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ED WRIGHT

Churchill's Jacob Chantres (left) and Logan Broer wrap up Monroe quarterback Caden Freier, who suffered a game-ending injury on the play.

GIRLS GOLF



ED WRIGHT

Stevenson's Anna Vento chips on to the seventh green at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Stevenson repeats as city champions

Vento leads the Spartans to gold

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

On a perfect day for golf — mid-70s temperatures, sunny skies, chirping birds, slight breeze — Livonia Stevenson nearly pulled off a perfect score Wednesday during the Livonia Girls City Golf Meet at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

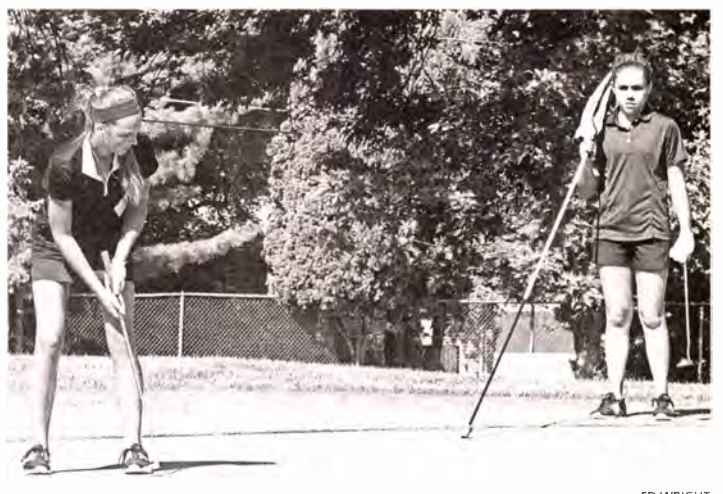
The Spartans earned 11.5 of a possible 12 points in the unique scoring format to out-distance second-place Franklin (6.5) and Churchill (6).

The nine-hole tournament — with each of the three schools represented by eight golfers — was divided into four categories: medal play, best ball, scramble and alternate shot.

Teams racked up three points for a first-place finish in a category, two points for second place and one point for third.

Stevenson earned three points in best ball, medal play and scramble before chalking up 2.5 in the alternate-shot ledger, when the Patriots earned a first-place tie.

The tournament's medalist honors went to Stevenson's Anna Vento, who carded 39 as part of the best-ball category. Emily Walters turned in a solid 48 as Vento's best-ball partner. The Spartans' medal-play repre-



ED WRIGHT

Churchill's Paige Peterson watches her putt on the seventh green roll toward the hole as Franklin's Summer Horen looks on.

sentatives — Kristen Szabelski (40) and Callie Kimble (46) — shot 86 to edge Franklin's Bronner Campau (44) and Sophia Wygonik (52) by 10 shots.

Churchill's Kelsie Nowicki (48) and Emma Grodek (52) combined to shoot an even 100 in medal play.

In the scramble division, Stevenson's Madi Maurier and Rachel Crachiola turned in 35 to edge Chur-

chill's Jenny Rousseau and Ashley Harlock by three shots. Franklin's Olivia Napier and Angelina Diponio joined forces to shoot 44 in the scramble.

Patriots Sofia and Stephanie Cueva earned their team 2.5 points in the alternate-shot department after tying Spartans Megan Gronau and Jackie Green with 49.

RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28
Location: Open Arms Church, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: The Beatenbos will minister
Contact: 734-471-5282

T-SHIRT COLLECTION

Time/Date: Through Sept. 15
Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church is collecting T-shirts in bright colors for adults and youngsters in Zimbabwe. Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based charity, will send the donations to Africa next month. A donation box is accessible 24/7 and is stationed at the church's front door
Contact: kenwoodchurch.org

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy
Details: Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760 AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20
Contact: 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, from Sept. 8-May 11
Location: Berkley Community Church 2855 Wiltshire, Berkley
Details: This 30-week, in-depth, inter-denominational study of Romans is for women. Children's program also is available for youngsters through kindergarten. Register at 248-885-5718
Contact: birminghamberkeley.cbclass.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Cheek to Cheek sings pop-jazz and R&B duets. Get tickets at unityoflivonia.org
Contact: 734-421-1760

FAITH FORMATION

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: St. Priscilla Parish activity center, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: "Prayer: The Faith Prayed - Making Room for God," is the first of the parish's "Growing in Faith Together - Intergenerational Sessions" for 2016-17. A light meal will be provided. Free will donations will be accepted. RSVP by Sept. 16
Contact: faithformation@saintpriscilla.org; 248-476-4700

GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org
Contact: Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Time/Date: Noon, Sunday, Sept. 11
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Robert A. Finnigan, who has a background in finance and accounting, and who is a student of Unity teachings, will lead a personal finance workshop
Contact: 734-421-1760; unityoflivonia.org

MUGS & MUFFINS MINISTRY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. third Saturday of the month, beginning Sept. 10
Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: This new ministry is for women, ages 18 and up, no children, to gather together for friendship, exploring God's word and coffee, tea and muffins
Contact: 734-421-0472

PRAYER DAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20
Location: Capuchin's St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: A prayer service, with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir and the Dearing Dancers, will celebrate the International Day of Prayer for Peace. The theme is Let Peace Begin With Me and the featured speaker is Capuchin Friar Ray Stadmeier
Contact: 313-579-2100; TheCapuchins.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday,

Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 17
Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Specialty boutique, house wares / household, electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Grand opening with 20 percent mark up is Sept. 14. Bag sale is Sept. 17
Contact: 248-477-1410

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancylelen879@aatt.net

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia1st-michael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township
Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386
Contact: facebook.com/stinnocentredford

EXERCISE
Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

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

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; led@dwwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 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

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 Funding Community. Retirement available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

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

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian 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, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE
St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
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 Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. 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
Contact: 248-851-5100

Celebration Church, ELCA
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, with an education hour at 11 a.m. Social hour follows the service.
Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-421-0749; celebrationLC.com

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Devon Aire Community Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at W. Chicago Road, Livonia
Details: Service with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Sunday school and child care
Contact: 313-550-4301

Due Season Christian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of

Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 8-12
Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church
Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

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BENJAMIN HOWARD died peacefully in his sleep on August 22, 2016. Born April 6, 1958 in Jackson, Mississippi, Ben was raised in Miami, Florida, received a degree in Business from the University of Florida in 1980, and an MBA from the University of Michigan in 1982. Ben worked 26 years for Unisys Corporation as an IT professional where he traveled the world implementing software. Later Ben worked for various firms in southeast Michigan as an IT Project Manager. Ben resided in Livonia for 24 years. He actively volunteered with the Livonia Junior Athletic League as a coach and manager for boys basketball, soccer, and baseball programs. Ben is preceded in death by his father and mother Sheldon and Eleanor Bank. Ben is survived by his wife of 27 years Nancy (Sifka) Bank of Livonia, sons Simon Bank of Oak Park and Stephen Bank of St. Joseph, and sister Michal Finkelstein (nee MaryEllen Bank) of Beit El, Israel. A well attended service was held at Unity of Livonia; many honored Ben by wearing suspenders. The family appreciates donations to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan in Ben's memory. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com.



GERARD "JERRY" JAMES June 20, 1936 - August 22, 2016. A life-long Redford Township resident and a proud United States Air Force Veteran; Loving father of Julie (Mike) Rzepka, Jennifer (Larry) Millen and David (Leslie); Devoted grandfather of Monica, Adam, Madeleine, Olivia, Elizabeth, Nicholas and Nathan; Dear brother of Carol (Doug) Hunter, Jim, and Toni Chase, and uncle of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, Leone and James (Jim) Doran, sister, Fran, and brother, Jack. Jerry will be laid to rest with U.S. Military Honors at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, Michigan with his grandparents, John and Florence Smith. A private family memorial and burial are planned for a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to The Michigan Humane Society.

RICHTER HARRY G. August 21, 2016, age 90 of Westland. Beloved husband of June. Visitation Monday 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland. Entombment Glen Eden Memorial Park. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenh.com

SLOMKOWSKI ANN E. age 57, of Northville, passed away August 25, 2016. She was born September 25, 1958 in Cadillac, Michigan, daughter of Paul and the late Katherine Cruikshank. Ann graduated in 1980 from Central Michigan University, teacher education program as her top teaching candidate. She was a high school math teacher with Plymouth/Canton schools for over 30 years. She was a dedicated educator and always put her students needs before her own. Ann and her husband, Mike owned and operated Showcase Stables. She was a horseback riding instructor and a well respected, national horse show judge. In 1997, Ann became the first coach of Team U.S.A. Morgan, representing the United States in South Africa. She was also known for her beautiful singing voice, for being an excellent cook and she never missed a chance to watch her son, Grant play baseball. Ann will always be remembered for her generous and kind spirit, and for being a devoted and selfless wife and mother. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Michael; her son, Grant; her father, Paul Cruikshank; and her step-mother, Bonnie. She is also survived by countless family members, friends and students. She was preceded in death by her mother, Katherine in 2006. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 29 from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Ann will be laid to rest in Cherry Valley Cemetery in Ewart, Michigan. www.phillipsfuneral.com



JEANETTE 73, died on August 14, 2016. Mother to Jonathan (Kathleen) Merrill and Anne (Don Holderness) Merrill. Grandmother of Celia, Ian, Tess, and Evan Merrill, cousin to Gloria Della Dora and Roberta Brillo, aunt to several and to Eddie Hirzel. Visitation is Sunday, September 4th at Noon at The Courthouse Grill and Banquet House, Plymouth. Service at 2:00 p.m. with a reception immediately to follow. Please contact Jon at rsvp@greenwchmy.net or Anne at (734) 392-7971. Contributions to Hospice of Southeast Michigan, http://www.hom.org/donations/memorials/ in memory of Jeanette. Please visit the on-line guestbook at www.vermeulenfunehome.com



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Pinching pennies. Strapped for cash. Struggling to make ends meet. However you describe it, many families have found themselves in the challenging situation of living paycheck to paycheck, according to a new CareerBuilder survey.

The study shows that 75 percent of Americans are dependent on their next payday, with those in minimum-wage jobs affected the most. Of workers who currently have a minimum-wage job or have held one in the past, 66 percent say they couldn't make ends meet, and 50 percent say they had to take more than one job to make it work.

If you're struggling to survive off of your wages, follow these expert tips on simple strategies to stretch your paycheck.

Adjust your withholdings. If you need more money in the short term, Frederick Towles, an accountant and finance coach in Uniondale, N.Y., suggests talking with a tax adviser to see if you can adjust your current withholdings.

"If you typically receive a tax refund greater than \$1,500 at the end of the year, why wait for the larger payday? Take

some of those funds now," Towles says. "By increasing the number of allowances/exemptions on Form W-4, the more you will receive in your check now and the less you will receive in your tax refund next year. (If you need the funds now to navigate, why not take them?)"

Build a budget. Having a set budget and tracking your expenses can help you better manage your money. "Consider your fixed expenses, like your mortgage, car payment or rent, and then consider your variable expenses, like

groceries and gas. Use a budget worksheet to help you determine how much you can spend every month while still being able to put money away in saving," says Mark Goldstein, president of SAFE-Money Alliance in Las Cruces, N.M. "If you're struggling with a budget, take a step back and track your spending to see where your money is going. Save your receipts and organize them into categories to see where you're spending the most money."

Goldstein says that once you determine the source of your money issues, it's time

to cut expenses. "Can you cut your TV subscription, gym membership or the number of times you eat out a month? Little things like this can add up over a year."

Increase your income. When money is tight, "the best option to get ahead is to increase income," says John Crabtree, a personal finance blogger at Action Economics. "If someone is living paycheck to paycheck and working 40 hours a week, an extra 10 hours per week increases total income by 25 percent, and that's if no overtime is

calculated in. If overtime isn't available at your primary employer, there are many places that hire part-time workers for nights and weekends."

Save in small increments. If you're barely getting by, saving money may seem impossible. But by putting even a small amount away each month, you'll slowly — but surely — build a cushion that you may need down the road.

Matthew Coan, owner of the personal finance website Casavvy.com, suggests having your paycheck directly deposited into two accounts — one primary and one savings. "You need to determine how much money you think you can have deposited into your online savings account each paycheck to be able to live off what is left over," he says. "Let's say you can only have \$10 taken out of each weekly paycheck and deposited into your online savings account. After one year, you will have \$520 saved up, plus whatever interest you have earned."

Debra Auerbach is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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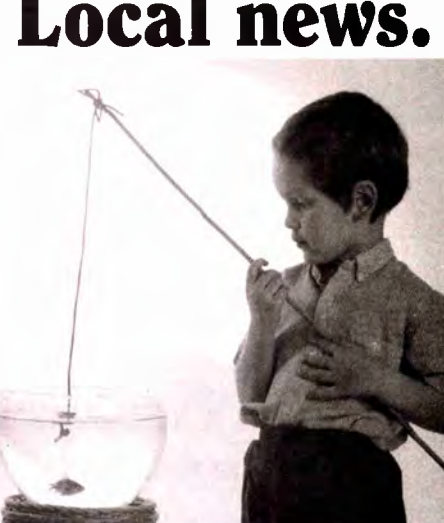
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 - 15 Longtime Volkswagen model
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 - 21 Allay
 - 22 Brand of deodorant
 - 23 SkyDome national anthem
 - 24 Harley-Davidson product
 - 26 TV's Sajak
 - 27 Meditation sounds
 - 29 With 64-Across.
 - 30 A leacher prepares it
 - 31 Also called
 - 32 Nero's 111
 - 39 Political analyst Myers
 - 40 Devilish look
 - 41 Black-and-white bird
 - 44 Optical storage format for burning data
 - 46 Put — (pranks)
 - 47 Ranch jaunt
 - 49 "Socrate" composer
 - 52 Black-and-white bird
 - 54 With 112-Down, backbeat instruments
 - 56 Billionaire Bill
 - 57 Marking the start of, as a 133-Across
 - 60 Homer epic
 - 62 Mari offerer
 - 63 Hydroxyl-containing compound
 - 64 See 29-Across
 - 66 Less jagged
 - 70 Cuts down
 - 72 Film set at Faber College
 - 76 Life-or-death
 - 77 Shoe part
 - 79 County south of Niagara
 - 80 — Pet
 - 82 Org. backing gurs
 - 83 Like films, restaurants and bonds
 - 86 Key of Chopin's "Raindrop" prelude
 - 89 Less abundant
 - 92 Suspicious
 - 94 Bump hard
 - 95 Choir song
 - 96 #1 Beatles hit of 1964
 - 98 Unbroken
 - 100 Whaler, e.g.
 - 102 Non-rush-hour, say
 - 103 Pilot
 - 105 Some Japanese cartoons
 - 109 Uncle, in Rio
 - 110 Pampering treatment
 - 114 Carport's kin
 - 117 Meal crumb
 - 118 Sked guess
 - 119 Dernier — (very latest fashion)
 - 120 Bed for eggs
 - 125 49ers' home, for short
 - 128 Fast Amtrak train
 - 129 Creator of Tigger and Eeyore
 - 130 Chemical salt in spinach and parsley
 - 131 Epoxy, e.g.
 - 132 How some things are chiseled
 - 133 An apt one is spelled out by combining the first two letters of nine Across answers in this puzzle
- DOWN**
- 1 14-legged crustacean
 - 2 Move out of
 - 3 Kansas city
 - 4 Stimp's pal
 - 5 Gershwin the lyricist
 - 6 Granled
 - 7 "Me too"
 - 8 Bolt down
 - 9 Sydney's state, Abbr.
 - 10 Patricia T. O'Conner's "Woe —"
 - 11 Really go after
 - 12 Showy parrot
 - 13 Corporal on "F Troop"
 - 14 Sch. term
 - 15 Actress
 - 16 Bits of work
 - 17 Alternative to Wheat Thins
 - 18 Compound in pottery glazes
 - 19 Compounds paired with thymines in DNA
 - 25 Nobody — (mine alone)
 - 28 Sizzling bacon sound
 - 32 Munsters' boy
 - 33 Worship
 - 34 Japanese mushroom
 - 35 Author Kesey
 - 36 Fed Elliot
 - 37 After, to Gigi
 - 42 Israeli desert region
 - 43 Got silver, as hair
 - 45 Was too long, as a sentence
 - 47 Was given no choice
 - 48 Suffix with direct
 - 49 Fish-on-rice dish
 - 50 Trembly tree
 - 51 Mellows out
 - 53 — fruit (tangelo kin)
 - 55 Munched
 - 58 Not fitting
 - 59 Less distant
 - 61 "The way I —"
 - 65 Frazier fighter
 - 67 Black-clad mercenary
 - 68 Actor Flynn
 - 69 Update the arsenal of
 - 71 Hollywood's Meryl
 - 73 Dogfight
 - 74 "Mighty Bruins" sch.
 - 75 Frauds
 - 78 Old Yankee Combs
 - 81 Stepping (up)
 - 84 Analogous
 - 85 Hollywood's Stiller
 - 87 Middle Corleone brother
 - 88 Meat jelly
 - 89 Wear for mob quellers
 - 90 Promise to marry
 - 91 Beats into shape again
 - 93 Part of BYO
 - 97 Lots in life
 - 99 Nothing at all
 - 101 Paleolithic tool
 - 103 Trim up, say
 - 104 Adam and —
 - 106 Gordon of "Oklahoma!"
 - 107 Typo list
 - 108 One fishing with a net
 - 111 " — is an island ..."
 - 112 See 54-Across
 - 113 "Challenge accepted"
 - 115 " — Ask of You"
 - 116 Composer — Carlo
 - 121 "Bali —"
 - 122 Mel's Diner waitress
 - 123 Orbitz listing
 - 124 Born, to Gigi
 - 126 Rural denial
 - 127 Go by jet

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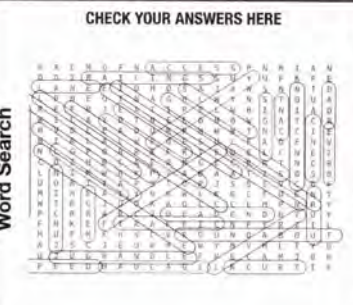
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- SCENIC
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- TRUCK
- U-TURN

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

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Car Report

FORD DOUBLES DOWN ON FUTURE OF AUTONOMOUS DRIVING, BUT MUCH OF THE EFFORT WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN SILICON VALLEY



By Dale Buss

Ford CEO Mark Fields has evolved from something of a skeptical participant in the self-driving-car derby to one of its most enthusiastic racers. And he topped off that subtle transformation earlier this month by deciding to double Ford's personnel footprint in Silicon Valley and by announcing that the company plans to release a fully driverless car -- without a steering wheel -- within the next five years.

Ford said that it now intends to deliver high-volume, fully autonomous vehicles for ride-sharing by 2021. It's one of the few companies, even including the digital-tech giants trying to shoulder into the business, that has declared its intention to field vehicles that really can't be driven by humans.

But Ford expects the first of these cars to be used by commercial-fleet operators looking for cost savings instead of employing human drivers and to confine these vehicles largely to cities with pre-mapped zones designed for autonomous vehicles.

To augment its existing efforts, Ford said it invested in a handful of companies and collaborations that are expanding its strong research in



A fully autonomous Ford Fusion Hybrid being tested on the streets of Dearborn.

advanced algorithms, 3D mapping, LiDAR and radar and camera sensors.

For instance, Ford is investing \$75 million, along with Chinese digital giant Baidu, in Velodyne, a sensor maker based in Silicon Valley that is a leader in light detection and ranging (LiDAR) sensors. The aim is to quickly mass-produce a more affordable automotive LiDAR sensor than those available today.

The company also acquired SAIPS, an Israel-based computer-vision and machine-learning outfit, to further strengthen Ford's expertise in artificial intelligence and enhance computer vision.

Ford also notched an exclusive licensing arrangement with Nirenberg Neuroscience LLC, a machine-vision company founded by a neuroscientist who cracked the neural code that the eye uses to transmit visual information to the brain. This has led to a powerful machine-vision platform for performing navigation, object recognition, facial recognition and other functions, with many potential applications.

Finally, Ford has invested in Civil Maps, a Berkeley, Calif.-based outfit that develops high-resolution 3D-mapping capabilities.

But perhaps more significant than all those investments for southeastern Michigan is the fact that Ford also will double the staff at its Silicon Valley office to 260 by the end of next year in an effort to expand into new "mobility" services. Those are jobs that, in an earlier era of automotive transport, most surely would have been located in Michigan.

"The next decade will be defined by automation of the automobile, and we see autonomous vehicles as having as significant an impact on society as Ford's moving assembly line did 100 years ago," Fields said in a release. "We're dedicated to putting on the road an autonomous vehicle that can improve safety and solve



Ford's campus in Palo Alto, Calif.

social and environmental challenges for millions of people -- not just those who can afford luxury vehicles."

To that end, over the last year or so Ford has launched all sorts of experiments and initiatives in ride-sharing, car-sharing and other "mobility services," has beefed up its digital capabilities and created a mobility unit that is headed by former Steelcase CEO and interim University of Michigan athletic director (he hired Jim Harbaugh) James Hackett.

Still, Ford's latest moves to catch up with rivals such as General Motors -- which took a big stake in ride-sharing service Lyft and plans soon to start testing a fleet of driverless

Chevrolet Bolt taxis -- demonstrate an interesting evolution in Fields' approach to mobility.

Nearly two years ago, when he gave a keynote speech at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Fields generated headlines for such, "Ford CEO: We're not ready for self-driving cars yet."

Rather than making precipitate moves and announcements so that the company could make a "marketing claim," he said at that time, Ford didn't want to race to try to introduce the first automated car if that meant it wouldn't be available to a wide range of consumers. And he said Ford would focus instead on bringing more automated-driving features, such

as lane-departure warning systems, into its already-affordable vehicles.

In his remarks about Ford's latest moves, Fields was much more eager to note that Ford's hat is in the self-driving ring on any terms -- even though he insisted that the company still is "not in a race to make announcements." Ford now wants to deploy its self-driving model within five years and presumably will focus later on making it a mainstream offering.

"We've done a lot of work reducing the cost of the technical components," Fields said this week, "but at the outset, it is still going to be a relatively expensive vehicle."

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