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Action on arts center proposal delayed

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Backers of a proposal to develop an arts/cultural center at the former Hawthorne Valley Golf Course and banquet center will get another chance to make their case to the Westland City Council.

On Monday, the council tabled an agenda item for approving the recommendation of the city's property disposi-

tion committee to sell the 14.73-acre property located on the east side of Merriman, north of Warren Road, for \$300,000. The city had obtained the property from tax foreclosure after the business went into bankruptcy at the end of 2010.

A large group of art center supporters turned out for the meeting as several speakers called on the council to table a decision on selling the property. It was recommended by the

committee that the property be sold to Metro Storage, which would develop a storage facility.

"I'm working as part of a team to bring an art center to Hawthorne Valley. We've been working on it for a couple of years," said David Miller, president of Duo Guard Industries. "We're asking that you postpone a vote today to give us an opportunity in three weeks time for a presentation

at study session on an arts center. We will be able to fill in a lot of missing details."

Unlike previous discussions about the art center proposal, Miller said there will be a timeline and details presented to the council. The arts center proposal has a lot of community support, he said, including Phil Martinez of the Northville Sports Den and architect Scott Catalo.

"We want to save the club-

house. Scott Catalo and I went through the (Hawthorne Valley) building — he has experience in retrofitting buildings and feels it can be saved," Miller said. "We need to organize a company or two — a for-profit to generate revenue and a non-profit for fundraising."

Others made comments about the need for arts in the community and establishing a

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Bova VFW Post Senior Vice Commander George Keebler welcomes those who came to remember POW/MIA veterans at this year's ceremony.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Soldier not forgotten after 46 years

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It's been over 46 years since U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Refugio Thomas Teran was last seen during an early morning fierce firefight as Viet Cong forces overran the munitions dump he was guarding on Henderson Hill, Quang Tri Province in Vietnam.

And it's 14 years since Teran — Tommy to his friends — was returned for burial at Arlington National Cemetery. Teran's younger brother Rick and many of his high school buddies still have strong memories of Tommy Teran — his smile, his outgoing personality and that he was a great dancer. He went missing two days before his 21st birthday.

"Tom was three years older than me. I went to Wayne (Memorial) high the first year they had ninth grade. I got to meet everyone because of my brother," said Rick Teran of Canton.

A Westland native, Tom Teran was remembered at the annual POW/MIA Remembrance Day program along with other missing service members — over 80,000 still



TOM BEAUDOIN

unaccounted for since World War I.

"This means a lot. I have a lot of veteran friends — they never forgot that part of their lives," said Rick Teran, who attended the ceremony with his wife Bonnie.

After years of being held at the old now-demolished Westland City Hall, the ceremony

moved to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland last year. This year, the ceremony moved to the Bova VFW Post 9985 which is home to a Teran memorial, relocated from the city hall property. Several of Teran's friends attended the ceremony — as group they

Rick Teran, along with his wife, Bonnie, attended a ceremony remembering POW/MIA, including his late brother Refugio Thomas Teran of Westland.

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Wayne, Nocerini agree to 4-year pact

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A four-year contract for the services of Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini has been approved by the city council.

The contract is with Nocerini's company, Nocerini Strategy Group LLC, for city manager services. Additionally, Nocerini said her firm provides grant writing services as part of the city manager contract. The contract pay rate remains unchanged at for \$10,000 per month or \$120,000. As a contract employee, Nocerini receives no benefits such as medical or pension.

"I want to thank the council. A year and a half ago, I had no intention to stay in the job permanently. To be in the city every day, I'm proud. I'm treated like a hometown girl," Nocerini said. "It takes a village to get a city on track. We can do it."

After a performance review, the council directed City Clerk Matthew Miller and Personnel Director Carrie Venus to meet with Nocerini to discuss the review and develop a new contract. A two-year agreement was offered but after the meeting, Nocerini proposed an option for a four-year agreement.

Other than duration, the differences in the two proposals were five months of severance pay in the four-year agreement and three months of severance pay in the two-year contract. Severance would only be paid if the council terminates Nocerini, who was a consultant before becoming interim city manager in June 2015. Either option required 30 days notice, up from 10 days notice in the original agreement.

Subsequently, Nocerini was hired as city manager with a one-year contract that will expire Oct. 1. Council had lengthy discussions about the contract options before approving the four-year agreement, although all were supportive of Nocerini continuing as city manager.

"I have several questions. I will not support option two (the four-year agreement). The contract is vague to me," Coun-

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have started getting together annually for a reunion that over the years has grown to last a week.

Bova Post Chaplain Michael Massey, one of those friends, spoke of Tom Teran during the ceremony. He recalled that Teran's remains had been recovered a full decade before he was identified and returned home for burial with full military honors.

"They were rebuilding in Vietnam. A farmer stopped some construction — he'd been relocating bodies for a year," Teran said. "They got some military person and that's how the remains were found. The forensic center in Hawaii sent me a kit for blood from my mom and dad. They had my brother for 10 years already."

Rick Teran recalls the toll it took on his family,

especially his mother and sister, not knowing what had happened to his brother for so many years.

"I took my mom to Washington (D.C.) a couple of times for ceremonies. It kept her going. She was really sick for a long time. When they found him, she got closure," he said. "My sister had heart problems — she wasn't supposed to live past her teens. She died at 44. She hung on for closure."

There were also times when Teran took his mother Anna to a TV station to look at a videotape that had a silhouette that could have been his missing brother. "They wanted us to see the video or pictures before it was released," Teran said.

The family pressed the military to find and identify Tom Teran but also other missing military members. Teran remembers being at meetings with generals in Washington with his mother.

"It sounded like they were going to stop searching. Mom started pushing this table forward when they tried to leave and they couldn't get out," Teran said. "She gave them the third-degree. They took all of her information. There was extra searching because of my mom."

Those more than 80,000 still missing service members — a number about the population of Westland — were remembered during the ceremony as people loved and missed by family and friends.

"I recognize that we are one of the few cities in Michigan and probably across the country that recognizes POW/MIA Day. It's extremely important that we don't forget," said Westland 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli, noting her family's history of military service through her former husband who served in Vietnam, father, father-in-law and grandfather.

Like most people, Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc said he doesn't give enough thought to POW/MIAs unless on he's on his way to or from a veterans ceremony.

"For those most closely related — those most affected — to not know the fate of loved one who served the nation faithfully, must be excruciating," he said. "I think the passage of time won't lessen that."

LeBlanc suggested visiting www.dpaa.mil — the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. In September 2016, 11 missing military personnel were accounted for — several dating back to World War II.

"These are heroes. They are sons, daughters, moms, dads, friends and neighbors. We need to keep looking until all 83,000 are located," LeBlanc said.

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legacy with an arts/cultural center on the Hawthorne Valley, located along the Rouge River on a large wooded property. Miller and other project supporters envision a project that would eventually become an attraction drawing people to Westland and generate revenue.

Miller and Martinez, like Don Wakefield who presented the proposal originally, are all Westland John Glenn High School graduates. Martinez has provided scholarships to Glenn students.

"I've been in business 35 years. When I retire in three to five years, I want to raise money for good charitable causes," Martinez said. "With Donny's plan and vision and the right people behind it, we can make it work."

After hearing the comments, Westland Mayor William Wild said he has been dealing with several situations before and since taking ownership of the former golf course, including West Nile virus concerns as the links became over-

grown and vandals damaged and set fire to the buildings, which continued to deteriorate.

"The city has spent a considerable amount of time trying to deal with this property," Wild said, adding several proposals were made for the property, including a church and the arts center. "What has changed is we had three other offers for indoor storage, townhouses and condos."

The art center, which would be seeking the property for \$1, Wild said, is a longer-term vision. He said the city has had preliminary talks with Wayne County Parks about taking over parts of the property that include floodplain lowlands.

"Some offers have been on the table for a while. We looked at the projects and weighed things like the city liability and ongoing maintenance, money on the table," Wild said. "We looked at the viability of the projects. Only this one (the storage facility) had financing locked up."

The city also looked at the taxable value that would result from the proposal storage facility, he said, about \$50,000 to the city annually on a

\$2.5 million development. For the first time in years, Wild said the city used savings to fund the current year budget after only seeing a 0.03-percent increase in taxable values.

"At the end of the day, the council has to make a decision. I like the art center concept. I respect Dave Miller and Scott Catallo," Wild said. "I have not seen a business model to show that this is viable. If council postpones this, I hope to see a viable plan on the table. There are no tax dollars in the pot for an arts/cultural center."

On a split vote, the council approved delaying a decision to allow a study session on the arts center proposal to be held Oct. 10-14. Councilman Kevin Coleman said he had talked with 80 or more residents living north of Hawthorne Valley, none of whom wanted to live near a storage facility.

Council President James Godbout and Councilman Bill Johnson opposed tabling the motion to accept the property disposition committee recommendation to sell the land.

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cilman Chris Sanders said. "The words said action by council leads to severance pay for the city manager. I've not heard of severance pay for a contract employee."

With Wayne's financial issues — the city is projected to run out of money early in 2018 — Sanders questioned whether a consent decree with the state or if an emergency financial manager was appointed making the city manager redundant.

Other council members were concerned about the length of the four-year contract favor-

ing the two-year agreement instead.

"I support the four-year agreement. However long we have Lisa, the better. I don't know what will happen with an EFM," Councilman John Rhaesa said. "If another council decides they want to get rid of Lisa, they can."

Having Nocerini as city manager for an extended period brings the city needed stability, Rhaesa said, something that is crucial for the city with its financial issues. Prior to Nocerini being hired, the city had several interim city managers, including existing staff doing double duty.

"Lisa has done a fantastic job. We're trying to

strive for sustainability and stability. We're getting that. She's done a great job for that," Councilman Tony Miller said. "She has a passion for the city. I've not seen that in other city managers. We are lucky that she would like to continue to work with us. She has goals for the city."

Ultimately, the council voted unanimously to approve the four-year agreement but asked the city attorney to correct the wording regarding severance to clarify that appointment of an EFM wouldn't constitute a council action.

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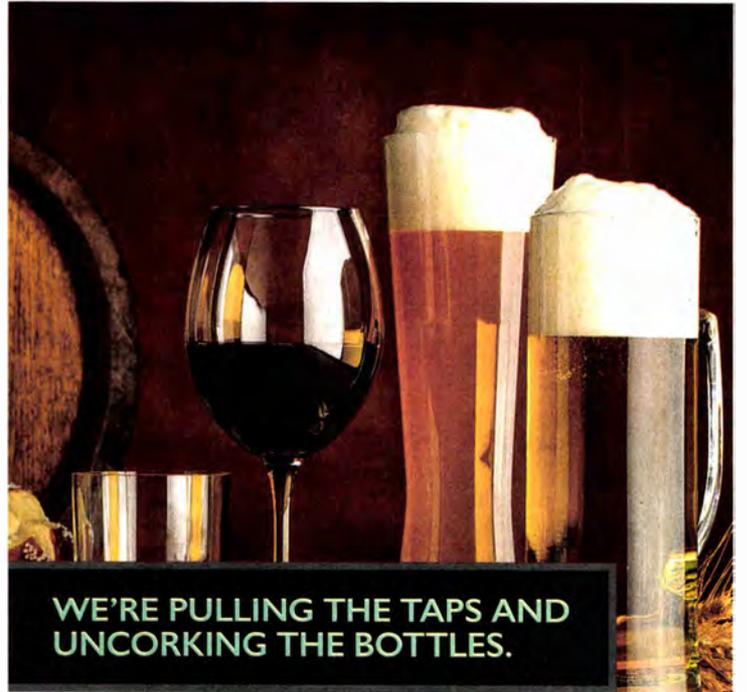
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PBS film tells of couple who saved hundreds of kids from Nazis

Mike Hughes
For the Lansing State Journal

It was the sort of assignment many kids get: Interview someone who has shown moral courage.

And it led to one of life's great understatement. As Artemis Joukowsky recalls it: "My mom ... said: 'Talk to your grandmother. She did some cool things during World War II.'"

Yes, some very cool things.

Using deception and determination, Martha Sharp and her husband (Rev. Waitstill Sharp) got Jewish kids out of Nazi-held countries. "They were the most giving, responsible, courageous people I have ever known," said Amelie Diamond-Holmstrom, one of the hundreds saved.

Joukowsky was 14 when he heard this. "It changed my life," he said. Almost four decades later, he's linked with Ken Burns for a fascinating documentary ("Defying the Nazis") that debuts Tuesday.

"This was like (a spy) novel, only it was all true," Burns said. "This normal couple (is) sitting by their fire and the phone rings. A month later they're in Prague, doing James Bond things."

It was a huge stretch for them, said Beth Hoppe, PBS programming chief. "A Unitarian minister and his wife embarked on a dangerous journey (to Prague). Over the next two years, they would take part in dozens of clandestine missions across Europe, saving hundreds of lives."

Why didn't their grandson hear about this until he was 14? There were two key reasons, he said:



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARPS' FAMILY ARCHIVE
Martha and Waitstill Sharp at home in Wellesley, Massachusetts, in 1938. The couple ventured into Europe before WWII to save Jewish children from the Nazis.

"This wasn't something his mother talked about. These missions took her parents away from her ... and, ultimately, from each other. When the Sharps, who later divorced, went to Europe, they left their children (ages 7 and 2) with parishioners. "My mom, I think, felt a sense of abandonment."

» And his mom's archeology work took them around the world. "I was born in Italy, lived in Lebanon, lived in Hong Kong ... It wasn't until I moved to New York that I got to know my grandparents."

Once he did, he found his grandmother to be a fierce force. "Her personality was larger than life — loving, very engaged with people. She was a very passionate philanthropist."

And he was meeting her at a key time. Joukowsky had been diagnosed with a neuromuscular disorder that eventually put him in a wheelchair. "My grandmother came to my hospital and

said, 'Come on, we're not going to feel sorry for ourselves. We're going to go help with the Boys & Girls Clubs.'"

He's gone on to be an investor and a disability activist, while working on her story. "I went into the basement of my grandfather's home and found about 800 documents that started this," he said.

He was able to identify 200 of the rescued children and interview 50 of them. He also met Burns; these were friendly chats between two grads (a decade apart) of Hampshire College.

"I started off just as a friend ... and sort of an adviser," Burns said. Then he was helping to produce it and got his friend Tom Hanks to voice Rev. Sharp. "These films are made in the editing room."

The Sharps have been honored in Israel and in the U.S. But the real symbols of their lives have been the people they rescued, including the Diamond triplets.

These were the daughters of a dentist and a violinist-artist. "We have always had each other," said Amelie, 89. "We were our own little group."

That was helpful when they were shipped out of Austria. Eventually, their parents were re-united with them in Portland, Oregon. Amelie went on to be an author, teacher, counselor and grandmother.

That's typical of many of the people who were rescued, Burns said. "Of the two-dozen or so people who appear in our film, there's extraordinary accomplishment."

So Joukowsky's project offers plenty of happy endings. He adds one more: "It was the only 'A' I ever got in high school."

Worth a look

For more on "Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War," visit www.defyingthenazis.org. It will air on WTVS/Channel 56 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, and lasts 90 minutes.

Fuher is newest Eagle Scout

Jacob Fuher is Livonia's newest Eagle Scout. He began his scouting career with Cub Scout Pack 907 at Hoover Elementary. He earned all ranks and the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting.



Fuher

During his years as a Cub, Fuher earned two religious emblems: The Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei. After visiting several Troops, he chose Troop 54 in Novi, and crossed over to Boy Scouts in 2010.

As a Boy Scout, Fuher held leadership roles, including Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and attended National Youth Leadership Training.

Fuher was also very involved in the Order of the Arrow attending OA local Ottawa Chapter meetings and Lodge meetings. He held the role of Ottawa Chapter Vice Chief of Activities. He attended and staffed several OA campouts and Ordeals. In 2015, Fuher attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Lansing. He also attended the National Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit in West Virginia.

Fuher combined his passion for gaming with scouting for his Eagle project. He organized a

Super Smash Brothers tournament for which admission was a new toy. He also worked with scouts to collect additional toys from area places of worship. He delivered 215 new toys to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation at the Detroit Medical Center for distribution to hospitalized children.

Fuher is a senior at Livonia Stevenson where he is captain of the Varsity Boys Swim and Dive team with a 4.38 grade-point average. This summer, he worked as a camp aide at Schoolcraft College and participated in an internship with Ford Motor Company. Jacob lives with his parents Mike and Michele and younger brother Kenny.

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This rehabilitation of a 2.01-mile stretch of five-lane Cherry Hill is being funded and constructed by Wayne County.

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Arts complex aims for regional draw

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An emerging plan to convert an old Ford factory site into a bustling arts complex in Canton's Cherry Hill Village has become increasingly regional in scope as its level of support continues to broaden.

Organizers say the Village Arts Factory site within two years is expected to house art studios and galleries, arts education courses, healing programs for U.S. veterans and possibly a brewery and restaurant — all located on a former Henry Ford site where disabled World War II veterans lived and assembled auto industry parts by hand. The property also will have trails for walking or riding bikes.

John Bracey, executive director of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, said the project, southwest of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads on Canton's west side, is perceived as viable — and that's why the council this month plunked down \$45,000 for it through the local Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

"It's tough money to get, so they should be very proud of that," he said. "I can't tell you how competitive this program is. A project that is not a viable project doesn't stand a chance."

Jill Engel, executive director of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, said the Village Arts Factory is



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ford volunteers Suzanne Hogan, Samar Sakakini and Matthew Morrison paint the mural on the Village Arts Factory.



Volunteer Matthew Morrison works on the mural.

envisioned as a destination that could draw artists, veterans, trail users and visitors, including history buffs, who want to see how an old Ford industry site has been transformed. She said it will complement nearby Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which houses live performances, artist exhibitions and community programs.

Engel stressed the regional scope of the Village Arts Factory.

"We are not a Canton project," Engel said. "We are located in Canton, but we are going to be a re-

gional destination. Southeast Michigan is our target."

Bracey said support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs was approved by a panel of professionals who view the project as worthy of funding. Not only is the site strategically located between Detroit and Ann Arbor, where arts efforts already flourish, but Bracey said it also is near the historic Yankee Air Museum near Belleville.

Ford's factory and a separate dormitory opened in 1944 and provided work and housing for disabled veterans for about 18 months. They made ignition parts and locks, largely for the old Willow Run bomber plant, though parts were shipped as far away as New York. The site also has a warehouse.

The property was later used for Ford offices, but was sold in 1950. Other companies

used the property, but none during the last 10 years or more.

Here's how Engel said the three buildings will be used:

» The former factory will house an arts and education center. In part, organizers are working with an undisclosed college to offer for-credit and not-for-credit courses for all ages.

» The old warehouse on one side will be home to artist studios, galleries and boutiques. The other side is being marketed for a brewery and restaurant; five potential brewing companies have toured it. A corridor that divides the building in half is envisioned as a gallery where works will be displayed as the Michigan Visual Arts Hall of Fame.

» The dormitory that housed veterans will include healing programs, many of them arts-based, for area veterans who need help after serving in wars. The partnership's plans come as organizers in neighboring Westland are discussing a possible arts complex on the site of the old Hawthorne Valley golf course, on Merriman north of Warren. However, those plans are in the formative stages and the city of Westland, which owns the property, has not made a decision on the proposal.

In Canton, a Ford Volunteer Corps group last Friday visited the old Ford site and finished painting a new mural on the exterior of the Village Arts Factory.

"They were so excited to be a part of a project that Henry Ford started years ago," Engel said.

Ford volunteers finished a project earlier started by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's art club.

A second Ford Volunteer Corps effort — along with the Canton area at large — is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, for end-of-the-year clean-up efforts on the site. To sign up, call 734-765-7061 or email Engel at jengel@partnershipforarts.org.

Engel lauded Ford volunteers for their involvement and said it creates even more excitement about the 14-acre property's transformation. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Cherry Hill Historic District.

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities has had the land since 2012, but much of the early stages involved developing a vision for the site. New construction has begun on the dormitory and should begin by year's end on the Ford factory. Engel said those two buildings and a parking area should be completed by late next year.

Work is expected to begin in fall 2017 on the warehouse and be completed by late 2018.

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I hope you will join me in support of this event to help those in need.

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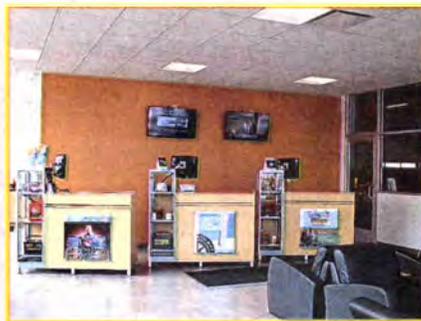
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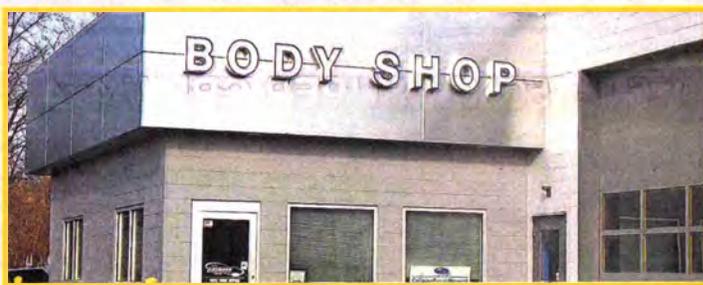
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Health care talk

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Jazz at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

On Tuesday, Sep. 27, making their Elks debut will be the Paul Keller AT SUNDOWN Quintet featuring Sarah D'Angelo. This group pleases audiences all over the state with their jazz standards. www.paulkellerjazz.com The Plymouth Ann

Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Taste of the Arts

The Livonia Arts Commission hosts a Taste of the Arts fundraising event from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft (1-96 west of Inkster Road).

Music/dancing will be featured by the Cosmic Groove Band. An array of culinary samples will be provided by local restaurants. A cash bar is available and casual attire is suggested.

Tickets are \$15 (\$20 at the door) and are available on the fifth floor of city hall. Recreation center members may also order on its website. Checks should be made out to the city of Livonia

and can be mailed to city of Livonia c/o Taste Fest, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia MI 48154. Tickets ordered by mail will be held at the "will call" desk at Burton Manor the night of the event.

The commission currently supports the Music From the Heart concert series, monthly exhibits in the Civic Center Library second-floor gallery and the city hall lobby. It also presents scholarships to Livonia students who plan to enter college in art related programs. The commission supports the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and the Noon-time Concerts scheduled in the library atrium.

Second City returns

On Saturday, Oct. 1, Chicago's legendary sketch and improv comedy touring company, The Second City, will return to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, to perform "Free Speech! (While Supplies Last)," an irreverent look at America's electoral insanity.

The curtain will go up on this topical show at 7 p.m., which features political satire made famous by Second City stars like Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert and Keegan-Michael Key, as well as brand new scenes, songs and improv straight from its sold out shows in Chicago and Toronto. This must-see evening of comedy features some of Chicago's best and brightest in a special one night only engagement.

Tickets for The Second City are \$30 and are available online at www.cantonvillage.com or by calling the Village Theater box office at 734/394-5300, ext. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are going fast, but may also be purchased one hour prior to show time, if still available.

Harvest auction

St. Robert Bellarmine will host its Harvest Auction 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at 27101 W. Chicago, Redford. Tickets are \$30 per person. All proceeds support the parish. Tickets are available at the office. To donate auction items or for more information, contact Denise Cieglo at 313-300-3615.

Final road cleanup

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the final road cleanup of the year on both Geddes, from Beck to Sheldon, and Beck, between Geddes and Michigan Avenue, will take place in Canton.

Come on out from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and help the volunteer effort picking up roadside litter. Bags and safety vests can be found on that morning in green tubs on Geddes at these corner locations: Beck Road; Riverside Drive; River Meadow Boulevard, Sarah Ann and Sheldon Road. For questions, email G4Greene@aol.com.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library sponsors a Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2. There will be many books, including fiction, history, mystery, religious and cook books. On Oct. 2, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries.

The library is at 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call 734-466-2495.

Halloween costume swap

A partnership with the Garden City Public Library and the Garden City Harvest Market, family friendly website Macaroni Kid Garden City-Dearborn,

Drop off your swappable costumes at the Garden City Public Library during business hours Oct. 3-12. In exchange for your costume(s), you will be given a Swap Ticket to be brought back for the event (hosted by the Garden City Harvest Market) 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14. Non-ticket holders can shop for a costume during the last hour 6-7 p.m. for a nominal fee that will benefit the Garden City Public Library. Expect a couple of goodies from Macaroni Kid, too!

Farmers market

Wilson Barn hosts a farmers market each Saturday through Oct. 8 at 29350 W. Chicago in Livonia.

The market features local vendors, produce, crafts and baked goods and breads. For more information, call Karen at 734-261-3602 or go to wilsonbarn.com

Craft show

Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy, hosts a craft show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, in the social hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

Admission is free and the event will feature an hourly 50/50 raffle, bale sale and available food and beverages. Table rental is \$25.

For more information, call Mary at 734-425-4421 (vm#10).

Turkey Trot

Register now for the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department's annual Turkey Trot 5K fun walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Bicentennial Park (Seven Mile and Wayne Road). Registration takes place at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The \$15 per person fee includes a Turkey Trot T-shirt, if registered by Oct. 24.

Proceeds and canned food donations will benefit the Livonia Goodfellows, which provides holiday meals for local families. New this year, visit the food truck rally to satisfy your post Turkey Trot appetite.

The Kirksey Recreation Center will offer Turkey Trot conditioning. Certified personal train-

er Deb Vinitzki will create a customized and adaptive science-based training program for now and for the long run. Contact her at ptdeb-biev@aol.com. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Infant massage class

The Westland Public Library hosts a five-week series of infant massage classes beginning Wednesday, Oct. 12. The series is presented by a certified infant massage educator in cooperation with Starfish Family Services. This is being offered for pre-crawling infants and their caregivers. Expectant parents are welcome to join as well. Parents will learn gentle and loving ways to comfort, relieve gas, deepen sleep and stimulate brain development in their infants. For more information or to register, email Claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org or call Claire Mueller at 734-326-6123.

Chili-Cook-Off 'Afterburn'

The Garden City Chili Cook-off "Afterburn" takes place 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, featuring music by Bonnie and the Working Girls.

The event is sponsored by the Garden City Business Alliance. For more information, go to www.gardencitybusinessalliance.org or email Renee at reneemortonserverpro@gmail.com.

Afternoon of Jazz

A benefit for the Rinne Lewy Body Dementia Initiative will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, 6005 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth.

Trunk or treat

The second annual Spooktacular Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the Garden City Business Alliance and the DDA, takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 27, in the Kroger Plaza Parking lot, northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt, in Garden City.

Donations of non-perishable food items for the Garden City HOME Pantry will gladly be accepted and collected. To participate, volunteer, donate candy or for more information, email Elaine Salter at esalter1125@yahoo.com or call 734-502-2046 or 734-788-9319.

Used instruments

Do you have an old musical instrument laying around the house collecting dust? Donate it to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Now in the second year, the LSO Community Outreach program collects and refurbishes instruments for Livonia schools.

Last year, 20 instruments were donated to the Livonia Symphony for this program. With a grant from the Worthington Foundation, the LSO refurbished these instruments with a value of \$6,900. In addition, new instruments were donated,

valued at \$6,050, for a total of \$12,950 value of instruments that were given to the Livonia Public Schools. Help the LSO continue this community involvement project by either donating an old musical instrument or making a donation to refurbish the instruments. Contact Janice Newsome, LSO Outreach chair, at 313-658-0263 or email jnewsome@al-phausa.com. All donations are tax-deductible.

Town Hall speakers

The Livonia Town Hall has announced speakers for its 52nd season:

Oct. 19 — Joel Sartore, a National Geographic photographer.

Nov. 16 — Tom Gjelton, a National Security correspondent, who will discuss the foreign policy challenges of the United States.

Jan. 18 — Writer Doug Stanton will relate his writing on travel adventures and political pieces from national publications.

March 15 — Best-selling author Denise Kiernan will discuss how she wrote "The Girls of the Atomic City." Tickets are \$150 for the season, which includes lunch and lecture, or \$180 for priority seating. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, in Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to purchase tickets.

GC High School Mom2Mom Sale

The GC Theatre will be hosting a mom2mom sale at Garden City High School. Not sure what to do with the clothes your kids have outgrown or the toys they no longer play with? Sell them at the m2m sale (seller keeps 100 percent of the money made at their table). Not into selling? Save the date and come shopping to find great deals on new and gently used baby and kids clothes as well as toys, games, DVDs, books, strollers, bikes, swings, bouncers, etc.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, (early bird 8:30 a.m.). There will be more than 85 tables to shop from, a large item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is only \$1 (early bird \$2), strollers welcome. Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt Road (between Ford Road and Warren). Tables are \$25 for an eight-foot table including standard rack space (you provide rack). For more information, including the table agreement, go to www.facebook.com/gcmom2momsale or send an email to gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com. All proceeds from this sale will go to the GCHS Theatre Group. Do you have baby/kid items you just want to get rid of? Donate them to have the theater kids sell. Email to make drop-off arrangements.

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Wish Upon a Teen: Saving young lives



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Imagine taking this phone call: The results came back, your child has cancer.

Nancy Sovran took that phone call in 2012. Her daughter Hope was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia and would need a bone marrow transplant. The young girl was already facing an uphill battle in life, as she was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

She had just turned 15 when the cancer was discovered.

"Going through a transplant was very difficult for Hope, even more so than the dozens of surgeries she has endured during her life," Sovran said. "It was very difficult for my husband and me to hear, because this was going to be very tough for her. But Hope is an amazing person and she rallied through it."

It was during this time that Sovran first met Michelle Soto, founder of Wish Upon a Teen, a 501(c)3 nonprofit that's dedicated to helping children ages 12-20 with life-threatening illnesses or injuries.

The organization decorated Hope's hospital room at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. A year later, Sovran was asked to join the organization. She now serves as executive director.

"It was incredible how the simple act of



Nancy Sovran and her daughter Hope at a family wedding in 2015.



Michelle Soto (left), founder of Wish Upon a Teen, with interns Molly Sovran and Gabbi Timmis.

decorating a room helped Hope to get through a very difficult time," she said. "I know firsthand the difference we make every day ... it's an honor, truly."

Welcome to Wish Upon a Teen, where two moms are trying to help out families during the toughest of times. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in children (after accidents). About 10,380 children in the United States under the age of 15 were diagnosed with cancer in

realize they're not alone and to help them take control back."

Soto established Wish Upon a Teen in 2011. Her goal was to work with adolescent patients and try to normalize their lives as much as possible, while empowering them during a difficult time.

Design My Room is an example of giving young patients a voice.

That hospital room belongs to someone else ... it's a stark white room," Soto said. "By designing a new bedroom, they take ownership of the room. We've noticed over the years that a teen who is withdrawn now finds their voice again. They want to get better and they want to be heard and this is one way of empowering them."

Spa Days helps these teens know they are not alone.

"A couple of years ago, we had this young teenager who was diagnosed with cancer," Soto said. "She told us everything will be fine, that she has over 500 friends on Facebook and that she'll have plenty of company ... and two kids visited her. That was it."

Spa Days allows these young patients to know they're not alone during this tough time. The organization also hosts an annual prom, so teens can take off the hospital garb for a couple of hours and put on their dancing shoes.

Wish Upon a Teen also

looks out for the parents, along with the brothers and sisters. The Red Wings, Pistons and Tigers provide free tickets so that each month families can attend local sporting events, spend some time together and take a breather.

And while grants finance part of the group's mission, most of its money comes from the community. Its headquarters is at 261 E. Maple Road in downtown Birmingham.

"It's your neighbors and the local businesses that help us continue," Soto said.

Sovran and Soto have witnessed the joy of watching a teenager packing up suitcases and leaving the hospital and they've experienced the incredible sadness of comforting parents who just lost their loved one.

For parents who have just learned their child is ill or injured, Sovran offers this advice — never give up.

"Don't take no for an answer," she said. "Just continue the battle and know you're not alone out there. You know your kids and they deserve to have the best chance and there are so many wonderful programs out there to help you. Don't give up."

To learn more about the organization, go to www.wishuponateen.org or call 248-792-2938.

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Suspects sought in CVS liquor theft

Westland Police have released a photograph of two women suspected of stealing over \$450 of liquor from a Westland store.

The theft was reported about 12:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at CVS Pharmacy, 7291 N. Middlebelt.

One suspect is described as a black female, very heavyset, long hair that appears to be braided, wearing a black-and-white striped shirt and white sandals.

The other suspect is described as a black female, heavyset, straight black hair, wearing a tan or beige tank top.

The suspects were believed to have been driving an early 2000's blue Chevrolet Malibu or Impala.

Anyone who can identify the suspects is asked to call the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or 734-467-3179.

CITY OF LIVONIA

The City of Livonia will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan for the purpose of hearing written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year 2016 - 2017. All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interests of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and submit comments.

A copy of the entire proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. weekdays at the City Clerk's Office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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City of Livonia - 08/08/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

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

Absent: None

Items were received and filed.

#310-16 Approving minutes of the 1,805th Regular Meeting of the Council on July 25, 2016.

Public Hearing Announced - Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at 7PM - Appeal of denial of Planning Commission re: Petition 2016-04-02-07 - for waiver use approval for Panera Bread Restaurant with drive-up window at Laurel Park Place Shopping Center.

President McIntyre announced two X-items and new data on Items 5, 8 and X-1.

#311-16 Approving the request to close Clarita Street between Mayfield and Loveland on Sept. 11, 2016 from 3-7pm for a block party, rain date Sept. 18, 2016.

#312-16 Approving the request to close Orangelawn Street between Adams Street and Bassett Street, on Aug. 27, 2016, from 2-6 pm for a block party, rain date Aug. 28, 2016.

#313-16 Approving the Senior Alliance 2017-2019 Multi-Year Plan (MYP) for Aging Services.

#314-16 Approving appointment of Kevin Priddy to Planning Commission.

#315-16 Waiving minimum lot width and area requirements approving proposed division and recombination of 18264 and 18316 Lathers Avenue into two (2) parcels, subject to grant by ZBA and removal of any driveway encroaching on any newly configured lot. (Petition 2016-06-LS-16).

#316-16 Authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Municipal Credit Contract for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, all credits to be used for the Livonia Community Transit Program.

#317-16 Accepting the bid of Equipment Distributors, Inc. for the safety upgrade/repair of three (3) vehicle hoists in the DPW Equipment Maintenance Garage.

#318-16 Accepting unit price bids of Empire Equipment & Supply; Allied-Eagle Supply Co.; APAC Paper; Staples; Supply Den; AV Equipment Supplies; Lower Huron; Pyramid School Products; Arnold Sales; and E&R Industrial Sales, for custodial supplies Aug. 1, 2016 - July 31, 2018.

#319-16 Approving Petition 2016-05-02-10 to expand operation of truck terminal at 13586 Merriman Rd, subject to conditions.

#320-16 Requesting a report and recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission re: appropriate rules in connection with the flying of model airplanes/drones in City of Livonia parks.

#321-16 Requesting Livonia Board of Education to consider possible ways to address the flying of model airplanes/drones on school property.

#322-16 Approving Petition 2016-01-06-01, to determine whether or not to amend Livonia Zoning Ordinance, to allow indoor, climate-controlled self-storage facilities as a waiver use; and Department of Law is requested to prepare ordinance.

#323-16 Determining to take no further action re: possible alternate methods of amending the City Charter.

#324-16 Determining to take no further action regarding subject matter of the Legislative Consultants.

#325-16 Determining to take no further action re: proposed repeal of Chapter 8.30 of Livonia Code of Ordinances (Smoking Public Places) and requesting referral to Civil Service Dept. for development of written smoking policy and to Public Service Division for appropriate signage within City buildings.

#326-16 Determining to take no further action re: subject matter of cable television competition.

First Reading was given to an ordinance vacating the use of portions of street, alley and public ground. (Pet. 2016-03-03-01).

#327-16 Refer request to modify CR# 224-02, to allow temporary use of a mobile/modular classroom at Chinese Gospel Church to Committee of the Whole for its report & recommendation (Pet. 2002-02-02-04)

#328-16 Suspending the rules.

At the direction of the Chair, Item X-1 was removed from the Agenda.

#329-16 Authorizing Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with AT&T for ten (10) years.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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

Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to maintain a security fence at 32401 Parklane Street in the M-1 Light Industrial District pursuant to Section 154.037(E) of The City of Garden City Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

***If you are receiving this notice and you are the owner of a building that has space occupied by tenants, please post this notice at the primary entrance to your building and/or provide each tenant with a copy.*

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474 (734) 744-2500

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of:

Pilot Boiler Replacement - Frost Middle School Bid for the 2016-2017 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2016-2017 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

A mandatory walk thru will be Thursday, September 29, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road, Livonia, MI, 48154.

Sealed bids marked Frost Middle School - Boiler Replacement will be received until 12:00 p.m. on the 6th day October, 2016, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at 12:00 p.m., on the 6th day of October, 2016, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

"Frost Middle School - Boiler Replacement"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.

Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlaui@lvoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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Wayne considering election consolidation

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Wayne is looking at moving city elections to even years to consolidate with presidential and gubernatorial elections.

Like many cities, Wayne's local officials — mayor and city council members — are elected in odd-numbered years. The cost per election is \$20,000 or \$40,000 when there is a primary and general election.

If the city did make the shift, Mayor Susan Rowe and council members whose terms are scheduled to expire in 2017 would serve an additional year. State law prohibits shortening a council member's term to accommodate the change to even-year elections. A public hearing has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Council members with terms expiring next year include Tom Porter, Tony Miller, Ryan Gabriel and Richard Sutton — Gabriel and Sutton having been appointed to fill vacancies. A full council term is four years, while the mayor has a two-year term.

Porter and Sutton both expressed concerns about having their terms extended. "I have a big problem with extending it. I don't want to extend my term. The people voted," Porter said. "Can we put this on the ballot to ask voters?"

State law, which allows the election consolidation, makes the change an action by the council, Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller said.

"It was mostly for cost savings. You can't amend the city charter

on the ballot for something that is state law," Miller said. "State law trumps the charter."

Any action on moving the election would need to be adopted by Dec. 31 to be effective for the following year. In this case, that would mean moving the election to 2018.

When possible conflicts with the city charter were mentioned, city attorney Breeda O'Leary-Holder also said state law supersedes the charter. "The charter has residency requirements that have been found unconstitutional," she said. "There are narrow exceptions."

There was also discussion about eliminating primary elections. Under the ward system, candidates in individual wards are nominated for the general election during the primary when only residents of that ward cast ballots. In the general election, the voting for candidates is open citywide.

Along with the cost-savings — Wayne is projected to run out of money in early 2018 — Miller also noted the problems that short-staffing has caused for running elections.

"Election Day is a finite deadline — it occurs whether you are ready or not. Other things have to be delayed. And it takes more with a presidential election," said Miller, who is also Wayne's planning director. "For the last two or three weeks, we're working daily on the election. It starts earlier with the presidential election and lasts longer."

Allowing city cemetery plots to be purchased at the Department of Public Works

helped take some work from the clerk's office, Miller said, but nearly 1,000 birth certificates are processed annually.

"One year, the election was the same day as the last day to buy animal licenses. Planning has to wait so we can focus on the election," he said.

Resident Lloyd Allen commented that he supported the change with the idea that the city would get a higher turnout when presidential and gubernatorial elections are on the same ballot. "And it's always good to save money," he said.

Another resident, Vern Amos, objected to council terms being extended without a vote by residents. "This won't work well with ward voting. I would like a vote on it," he said. "This affects everyone's right to vote. People ought to have a right to a say so."

While saving money would be good, Sutton said he didn't feel it was right to extend his term on council without a public vote.

"Five of us were elected. We interviewed candidates (for the vacancies) and selected councilmen Gabriel and Sutton," Rowe said.

Westland hasn't discussed any election consolidations, Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc said. "My personal opinion is that the reason, in part, that they decided on odd-year elections was to avoid the president and governor," he said. "The city races could get lost and potentially end up the third page of a ballot."

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Try to minimize tax consequences when gifting money

Q: Here's my situation that I hope you can help me with. About 20-some years ago, my husband purchased an annuity. When he passed a little over nine years ago, the annuity was transferred into my name. It just sat there and I really never have done anything with it. I don't need the money and I'd like to cash out the annuity and give the money to my two children. The agent told me that if I did that, I would have to pay taxes on the entire annuity, which is about \$100,000, and I would also have to pay gift taxes to give the money to my children. My question to you: Is that right and do you have any suggestions how to avoid the taxes? I should mention that this money is not in an IRA.

A: Your agent was correct in saying when you cash out the annuity, there will be an income tax consequence, but he was wrong regarding the amount of the taxes. Since this annuity was not in an IRA or another type of qualified account, you have a basis in the investment. The basis is what your husband originally paid for the annuity. The tax consequence is the amount you received, less the original purchase price. For example, if your husband originally paid \$60,000 for the annuity and today it's worth \$100,000, the amount that would be subject to tax is \$40,000. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid the income tax when the annuity is cashed. However, there may be a way to reduce the amount of taxes you have to pay.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Under our tax laws, you can currently give \$14,000 a year to anyone you choose, tax-free.

As opposed to cashing the annuity out in one year, I recommend that you consider spreading it out over two or even three years. In the example above, with the \$40,000 in tax liability, if you cash out the annuity in one year, \$40,000 would be added to your income and that could cause you to be put into a higher tax bracket. If you are receiving Medicare, your Medicare premiums could potentially rise. If you spread the distribution out over two or three years, you will lessen that effect. In addition, spreading the distribution out over two or three years will also help you from the gift tax standpoint.

Gift taxes are something that most Americans are unfamiliar with. What makes gift taxes unique is that it's not the person who receives the gift who pays the taxes, but the person who is making the gift. Under our tax laws, you can currently give \$14,000 a year to anyone you choose, tax-free. If you spread the distribution out over two years, you would be able to exempt \$56,000 from gift taxes. If you did it over

three years, \$84,000 would be exempt from gift taxes.

Whether you spread the distribution out over two or three years, there will be a gift tax consequence, but there is a way you could avoid paying those taxes. Every American has a little over \$5 million of exemptions from estate or gift taxes. Typically, most people will use this exemption at death. However, you can choose to use part of it during your lifetime. For most people, this would not cause any issues because their estates are not worth \$5 million. To use your exemption during your lifetime does require you to file a gift tax return.

I think it's wonderful when someone has the resources and they use those to help a loved one. After all, when you gift money during your lifetime, as opposed to waiting until death, you can see the enjoyment someone gets from your generosity. One thing I always want to caution people on is that gifts are irrevocable and, if for some reason you need the money in the future, it won't be available to you. I always tell people who plan on gifting during their lifetime to proceed with caution and make sure they have the resources to protect themselves, particularly when gifting substantial money.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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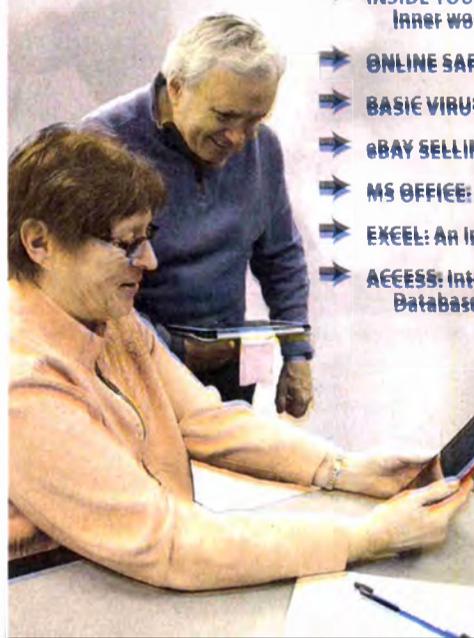


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PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Dirty work over, Archeology students at MSU turn to analyzing their summer finds

Christopher Haxel
Lansing State Journal

EAST LANSING — The dirty part is almost over.

After a summer spent hunting for artifacts at excavation sites across the Michigan State University campus, students in the Campus Archeology Program have begun figuring out exactly what they dug up.

"The puzzle is interesting to me," said Mari Isa, a doctoral student studying forensic anthropology, who sat Wednesday morning in the group's laboratory with a toothbrush, pail of water and bag of artifacts. "Having pieces of physical artifacts and doing research in the archives and also having this piece of MSU history is very personal to us."

She's spent hours cleaning broken bits of glass, terra cotta and other materials that are among the thousands of artifacts that students pulled from the ground over the summer. Each piece will be numbered, weighed and cataloged before students can start researching and analyzing their finds.

The hundreds of pieces of glass may not give up their stories easily, but Isa also will spend the semester researching an unbroken jar of paste the group found this summer.

"You learn all kinds of things, like what people might have used it for, or why people might have eaten paste," she said. "Somebody died from

eating paste because it contains alum ... you get all these random facts, and it sort of paints a story about why this was on campus and what people might have used it for."

One of the group's best finds is a doll they named Mabel, said Lisa Bright, the university's campus archaeologist.

Mabel's cloth body disintegrated over the years, thanks to the acidic "night soil" found in old latrines, but the doll's head and shoulders were found in several pieces.

"I think she was probably whole (when dropped down the latrine)," Bright said. "It was either an accident or a very malicious act, perhaps from an older brother."

Bright said she thinks the doll was made in Germany or France during the Civil War era, but they haven't been able to narrow down the manufacturer.

"We're really documenting the things that don't make it into the history books," she said. "Those little everyday things that give us a better understanding of where we are today from what we came from in the past."

Bright said digging up artifacts has taught her that some of the university's first students weren't much different than those who walk the campus today.

The group finds lots of plates and other utensils, and food such as raspberry seeds and fish bones were discovered



Amy Michael looks at an excavated item before weighing it as she helps catalog on Wednesday at a lab in McDonel Hall on Michigan State University's campus.

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Men's shoes excavated near the Abbot median on Sept. 14 at a lab in McDonel Hall on Michigan State University's campus.

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Older soda cans recovered from Campbell Hall on Sept. 14 at a lab in McDonel Hall on Michigan State University's campus.

JULIA NAGY | LANSING STATE JOURNAL

in the outhouse excavation, and so they've been researching what student meals were like in 1860 and plan to recreate a typical meal next spring.

"What we get is a lot of journals with students complaining about the food, so it hasn't changed all that much with cafeteria issues today," she

said. Outhouses and disasters make particularly good excavation sites, because archaeologists tend to find items people wanted to hide or that were accidentally left behind.

Bright said the group

excavated the Saints' Rest dormitory, which burned down in 1876, and some of the first things they found were contraband.

"Students weren't allowed to drink in the dorm and they weren't allowed to smoke in the

dorm," she said. "We found smoking pipes, and wine bottles and beer bottles. So students haven't changed that much."

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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 Mouth Breathing.

MOUTH BREATHING

Dear Dr. Stewart: I notice that my child always has her lips parted and is breathing through her mouth. Should I be concerned?

Dr. Stewart: Yes, few people realize that mouth breathing is a complicated health concern. Mouth breathing can lead to some serious health issues in adulthood, including sleep apnea, speech impediments, and improper facial growth.

Mouth breathing is often a difficult problem to correct and she may need to see a myofunctional therapist, orthodontist, sleep physician, or an ENT physician among others, depending on the underlying cause of her mouth breathing. The myofunctional therapist will play a key role in retraining her breathing habits with therapy.

Breathing properly is very important and I'm glad that you recognized this in your child so it can be properly treated while she is still young.

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

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WWAC FOOTBALL REPORT

Resurgent RU topples Cougars

Playoffs a goal now for Panthers

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Just over one year removed from back-to-back 1-8 seasons, Redford Union's football team has reached the point where it expects to win games like Friday night's encounter with visiting Garden City.

The Panthers met their expectations, downing the Cougars, 31-14, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division tilt.

RU improved its record to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the division heading into next week's game against juggernaut Dearborn Fordson.

Garden City, which has been plagued this season by injuries to key players, slipped to 1-4 and 0-2, respectively.

"Even though we won by a couple touchdowns, it never got to the point tonight where we were comfortable," RU head coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "The total yardage was pretty tight (320 for RU, 299 for Garden City), so it was never like we could relax."



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Cain Thornton fights for extra yardage during Friday night's victory over Garden City.

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RU volleyball report

Redford Union's volleyball team lost 3-0 to Dearborn Fordson on Thursday. The trio of Lindsey Pfirman, Sadie Miles and Jakyla Jackson also played well for the Panthers.

On Sept. 15, the Panthers lost to Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 3-1. Standouts were Haley Hebner, Miles and Jackson.

RU soccer clipped

Redford Union's boys soccer team was edged by host Hazel Park, 6-4, Thursday in an exciting non-conference game. Tyler Arlington and Juan Rios scored two goals each for the Panthers.

On Wednesday, the Panthers were mercied, 8-0, by Dearborn Fordson. RU goalkeeper Evan Albright was sensational, stopping 21 Tractor shots.

Franklin harriers topple Zebras

The Livonia Franklin girls cross country team held off a strong challenge by Wayne Memorial Tuesday afternoon, 20-41, in a KLAA South Division dual meet held at Nankin Mills.

The Patriots improved to 2-0; the Zebras slipped to 1-1.

Franklin was powered by first-place finisher Erin Seibert's 19:56.5. Also scoring for the Patriots were Hailey Kutrukis (third in 21:23.2), Camryn Zurawski (fourth in 21:29.6), Ashley deGuise (fifth in 21:44.1) and Allyson Stabler (seventh in 22:07.4).

Franklin's Kaylee English (eighth in 22:21.5) and Emily Esker (ninth in 22:34.6) ran strong, but did not figure in the scoring.

Wayne was led by second-place Jessica Leigh (20:23.1) and sixth-place Nikita Bhangu (22:03.2). Melaina Climer was 10th for the Zebras, crossing the line in 23:13.6.

"The team took care of business today against a much-improved Wayne team," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said. "Our varsity group continues to improve and we are seeing more and more competition within the team for spots in the top seven."

Hawkins help MU spikers to win

The 16th-ranked Madonna University volleyball team continued to roll Wednesday at the Activities Center by sweeping WHAC counterpart Michigan-Dearborn behind a 46-11 advantage in kills.

The win marked the Crusaders' 11th sweep of the season, and moved MU to 15-3 overall and 5-0 in WHAC play.

The Crusaders controlled the tilt from start to finish. After winning set one by a 25-11 tally, they posted set victories of 25-10 and 25-8 margins over the final two frames.

A 19-5 edge in kills paced the Crusaders in set-one, led by eight kills by junior middle hitter Amanda Hawkins (Livonia Stevenson). Her big night continued in sets two and three as she slammed a team-best 16 kills with no errors to post a career-high .800 hitting percentage in the match (minimum 10 attack attempts).

PREP VOLLEYBALL

NO BLOCKIN' THIS!

Churchill improves to 5-0 in South with sweep of Patriots

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Livonia Churchill's volleyball team closed out its first round of play in the KLAA South Division Thursday night by sweeping host Livonia Franklin, 25-9, 25-11 and 25-12.

The triumphant Chargers upped their record to 18-7 overall and 5-0 in the South.

Churchill head coach Mark Grenier praised the overall stellar play of Megan Gendjar.

The Chargers' defense was solidified by Alyssa Facione's team-high 13 digs.

Sam Zonca was a menace to the Patriots on the attack (14 kills) and at the service stripe, where she lasered four aces.

Also contributing to the Chargers' dominating offensive attack were Sarah Dunn (14 kills) and Annie Yost (eight kills).



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See SWEEP, Page B4 Churchill's Annie Yost connects on a kill during Thursday's match at Franklin.

GIRLS GOLF

Local girls golf teams finish with a flourish

3 teams go low in final dual-meet of season

Ed Wright
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Livonia Churchill's girls golf team split a pair of dual-meet matches at Idyl Wyld Golf Course on Thursday afternoon.

The Chargers' four-player total of 184 was good enough to upend South Lyon East (192), but not quite low enough to edge South Lyon (178).

Paige Peterson led the Chargers with a nine-hole score of 43. Also figuring in the scoring for the Chargers

were Ashley Harlock (46), Jenny Rousseau (47) and Kelsie Nowicki (48). Macey Reese shot a 52 and Kayla Ellis a 56 to round out the varsity line-up for Churchill.

Franklin drops pair

In Thursday's four-team KLAA Kensington Conference quad setting at Idyl Wyld, host Franklin shot a 192. The Patriots' top four players tied East, but the match went to the fifth-player tie-breaker, which pushed the Cougars ahead.

Sophia Wygonik was Franklin's ace, carding a 46. Also scoring for the Patriots

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Churchill's Kelsie Nowicki watches a putt roll toward the cup during a match earlier this season.

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Salem's Mason Phillips brings down Stevenson's Parker Graham.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Second-half comeback propels Spartans, 49-32

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Energized by a 5-foot-10, 170-pound defensive dynamo, an old-school running back and a guy who finished three of his five touches in the end zone, Livonia Stevenson's football team earned a critical 49-32 victory Friday over host Salem on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's grass field.

In a game that was delayed briefly by a mid-play appearance by the sprinkler system, the Spartans poured it on the Rocks in the third quarter, when they turned a 24-21 halftime deficit into a 42-24 lead in the span of just 11:05.

The Spartans are now 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the KLA Central Division heading into next week's homecoming game against South Lyon East.

The Rocks slipped to 2-3 and 0-2.

Stevenson's undersized, motor's-always-running defensive whiz Friday was 170-pound Josh Page, who wreaked havoc on Salem's offense with eight tackles, two sacks, a fumble recovery for a touchdown and a forced fumble.

With the Spartans leading 35-24 and just under a minute to play in the third, Page helped his team put a stranglehold on the game's momentum when he chased down a shotgun snap that sailed over Salem quarterback Ryan Young's head and carried it into the end zone to push Stevenson's advantage to 42-24.

"Josh is one of those kids that gives it everything he has on every play," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "He could start at running back on



Stevenson's Collin Bowersox got a grip on speedy Salem running back Andrew Davis during the first quarter of Friday night's game.

ED WRIGHT

most teams, but he just goes out and does what we ask him to do. He's a great team player."

Churning out big-time runs for the winners' offense was junior steam-roller Parker Graham, who racked up a career-best 192 yards rushing (and two touchdowns) on 24 carries.

"Parker really grew tonight," Micallef said. "He not only ran hard, but he made some big blocks for our other guys."

And just about everything junior slot receiver Devin Dunn touched Friday turned to gold as he scored on runs of 32 and 5 yards, as well as securing an 8-yard TD reception from senior quarter Chris Tanderys.

"We kept saying all week in practice that this was a playoff game for us because, if we lose two more, we're out," said Dunn, who finished with 44 all-purpose yards. "Our prac-

tices were high-intensity all week — much more intense than they were the previous two weeks.

"We just need to keep playing as a team and keep fighting."

Salem's one-two punch of running back Andrew Davis and quarterback Ryan Young was electrifying most of the night as they combined for 308 yards on 39 carries.

The long-striding, strong-armed Young, ran for 193 and passed for 48 more and had touchdowns runs of 52 and 67 yards.

Davis was the catalyst of Salem's first-half effectiveness as he had five carries that picked up double-digit yardage.

Trevor Nowaske was a steam-roller for Salem's defense, delivering more than a few pads-crunching tackles.

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BOYS SOCCER

John Glenn kickers topple Wayne, 5-0

Brown nets two goals in shutout victory

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Westland John Glenn's boys soccer team finished off its 2016 sweep of neighbor Wayne Memorial with an emphatic 5-0 victory on the Rockets' home turf.

The result improved the Rockets' record to 7-4-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the KLA South Division.

John Glenn freshman goal-keeper Brendan Balko kept the net behind him vacant all day. He received plenty of support from defenders Blake Grove, Tanner Rhoades and Nam Bui.

The Rockets scored first at the 23-minute mark when Ahmad Diab split a pair of Wayne defenders with a through ball to Justin Brown, whose finishing touch gave the hosts a 1-0 lead.

Four minutes later, senior Race Lovins made it 2-0 after securing a pass from senior Noah Said.

In the game's 31st minute, junior Paul Vaught netted a breakaway goal after sophomore Cameron Simpson set him up by chipping a ball over the defense.

Loving tacked on his second goal of the game with a net-finder just two minutes before the intermission. Michael Pizzuti assisted.

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John Glenn's Justin Brown, pictured during a match earlier this month against Franklin, was a force during Thursday's 5-0 win over Wayne.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Canton swimmers prove too deep for Patriots

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Powered by strong performances from its M&M girls — Meghan Mans and Meadow Maturen — Canton's girls swimming-and-diving team churned out a never-in-doubt 134-51 victory over Livonia Franklin Thursday night in the Patriots' pool.

The Chiefs touched first in every event except the grueling 500-yard freestyle, which was won by Franklin's Caitlin Jodway in 5 minutes, 52.84 seconds and the 200 individual medley, which Paityn Santi won in 2:34.97.

Maturen was a sprinting force for the Chiefs, winning the 50 free in 28.30 seconds and the 100 free in 1:04.52.

Mans, on the other hand, earned first-place points in the 100 butterfly (1:04.83) and swam the second leg of Canton's first-place 200 medley relay team, which also consisted of Jenna Leppke, Emieri Rutman and Sophia Balow.

Canton's Annika Wang won the diving competition by racking up 174.15 points, 47

more than teammate Rachel Socha.

Balow was the winner in the 100 backstroke (1:10.12) and Caitlyn Marsac was unstoppable in the 100 breaststroke.

CANTON 134, FRANKLIN 51

- Thursday at Franklin**
200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Jenna Leppke, Meghan Mans, Emieri Rutman, Sophia Balow), 2:05.40; 2. Franklin (Caitlin Jodway, Lauren Niemiec, Paityn Santi, Emily Lodes), 2:11.38.
500 freestyle: 1. Jessica Clark (C), 2:03.80; 2. Caitlin Jodway (F), 2:14.26; 3. Christina Newton (C), 2:27.94.
200 individual medley: 1. Paityn Santi (F), 2:34.97; 2. Katelyn Waligora (C), 2:37.18; 3. Abigail Jansen (C), 2:40.44.
50 freestyle: 1. Meadow Maturen (C), 28.30; 2. Daniella Taban (C), 28.77; 3. Ruthie Seltz (C), 28.91.
1-meter diving: 1. Annika Wang (C), 174.15 points; 2. Rachel Socha (C), 127.20; 3. Alaina Smith (C), 126.90.
100 freestyle: 1. Meadow Maturen (C), 1:04.52; 2. Grace Warmann (C), 1:06.23; 3. Lauren Phillips (C), 1:07.21.
100 butterfly: 1. Caitlin Jodway (F), 5:52.84; 2. Ellie Caruso (C), 6:25.70; 3. Lauren Forsy (C), 6:41.06.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Jessica Clark, Abigail Jansen, Christina Newton, Lauren Phillips), 1:58.26; 2. Canton (Isabel Ewers, Savina Osann, Ruthie Seltz, Katelyn Waligora), 1:59.00.
100 backstroke: 1. Sophia Balow (C), 1:10.12; 2. Madie Helms (C), 1:22.85; 3. Isabelle Stupar (F), 1:23.54.
100 breaststroke: 1. Caitlyn Marsac (C), 1:23.85; 2. Maura Shennan (C), 1:25.66; 3. Lauren Niemiec (F), 1:26.19.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Ellie Caruso, Grace Warmann, Meghan Mans, Ruthie Seltz), 4:08.61; 2. Canton (Kaylie Seibert, Isabel Ewers, Jessica Clark, Sophie Balow), 4:15.36.

FOOTBALL

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"While the kids our excited by our start, they're not shocked by it. We're at the point where we expect to win."

The Panthers roared out to a 14-0 halftime lead on a 7-yard TD run by Thorton Cain and a 2-yard scoring dash by Isaac Grant.

Evan Albright contributed both of the first-half extra points along with a field goal and two one-pointers in the final 24 minutes.

RU's Marquise Hathaway stretched his team's lead to 21-0 in the third quarter with a 9-yard TD scamper, before the Cougars clawed back with to within 21-14 on an 8-yard scoring run by Mason Jennings and a 58-yard TD pass from Emad Rehman.

Albright's 24-yard three-pointer proved to be a monumental answer for the Panthers, who sealed the deal with Thorton's 77-yard TD sprint.

Cain finished with 84 yards rushing, while Grant tacked on 83 and Hathaway finished with 66.

Rehman completed 6-of-12 passes for 152 yards. Jennings rushed 12 times for 104 yards.

Tractors roll over Eagles

Redford Thurston's football team played better than



Garden City quarterback Emad Rehman had a solid night in the Cougars' 31-14 setback.

TOM BEAUDOIN

the final score of its 45-6 loss to Dearborn Fordson may indicate.

"That's a very good football team over there," Thurston head coach Bob Snell said of the Tractors. "Their speed is much better than it's been and they have some very elusive kids."

"We were in positions to make plays, but we didn't make them. What hurt us the most is that we had three good scoring opportunities to score in the first half and we only scored on one."

The Eagles' lone TD was Eric Parker's 1-yard plunge that brought Thurston to within 21-6 with just over one min-

ute left in the first half.

However, Fordson tacked on a late first-half field goal to maintain its momentum heading into the half.

Thurston quarterback Zach Crofford completed 10-of-22 passes for 102 yards.

"We had a couple drops or his stats would have been a lot better," Snell said. "Zach threw the ball as well as he has all season."

"I thought we played well in the first half, but in the second half we kind of imploded a little."

Demetrius Dowd led the Eagles' ground game with 61 yards on 12 carries.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 30

- John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
- Garden City at Robichaud, 7 p.m.
- Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
- Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
- Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
- RU at Fordson, 7 p.m.
- Thurston at Belleville, 7 p.m.
- Liggett at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
- Crestwood at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Sept. 26

- HVL at Trillium, 6:30 p.m.
- Clarenceville at Fordson, 7 p.m.
- Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27
- Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
- Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
- Robichaud at RU, 7 p.m.
- Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
- Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
- Annapolis at Thurstoneville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

- Ladywood at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 29
- Garden City at Romulus, 7 p.m.
- South Lyon at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
- HVL at Franklin Rd., 6:30 p.m.
- Southfield Christ. at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
- Thurston at Robichaud, 7 p.m.
- Clarenceville at RU, 7 p.m.
- Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
- Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
- Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1

- Ladywood Invitational, 8 a.m.
- Chippewa Valley Invite, TBA
- Summit Academy Invite, 9 a.m.
- Inter-City Invite, 9 a.m.
- Michigan Elite Invite, TBA

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 26

- Thurston at Garden City, 7 p.m.
- Crestwood at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27
- John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
- HVL at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
- Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
- Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Garden City at RU, 6 p.m.

Clarenceville at Belleville, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29

John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.

Crestwood at Lamphere, 4:30 p.m.

Universal Academy at HVL, 5 p.m.

Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Southfield Christ. at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30

Taylor Prep at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1

RU at Airport, 10 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Ladywood at CHSL Meet 2, 4 p.m.

Novi at Stevenson, 4:25 p.m.

Churchill at Plymouth, 3:50 p.m.

Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

GC at Crestwood, 4 p.m.

Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30

Stevenson at Mont Classic, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Coaching Legends Classic, TBA

Marauder Invite, 9 a.m.

Saline Invitational, TBA

GIRLS GOLF

Monday, Sept. 26

Catholic League Tri-Meet, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29

Divine Child at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

KLAA Association Tourney at Fox Hills, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Catholic League Tri-Meet, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Wayne Co. Meet, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29

Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

RU at Thurston, 6 p.m.

Mercy at Ladywood, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Annapolis, 6 p.m.

John Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Wayne Memorial Invite, noon

BOYS SOCCER

Defense rules in Stevenson-Salem clash

Canton takes down Churchill, 4-0

Ed Wright
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The Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team's offensive drought resurfaced Thursday night at Salem, but the Spartans' defense was phenomenal as the two KLAA Central Division rivals battled to a 0-0 draw.

The Spartans appeared to be back on the scoreboard-lighting track after scoring three goals against South Lyon earlier in the week, but they couldn't solve Salem's air-tight defense.

"We were excellent defensively again," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "We just need to start putting our chances away on the offensive end."

The draw left Stevenson with a 4-3-3 overall mark and 2-2-2 record in the division. Salem is 5-4-3 and 3-1-2, respectively.

Senior goal-keeper Drew Padgen was outstanding for the Spartans as he helped his team pick up its fifth shutout of the season.

Stevenson out-shot Salem, 13-6.

Spartans blank Falcons

Stevenson broke out of a first-half scoring funk in a big way Friday night as it rolled to a 4-0 victory over Farmington in a non-conference encounter.

Ryan Cox put the scoreboard operator to work for the first time four minutes into the second half when he tapped in a rebound off a Lucas Rea shot.

Eleven minutes later, Noah Cook scored his first varsity goal when he finished a header from Joe Nicolas to make it 2-0.

Before the chalk had settled on the Farmington goal line, Brady Brown made it 3-0 with a net-finding rocket from 20 yards out. It was assisted by Rea.

Cook capped the scoring when he roofed home a Nicolas cross that was flicked to him by Christian Zapata.

Stevenson goal-keepers Drew Padgen and Dylan Jesmore combined for two saves to register Stevenson's sixth shutout (and third in a row) of the campaign.

"We finally started finishing in the second half," said Shingledecker. "We left four very good scoring chances on the

field in the first half.

"Our defense, led by Justin Schultz, Lukas Richters, Conrad Kean and Evan Campau, continues to be fantastic for us."

Canton blanks Chargers

The Canton varsity boys soccer juggernaut continues to roll over KLAA South Division opponents, blanking Livonia Churchill 4-0 on Thursday night.

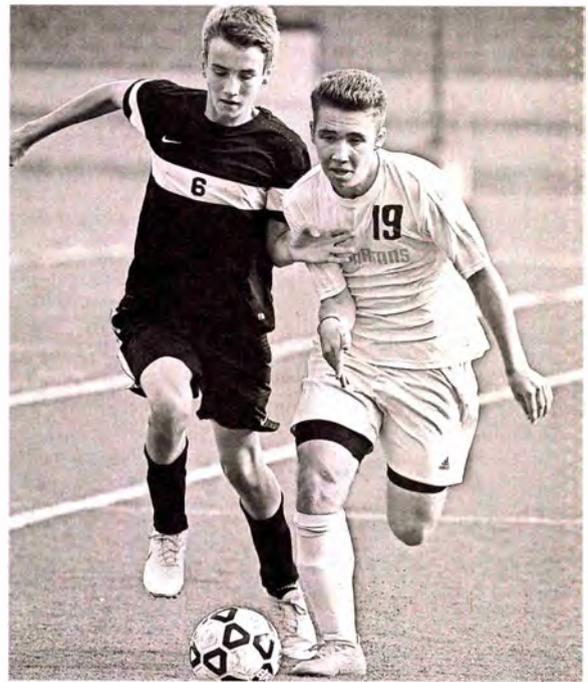
Scoring for the Chiefs (10-1-2 overall, 4-1-1 in the KLAA South) were Mo Miri, Brett McGue, Matt Eastman and Jordan Forney.

Helping set up those tallies were Joey Chung, Collin O'Keefe and Jake McGue while coach Mark Zemanski credited "stellar play" in the midfield by Alex Spratte, Ryan O'Meara and Avery Olson.

Collecting the shutout was goalkeeper Steven Page, who had defensive support from Matt Tengelin, Ethan Schiffour, Caleb Moraw and Ryan Page.

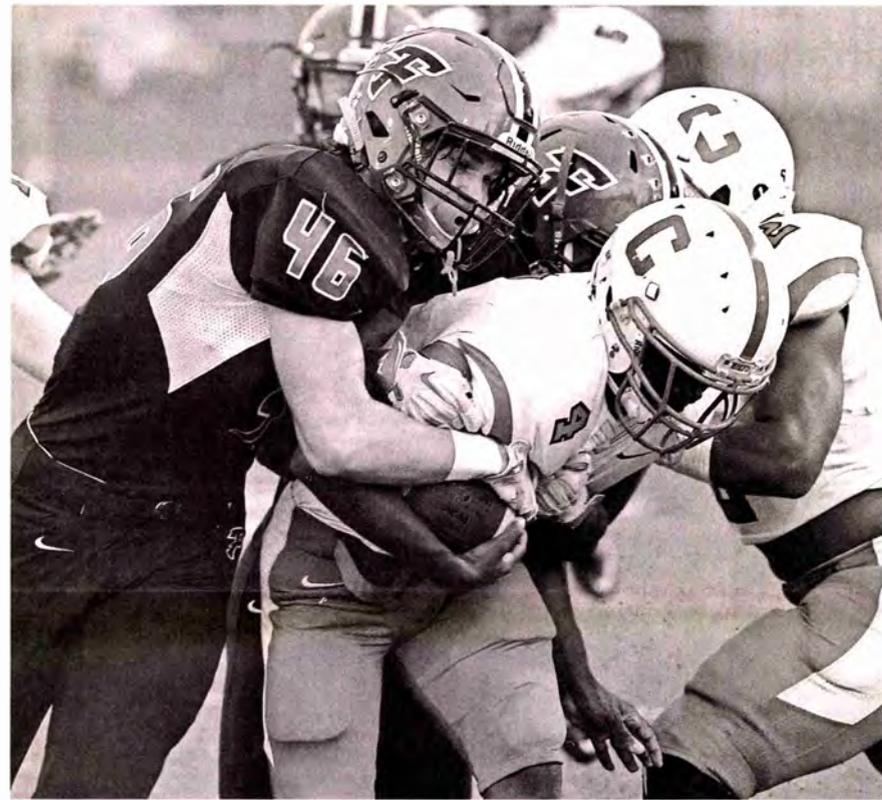
On Tuesday, a late goal by Forney (assisted by McGue) helped Canton earn a 1-1 tie with Livonia Franklin.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Stevenson's Ryan Cox (right) is pictured racing a South Lyon East player for the ball during a game earlier this month.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Franklin's Jacob Mass hauls down Canton's Stephen Walker during last week's game.

KLAA FOOTBALL REPORT

Franklin steamrolls past Wayne Memorial, 49-7

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Livonia Franklin's football team performed in high-efficiency mode during Friday night's KLAA South Division clash against Wayne Memorial.

The Patriots' offense piled up 272 yards rushing and the defense forced four Zebra turnovers during their 49-7 victory.

Franklin improved to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA South Division.

Wayne Memorial slipped to 1-4 and 0-2, respectively.

Nuke Crowell accounted for the Patriots' first two touchdowns on runs of 23 and 21 yards.

Jake Giacobbi split the uprights on all seven of his extra-point attempts.

Franklin ramped its lead up to 28-0 at the half thanks to a 4-yard TD run by quarterback Jacob Clark and a Clark-to-Kemaauri Heard aerial connection.

The Patriots led 42-0 midway through the third quarter courtesy of a 10-yard run to paydirt by Crowell and a 6-yard six-pointer by Isaac Moore.

Wayne's only touchdown came on an 81-yard run.

Franklin's final touchdown came on an 11-yard run by Stitt Murjonie.

Clark was ultra-efficient through the air as he completed four of five passes for 69 yards. The lone blemish on his stat line was an interception.

Crowell, who has emerged as the team's No. 1 running

threat, gained 136 yards and three TDs on 12 carries with a long run of 41 yards.

Murjonie galloped for 52 yards on three attempts while Clark chipped hain with 37 yards on six runs.

Heard led the winners' receiving corps with three catches for 52 yards.

Heard also made a lot of noise on the defensive side of the ball as he led the Patriots with four solo tackles (one for loss) and one assist.

Jacob Mass had one solo and four assists while Jax Gasaway had five assists and one solo.

Heard and Shawn Plocharczyk had interceptions while Johnny Diponio recovered two Zebra fumbles.

Churchill wins

Livonia Churchill improved to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA South Division Friday night with a 26-8 victory over Westland John Glenn.

Details of the victory were not available as of Friday night's deadline.

Canton edges Plymouth

It was Markus Sanders' birthday Friday and nothing could have made it a sweeter one than helping his Canton Chiefs defeat Plymouth in the teams' annual campus football rivalry game.

After Sanders keyed a dominant first half for the Chiefs — he gained 132 of his team's 185 yards before halftime as Canton built a 14-0 lead (he ended up with 189 yards in 27 carries)

— the Wildcats showed they weren't going to roll over and scored two times in the third to pull even at 14-14.

But when the Chiefs needed their 5-foot-7 senior running back the most, he came through, plowing through Plymouth defenders for a crucial 21-yard gain that set up a first-and-goal at the Wildcats' 5-yard line with just over six minutes left in the fourth.

On the next play, senior tailback Julian Thornton scored his second TD of the game and that turned out to be the difference in a 21-14 Canton win.

"I had a mindset that nobody was going to stop me," a jubilant Sanders said following the game. "I had to get back in the mojo because the last couple games didn't go the way I wanted them to."

Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose team improved to 3-2, credited Sanders for his determination.

"Markus, he was determined," Baechler said. "It's his birthday today; he was not going down for anybody."

Sanders didn't waste any time showing he meant business on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, on Canton's homecoming night.

On the first snap of the game, Sanders took the ball at the Canton 20 and zoomed through the left side of the line, breaking free and nearly going the distance.

— Tim Smith

BOYS SOCCER

Lutheran Westland soccer team on hot streak

Ed Wright
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The Lutheran Westland boys soccer team battled Canton Prep to a 1-1 draw Thursday afternoon.

The result left the Warriors with a sterling 8-1-1 overall record.

Lutheran Westland was in a position to grab an early lead when an intentional hand-ball call against Canton set the stage for a Warrior penalty kick. However, the PK was stopped, leaving the game scoreless.

Canton seized a short-

lived 1-0 lead before the Warriors registered the equalizer with 12 minutes to goal on a goal by Kyle Downey.

Rivalry showdown

On Tuesday, the Warriors upended Michigan Independent Athletic Conference neighbor Huron Valley Lutheran, 5-2. Drake Snyder scored twice while Downey, Nate Schaefer and Luke Konkel netted one goal each.

The Warriors improved to 5-0 in the MIAC.

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ROBIN MCLAUGHLIN

Lutheran Westland's Devon Nimer wins a 50/50 ball during a match earlier this week.

BOYS TENNIS

Stevenson netters conquered by Vikings

Spartans win just one of four singles matches

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Host Walled Lake Central had just enough in the gas tank to outlast Livonia Stevenson in a KLAA crossover boys tennis match on Tuesday.

The Vikings prevailed, 5-4, in a showdown that featured just one three-set match.

Stevenson's lone winner in the four singles matches was senior Scott Findlay, who out-stroked Vib Das, 6-1, 6-4, at No. 3 singles.

Central's No. 1 singles player Andrei Panduraru defeated Spartan counterpart Cade Buntun, 6-0, 6-0, while the hosts No. 2 player Vivek Hanasoge ousted Jeff Della Mora, 7-5, 6-3.

Central's No. 4 swinger Harrison Boudouris had his hands full with Stevenson's Jacob Redd before winning 6-4, 7-6.

The Spartans fared better in doubles play, winning three of five contests.

Stevenson's No. 1 team of Josh Maj and Alec Said swept Sam Penrod and Scott McMillan, 6-2, 6-1. The Spartans' No. 4 tandem of Kevin Dunne and Caleb Williamson



TOM BEAUDOIN

Stevenson doubles player Tom Dunne locks in on a shot during a match earlier this season.

earned a thrill-a-minute 7-6, 0-6, 10-4 triumph over Ethan Tobin and Eric Chesney, while Stevenson's No. 5 duo of Peter Akel and Brian Stemen cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 win over Alex Decker and Josh Kaplansky.

Central's doubles winners were the No. 2 team of Ethan Reider and Vik Peddetti, who upended Steve and Tom Dunne, 6-3, 6-1; and the No. 3 pairing of Austin Kramer and Zach Norgrove, who toppled Abe Alraby and Tom Andrews, 6-2, 6-2.

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BOYS TENNIS

Redford Union tennis team 'loves' renovated courts

Panthers struggling with small roster this season

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Playing on refurbished Claude Allison Park courts that were as blue as the sky, Redford Union's boys tennis team dropped an 8-0 decision to Dearborn Heights Crestwood on Wednesday.

The loss couldn't diminish the excitement created by the grand opening of the new playing surfaces.

"It's been a great encouragement for our team to practice

and play matches on the updated home courts," RU head coach Eric Geiger said. "We have a core of returning players dedicated to improving their skills and working hard to implement those in match play. Final scores don't always reflect the battle of long points and the dramatic progress we're seeing in players trying new strategies."

"I'm very pleased with the team's progress this season."

RU's No. 1 singles player and captain Cullen Walters unleashed a 6-0, 6-2 decision to Crestwood senior JoJo Wagner-Payne.

The Panthers' No. 2 singles player, Tyler Collard went deep

into points against Jaron Hsu before falling, 6-0, 6-0. Sophomore Xavier Walters was upended by Charger Alex Nastej, 6-3, 6-1, at No. 3 singles, while junior Sean Bork was outstroked by Yousef Mardini, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 4.

RU's No. 1 doubles team of Mac Keyandwy (a team captain) and Thane Cavendish dropped a hard-fought 6-1, 6-3 match to Robert Stingu and Jamal Jaafar.

The Panthers were forced to default the final three doubles matches due to the small size of this year's squad.

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Redford Union's No. 1 singles player Cullen Walters unleashes a serve on the Panthers' recently refurbished courts at Claude Allison Park.

ALICE WALTERS

SWEEP

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Stevenson loses thriller

Livonia Stevenson's volleyball team came oh-so-close to registering its first KLAAC Central Division victory of the season Thursday night, but the Spartans dropped a dramatic five-set decision to visiting Salem, 16-25, 25-18, 22-25, 25-22, 15-12.

The Spartans' offense was powered by Ari Cinque, who knocked down seven kills.

Junior Claire Beaudoin also sparked for the Spartans, collecting two solo blocks and four block assists.

Junior Audrey Lackey was an ace machine at the service line, delivering seven unreturnables at the Rocks.

Defensively, Abby Cormier piled up 20 digs.

Stevenson closed out the first half of its Central Division schedule with an 0-5 mark. The Spartans are 1-13 overall.

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A Franklin player goes all out to keep a point alive during Thursday's match.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Eagles sail past Trojans in four sets

Redford Thurston defeated Livonia Clarenceville in four sets Thursday in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference volleyball match, 25-18, 25-18, 27-29, 25-14.

"Two many service and hitting errors were the difference," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "We gave them a whole game in just hitting errors. That's huge."

"(The Eagles) were scrap-

py and played hard for every point. Their setter did an excellent job. She worked really hard."

Leading the Trojans was Linda Hodzic with 10 kills. Michelle Marzolo and Josie Van Dyke followed with six kills each. Erica Bertera had 16 set assists, and Alyssa Craigie was the defensive leader.

Clarenceville is 1-2 in conference matches.



Thurston's Cutrell Booker passes the ball during a match earlier this season.

TOM BEAUDOIN

GOLF

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were Brenna Campau (47), Sofia Cueva (49) and Summer Horen (50). Katie Evans (54) and Stephanie Cueva rounded out the Patriots' varsity lineup.

Stevenson triumphs

On Thursday afternoon,

the Livonia Stevenson girls golf team chipped away at a season-ending run-away dual-meet victory at the Strategic Fox Par 3 Course in Plymouth Township.

Led by freshman sensation Allison Gronau's medalist-earning round of 30, the Spartans carded a four-player score of 133 to out-distance host Salem (164), Wayne Memorial (180) and Westland John Glenn, which didn't

register a score due to not having four players.

In addition to Gronau, Jackie Green (32), Emily Walters (35) and Reese Sutton (36) excelled for Stevenson. Sydney Maurier (38) and Haley Maltby (39) played well but did not figure in the scoring.

Claire led the Zebras with a 43 while Makaya shot a team-low 52 for the Rockets.

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AGENDA
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33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-06-45 (Rescheduled from September 13, 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. 2016-07-55 (Tabled on September 13, 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 (Rescheduled from September 13, 2016): 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 (Rescheduled from September 13, 2016): Ben Couch, east side of Lathers (18316) between Pickford and Curtis, seeking to construct a single family dwelling on a lot created by a property division, resulting in deficient lot area, deficient north side yard setback of the parent parcel and deficient rear yard setback.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-10-73: Robert and Kathern Schlieve, north side of Schoolcraft (33130) between Farmington and Brookfield, seeking to maintain a detached garage and attached garage including two (2) accessory buildings, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area. Two (2) permits were issued previously to construct the detached garage, and convert the attached garage to living area and remove the existing accessory buildings.

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.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016

FOR VOTING IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION FOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN

ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that an Election will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Notice is hereby given that electors who wish to vote in the Election must be registered no later than Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address, you may register to vote:

IN PERSON:

- At the Redford Township Clerk's office at Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI, Monday thru Friday 8:30p.m. - 4:30 p.m., phone 313-387-2751
- At any Secretary of State branch office in the State of Michigan during their normal business hours
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces

BY MAIL:

- Obtain & complete a Mail Voter Registration Application available at www.michigan.gov/sos and forward it to the election official as directed on the Application by the close of registration deadline.

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person or at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Qualifications for Registration: (1) applicant is at least 18 years of age, (2) a resident of Redford Township for at least 30 days and (3) a citizen of the United States.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 8, 2016, Election is Saturday, November 5, 2016, until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

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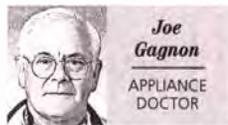
Vintage dryer is going strong after nearly 60 years

A few days ago, I had the privilege of speaking to a group of home improvement experts, the Michigan Association of Home Remodelers, who get together annually for a conference. I want to thank Cheryl Anne Farmer for my second appearance.

During lunch, several women expressed their displeasure with the washer they have at home. I heard the comment from many that they don't make them like they used to. An older gentleman told me that his wife still uses the Hamilton clothes dryer that they purchased in 1958 and, remarkably, has never needed a service call.

Consumers Energy, along with other retailers, used to sell this dryer and the amazing thing about this product is that it could dry a load of diapers in a flat 20 minutes. That high heat factor is not recommended today, because clothes are not made as strong as they were and the high heat would cause harm where it shouldn't. Maybe they don't make clothes like they used to, either.

The Hamilton clothes dryer was made in North Dakota and production began in 1938. Every once in a while, someone will attest to its longevity. I am a guy who installed a used one in my home, just to dry the diapers. The cost to purchase one in those early years was equivalent to spending \$1,600 today. I would spend that much today if I was assured my dryer would last 58 years.



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

The cost to purchase one in those early years was equivalent to ... \$1,600 today. I would spend that much today if I was assured my dryer would last 58 years.

Let me take you back some time ago, when I had a Maytag garbage disposal installed in our kitchen. In those days, Maytag made top-quality products, the finest washers and dryers money could buy. I had a Maytag garbage disposal mounted on a display rack in my store, plugged in and ready to operate. I had a clear plastic bottle hooked up to the discharge side and no running water flowing into it. Beside the display rack was a large coffee can filled with three-inch nails. I used to get a crowd in front of me and turn it on and grab a handful of nails and deposit them right into the disposal. You would hear all the grinding noise and see nothing but steel dust go into the plastic bottle.

I used to sell a ton of disposals and homeowners used to show off in front their guests by grinding everything but the kitchen sink. I re-

member the time Hollie came home from college and I barbecued spare ribs. After cleaning the dinner plates, I filled the disposal with ribs and maybe had too many in there, because when I turned it on, there were ribs flying all over the kitchen — some even hitting the ceiling. Mother and daughter laughed their heads off as I stood there with a look of embarrassment.

During those years, I had a vice president of Maytag visit my store and I asked him about my testing its disposal in such a fashion. How much harm was this product suffering with such handling? He said, "Let's take it back into your workshop, take it apart and if there are any nicks or marks on the gutter blade, I will have a new one shipped to you tomorrow."

Needless to say, I didn't get a new one. He also told me that of all the great products the company produced, the disposal was its best product. In 1994, before my first book hit the stores, I had to have the editor remove any writing about the Maytag disposal. After years of production, Maytag quit making them. If I could find one in a box today I would most certainly purchase it because, like the old guy with the Hamilton clothes dryer, I do appreciate many of the appliances made in yesteryear.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on Cumulus Radio. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to apldoct@hotmail.com.

Bullies hide their fear with anger and aggression

September is back to school month for students of all ages. For some this is an anxiety-ridden time because of previous victimization by bullies. Memories of getting picked on and made fun of, or worse, can be a heavy load to carry back to school.

Often, students with special needs are targeted. Kids with learning disorders, physical disabilities, or speech impairments, often require special education programming. They may fear the new school year will be a repeat of the previous year, with its ridicule, jokes and threats.

The causes of bullying are several and complex. Often, not recognized, is that many kids who are mean to others are using anger as a defense against their own fear. The tough guy image often overrides a low self-esteem and need to see "others" as inferior. Bullies are not happy people. They often come from a home life of instability and modeled aggression. They may have an impaired sense of themselves and an increased sense, without knowing it, of vulnerability to meanness or harm. Sometimes students can only deal with their underlying fearfulness and poor self-esteem by turning their anxieties into an attitude of anger and meanness towards others.

Understanding that bullies can be scaredy-cats can help both the victim of bullying and the aggressor. Knowing



Len J. McCulloch
OUR MENTAL HEALTH

The causes of bullying are several and complex. Often ... many kids who are mean to others are using anger as a defense against their own fear.

that meanness is often disguised fearfulness can be an important beginning towards modification of behavior.

Billy the Bully
Some years ago I was asked to evaluate and treat a 4-year-old with the reputation of being a bully. His name was Billy. His parents reported that Billy was a bully and would randomly run into other preschoolers aggressively. He randomly charged at other children and his stocky build would knock them over. Nine months of meaningful psychotherapy with Billy and work with his parents was helpful. His parents tended to not allow Billy to have toys with an anger theme such as army men or toy guns or the like. During play therapy, Billy was allowed to pick from the available toys representing different levels of development. Billy

chose the blocks and army men and the cars and trucks.

Billy proceeded to spread these out over the floor of the consulting room, backing himself into a corner. He repeatedly did this and would become distinctively fearful and would make statements like, "Some boys could get hurt if they walked on these and they might get tripped or fall down." With further therapeutic work Billy was able to display more of his fearful anxiety about harm coming to him and this simultaneously occurred with reports from parents and teachers that Billy was much less of an aggressor in his preschool interactions with others his age. Through play therapy and direct verbalization, Billy became more able to admit to and share his feelings of being vulnerable to harm. Parents and teachers reported a notable decline in Billy's aggression toward others and improvement in his self-esteem and socialization.

For more information about bullying, go to www.operationrespect.com

L.J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association and holds credentials in mental health, addictions, trauma, social work, and brain injuries. His monthly column, "Our Mental Health" is archived at the Farmington Library, <http://www.farmilib.org>. McCulloch is available for a courtesy consultation and can be reached at 248-474-2763, ext. 222.

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SAUNDRA LYNN (HOOD) passed into our Lord's gracious and loving hands Wednesday, September 21, 2016 after a brief illness. Saundra (Sam) graduated from North Farmington High School in 1988. She was active in the North Oakland and Pontiac auto restoration showing antique cars. She modeled at Jacobson's as well as other local stores. Saundra also graduated from Irene's Myomassology Institute in 2004. She was especially proud of her massage therapy licensure in 2014. Beloved daughter of Patricia J. and Robert C. Hood; sister to Jeanette (Jerry) Roach, Bob (Carol) Hood, and Dr. Brian Hood; and aunt to Robert, Michael, Jennifer, Alexandra, Kayleigh, and Nicholas. Memorial Visitation Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 10 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass 11 a.m. at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to the MHS Detroit Animal Care in her name.
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NOWAK



NORMA JEAN Age 90, of Lewisberry, PA passed away at 6:45 PM (EST) on September 19, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family and friends. She was born on July 3, 1926 in White Plains, KY to the late John William and Mary Louella (DeVore) Basham. In January 1943, she was united in marriage to Louis F. Nowak who preceded her in death in October 1989. Mrs. Nowak is survived by two daughters, Pamela (Franklin) Baxter of Lewisberry, PA and Sally (William) Williams of Sarasota, FL; three sons, Robert (Maureen) Nowak of Fenton, MI; Charles "Chuck" (Patricia) Nowak of Westland, MI; and Russell (Anmarie) Nowak of Gregory, MI; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; and her sister Ruth Frick of Mishawaka, IN. She was preceded by eight siblings. Norma enjoyed golf, traveling, reading, spending time with her sisters, and being surrounded with her family. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend, IN. Graveside services and burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, South Bend, IN. Friends may visit with the family from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Contributions in memory of Norma Jean Nowak may be offered to Alzheimer's Services, 922 E. Colfax Avenue, South Bend, IN 46617. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

PERRIN



GLADYS EDNA (HOLTAWAY) Age 95 of Howell, passed away Tuesday morning September 20, 2016. Born May 14, 1921 in Norwich, England. She served in the British Army as a Lance Corporal with the Bulldogs of Bracondale during WWII when she met her future husband Justin (Jerry) Perrin who was with the US Air Force stationed in England. They married in 1947, lived and raised their daughters in Garden City, MI. Gladys was a friend to everyone and loved by all, especially her longtime dear friends at Greenwich Village in Howell. She is survived by her daughters Sharon (Daniel) Steiger of Cross Village, Michelle Walsh of Livonia, niece Janet Holtaway and her daughter Michelle in the U.K., sister and brother in laws, as well as many nieces and nephews in MI, MN and the U.K. Mass of the Resurrection, Friday, September 23, 2016 at 11 a.m. (Visitation 10 a.m.) at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 E. Washington St. (at Fowler St.), Howell. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517 546-2800). Please sign the family's online guestbook at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

HOFFMAN



JUNE L. 91, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2016 in Williamston, Michigan. June was born in Detroit, MI on February 20, 1925 to Reinhold and Florine (Daly) Schumde. She graduated from Northwestern High School, Detroit in 1943. On March 22, 1947 she married the love of her life, Arden O. Hoffman. Together they lived in Redford Twp., MI, and raised two daughters. She is survived by two daughters: Karen (James) Haefner, Susan (Mark) Adams; four granddaughters: Sara Haefner, Abby (Justin) Huggill, Hannah and Sarah Adams; and two great grandsons: Quinn and Wyatt Huggill. A memorial service will be held at Rosedale Gardens United Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., the Rev. Kellie Whitlock officiating, with visitation one hour prior at the church. Interment of her ashes will be later that afternoon next to Arden and her parents, at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.



CAROL A. Age 75, passed away September 22, 2016 at home, after a lengthy illness. She was born May 22, 1941, daughter of the late Patrick and Ann Cullen. Carol is survived by her beloved husband, James; her loving daughters, Jaclyn (Jeff) Anderson, Sandra Sundberg, and Jill Sundberg; and her grandchildren, Carly and Brady Anderson. She is also survived by her sister, Marge (Bob) Monroe. Carol was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Patrick Cullen and Mary Podina. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 29 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m., in state 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Humane Society of Huron Valley or Michigan War Dog Memorial, Inc.
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Kroger cake-kicking customer gets probation

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

Tricia Ann Kortes, the angry Kroger customer who drop-kicked a birthday cake in the middle of the bakery department, admits she needs to do a better job of controlling her temper.

"I apologize for my actions at Kroger," Kortes said Thursday in 48th District Court, where she was sentenced for disorderly conduct. "I'm truly embarrassed by my conduct. I've been seeing my therapist and I plan to continue."

Judge Kimberly Small sentenced Kortes to 300 hours of community service, 12 months of probation and a \$500 fine. The judge also ordered Kortes to continue counseling — and to stay away from Kroger supermarkets.

"What concerns me is that something as trivial as a design on a cake literally threw you into a tizzy," Small said to Kortes. "Here you are, in the middle of a public place, drop-kick-

ing a cake and dropping the f-bomb. If I was shopping with a child, I'd be horrified. And, quite frankly, I think the child would be horrified, too."

Kortes moved gingerly around the courtroom, having undergone emergency surgery a week ago for a bleeding ulcer. The 46-year-old Bloomfield Township woman pleaded no contest to the disorderly charge in August.

The case unfolded June 11, when Kortes came into the Kroger store on Telegraph Road to pick up a "Batman v Superman" custom-decorated birthday cake for her 7-year-old son. Unhappy with the decorating job, she decided to go behind the bakery department to fix the cake.

After employees told her she wasn't allowed behind the counter, Kortes drop-kicked the cake and then stomped on it, yelling "They ruined my 7-year-old son's birthday cake!" She then stormed out the store, kicking over a wet floor sign and not

bothering to pay for the cake. Police tracked her down at her home, where she claimed the cake had slipped out of her hands.

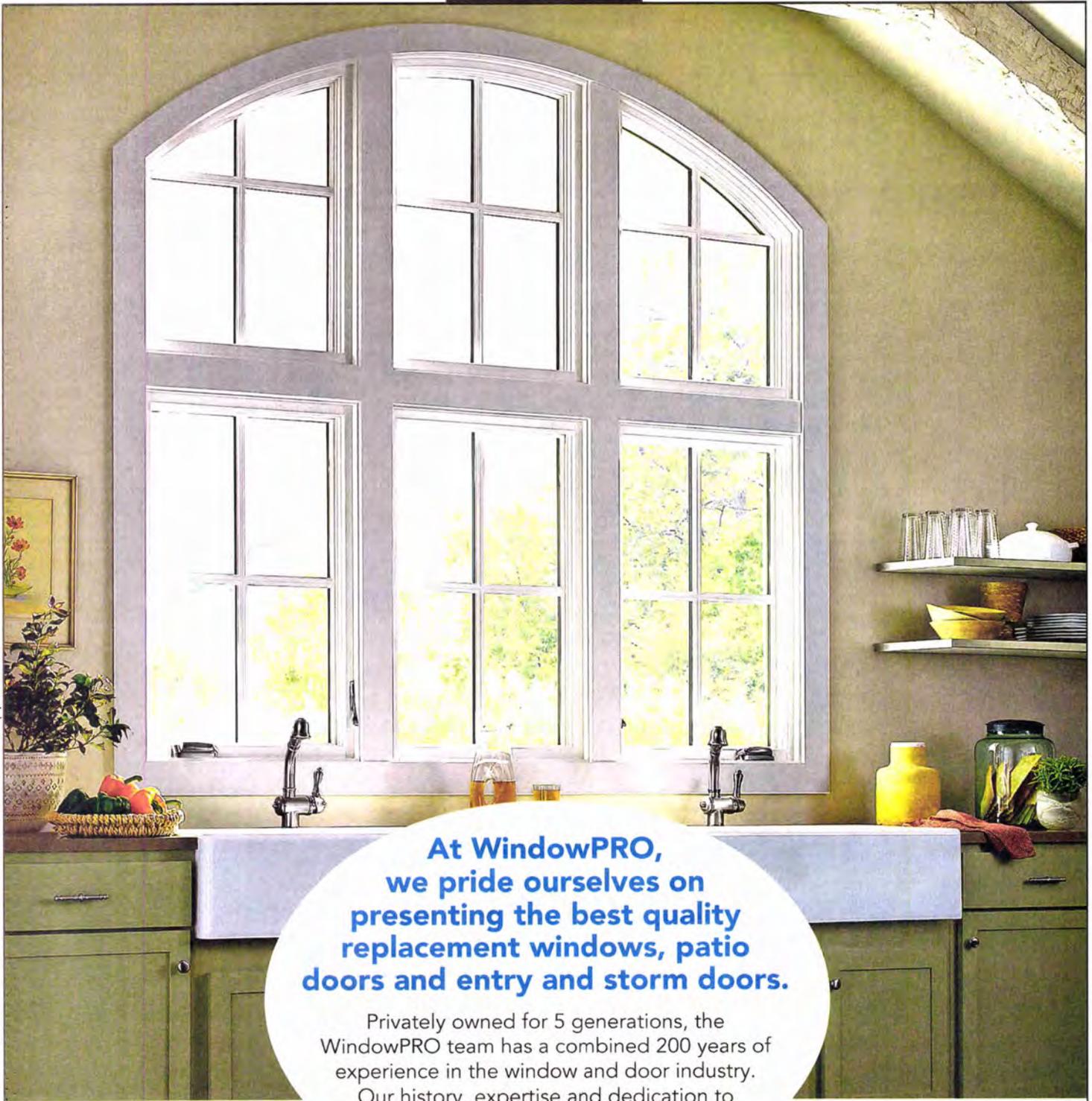
On Thursday, defense attorney Gerald Gleeson said his client is ready to pay \$25 to Kroger for the cake.

"I think the real Tricia Kortes has gotten lost in the media's fascination over this case," he told the judge. "Underneath, she's a good person who truly cares about other people."

She's also a person with a history of confrontations. Along with the cake-kicking incident, Kortes has a case pending in Royal Oak's 44th District Court for slapping a worker at Ray's Ice Cream in July 2015 because the store ran out of her favorite flavor, Mackinac Island Fudge. That case is set for a pretrial hearing in October.

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Underqualified? Make a case to get hired anyway

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
 CAREERBUILDER

The job-search process can be intimidating. Even for veteran job seekers, one of the more challenging decisions is determining whether to apply for a position when you aren't qualified to perform all the responsibilities listed in the description. Here's some advice from the pros on what to do if you decide to throw your hat in the ring.

Show that you're a fast learner. Danby Appliances CEO Jim Estill, who has hired more than 1,000 people throughout his career, recommends highlighting the fact that you have a can-do attitude and would be interested and invested in learning opportunities. "Employers are more interested in attitude than skills for most jobs," he says. "Skills can be taught — attitude, not (really)."

Displaying the right attitude is key, says Neely Raffellini, founder of 9 to 5 Project, an organization that helps give women the tools they need to land jobs.

"Job hunters should respond to a posting they are interested in if they meet 70 to 80 percent of the posted qualifications," she says. "Personality, confidence and a positive



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attitude go a long way toward making up the difference. I would recommend addressing these issues by citing very specific examples of your accomplishments."

List and describe transferable skills. If you don't have all the skills listed in the job description, it doesn't automatically disqualify you. Show how your skills can meet or exceed what the employer is seeking.

For example, "if the position has a requirement of a specific type of software knowledge, but the candidate has another type of software experience, the candidate should research the software they are not

familiar with and, in their cover letter or résumé, indicate the similarities with what they know and how the skills can be transferred to the organization," says Mireille Wozniak-Michalak, president of Petiole HR, a human resources and workforce development consultancy.

Take advantage of your connections. Try to get your foot in the door to argue your case in person.

"Leverage your network to see if you know anyone who knows (someone in) the organization (or the) hiring manager (or) HR to get your résumé pulled from the stack for a second look," says Denise

Riebman, a career development specialist with Career Happiness Coach. "This is one of the most effective ways to land an interview if you're underqualified."

Once you do, she says, you will have a chance to meet in person and make a convincing case that you should be hired.

Be transparent and avoid lying. It's never a good idea to lie about or even embellish your work experience to a recruiter or potential employer.

"It leaves a negative (feeling) with the recruiter because you may have made them look bad, since some recruiters perform a basic interview and

the company performs a more detailed technical interview," Wozniak-Michalak says.

Also, by wasting the organization's time, you may have blown your chances for any other openings at that company, she adds.

Put yourself out there, even if it doesn't work out the first time. It's important to put your best foot forward, regardless of whether you meet all the requirements, says Alina Tubman, a consultant for campus recruiting programs and a career coach with more than 10 years of experience.

"Hiring managers oftentimes re-evaluate their positions after seeing candidates, and sometimes, they realize that they are looking for someone too senior when the role requires someone more junior," Tubman says. "If you applied and at first thought you were underqualified, a good recruiter would go back in to the applications and see yours. It's good to have your application in the system for searches in the future."

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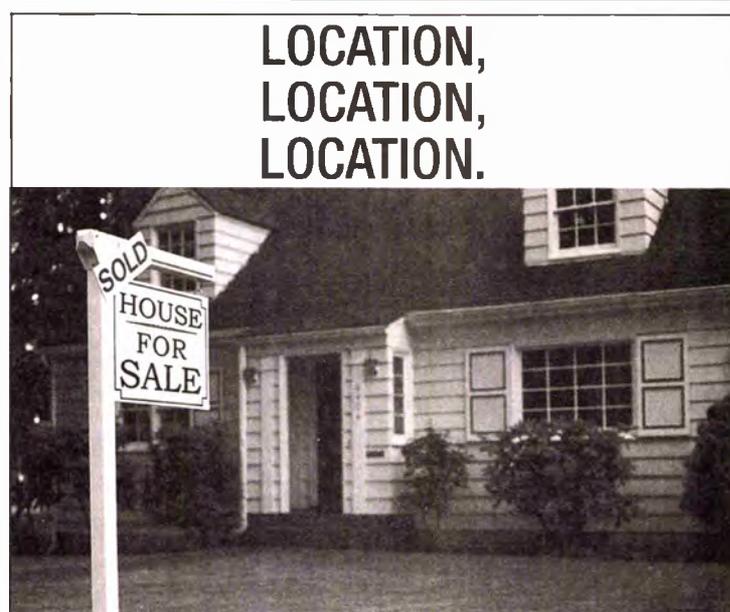
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