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Man not guilty by reason of insanity

Ax killing defendant was 'mentally ill'

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A man charged with murdering a Wayne man, his step-grandfather, with an ax has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity and ordered committed to a mental institution.

Jesse Wayne Gunderson, 27, had been charged with first-degree murder in the Sept. 26 death of Danny Dart, 58, who was attacked with an ax outside his home on Chamberlain.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office stipulated to a defense motion that Gunderson was not criminally responsible for the crime due to mental illness based on a report from the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry.

"Experts agreed that Mr. Gunderson was mentally ill at the time of the alleged offense. This was supported by the opinions of several experts," prosecutor's office spokeswoman Maria Miller said. "Their opinion was that he lacked the substantial capacity to conform his conduct to the requirements of the law and under the law this supports a

claim of legal insanity."

Testimony at the preliminary examination was that Gunderson had arrived at the Wayne home unannounced about three weeks before the murder and had been staying with Dart and his wife Mary, Gunderson's grandmother. The couple had been married 25 years.

Gunderson was described as agitated and looking for kitchen knives shortly before he went outside and attacked Dart, in earlier testimony. An



Gunderson



Dart

autopsy found Dart had been struck five times with an ax suffering three wounds to the head, one to the neck and one to the shoulder along with several abrasions. After the killing, Gunderson was quoted as saying that he had snapped.

"It was a very difficult dynamic. The decedent was the step-grandfather. It's a really sad situation. There had been a close blended family relationship for years," defense attorney Alexandria Taylor said.

"There is hurt on both sides and relationships have been changed, probably forever."

In the days before her husband was killed, Mary Dart had testified that her grandson became difficult to talk with, mumbling responses and walking for hours. She testified that her husband, a Ford Motor Co. retiree, had spent a lot of time with Gunderson, who had undergone a personality change.

With the not guilty by reason of insanity plea accepted, Gunderson was ordered committed to the Michigan Department of Mental Health and

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RIVETING



Rosie the Riveters pose during a recent rehearsal for the annual Thanksgiving parade in Detroit.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Laura Eglinsdoerfer and Iva Davie, two of the original Rosie the Riveters, watch as 16 women practice as a drill team to participate in the 90th annual America's Thanksgiving Parade.

'Riveter' shot with Cupid's arrow

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While Iva Davie, 94, worked at the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant she saved enough money to buy a home on the same street she grew up in Ypsilanti.

When her husband returned from Normandy at the end of World War II she surprised him with the house. Iva worked on the center wing section of the planes and started the job when she was 19 — working nine hour days, six days a week for two and a half years.

Eight decades later she is the mother of five and will always hold the distinction of being an original Rosie the Riveter.

"You met a lot of different people from different places at the plant," Davie said.

Her daughter Susan Sweeney and granddaughter Barb Matthews are on a Rosie the Riveter drill team at Willow Run Airport. Davie sat next to Laura Eglinsdoerfer, another Rosie original, as 17 women practiced their routine recently.

Cupid's arrow

Eglinsdoerfer, 93, met her husband Edward when he came to the plant two weeks after she started. He died a

both in their 90s, were on the sidelines watching — she can't get any closer to a fountain of history than that.

Haley Sellers was a perfect candidate for the drill team. The 28-year-old Westland resident was in ROTC in high school and college. She "loves anything aviation and being part of something that makes people happy. It gives people a little snippet of history." Sellers is also a docent at the Yankee Air Museum.

War effort symbol

Rosie the Riveter is a cultural icon representing the American women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies. Some women took entirely new jobs replacing the male workers who were in the military.

A local group broke a record for the Guinness Book of World Records of most Rosies gathered together and

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Rosies preparing for Detroit Thanksgiving Parade march

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Danielle Helms, 16, is the youngest of 17 women on a Rosie the Riveter drill team that will for the first time participate in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade this year.

The 11th-grade student at Canton High School loves history and she likes bringing to life a part of local history.

She practiced the drills with the Yankee Air Museum Rosie the Riveter Tribute Corps at Willow Run Airport on a recent Sunday afternoon. Helms was dressed in her red-and-white polka dot scarf, blue work jumpsuit and metal lunch can. As they went through their drills, two original Rosie the Riveters,



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Canton resident Danielle Helms salutes as she and 15 other Rosie the Riveters practice for the annual Thanksgiving Parade.



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returned to the forensic center.

"He is to be committed indefinitely. Then the case is under the control of the Wayne County Probate Court. There will be periodic reviews about if and/or when he could be released," Taylor said. "There is no guarantee or time frame for him to be released. It would be based on reports from doctors and social workers. It's a very involved process."

Gunderson, who had already been housed at the forensic center, was returned there after his plea was accepted but could be transferred to another facility in the future.

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Prevention: Library takes action on bed bugs

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Bed bugs. Just mentioning the little critters can make most people's skin crawl.

"I get calls every day on bed bugs — it's very common. They are like hitchhikers. You have them or someone who comes over brings them," said Jeff Granger, owner of the Pest Doctor in Westland. "If they aren't treated, they climb and wait for the next person."

Unlike those other creepy crawlies — head lice — bed bugs don't generally set up house on people.

"They are mostly on your clothing — they feed and get off. They could be under a collar. Mostly you get them in bed — that's where you get the name," Granger said. "They detect your breathing and body temperature. They



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Two PackTite heaters at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Each machine can treat up to 70 books at one time.

feed at night."

When the infestation gets worse, Granger said bed bugs will transfer to furniture like a couch or chair, then wait for an unsuspecting victim. While bed bug bites can cause itchy or painful reactions, bed bugs aren't known to transmit any human diseases, according to the Michigan Department of Community

Health. Most commonly, bed bugs infest hotels, apartment complexes and homes.

The bed bugs can also hitch a ride on books. When Westland's Faust Library discovered a bed bug infestation back in 2013, proactive measures were implemented to stop any repeat of the problem after the bugs were eliminated.

"When books are returned by patrons or library loan books come in, we check them over. We don't take chances. Then they are all heated (to kill the bugs and eggs)," Faust Library Director Sheila Collins said. "We have seven special heaters."

Additionally, the library has a pest control contract that includes monthly visits by a dog trained to find bed bugs, which can take four weeks to several months

to develop from an egg to an adult, depending on temperature and the availability of food.

"The dog alerts if there are any bed bugs. We take those books off the shelves and the neighboring books and heat them (if the dog alerts)," Collins said.

In dealing with the 2013 issue, the library also got rid of furniture that may have been home to bed bugs or had become stained.

"Someone put a notice on social media that the library has bed bugs. There are no bed bugs at the library," Westland Library Board President Mark Neal said. "When we discovered bed bugs three and a half years ago, we were horrified as anyone would be. We closed the library, heated the materials, cleaned and had pest control. We got rid of the furniture

that could have held them."

Back in August, Neal said the staff members checking returned materials before they were heated found signs of bed bugs on some material. "They identified other materials returned by the same family," Neal said.

Westland is one of the few libraries that heats materials to address bed bugs. Other libraries have visited the Faust Library, Neal said, to see how the pest control is handled.

"We haven't had an issue with bed bugs. Hopefully, it isn't a problem," Livonia Library Director Toni LaPorte said. "I never heard of libraries doing this (heating materials) locally. I saw something in a magazine about it."

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Peggy Schneider leads the drill team that will march for the very first time in Detroit.



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Westland resident Haley Sellers practices her marching technique.

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DRILL TEAM

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some of those same women joined the drill team. Their focus has always been to raise awareness of the Yankee Air Museum restoration project, said Alison Beatty, an Ann Arbor resident.

"It's a cool piece of history," she added.

The story of the Yankee Air Museum began in 1941 when Willow Run Airport was built by the Ford Motor Co. to serve as an airfield for their B-24 Bomber Plant, which was the first aircraft manufacturing complex to use Ford's automotive mass production technique, a leading technological innovation. Today, it provides educational experiences through aviation, mil-

itary, and home-front history, such as the local history focused on the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant.

The plant has a personal meaning for Beatty.

"I started because my dad worked at Willow Run when General Motors owned it and my grandfather flew a B-24 bomber in World War II," Beatty said. "I do whatever I can do to help. We want to let people know it was a real place. Our purpose is to honor the original Rosies who worked for the war effort and to raise awareness of the ongoing efforts to fill the original bomber plant with history by refurbishing it and making it the new museum."

Ten-hut

Peggy Schneider, the team drill sergeant, yells out commands. She's perfecting the routine with Fred Hill of the famed Fred Hill Brief Case Drill Team, which started out as a lark 32 years ago. It was a human billboard in local parades to parody those who wear business suits. Hill, a Plymouth Realtor, made it to the big time when he took the team to the 82nd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

The Rosie team called in Hill for his drill team expertise. "We were inspired by Fred," Schneid-

er said.

The Rosie drill team has been in lots of other parades, but the goal was to get into the local Thanksgiving Day parade, especially since they were rejected last year.

"Then we went to work," Hill said before giving the team a command. "I'm really pleased with how they're progressing."

The women range in age from 16-70 and come from all over the Detroit metropolitan area. Helms, the youngest in the group, is living out part of her dream. She builds model airplanes and wants to be a pilot for the Blue Angels or Thunderbirds some day. "That would be awesome," she added.

Beatty asks people to go to savethebomberplant.org for more information about the Yankee Air Museum restoration project. A \$50 donation will save one-square-foot of the plant. The donor will receive a certificate that she said would make a great gift for a history buff or someone who had a family member who worked at the plant.

Donations helped preserve 144,000 square feet of the bomber plant from being demolished.

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couple of weeks ago, but he had a chance, shortly before his death, to see the team.

"This was the last place I took him before he died," said his daughter Tina McKercher, who is also on the Rosie the Riveter team.

The Eglsdoerfers had nine children and were married 71 years — and you could say Laura was touched by Cupid's arrow, but it was more

like Edward shooting rivets at her that ignited a lifetime together.

She started at the plant on her 18th birthday while she was a senior in high school.

"I had never seen him before and he was shooting rivets at people," she said. They started eating lunch together, usually alfresco outside the plant, shortly after they met. "Then we got acquainted and we got married."

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Motor City Ghost Hunters seek spirits

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The buildings collected at the Westland Historic Village Park provide a look at the community's history and the people who have lived there.

One of those people is George Hubble, who lived in the Fenton house. He was the stepson of the owner and died as a young man serving in the Civil War. His body was never returned home but it's believed his spirit is back at the house.

"Wherever they were happiest the most is where they go," said Brenda Ozog of Motor City Ghost Hunters. "We play Civil War music. We were talking of Lincoln's assassination and heard someone say, 'That's disgusting.'"

It's not known if contact will be made with George Hubble or anyone else during a ghost walk at the Westland Historic Village Park 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. The Motor City Ghost Hunters have donated their time to run the ghost walk of the historic buildings located at the park on Wayne Road, just south of Merriman.

"I've been with them for a couple of investigations. I've seen things in the houses that are not usually happening," Westland Historical Society President Jeff Koslowski said. "I didn't sense anything evil or something like that. A light would turn on or there was continuous clicking. It was something that would make you kind of question if you were really alone or if George (Hubble) was really there."

A Wayne resident, Ozog has been active in Motor City Ghost Hunters for five years. The group, all volunteers, spends most weekends



The Octagon House at the Westland Historic Village Park.

FILE PHOTO

on ghost hunts — some private, others open to the public like the event at the historic village park.

"We've gotten a lot of good things in the Fenton farmhouse. We research buildings so we can validate what we get. We've gotten full names," Ozog said. "We put a recorder out. It's believed that they (spirits) are on a different frequency. With the recorder, you hear things you won't hear with your ears (live), so we go back to hear the evidence."

When doing a public ghost hunt at the historic village park, Ozog said the groups are limited to 7-10 people inside each home to avoid contaminating the spirit.

"We have a couple of tools. I have a spirit box. It's a broken radio that keeps switching frequencies," she said. "My paternal grandfather came through a lot. I knew him; he passed a couple of years ago."

The ghost hunters

have a variety of education and professions — Ozog has a degree in psychology; other members include an engineer and an attorney — and range in beliefs from mainstream religions and Wiccans to atheists. The group takes a scientific approach to its investigations by eliminating likely causes for lights, sounds or other possible phenomena.

"First, we do a sweep. We document the temperature, the moon phase and humidity. We take it all into consideration," Ozog said. "Photos are all about shutter speeds and glare. There has to be something corresponding with what is going on. There needs to be multiple pictures to replicate it. If you can explain it or you can't explain it."

Science involved

That scientific approach is something that Koslowski, a history teacher, appreciates.

"They are so quick to rule out anything — a

light or shadow that was from a passing car. They don't glamorize it like on television," Koslowski said. "You feel like someone is trying to communicate with you, not scare you."

Other public buildings investigated by the Motor City Ghost Hunters include the Eaton County Courthouse, the Dearborn Historical Museum and farther afield to Port Huron and Ontario, in Hamilton and Niagara.

"October is a busy time for us. I went to Fort George in Canada myself," she said. "There are a lot of people who have an interest in the paranormal."

With 27 active members, the group also does private investigations at homes upon request. "We do investigations in homes — we don't want kids to be scared in their homes," Ozog said. "Old wiring causes high electromagnetic fields. That can create anxiety you wouldn't feel otherwise."

How the Ghost Hunt-

ers deal with paranormal disturbances varies based on the circumstances and the person's beliefs. "We had apartments that turned out to be built on an Indian burial ground," Ozog said. "We tell them to do smudging — use a sage stick for a Native American blessing of the house. We refer people to a shaman. It depends also on their religious beliefs. If they don't believe, it won't work."

Some people have to take control and tell an entity that they can't be in the home, she said.

For Ozog, interest in spirits and ghosts began with experiences she had as a child. "And starting as a teen I was seeing things of people who had passed," she said. "I did genealogy and research about who lived in homes."

This is the fifth public investigation done at the historic village park, in addition to a private investigation. The Ghost Hunters donate their

services, so all proceeds from ticket sales go to the historic village park.

"Financially it has been very good for us — it's one of the bigger fundraisers. We put the money into the buildings," Koslowski said. "It is also good for research and digging deeply into the families that lived there."

For those attending the event, they can feel free to bring any ghost hunting equipment they possess. If not, the investigators will have an arsenal of ghost hunting equipment on hand. On all public hunts, participants should dress accordingly for the weather as some areas may not be heated.

The cost for the event is \$43.19 with tickets available at www.eventbrite.com (search for Motor City Ghost Hunters). There are limited spots available.

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Past Garden City Rotary President Robert W. McLachlan and Garden City Hospital spokeswoman Heather Walters give the protective vests to Fire Chief Cathy Harman.

Vest donations aim to protect firefighters, first responders

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Garden City Rotary and Garden City Hospital helped buy seven protective vests for local firefighters and other first responders.

Robert W. McLachlan, Garden City Rotary past president, won a grant from the Rotary District 6400, covering Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee counties, as well as Essex County in Canada, to help pay for the gift. He made the vest presentation to Fire Chief Cathy Harman during a recent Rotary Club meeting.

The cost was slightly more than \$5,000, he said, adding that local Rotarians also chipped in for the new protective gear.

Harman told the luncheon crowd gathered at Amantea's restaurant that she sometimes stays up at night

worrying about the safety of firefighters in the department. Even emergency runs that seem easy, she said, can unexpectedly turn violent.

"With the recent attacks on public safety workers," Harman said, the vests are "an added level of protection. Thank you for helping me keep the guys safe."

Rotary District Governor Sue Golden attended the Garden City Rotary meeting. Local Rotarians, she said, should be applauded for working on the vest project.

"What an amazing program," she said pointing to other recent local initiatives, like filling backpacks with school supplies for children returning to school and providing scholarships.

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Shorter lighting assessment considered in Westland

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Some Westland council members voiced support for shortening a citywide street lighting special assessment to a period less than the proposed 10 years, following a recent second study session.

"Most people don't have a problem with the local street lights. Some people have neither local or major street lights. Ten years was a problem with me," Westland Councilman Bill Johnson said. "One year is not feasible. Maybe two years — after two years maybe we can get the major roads (lighting assessment) off residents."

Continuing to argue against the 10-year assessment, Johnson said the city's efforts converting to LED street lights will result in cost-savings — reductions not yet fully reflected in the assessments. It was noted that required legal notifications, citywide mailings and other costs related to establishing a special assessment total nearly \$20,000.

Some cost savings have already been realized as the residential assessment is projected to average \$47.13 annually, down from \$71.38 in 2015. For commercial and industrial property owners, the average charge is projected at \$128.25, down from \$219.43.

One thing the new methodology was attempting to address was the fact that 48 percent of commercial and industrial properties in the city paid no

street lighting assessment. That includes Ford Motor Company, Meijer, Lowe's, Target, Cintas and Kroger — all of which would now be assessed. Some residential property owners who don't have local street lights would be assessed for the first time with a share of the major street light costs.

"We would expect a reduction next year. There is a 5-percent cap on an assessment increase. The assessment could be less but it couldn't be more," said Budget Director Debra Peck, noting most of the new LED lights conversion so far have taken place in neighborhoods.

Following a public hearing on the proposed 10-year assessment, the council asked for a second study session to discuss the assessment and how the charges are spread. It's not a new assessment — Westland has assessed property owners for street lighting for 25 years.

The difference came through a methodology spreading major street light costs citywide and using new technology to pinpoint locations of street lights.

Using GIS, or Geographic Information Systems, technology and digital overlay maps from DTE Energy, the city was able to identify areas where street lights exist but there had been no assessment; areas where taxpayers receive similar benefits but were charged significantly different rates; and areas that were previously assessed but had

no local lighting.

In her presentation, Peck noted the 2011 renewal street light assessment kept the same methodology but raised rates 57 percent. Even with that rate increase, the street light fund was not self-sufficient, she said, using general fund and Metro Act Fund dollars as a subsidy.

Peck was part of a city street light task force that recommended the new methodology. Also on the task force were city Finance Director Steven Smith, then-Deputy Mayor and now Economic Development Director Thelma Kubitskey, IT Director Dan Bourdeau and City Attorney James Fausone. The group spent a year working with contractor Ritter GIS to come up with the plan presented.

The task force goals were to allocate costs fairly and assign street lighting assessment based on the relative benefit received, with any allocation change method resulting in some assessments increasing and others decreasing.

Councilwoman Christine Bryant argued against major street light assessments on residents. "They may use the major roads on a daily basis but they travel through other cities. People from other cities drive here," she said. "Residents shouldn't have to pay that. I'm not on board with major road (street lights) being paid for by residents."

Noting everyone uses the street lights, Councilman Peter

Herzberg said he would prefer a flat rate per-parcel assessment rather than basing assessments on property square footage.

The prior assessment roll has expired and the council needs to act on it in time for the assessment to go on the December tax bill or there won't be funding for street lighting in the upcoming fiscal year. Council could shorten the time period for the assessment without having to hold another public hearing or redo the assessment roll. Council has to approve the assessment roll no later than Nov. 7 for the charges to appear on the winter tax bill, which goes out in December.

"We're trying to build consensus among council. If we miss the deadline for the special assessment, that means \$1.4 million has to come out of the general fund and we don't have that," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

Based on the number of calls, in-person objections at the public hearing and letters regarding the assessment, Wild noted it was less than 1 percent of the total affected property owners.

"No methodology will get 100 percent. Our methodology uses cutting edge technology. It's trendsetting in the way it can pinpoint the lights," Wild said. "I think you will see other communities moving to this model."

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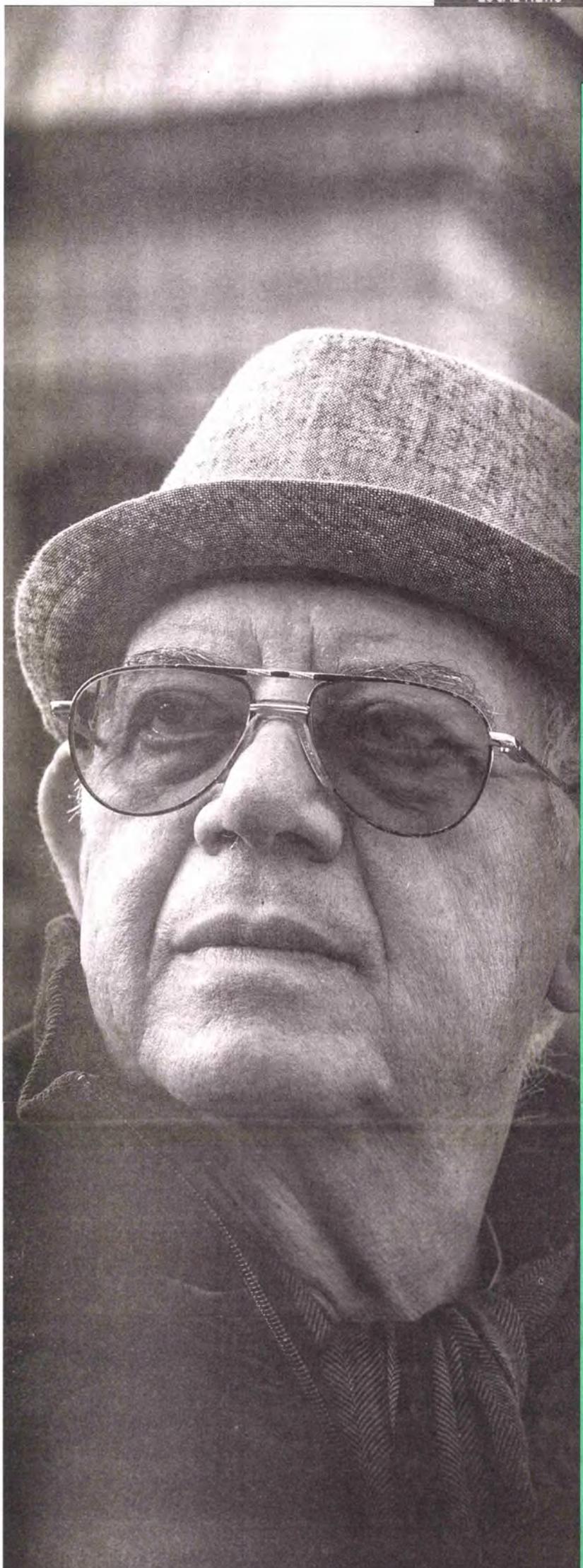
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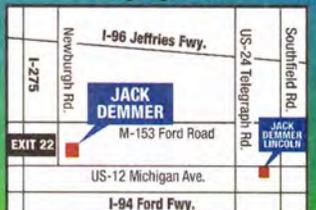
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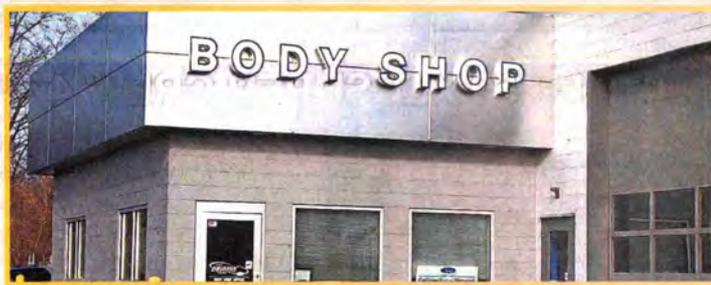
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Livonia Eagle Scout candidates honor fallen leader

David Veselenak
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It was a no-brainer for Boy Scouts Alex Immonen and Seth Krazel to figure out what their Eagle Scout Service Project would be earlier this year after their scoutmaster died.

The Clarenceville High School students jumped at the opportunity to do a project dedicated to Ken Bourgon, the scoutmaster of Troop 782 who died earlier this year after a bout with cancer.

"The week after I think we had the idea," Immonen said. The two boys then began planning their projects, which went hand-in-hand: Immonen worked on a circle of pavers around the flagpole installed in 2014 at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park, while Krazel worked on installing benches. The work culminated Tuesday night at the park at Eight Mile and Newburgh, where a dedication ceremony took place in front of dozens of fellow scouts and community members.

Bourgon, known to his



Seth Krazel (left) and Alex Immonen at a dedication event for their Eagle Scout projects.

scouts at "Mr. B," was the scoutmaster of the troop based at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia from 1970 until his death earlier this year. He also served on the Livonia Historical Commission since 1972. He worked at Bentley High School for many years, including as vice principal.

His name was one many people knew



A paver honors Ken Bourgon, the late scoutmaster of Livonia-based Troop 782 who died earlier this year.

around town, Immonen said. It was brought up when he was working on his project at the park whenever someone drove by.

"Me and my dad were working on the pavers, and people would stop by and ask what we were doing," Immonen said, "and you would just mention Mr. B and they would immediately know who he was."



Livonia Historical Commission members Sandi Pritchard (left) and Barbara Mansfield sit on one of the benches installed as a part of Seth Krazel's Eagle Scout project at Greenmead Historical Park.

The two spent more than 70 hours apiece working on their project, which included doing the paperwork and getting the appropriate approvals.

An Eagle Project is one of the final items a Boy Scout must do to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the scouting system. The project is typically done in the community and is supposed to showcase the scout's leadership qualities. Only about 4 percent of all scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

Krazel said Bourgon meant the world to his scouts, and the project the scouts did was just a small token of appreciation for his dedication to them during his life.

"He created a personal connection with us and the troop," Krazel said. "Obviously, there's nothing we can do to show how much we truly appreciated him and everything he did to help us. But we try to do our best."

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734-678-6728
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NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO FORFEIT

TO: **Jermaine Powers**

You are hereby notified that on May 18, 2016, pursuant to MCL 333.7521, The Redford Police Department seized the following property of which you may have interest:

\$16,111.00 in U.S. Currency. If you claim an interest in the Currency you must, within twenty (20) days of the first publication of this notice, file a claim with the Redford Township Police Department, 25833 Elsinore Redford MI 48239 (313) 387-2571, and post a bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the value of the property or two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), whichever is greater, with the police department. Failure to file a written claim and post a bond will result in the forfeiture of the seized items to the Redford Police Department.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES OF REDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved Minutes for meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the month of September 2016 are posted at the following public places within the Township:

Community Center, 12121 Hemingway
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Library, 25320 Six Mile Road
Department of Public Services, 12200 Beech Daly
Police Department, 25833 Elsinore
Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly

Approved Minutes may also be viewed on-line at www.redfordtwp.com

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, Clerk
Charter Township of Redford

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1449B, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Crossfit Gym, 38217 Abruzzi, Parcel #052-05-0005-000, West Side of Abruzzi, East of Hix, South of Ford, Bernard W Daniels

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission



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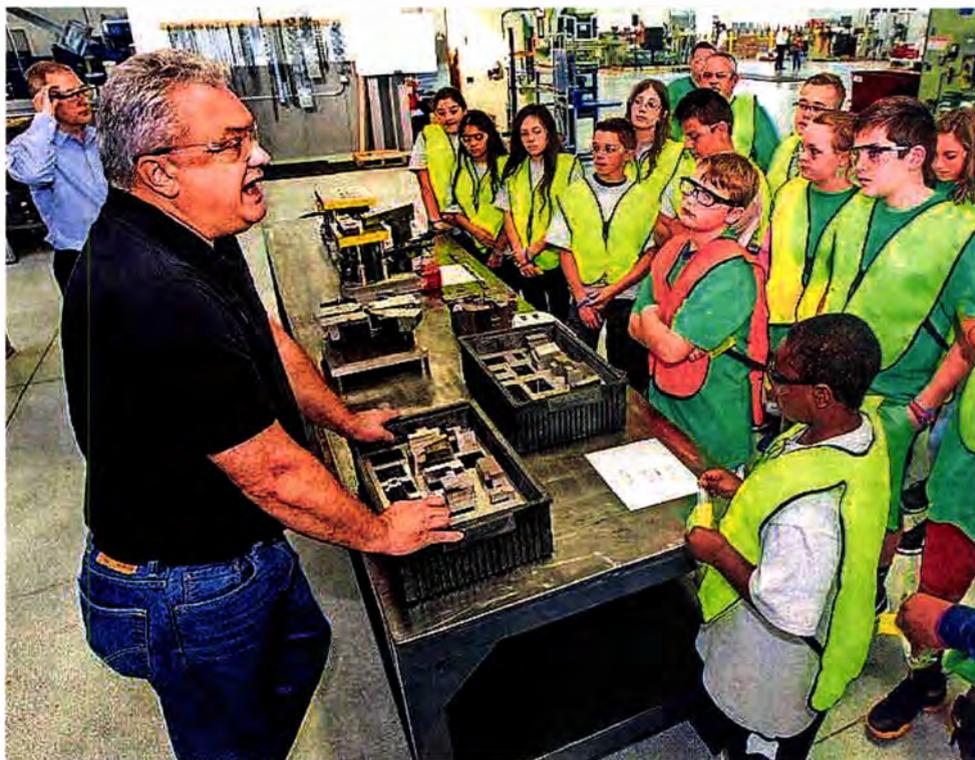
Some 600 Livonia area students got an up-close view of industry during Manufacturing Day at Alpha USA.

This is the second year Livonia students participated in the annual nationwide effort to introduce young people to the modern world of manufacturing and pique their interests in the industry's high-tech careers.

Students from Emerson, Holmes, Frost and Clarenceville middle schools visited NYX Inc., Roush Performance Technologies, Alpha USA, Quality Metalcraft, McLaren Engineering, and Delta Gear, according to Dan West, Livonia Chamber of Commerce president.

The students also toured a number of applied sciences laboratories at Schoolcraft College, where they had lunch and enjoyed industry displays from Linear AMS, Key Plastics, and Standard Die and Fabricating.

"There is a great demand for skilled and technical talent for manufacturing companies in Livonia and around metro Detroit," West said. "This is an important introduction



Rich Kurczynski, tooling and manufacturing engineer for Alpha USA in Livonia, talks with middle school students.

JERRY ZOLYNSKY

to today's industry for students and their parents."

Harvard University recently reported that 60 percent of new jobs

in 2018 will require post-secondary training in either a one-year certificate or two-year

associate degree program in specific skills. These types of jobs include advanced man-

ufacturing, welding, electronics, drafting and IT. Meanwhile, Harvard estimates only 33 percent of new jobs in 2018 will require a bachelor's degree or more, according to the chamber

With upcoming requirements for the aging skilled-trade workforce and increased demand for talent, experts estimate the U.S. manufacturing industry will have a shortage of at least 2 million workers by 2020.

Outreach to students by manufacturers is a vital part of the process of rebuilding the local talent pipeline, said Chuck Dardas, president and chief operating officer of Alpha USA. "It is so important for our industry to reach out to the community like this. Also, it is exciting to see the kids' enthusiasm as they explore what we do."

The daylong field trips were being organized by the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, Schoolcraft College and Livonia Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Livonia Public Schools and the Clarenceville School District.

CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

A public accuracy test of the election software and tabulation equipment will be held at 3:00 P.M., on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

The accuracy test will be conducted for the **STATE GENERAL ELECTION** to be held on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**, in the City of Livonia.

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools Westland, Michigan 48185 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids for Wayne-Westland Community Schools' will be received for: Long-Term Vending Contract

Bid proposals will be received at the office of Dr. David Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director of Business & Operations, Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185, until **10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, October 25, 2016** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School's Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bids are being solicited for a long-term vending contract for Wayne-Westland Community Schools as set forth in the invitation. It is the intent of the District to solicit proposals for the following: (1) Beverage Vending Services only; (2) Snack Vending Services only; or (3) Beverage and Snack Vending Services combined. The vendor's products will be sold through vending machines, either within or on District properties.

It is not a requirement for each bidder to respond to all three services. However, if a bidder proposes the combined arrangement, the District requires the bidder to also provide in its proposal a breakdown for Beverage Vending Services only and Snack Vending Services only.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is included in the RFP package. A copy of the RFP package can be obtained by contacting Kim Droblich in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Business Office at 734-419-2048 or via email at DroblichK@wwcsd.net.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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SECTION 001113 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Architect will receive sealed bids for:

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Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in public:

Date: October 26, 2016

Time: 1:30 P.M. EST

Place: Board of Education
Wayne-Westland Community Schools
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185

Attn: David Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director of Business and Operations

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after October 11, 2016.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ARCHITECTURE, INC., 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; or the CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Compliance Form must be included as well. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include both of these statements, which are included on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

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(2) Band Shells Bid and Alternate (Franklin and Stevenson High School/Alternate Churchill High School) 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.

Sealed bids marked (2) Band Shells and Alternate Bid will be received until 2:30 p.m. on the 26th day of 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.

Mandatory bid walk thru will be at 12:00 p.m. on October 18th, 2016, starting at Franklin High School - 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI, 48150; proceeding to Stevenson High School - 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI, 48152; Churchill High School - 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI, 48150.

The Bid Opening will take place at 2:30 p.m. on the 26th 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 Director of Finance, 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

"(2) Band Shells and Alternate Bid"

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, hlau@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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Churchill students celebrate peace

*"Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one"*
-John Lennon

Gathered around the peace pole and surrounded by plantings in the peace garden, Churchill High School students and staff recently carried on a 7-year tradition of pausing to recognize the International Day of Peace.

Members of CHS choir and the Creative and Performing Arts vocal strand sang John Lennon's "Imagine," and the Churchill orchestra played during the event, while students reflected on the meaning — and the timing — of peace.

"I believe having a ceremony like this helps us put into perspective all of the events that are going on in the world right now," said CHS senior Sean Mulka, who took part in the event as a member of Success Strategies academic tutoring program.

Incorporating music into Peace Day is appropriate, said CHS senior Marie Boyd. "It's the universal language of peace and love," she said.

All School President Natalie Cadotte said the International Day of Peace is an excellent chance for students to take the time to reflect on the world around them.

"A lot of times we are distracted. I think it's important to take a step back and look at the grand scheme of things," she said.

Senior Class President Maddi Kozlowski said Peace Day makes her think of ways she can



From left, Churchill students Tim Ohtake, Natalie Cadotte, Maddi Kozlowski, Marie Boyd and Sean Mulka stand by the peace pole, which was installed and dedicated in 2009.

improve the lives of others. "One simple thing can go a long way in bettering the world," she said.

Churchill High School's peace pole was installed in the courtyard near the front of the school in 2009. It was dedicated at that time with the same mission that students and staff strive for today: May Peace Prevail. That message is inscribed in 36 languages on the pole, to symbolize the school's mission for unity and peace across cultural bounds.



Students and staff gathered recently to rededicate Churchill High School's peace pole and to recommit to striving for peace at their school, in their lives and in the world.

Honored Wayne volunteer 'just wanted to get involved'

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com

Long-time Wayne resident Beverly Campbell is being honored for her volunteer work as the 2016 Diamond of the Community.

"I was surprised and little embarrassed," Campbell said. "I just wanted to get involved in stuff."

The Wayne Commission on Aging and the Wayne Senior Services Office present the Diamond of the Community Award to honor someone 70 or older who lives and volunteers throughout Wayne.

A Wayne Memorial High School graduate, Campbell, 74, began volunteering with the Wayne Civitans, who focus on the Special Olympics.

"I had friends who belonged to the Wayne Civitans and they asked me to join. I joined and through the Civitans I got involved in Wheelfest," said Campbell, who moved to Wayne from Westland with her husband in 1962. "With the Civitans, we used to do baseball tournaments. I liked the camaraderie and met people who became life-long friends."

Campbell also got involved with the Wayne Goodfellows, the Main Street promotions committee and helps with dinners and the bazaar at the Wayne First Congregational Church. She had particularly fond memories



Campbell

of the discontinued Wheelfest event.

"One of the most fun things was Wheelfest. I was involved for 15 years, back in the good old days. The Civitans used to sell food and fight the bees," Campbell said. "All the civic groups were involved. We had chicken barbecues. There are a lot of good people in Wayne."

Campbell received the 2001 James Poplin Award from the Wayne Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for all her contributions. She will be recognized on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at a dinner in her honor at the HYPE Recreation Center. After the dinner, Campbell will be presented with a certificate of appreciation at the Wayne City Council meeting.

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Meet the women who pen comic book heroines



Comic book fans check out a series at ComiqueCon.



A display of graphic novels at ComiqueCon 2015.



ComiqueCon attendees dress in costume for the event.

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

What do a plus-sized flying superhero, a lesbian Viking warrior and an extraterrestrial mother with wings have in common?

They're a part of the increasingly diverse landscape of comic book characters whose stories are written or illustrated and read by women.

"It's important to have stories that everyone can relate to, and women have gotten the short shrift for a long time.

Basically, the history of comics is that it has been a boys club for a long time," said Chelsea Liddy, a Plymouth resident and founder of ComiqueCon, a one-day celebration of female comic book and graphic novel artists, writers and feminist-leaning comic series. "More than half of comic book readership is women. Another statistic I like to cite is ... the big two (Marvel and DC comics) rarely hire more

than 20 percent women. We have a long way to go."

Through ComiqueCon, Liddy hopes to give women in the industry their due, offer role models for girls interested in comics as a career and expose readers to a diversity of comic book heroines and stories.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn. Tickets are \$12 in advance at comiquecon.com and \$15 at the door. Advance sales end Oct. 20. Children age 12 and under attend for free. Advance tickets include a special ComiqueCon variant edition of "Heathen" by Natasha Alterici.

Outside the box

"Heathen" features the lesbian Viking warrior Aydis, who takes on the Norse gods to create a more equitable world. Alterici, a panelist at

ComiqueCon, will talk about creating believable settings and making diversity mainstream. She turned to Kickstarter to raise funds for her work.

"When the big two in the industry are hiring less than 20 percent, women have to go outside the conventional route or they have to change the statistic. What we see is women working with indie publishers. You see creator owned comics. They're getting their work on Tumblr and crowd funding is happening a lot more," Liddy said. "Natasha Alterici drew the whole thing ("Heathen") and colored it. It's her creation and she was successful in funding through Kickstarter."

Liddy said the industry is open to some changes and has begun to hire artists with fashion backgrounds. Illustrator Babs Tarr, for example, updated Batgirl's costume when the DC comic book series was re-

vamped. The tight-fitting unitard that looked like body paint and her stiletto heels are gone. In their place, Batgirl wears a "more utilitarian" costume with a snap-on cape and Doc Martens.

Although some artists draw superheroes in an exaggerated style, emphasizing huge muscles and cleavage, readers today are more likely to call them out, Liddy said.

"I don't think there's such a thing as female comics, but there is a hunger for more stories women can relate to. That means not objectifying women. Not putting them in fridges," she said. Fridges is a term used to define a violent or abusive action toward a woman that spurs a superhero into action.

"There was a superhero's girlfriend who was chopped up and put into a fridge. We want to see less of that," Liddy said. "We want to see art work and not objectifying women. We want to see more diversity. It is hap-

pening more and more."

Role models

Liddy, who holds a master's degree in international development, oversees the youth philanthropy program at the Center for Arab American Philanthropy in Dearborn. She is an avid reader of comic books and graphic novels and says ComiqueCon offers a positive way to showcase women comic creators.

"I want young people, especially young girls, to develop an appreciation for comics and know that they are not just for boys, that there are women working in the industry," she said. "It's a great medium. It's unique, a really special way to tell stories. I think

people from different backgrounds connect with comics. All ages read comics now. Stores have sections for youth comics. I think it's a democratic industry in a lot of ways, because there is something for everyone."

A "Drink and Draw" event for ages 21 and older will bring guests together with comic book creators for a night of sketching and coloring at ComiqueCon sponsor Green Brain Comics in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25, available online.

Check out comiquecon.com for a list of panel discussions and featured guests, including Carolyn Nowak of Ann Arbor, "Lumberjanes" artist.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

Insects and pollination

The Garden City Garden Club will host speaker Roger Sutherland who will talk about how in-

sects help flowers at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. The free presentation is open to the public. This Po-

werPoint program gives the viewer a close-up and better understanding of how the flower attracts pollinators and how the pollinator finds and adapts to the flower.

Learn what plants you can add to your garden that will encourage pollinators.

Livonia library meets

The Library Commission of the Livonia Public Library will hold its regular meeting at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

A fall concert

P-CEP Choirs and Orchestra presents "A Fall Concert" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School in Canton, the P-CEP Choirs and Orchestras will perform an eclectic array of music presented by almost 400 student musicians

Suggested donation is \$5 per person. All proceeds are used to support the choir and orchestras.

Garden City art show, sale

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will hold its 33rd annual art show and sale Oct. 20-22 at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood in Garden City. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, with a reception and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Boo Bash tournament

The Canton Sports Center and WCSX are teaming up to present the 12th annual Boo Bash Adult Softball Tournament, in conjunction with the Great Pumpkin Smash on Oct. 22. These two fall favorite events will be held at the Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave., Canton.

Festivities kickoff with WCSX's live broadcast starting at noon, followed by Family Day Fun and Games from 4-

p.m. Kickers Sports Bar & Grill will hold a Costume Contest, as DJ Royce spins the tunes all day. Costume winners will be announced at 7 p.m. and will receive some great prizes. Two live bands will provide outdoor rockin' entertainment, including: Looking Back, a Bob Seger Tribute Band, from 5-7 p.m. and Mad Rabbit from 8-10 p.m. Participants can also enjoy the free Pumpkin Smash starting at 10 p.m.

Softball Tourney registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 5 p.m. Men, coed and women divisions are available with teams guaranteed two games on Saturday. Team awards and raffle prizes will be awarded throughout the day. The cost is \$250 per team, which includes umpires, softballs and awards. For more information, visit csc.canton-mi.org or contact the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600.

Trinity House music

Trinity House in Livonia will feature for Brooks Williams and Antke Duvekot at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. Brooks is ranked in the "Top 100 Guitarists," and has picked alongside Taj Mahal, John Hammond, Paul Jones, Chris Smith-er, Little Feat, Maria Muldaur, Shawn Colvin and Leo Kottke. For tickets, visit www.trinityhousetheatre.org.

'Southern Soiree'

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents the annual fundraiser dinner concert "Southern Soiree" Friday, Oct. 21, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale. The \$75 ticket includes dinner, silent auction with a southern flair and an evening of lighthearted music featuring the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Volodymyr Shesniuk. Visit www.livoniasymphony.org for more information or to order tickets or

call 734-591-0266.

Polish dinner dance

The St. Paul Council of the Knights of Columbus from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Redford will sponsor a Polish Dinner Dance on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2-6 p.m. The event will be held in the Activities Building at St. Robert Bellarmine on the corner of Inkster and W. Chicago roads in Redford. Pre-sale tickets are \$20 per person through Oct. 19 and \$25 at the door. The price includes an authentic Polish dinner, dancing with music provided by the Polish Dukes, beer, wine and soft drinks. For tickets, contact Ron at 734-788-2233 or Keith at 313-320-8695.

Beaumont yoga in park

Beaumont Healthy Wayne presents Yoga in the Park 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The event is free. The class is taught by certified yoga instructor, Chelsea Vonintel. Bring yoga mat, beach towel or blanket. Class most appropriate for ages 9 and older.

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. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

CITY OF LIVONIA ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A

STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at which time, candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties for the following office will be voted upon in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan:

- President and Vice President of the United States Representative in Congress 11th District
- Representative in State Legislature 19th District
- Member of the State Board of Education
- Regent of the University of Michigan
- Trustee of Michigan State University
- Governor of Wayne State University
- Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney
- Wayne County Sheriff
- Wayne County Clerk
- Wayne County Treasurer
- Wayne County Register of Deeds
- Wayne County Commissioner 8th District
- Wayne County Commissioner 9th District
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Justice of the Supreme Court - Incumbent Position
- Judge of the Court of Appeals - 1st District - Incumbent Position
- Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Incumbent Position
- Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Non-Incumbent Position
- Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Incumbent Position
- Judge of Probate Court - Incumbent Position
- Board of Trustees Member - Schoolcraft Community College
- Board Member - Clarenceville School District
- Board Member - Clarenceville School District - Partial Term
- Board Member - Livonia Public School

Wayne County Proposal: A Proposal Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to Levy an Assessment

Intermediate School District Proposal: Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal (Clarenceville School District - Not Included)

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Precinct	Location	Address
1A	Clarenceville JHS	20210 Middlebelt Road
1B	Clarenceville JHS	20210 Middlebelt Road
2A	Clarenceville HS	20155 Middlebelt Road
3A	Webster School	32401 Pembroke Street
3B	Webster School	32401 Pembroke Street
4A	Webster School	32401 Pembroke Street
7A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
8A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
8B	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
9A	Cass School	34633 Munger Avenue
10A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
11A	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
12A	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
13A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
14A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
15A	Buchanan School	16400 Hubbard Road
16A	Cass School	34633 Munger Avenue
16B	Buchanan School	16400 Hubbard Road
17A	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
17B	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
18A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
19A	Randolph School	14470 Norman Avenue
19B	Randolph School	14470 Norman Avenue
20A	Frost School	14041 Stark Road
21A	Frost School	14041 Stark Road
22A	Kennedy School	14201 Hubbard Road
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24A	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
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25A	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
31A	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
31B	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
32A	Garfield School	10218 Arthur Avenue
33A	Garfield School	10218 Arthur Avenue
34A	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
34B	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
34C	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
35A	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
35B	Cleveland School	28030 Cathedral Avenue
35C	Cleveland School	28030 Cathedral Avenue
36A	Emerson Center	29100 West Chicago Ave
36B	Cleveland School	28030 Cathedral Avenue

RELATIVE TO THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF POLLS

The polls of said election will be open at seven (7:00) o'clock A.M. and remain open until eight (8:00) o'clock P.M. Eastern time of said day of election.

VOTER INSTRUCTIONS IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT

To comply with the voting accessibility requirements, the voting instructions will be provided on a CD. Any voters who request the voting instructions in an "alternative format" in advance of the election will be supplied with a copy of the CD. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in an "alternative format" should be made by contacting the clerk in advance of the election no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Election. In an instance where a voter contacts his or her local clerk in advance of the election to request that the voter instructions be available in an "alternative format" in the polls, the clerk will arrange to have a cassette player available in the polling place.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR CITY OF LIVONIA RESIDENTS

Voter's may obtain an absentee ballot by submitting an application to the Livonia City Clerk's office. Applications may be printed from the City of Livonia website (www.ci.livonia.mi.us), you can call the Clerks office at 734-466-2121 and leave your name and address to have an application sent to you, or you can pick up an application at the City Clerk's office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI, 48154. The last day we can mail an absentee ballot is Saturday, November 5, 2016. Voted Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Livonia City Clerk's office by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

ERIC R. SABREE
WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER

CHRISTA J. MCLELLAN
Deputy Treasurer/Finance

KIM L. HOMAN
Deputy Treasurer/Land Management

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, ERIC R. SABREE, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Expires
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Expires
Clarenceville School District	August, 2015 May, 2016	18 mills 4.5 mills	2025 (non homestead only) 2025
Livonia Public School District	August 5, 2014 August, 2014	18 mills 1.12 mills	2020 (non homestead only) 2019

Signed: *Eric R. Sabree*
ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer

Date: September 20, 2016

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Two armed men rob GC 7-Eleven of \$100

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Two men armed with a rifle and a handgun allegedly ordered an employee at the 7-Eleven on Merriman in Garden City to hand over the cash, amounting to \$100, in the register, Oct. 9.

A 7-Eleven employee told Garden City police she was standing outside the store smoking a cigarette when she was approached by two young men on foot who came from the south side of the store.

The employee said one of the men was holding a black handgun and ordered her to go inside the store. After she followed the order, the second suspect stood at the doorway with a rifle in his hands.

The first suspect reportedly jumped over the counter and demanded that she open the cash register. Again, she followed the order and helped the man put cash in a red and white backpack that he was carrying.

She told police that she noticed the backpack already had money inside. The suspect told her not to push the alarm button, because "it wouldn't work." He jumped over the counter again and the two suspects left the convenience store. They got away with \$100.

The woman pressed the store's panic alarm and called 9-1-1. Police are reviewing a store surveillance video to track the suspects.

Westland police seek robbery suspect

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com

Westland police are trying to identify an individual responsible for an armed robbery at a local gas station.

The robbery was reported at approximately 12:10 a.m. Oct. 8 at the Speedway Gas Station, 37345 Cherry Hill. Police have released video of the suspect during the robbery and a still photo of the suspect's car.

The suspect can be seen on camera entering the gas station and walking around for a short time before approaching the counter to make a purchase. While making the purchase, the suspect pulls out a gun and demands money from the cashier. The cashier complies with the demand for



Westland Police released this photograph of a car driven by a man wanted for robbing a gas station at gunpoint.

money and the suspect leaves. The cashier was not injured.

The suspect is described as a black male with a dark complexion, possibly in his late 20s. He is believed to be about five feet, 10 inches to six feet tall weighing approximately 200

pounds. The suspect was described as wearing blue jeans, a blue hooded sweatshirt with orange strings, and a white baseball hat with "Detroit" written on it.

The suspect's car, shown in the still photo, is dark in color possibly a 2009 Ford Fusion.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or 734-467-3194.

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REDFORD POLICE BRIEFS

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A 26-year-old Redford man told police he was assaulted Tuesday by multiple suspects wearing clown costumes.

The man was outside of a home in the 14000 block of Brady Street at about 10:30 p.m. when three men approached and assaulted him, according to Redford Township police reports. Officers were called to the home shortly after the incident and found the man lying on the front lawn holding his left leg.

Reports said the man was unable to stand and complained of pain in his ribs and left knee. Officers also noted an abrasion with swelling on his forehead.

Before the 26-year-old was transported for medical treatment, he told officers he was kicked in the face and hit multiple times. He also told officers two of the suspects were wearing black hoodies and one a white t-shirt. Reports said that

either one or two of the suspects were wearing clown masks.

After the attack, suspects were seen running northbound on Brady and then heading east on Acacia Street.

Numerous items stolen from shop

More than 100 items were reported stolen from the Michigan Shoe Office on Eight Mile Road in the early morning hours of Oct. 12.

Redford Police officers arrived on scene at about 4 a.m. and found the store's front door open with the glass broken out of it. Officers found a coat rack on the floor as well as pants and jackets.

The store's owner arrived minutes later and initially estimated that more than 100 items had been stolen. Reports indicated that officers then viewed surveillance video of the incident.

A dark 2004-2005 Dodge Ram pickup truck was seen pulling up in front of the building at

approximately 3:40 a.m. Three men then exited the Dodge and pried the front door open. Reports said each man then grabbed as many articles of clothing as they could and tossed them in the bed of the truck. Each man was seen making two trips before the truck sped away east on Eight Mile.

Concealed weapon

Redford Police arrested a woman for driving without a license and carrying a concealed weapon Oct. 11. Officers initiated a traffic stop on Telegraph Road at 2:20 p.m. after observing a burnt out brake light on a 2008 Dodge Charger.

After arresting her, officers asked if she had anything illegal in the car, reports said. The woman told officers she had a handgun. The loaded weapon was found on the passenger's seat and ammunition was also found in console. She was then transported to the Redford Police department without incident.

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

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Retail fraud at Home Depot reported

Police were called Monday evening to Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud.

A store employee told police a suspect entered the store with a shopping cart and headed to the hardware section. He was then seen selecting two electronic dead bolts and putting them into a bag and then his cart. He then reportedly tried to leave the store without paying for the items. A store employee tried to stop him from leaving, but he reportedly dropped the bag and fled, last being seen running near the Panera

Bread off of Schoolcraft. Police looked for the suspect around the area, but were unable to find him.

Car broken into, credit card stolen

Two residents of the 31100 block of Morlock went to the police station Sunday morning to report a larceny from their automobile as well as a stolen credit card.

The residents said they received a call that morning from their bank about suspicious charges on their credit cards earlier that day. They then went out to their vehicle, where they found items inside scattered about. Several items were missing from inside the car, including the credit card, loose change, an iPhone and earbuds. The

vehicle was parked in front of their apartment building overnight and was locked. No forced entry was apparent. The credit card was used at locations in Livonia, Redford Township and Detroit.

Break-in of garage reported

Livonia police were called Sunday afternoon to a home in the 29100 block of Bretton on the report of a burglary of a garage that had taken place.

The owner said he had closed his garage and shed doors overnight but did not lock them. When he came out that day, he found his Sawzall saw missing. He then found the saw on the grass nearby where he recovered it. No damage to the garage or saw was reported.

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—Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Chargers down Wayne, 34-18

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Bolstered by vital contributions from its backups (and, in some case, its backups' backups), Livonia Churchill's resilient football team pumped life into its playoff hopes Friday night by outlasting a feisty Wayne Memorial team, 34-18.

With senior starting quarterback Evan Cummins sidelined along with a host of starting linemen, the Chargers rode the efficient play of sophomore field general Drew Alsobrooks, a steady ground game and a swarming defense to a victory that was never super comfortable for the hosts.

Churchill, which snapped a modest two-game losing streak, improved to 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA South Division, while the Zebras slipped to 0-5 in the South.

Alsobrooks, the younger brother of former Churchill signal-caller Brian Alsobrooks, was more than efficient in his first varsity start. He completed 5-of-8 passes for 97 yards and the Chargers did not commit a turnover under his command.

Senior running back Omar Morris was solid in his final regular season home game as he rushed for 121 yards on 14



Churchill defensive back Martell Dooley breaks up a pass intended for Wayne's Fredrick Biles (left).

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Redford Union swim team to host 'Pink Out'

The Redford Union girls swimming and diving team will host a "Pink Out" meet on Oct. 27.

All proceeds from the meet will be given to the Susan M. Crowell Hope Scholarship. Susan was an RU teacher who died of breast cancer a few years ago. The scholarship will benefit RU students.

Earlier this week, the much-improved Panthers dropped an exciting 49-41 decision to Dearborn High.

RU's Sarah Bishop won the 100-yard backstroke with an amazing comeback effort. Other strong performances were turned in by Abby Bishop in the 200 individual medley, Mia Sopko in the 50 freestyle and Tori Buscemi in the 500 freestyle.

Madonna spikers sweep another foe

The nationally ranked Madonna University volleyball team earned its 16th sweep of the season on Wednesday in Lima, Ohio, as it topped the University of Northwestern Ohio in straight sets to move to 21-4 overall and 9-1 in WHAC play.

With the win, the Crusaders also swept the season series with the Racers (10-15, 2-8 WHAC) after picking up a 3-0 win back on Sept. 7 in Livonia.

The Crusaders hammered down 52 kills against the Racers, including 20 in the second set. The strong attack paced MU to set wins of 25-12, 25-12 and 25-21 behind a .420 hitting percentage.

In all, MU controlled every major statistical category, winning the battle in aces (5-3), assists (47-25), blocks (10-4), digs (42-32) and kills (52-26).

Four different Crusaders tallied six or more kills, two of which reached double digits, to help the Crusaders capture the road win, led by Karlie Kelly's 18-kill night. Kelly recorded a team-best 18 kills and added 10 digs to pace MU, while Livonia Stevenson grad Amanda Hawkins joined in to amass 14 kills while only committing one error to post a team-leading .619 hitting percentage (minimum 10 attack attempts).

Hawkins also added in a team-best four block assists to continue her impressive junior campaign.

Miranda Fuerst was next with eight kills (no errors) while Katie Breault slammed down six kills of her own.

High school coaches: Report your results

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

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



Runners break out at the start of the Livonia City Championship meet.

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SUPER-CHARGED!

Churchill repeats as Livonia cross country champs

The Livonia Churchill girls cross country team's already sensational season added another layer of awesomeness Friday afternoon when the Chargers raced to their second consecutive Livonia City Championship at the annual event held at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The race was originally scheduled to be held in September, but unusually high heat indexes pushed the event back to Friday, which turned out fine for the Chargers, who compiled just 26 points — 16

fewer than runner-up Stevenson.

Franklin placed third with 53 points.

"We did not have our best day as a team," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We have been battling some illnesses over the past week.

That being said, Churchill ran a great race to win the championship.

"We knew Stevenson was gunning for us, as they beat us at the Wayne County meet last Saturday and their girls ran extremely well. However, we had a lot of kids run the best

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Stevenson repeats as Livonia city champions

Spartans place four runners in top the six to capture title

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The Livonia Stevenson stampede proved to be unbeatable for the third consecutive year Friday at the delayed Livonia City Cross Country Meet held at Cass Benton Park.

Originally set to run in September but pushed back due to unusually high heat indexes, the event was captured by a Spartans contingent that



Stevenson's boys cross country poses with its Livonia City Championship trophy.

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WWAC FOOTBALL REPORT

Redford Union clinches playoff berth, 35-14

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Redford Union's football team is headed to the playoffs for the first time since 2006, thanks to its 35-14 victory Friday night over visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Now 6-2, the Panthers will close their regular season Friday with a home game against state-ranked Muskegon Catholic Central.

Redford Union punched its ticket the same way it chalked up its first five victories — by steamrolling the opposing defense.

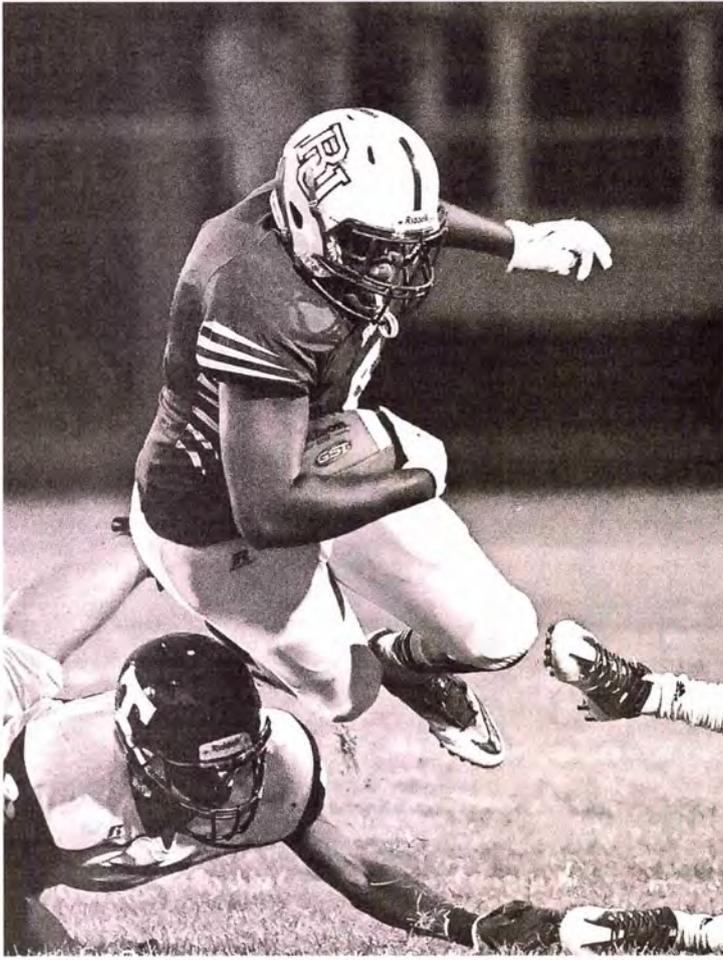
Running the full-house-T offense like it's meant to be run, RU running backs Thorton Cain and Isaac Grant combined for 298 yards rushing on just 27 carries.

The Panthers' third running back, Marquise Hathaway, also had a stellar night, picking up 86 yards on eight hauls.

Hathaway also delivered one of the best blocks head coach Miles Tomasaitis has ever seen from a running back when he "de-cleated" a Cougars linebacker to clear a path for Grant on a first-half play.

"I talked to the guys all week about not having a letdown tonight, especially after we beat Thurston last week," Tomasaitis said. "It's really an exciting accomplishment. I kept reminding them that it's been 10 years since RU has made the playoffs and that they need to finish the job."

Annapolis played the role of spoiler early on, when it returned an RU fumble 97 yards to pay



Marquise Hathaway bursts through a defender for big yards.

TOM BEAUDOIN

dirt to take a 6-0 lead. The Panther responded swiftly and relentlessly, scoring the next three touchdowns to set the tone.

Grant was a menace on the defensive side of the ball, too, Tomasaitis

noted. Cain finished the game with three touchdowns.

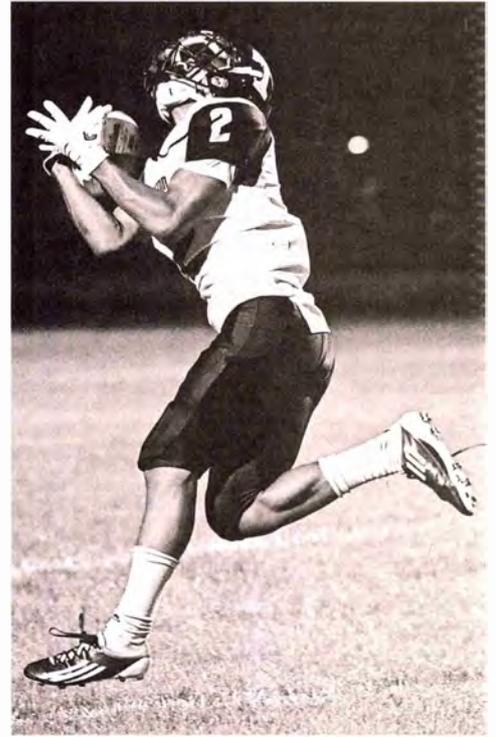
Thurston toppled

Romulus improved 7-1 Friday night after holding off a late Redford

Thurston charge to win, 49-28

The loss dropped the injury-riddled Eagles to 3-5.

"They jumped on us early; our defense had a hard time making stops in the first half," Thur-



Thurston's Darryius King hauls in a pass.

TOM BEAUDOIN

ston head coach Bob Snell said. "I'm proud of the way the guys fought back, though. They showed me something tonight."

Trailing 21-0, Thurston got on the board on a 47-yard TD run by Demetrius Dowd.

After Romulus regained a 28-7 edge, Thurston cut its deficit to 28-14 on a 30-yard TD pass from Zack Crofford to Darryius King.

Trailing 34-14, Dowd electrified the crowd with an 85-yard kickoff

return that set up his 1-yard TD run moments later.

Thurston crawled to within 34-28 on a 13-yard run by Dowd, but Romulus scored the game's final 15 points.

Dowd had a career night, running for 143 yards on 16 carries.

Crofford completed 11-of-25 passes for 144 yards and a TD.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Chiefs rout Rockets to make playoffs

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Correspondent

When Canton lost its first two games of the season to Dearborn Fordson and Walled Lake Western, the question on everyone's mind was, "What's wrong with Canton?"

Since their second defeat, the Chiefs have rattled off six straight wins and qualified for the MHSAA state playoffs with a definitive 49-0 victory Friday over visiting Westland John Glenn.

"People were wondering what was wrong with Canton. But it was, like, there's nothing wrong with Canton, but that there's a lot right with (Dearborn) Fordson and Walled Lake Western. We lost with a minute left in both games," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said.

"I'm so proud of them. They had to buckle down. It was like playoff time right from the get-go."

It was an unusual game of sorts for Canton (6-2), as it racked up 294



Canton's Colin Troup (right) breaks up a pass attempt to Westland John Glenn's Roq Williams during Friday game.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

rushing yards, but on only 18 minutes of possession and 35 plays.

It was senior night for the Chiefs and, fittingly, senior running backs Julian Thornton, Reid McDonnell and Markus Sanders paced the Chiefs to a hot start.

McDonnell (five carries, 66 yards) raced for 43 yards on the second play of the game and followed it with a 1-yard TD plunge.

Junior Lou Baechler capped Canton's energetic first quarter with a nifty 28-yard touchdown reception from Jake O'Donnell.

"Offensively, we wanted to come out and smash. Our backs ran hard and our offensive line blocked their hearts out," Lou Baechler said.

For the second week in a row, the Canton defense stood tall and pitched a shutout. The success defensively can be attributed to film study and determination in practice, according to Lou Baechler.

"It was pretty important (getting the shutout). Our defense is finally getting it together after the first two, three weeks when it was shaky," Lou Baechler said.

Sanders ran for 58 yards and a touchdown. William Hall ran for 52 yards and two touchdowns. Thornton ran for

91 yards, highlighted by an 85-yard touchdown to close the scoring.

In addition to senior night, the game was also the annual Coaches vs. Cancer charity game, with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society.

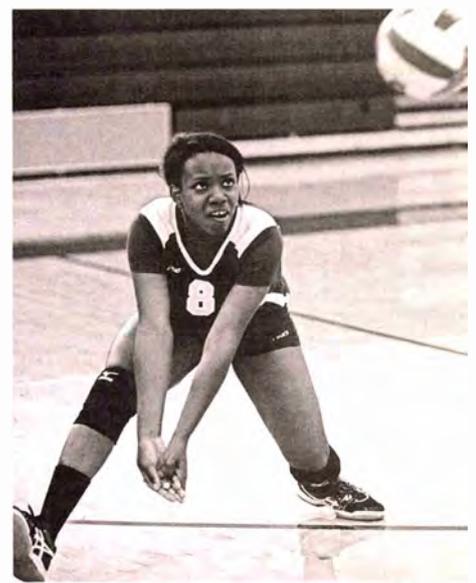
With everybody from fans to coaches decked out in pink, Baechler was proud of the overwhelming support.

"It's amazing that everybody is chipping in. It makes it so awesome. We know so many people that have cancer now or have died of cancer. Anything we can do to contribute and make it a bigger awareness, we are happy to do it," Baechler said.

John Glenn (1-7) was led by senior receiver Roq Williams, who ignited the Rockets' offense with three catches for 60 yards.

Canton will travel next week to Northville (7-1) to play the Mustangs for the Kensington Conference championship, while John Glenn will play at Livonia Stevenson (4-4).

WWAC VOLLEYBALL REPORT



Redford Union's Kiara Sharps zeroes in on a dig.

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RU and Thurston both suffer setbacks

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Redford Union's volleyball team slipped to 2-6 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division on Thursday night following its loss to Dearborn Fordson.

Among the standouts for the Panthers in the loss were setters Haley Hebner and Sadie Miles.

Powering the offensive attack for RU were kill leaders Kiara Sharps and Jakyla Jackson, while Maggie Osowski and Sharps turned in strong passing effort.

Also excelling for RU were Jamie Goulet, Lindsay Pfirrmann, Johnnae Steele, Bria White and Caitlyn Kenney.

Warriors pepper Eagles

On Monday, Lutheran Westland outlasted Redford Thurston, 25-15, 26-24, 25-20, in a non-conference match

played on the Warriors' court.

Spearheading the Eagles' attack were Amanda Michels (eight kills, one ace) and Jordan Cook, who contributed seven kills, one ace and two blocks.

Megan Abela provided sterling defense as she finished the night with a serve-receive gold standard of 100 percent. Abela also piled up two kills, four digs and an ace.

Other key contributors for Thurston were Ronay Peguies (eight assists and 12 digs) and Des Welch, who had five assists and one ace.

On Tuesday, Thurston suffered a 25-22, 25-9, 25-16 loss at Fordson.

Cook (four kills, seven blocks, two digs) and Michels (three kills, one ace, two digs) played well in the loss.

The pair of setbacks dropped Thurston's record to 10-8-1 overall and 4-3 in the WWAC.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

McDougall, Lauzon pace Spartans at county meet

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Led by Cassie McDougall's 17th-place finish, Livonia Stevenson's girls cross country team placed fourth in the Wayne County Invitational cross country meet held on Oct. 8, at Willow Metro Park.

McDougall set a personal record while covering the 5K course in 19 minutes and 48 seconds.

Junior Emily Lauzon also played a huge role in the Spartans' solid performance, placing 23rd with a time of 20:02, which was also a PR.

Also scoring for the Spartans were Gracie Droz (27th in 20:08), Julia

Cercone (35th in 20:38) and Kayla Senczyszyn, who placed 39th in the 20:41. Like McDougall, Senczyszyn is a ninth-grader.

Also competing for Stevenson's varsity squad were Abigail Zwicker (74th in 21:49) and Noelle Hillert, who was 105th in 23:14.

Salem won the title by one point (86-87) over Livonia Churchill. Grosse Pointe South (120) was third, 18 points ahead of the Spartans.

In the junior-varsity county race, Stevenson fourth with 160 points. Salem won with 15, followed by GPS (55) and Plymouth (96).

Among those running



Livonia Stevenson's cross country team placed fourth at the Wayne County Invitational.

TOM BEAUDOIN

well for the JV Spartans were Erin Fitzgerald (35th in 22:37), Delaney Harris (38th in 22:40), Anna Bonser (41st in 22:44) and Alyssa Bergman (50th in 23:05).

Dual-meet setback

In a KLAAC Central Division dual meet held at Cass Benton Park, the Spartans suffered a 15-62 loss to state-ranked

Northville.

McDougall was the first Spartan to cross the finish line, placing eighth in 20:31. Lauzon was closed behind, taking 10th in 20:47.

Northville's Cayla Eckenroth won the race in 18:46, six seconds ahead of teammate Ana Barrott.

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COLLEGE HOCKEY

SECOND SHIFT

Schoolcraft Ocelots want to build club hockey program, earn NCAA D-III status

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Ice chips were flying all over Redford Arena one recent Thursday night.

And the sounds of Schoolcraft College hockey reverberated all over the old barn. Head coach Rob Lindsay barked and whistled, players' skates carved into the ice and composite sticks whacked pucks.

"We have better players all around; I was rolling four lines during the last (scrimmage)," Lindsay said following the late-night session, on the eve of the Ocelots' second season of existence as a club team.

The future appears to be bright as the 2016-17 season gets underway. First of all, word is spreading all over high schools in Observerland and on the Schoolcraft campus itself that there's a new hockey option.

More than 50 players came out for team tryouts, but only 28 made the cut (including Plymouth High School graduate Zack Wiener and former Salem player Zach Goleniak). That wouldn't have happened last season, when the team first took to the ice with whoever it could suit up.

"We had players that didn't have much experience last year; it was the beginning of a new program," said Lindsay, a former college coach at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. "This year, we have a very skilled team."

'Very skilled'

That was evident watching practice. Breakout drills were crisp, end-to-end rushes were lightning fast.

SCHOOLCRAFT HOCKEY

Local ties: The 2016-17 Schoolcraft Ocelots club hockey team, starting its second season, has a number of players from Observerland. Those include forwards Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson), Zach Goleniak (Salem), Spencer Kovacs (Livonia Churchill), Brendan Nutting (Livonia Franklin), Zack Nelson (Livonia Franklin), Jacob Stanley (Westland), Derek Klisz (Livonia Churchill), Sheldon Varhol (Garden City/Cabrini H.S.), Owen Hund (Garden City/Belle Tire AA), Owen Kates (Garden City/Cabrini) and Tanner Sweitzer (Garden City); defensemen Zack Finzel (Livonia Stevenson), Andrew Nowak (Livonia Stevenson), Bayley Brothers (Livonia), Zack Wiener (Plymouth) and Scott Pohl (Livonia); and goalies Matt Monendo (Livonia Franklin) and Brett Kates (Garden City/Cabrini).

Moving up: Last year, Schoolcraft was an independent team. The Ocelots now play in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

Home games: Saturday, Nov. 5, Northwood University (6:15 p.m.); Friday, Nov. 11, Lake Superior State-D2 (9 p.m.); Saturday, Nov. 12, Lake Superior State-D2 (6:15 p.m.); Friday, Dec. 2, IUPUI (9 p.m.); Saturday, Dec. 3, IUPUI (6:15 p.m.); Saturday, Jan. 21, Fighting Irish Jr. (6:15 p.m.); Saturday, Feb. 4, University of Toledo (6:15 p.m.); Saturday, Feb. 18, Central Michigan-D2 (6:15 p.m.). All home games at Redford Arena, on Beech Daly between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

Following the two-hour session, captain Andrew Lindsay — a Trenton graduate who was part of the 2015-16 debut Ocelots team — said the level of talent on the current squad easily



The future is bright for Schoolcraft College's hockey program. The 2016-17 captains are (from left) Sheldon Varhol, Andrew Nowak, Andrew Lindsay and Vinnie Glenn.

ROB LINDSAY

trumps last year's group.

"We made a lot of drastic improvements over the summer," said Andrew Lindsay, a forward. "We had that prospect camp and had a lot of good recruits come out. So far, we're looking pretty good, offensively and defensively."

"Everybody's moving the puck well. We're a lot more physical than last year and everybody on our team can skate this year. That's a big plus."

Concurring were two of the team's three co-captains, forward Vinnie Glenn and defenseman Andrew Nowak. Both played at Livonia Stevenson and are starting their second season with the Ocelots. Also a co-captain is forward and second-year player Sheldon Varhol, from Garden City.

The only other returnees are forwards Derek Klisz and Jacob Stanley and goaltender Brett Kates.

"We're always talking and we have much better skating," Glenn said. "We move the puck really well. And this early in the season, it can only get better."

Nowak's take was just

as optimistic.

"You can already tell it's a big difference from last year," he said. "The talent's just up there and we're a lot closer than we were last year. Everybody wants to be here, everybody's committed and it's going to be a great year."

Schoolcraft's 10-3 rout Oct. 8 of Washtenaw Community College showed that the self-assessment isn't too far off the mark. Scoring a hat trick was forward Matt Bederka, with forward Owen Hund (Garden City) scoring twice.

Buzz-worthy

The players said the sky's the limit for the program, especially as word of mouth about the team keeps building.

"We're getting a great buzz," Nowak said. "A lot more people are finding out about the team. We had a big tryout because word's been getting out."

"So far, it's becoming a really good thing on campus. Hopefully, it will get better moving forward."

Glenn said Schoolcraft is a good stepping stone for high school players and he added that the

future is unlimited — especially if the program can move up from its current status as an American Collegiate Hockey Association club team.

"Some people can't afford to go away to big schools, so they come to Schoolcraft," Glenn said. "Knowing that there's a hockey team that can potentially be a D-III NCAA team, I think we can get a lot different type of guys, talent from all over the place, to come out."

Coach Lindsay also touts what might be. This year's team is playing in the ACHA, against club teams from colleges such as Michigan State, Lake Superior State, Grand Valley State and others. He plans on pushing the envelope enough for the Schoolcraft athletics department to add it as a varsity sport (currently, it is run by student activities).

Club to D-III?

For many schools, the path to reach NCAA Division III status often begins at the club level.

"In the very beginning, this is the path (club

to NCAA)," Rob Lindsay said. "Some of the big schools started out as club teams, then they became varsity teams, a lot of four-year institutions."

The Ocelots look ready for that jump, sporting new uniforms that are a step up from those worn in 2015-16. They now have a bona fide locker room at Redford Arena, formerly used by Dearborn Divine Child (although renovations are needed, Lindsay said).

Plus, a recent golf outing at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth netted about \$7,000 to help cut players' ice bills. Everything's looking up.

"I'm extremely proud, just from where we came from," Andrew Lindsay said. "Last year, we started out with what we had on campus. Then we went out recruiting and we have a lot of awesome players on the team now."

"We're playing together. We're brothers and I want to see this program keep moving and keep going until we get to D-III NCAA."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Oct. 16
Location: St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, and juice; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

CONCERT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23
Location: Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington

Details: The Praise Band and Mass Choir from Community Church of Christ in Detroit will sing and play gospel music for the worship service. Salem's Sanctuary Choir also will sing
Contact: 248-474-6880

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23
Location: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 707 E. Lafayette, Detroit

Details: The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit performs hymns and liturgical songs from different Orthodox Christian traditions
Contact: Olga Liskivskiy at 248-252-8184; Olga-liss0910@gmail.com

CONCERTS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23
Location: Afternoon show at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth; evening show at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers show, An American Sampler, with works by Aaron Copeland, Dave Brubeck, and more. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and over. Buy tickets at the door or online
Contact: detroit.lutheransingers.com

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15
Location: White Lake Presbyterian Church, 4805 Highland Road, Highland

Details: Crafts and baked goods for sale
Contact: 248-887-4654

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15
Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Admission \$1. Proceeds benefit veterans. Bake sale, food available, 50/50 and raffle
Contact: 313-274-0684

FUNDRAISER

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. auction of homemade gifts, crafts, food, services, Saturday, Oct. 22
Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Proceeds to Habitat for Humanity. Free-will offering for dinner. Call for dinner reservations
Contact: 734-495-0035

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16
Location: Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland, Farmington

Details: Mark Erwin-McCormick, director of development for the Ruth Ellis Center, will talk about the work the Center does on behalf of homeless LGBTQ youth in Detroit. A coffee hour follows. Donations will be accepted for the Center
Contact: 248-474-6880

HEARTS AND HANDS SUNDAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30
Location: Salem UCC, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington

Details: The fifth Sunday of the month is dedicated to mission and outreach projects. The project for October is a shoe box filled with pancake and muffin mixes for Neighborhood House community families. A potluck brunch will be held during the outreach project
Contact: 248-474-6880

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22
Location: Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Joni Scott, director of religious education at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Detroit, will present "Martin Luther King Jr.: I Have Decided to Stick with Love." Participants will learn about the life journey that led King to become a "voice for the voiceless." Suggested donation is \$25
Contact: 248-433-0950; visitationnorth@ihmsisters.org

PARADE OF PARTIES

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Shop in-home vendors and local crafters. Lunch available. Prize drawings. Admission \$1
Contact: Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

PUMPKIN PAINTING
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 15
Location: Crossroads Church, in the lower level at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Free pumpkin painting, crafts, cider and doughnuts for all ages. Email or call to reserve a pumpkin
Contact: 734-338-5149; info@crossroadsnow.org

ROSARY RALLY
Time/Date: Noon, Saturday, Oct. 15
Location: Madonna University, located at Levan and Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Gary Michalik will lead the Rosary
Contact: 734-432-9744

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 22
Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn

Details: Clothes, shoes, purses, linens, housewares, small appliances, toys, with \$2 bag sale on Saturday. Cash sales only
Contact: 313-581-2525

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14
Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington

Details: \$7 bag day on Thursday, \$4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately
Contact: 248-474-6573

TRUNK OR TREAT
Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23
Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia

Details: Costumed kids, accompanied by their parents, trick or treat in the parking lot at the church. Event includes snacks and bounce house
Contact: 734-425-7280

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14
Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington

Details: \$7 bag day on Thursday, \$4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately
Contact: 248-474-6573

WORKSHOP
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29
Location: Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Sister Marry Ellen Sheehan will facilitate "Conscience, Discernment, and Church Teaching." Participants will explore the meaning and practice of conscience and pastoral discernment and dissent in relationship to Church teaching. Registration deadline is Oct. 26. Suggested donation is \$25
Contact: 248-433-0950; visitationnorth@ihmsisters.org

ONGOING
CLASSES/STUDY
CONGREGATION BETH AHM
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancylelen879@att.net

OUR LADY OF LORETTO
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia-st-michael.org

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

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

wood at 734-765-5476
ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386
Contact: facebook.com/stinno-cenredford

EXERCISE
CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

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

FOOD
SALVATION ARMY
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

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

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. second Saturday of the month
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Food pantry assists nutritional needs of the needy
Contact: 734-421-8451; stan-drewsepiscopalchurch@livonia.org

HEALING SERVICE
THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX BASILICA OF SAINT MARY
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: 18100 Merriman, Livonia

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

MOMS
CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SINGLES
DETROIT WORLD OUTREACH
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

STEVE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

SUPPORT
APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

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

DETROIT WORLD OUTREACH
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET CHURCH
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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



The Farmington Community Band presents its Halloween concert Oct. 30 at Harrison High School.

Farmington band hosts 'spooktacular'

Members of the Farmington Community Band have announced the band opens its 51st concert season beginning with one of its long-standing musical traditions, a Halloween concert in October.

Maestro Damien Crutcher returns to conduct the 90-piece FCB Concert Band at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, presenting "Spooktacular XXXI — AREA 51," a Halloween concert for extra-terrestrials of all ages. Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of "tunes 'n' treats" at Harrison High School's auditorium, 29995 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

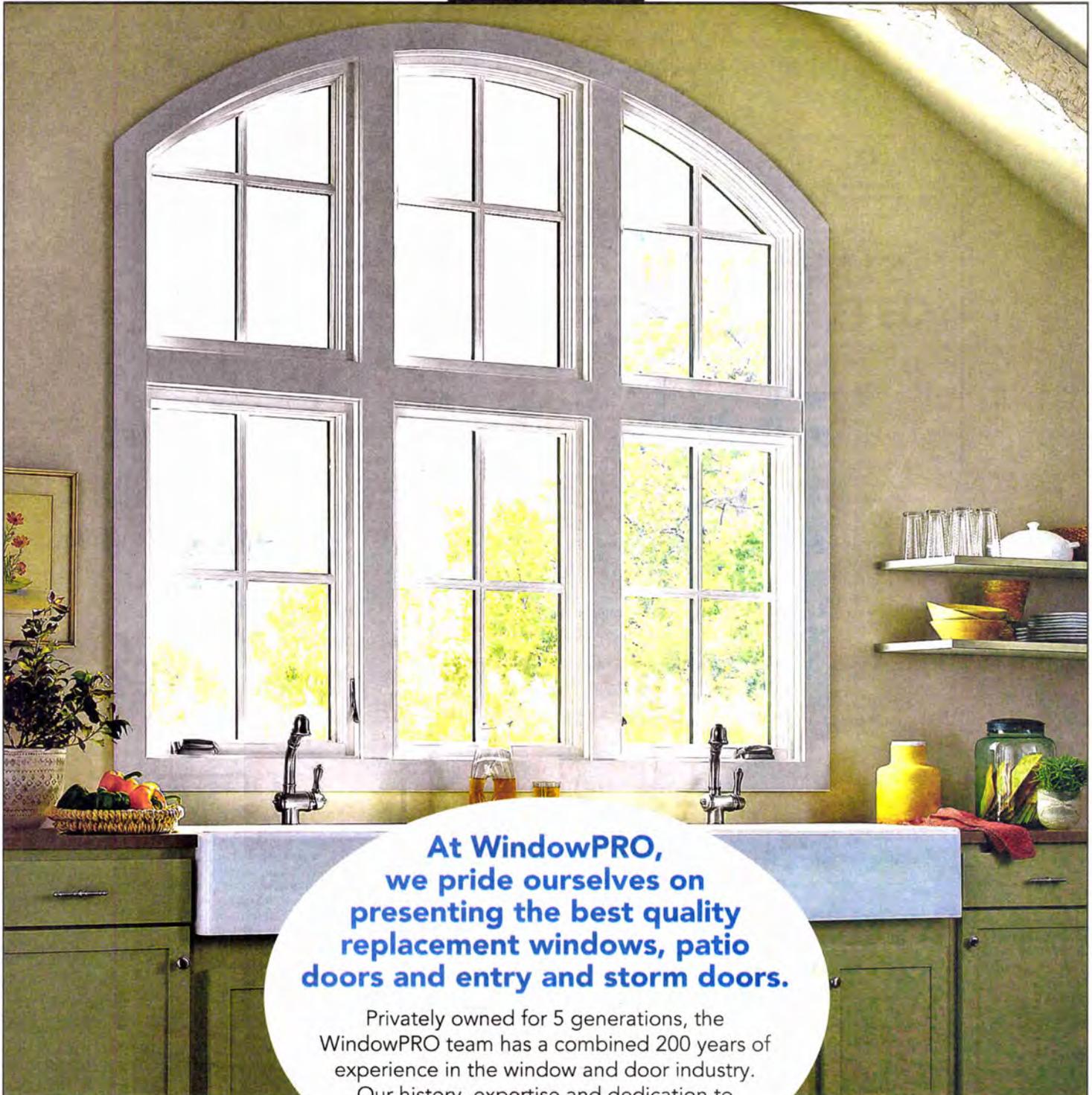
The free concert includes an afternoon of music, treats and an opportunity for kids to show off their Halloween fashions in a costume parade on stage with the band. The AREA 51 theme, which was chosen in recognition of the FCB's 51st concert season, will feature several musical selections with an "outer space" theme, including "E.T.," "Star Trek" and "Star Wars." Everyone is encouraged to attend wearing their favorite outer space costume.

Special guest emcees include band students from Farmington Public Schools, who will appear on stage telling jokes and introducing musical selections. For information on the Farmington Community Band, go to www.fcbmusic.org.

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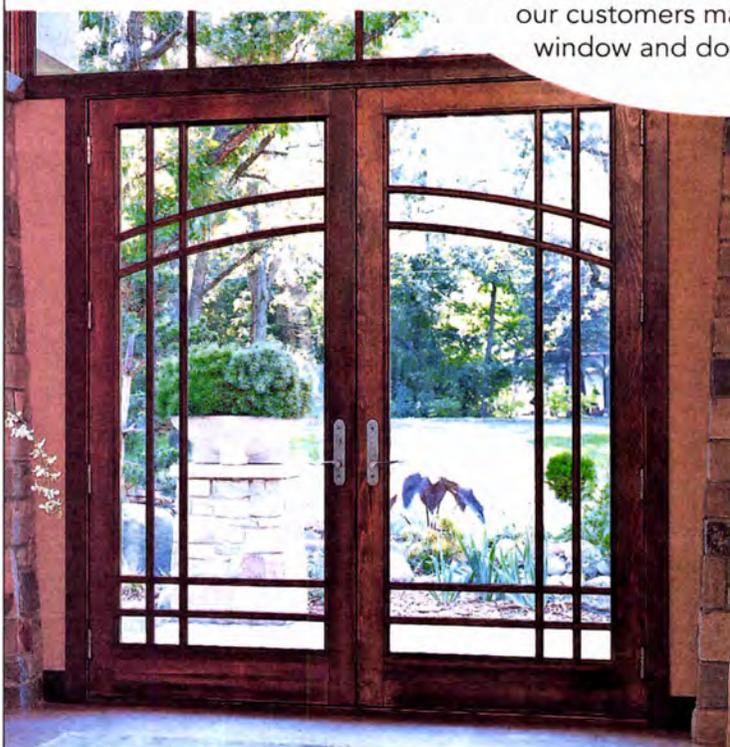
POWELL **REGAN**
BETTY LENORE Age 88, beloved mother and grandmother, died Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at Botstford Commons, Farmington Hills, Michigan. Born September 13, 1928. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, William and sisters Jackie and Elenore. She is survived by her children William Powell, Robert Powell, and Bonnie DeHaan (Steve). Betty had four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and sister Gaynell Pond (John). Memorial service to come at a later date.
DONALD J. age 83, of Plymouth, formerly of Troy and Queens, New York, passed away on October 8, 2016. He was born April 16, 1933 in Queens, New York; son of Cyril and Helen (nee Dunn) Regan. He graduated from Bayside High School in Bayside, Queens, NY; Class of 1951. Donald was united in marriage to Rosemary A. Guidera on August 22, 1964; they spent 52 loving years together. Donald, a devout catholic, was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Troy. He was an avid sports fan; he would watch sports any chance he got. Football was his favorite, especially NY Giants and U of M. Donald had a wonderful kinship with animals, throughout the years he rescued and adopted many dogs and cats which were always welcomed into his home. He was a true family man; Donald was very loving and a great provider. A simple man, he liked to be home and cherished the time he spent with his family. Donald is survived by his loving wife, Rosemary A. Regan; his daughters, Joanne (Gary) Kosten and Donna (Hugo) Delevie; his grandchildren, Keith Kosten, Caitlin Delevie, and Maggie Delevie; and his siblings, Cyril Regan, Eileen Witkowski, Joan Naton, Robert (Terry) Regan, and Rosemary (Paul) DePhillips. He was preceded in death by his parents. Services will be held at a later date. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Michigan Animal Rescue League, 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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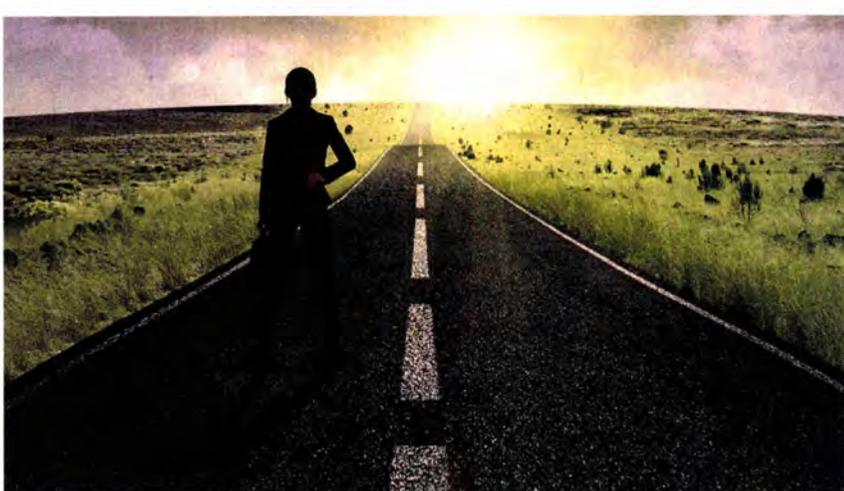
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Be upfront about job gaps in an interview

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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Not every job seeker's career path is conventional — sometimes, there are employment or other résumé gaps in their timeline that may warrant an explanation to a prospective employer.

Here's some advice from the pros on how to handle yourself during a job interview so you can portray yourself in the best light.



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Be proactive so you can steer the conversation. "Don't wait for a hiring manager to ask you about it," says Melissa Hirsch, senior recruiter at Betts Recruiting firm. "Include the gap in your background story when asked, 'Tell me about yourself.' Walk through your transitions and be open and honest. It's not a big deal if you don't make it one."

Juli Smith — president of The Smith Consulting Group, which offers executive search services — agrees that being forthcoming can put you in the driver's seat.

"The best defense is a good offense — be forthright and explain upfront about the gap in your employment so the interviewer doesn't have to ask you," Smith says. "This puts you in the position of steering

the conversation and being able to be matter-of-fact about the gap."

Don't lie. "The best advice I can give is to be perfectly honest and explain why there is a gap — things like taking care of an elderly parent or sick relative or having to attend to personal or family matters," says Andrew Miller, president and CEO at Brain-Works, which offers executive search services. "If the reason is because you were searching and couldn't find anything, again there needs to be a decent reason, such as, 'I am not relocatable so that limits my options.'"

Regardless of whether it seems like a setback to an employer, be candid.

"Recruiters and HR managers understand the economy was really rough around 2009," says Jennifer Yeko, founder and recruiter of Ninja Recruiting. "If you took time off to raise a family or something — even though legally you don't need to disclose it during an interview — it might help explain a gap."

Have a story to accompany the gap. You should be in a position to offer an explanation for your unemployment or résumé gap.

"If you were fired because

your previous company was making cuts, this clearly is not your fault," says Adam Smiley Poswolsky, a millennial workplace expert, writer and speaker. "If you quit a previous job, why did you leave? Was the company culture not the right fit? Why do you believe this next opportunity will be a better fit for you, given your unique skills, interests and the impact you want to have on the world?"

Be positive. It's easy to blame a previous employer or make excuses, but skip the negative talk.

"When it comes time to address gaps on your résumé,

job seekers should address those gaps and the reason for those gaps positively," says Dr. Steven Lindner, executive partner of The WorkPlace Group. "Help the recruiter and hiring manager undo any incorrect assumptions or biases held about employment gaps. Talk about how you have used your time during employment gaps to prepare yourself for your next job."

Highlight any skills you may have acquired during your time between jobs. Perhaps you took time off to travel or study — these can be beneficial not only to you but also to the employer.

"(For example,) did (you) volunteer full time for a while? Go traveling? Take a course that improved (your) skills and will help (you) to be an asset at this new company?" asks Valerie Streif, senior adviser at The Mentat, an organization that hires, manages and mentors candidates. "Things like this make it seem like less of a gap in employment because (you) were still learning and developing as a person."

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FORD IS STILL WRITING A GROWTH STORY, WITH TRUCKS AND SUVs, WHILE IT PIVOTS TO LEADERSHIP IN SELF-DRIVING FUTURE



By Dale Buss

Ford doesn't look like much of a growth story right now: U.S. sales declined by 8 percent in September versus a year ago, as the company participates in an overall leveling off of the American automotive market after a six-year boom.

But the bigger you go in Ford's lineup, the more growth you see: Sales of its pickup trucks were up by more than 8 percent for the year to date while SUV sales were up by more than 5 percent, against a 12-percent decline in sedan sales.

Its strength up market is one reason Ford is ranked No. 33 in the new Interbrand Best Global Brands report, giving it the only place in the list of 100 brands taken by any U.S. automotive brand.

"This is a global list, so in part it's about the fact that no other American brand has the kind of broad global footprint that these other brands do, and Ford comes

closest," Daniel Binns, managing director in the automotive sector for New York-based Interbrand, told me.

"Also with Ford part of it is financial performance. And its strength of brand does well versus other mass manufacturers."

The trend toward stronger consumer preference for utility vehicles and larger models throws an especially interesting light on Ford's unwitting role in the presidential campaign, as Donald Trump continued to criticize the company's decision to move its small car production from Detroit to Mexico.

But lo and behold: What's moving into the factory in Wayne are completely new models that will help Ford tap into the fastest-growing categories. Sources are telling Automotive News that Ford's first product at the plant will be a new version of its Ranger mid-size pickup-truck nameplate, scheduled for output by 2018, to be followed in 2020 by an all-new Ford Bronco SUV—the nameplate that O.J. Simpson made eternally infamous by making it his "getaway" vehicle in 1996.

Meanwhile, Ford continues to retool for a future where it looks a lot more like a sleek Silicon Valley tech company than an old-world automaker. For example, Ford said that by year's end, three of its models—Focus Electric, Fusion Energi and C-Max Energi—will be able to

communicate with smart-home devices using Amazon's Alexa voice service by pressing a button on the steering wheel.

And overall, CEO Mark Fields recently described a path to future growth that will be strewn with self-driving automobiles, road-sharing services and Midwestern manufacture of high-profit trucks and SUVs—but making small cars only in Mexico.

In the short term, Fields warned, there also will be boulders on this path in the form of lower profitability as Ford ramps up spending for a higher-growth future. And foregoing short-term profits for long-term growth is another way Ford will resemble the digital tech companies that also are threatening to take over the future of automobility.

In fact, Ford projects returns of at least 20 percent from its various "mobility" ventures versus single-digit profitability from the business of making and selling vehicles to individual and fleet owners. "It's not about moving from an old business to a new business," Fields said. "It's about moving to a bigger business."



The Ford F-150 is a major part of Ford's growth plan.

And in that strategic calculation, which Fields has been rolling out over the past year or so, he's attempting to move Ford one major step beyond where his predecessor, Alan Mulally, left the company. Beginning in 2006, Mulally rallied Ford to survive the Great Recession on its own resources and bring out a worthy lineup of new vehicles for the great automotive sales recovery of the past seven years, including laying the groundwork for the hot-selling new aluminum-bed F-150 pickup trucks.

After warming up to the future implications of self-driving and ride-sharing only slowly in his first year or so on the job, by late last year Fields was embracing the new future with gusto. And recently he

laid out the consequences in their greatest detail.

The gist of the strategy is that Ford plans to start selling driverless cars to the public in about 2025, after a few years of selling self-driving taxis. "We're dedicated to putting autonomous vehicles on the road for millions of people, not just those who can afford luxury cars," Fields said.

But meanwhile, the company has made it clear that much of the work of putting those cars together and on the road will occur at its rapidly growing outpost in the Silicon Valley and within startups that it is acquiring or investing in, even though Ford also will spend heavily on overhauling its corporate headquarters operations in Michigan.



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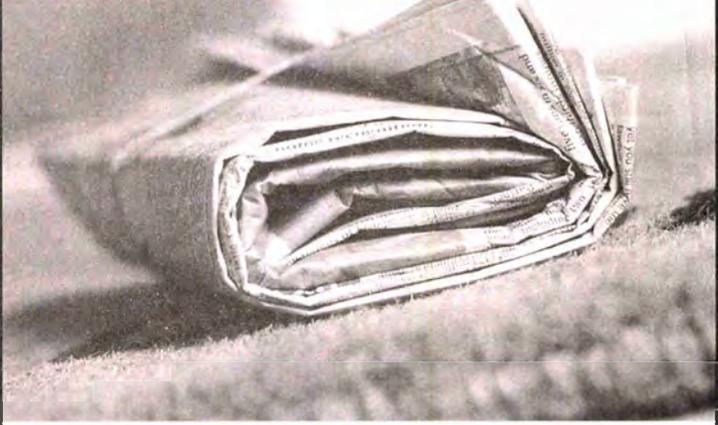
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