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Area hospitals support RTA proposal

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Beaumont Health COO Carolyn Wilson has seen firsthand what a connected transit system can mean for a region's health care providers.

She came to the health system last year from another in Minneapolis, Minn., a city with a mass transit system consisting of light rail and bus rapid

transit.

"I've seen how by connecting communities and counties and crossing the boundaries ... we can much more effectively serve those we need to in health care," she said.

Beaumont Health is just one of the several health care providers in southeast Michigan that sees the benefit in the master plan being put before voters Nov. 8 by the Regional

Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan. The plan, which if approved will levy 1.2 mills over a 20-year period, is a new transportation plan to connect Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw counties. It would consist of several additional bus lines, bus rapid transit, rail service between Detroit and Ann Arbor and incorporation of the QLINE in Detroit. The plan, if approved by voters,

would collect about \$161 million in its first year.

Several area hospital groups have already publicly endorsed the plan, including Beaumont Health, St. John Providence Health System, the Detroit Medical Center and the Henry Ford Health System. Other hospital groups have also said improved access to public transit is something they endorse, as well.

Tom Tocco, vice president for support services and capital projects for the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, said while he had not examined the proposal in great detail, anything that helps brings patients to the hospital for appointments, such as checkups and screenings, is a good thing.

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Westland two-year lighting assessment approved

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Westland residents won't be paying any part of the assessment for major road street lights around the city unless they happen to actually live on what are classified as major roads.

While major roads include multiple-lane highways like Ford and Warren roads, they also include all or portions of streets like Wildwood, Palmer, Hunter, Cowan and Annapolis, which have residential areas.

Council members rejected a recommendation from administration to assess every property for major street light charges. The idea was to spread the cost more fairly, because all drivers use major streets, not just those owning property on the major streets. That would have meant that all property owners would pay something for lighting assessments — an average of \$8.90 for homes and \$96.30 for businesses had been proposed for major street lights.

"I am absolutely against putting major roads (street lighting charges) on residents and for 10 years" Councilman Bill Johnson said. "It should be two years and local street-lights would be exempt from increases."

Agreeing with Johnson, Councilwoman Christine Bryant said she had voted against the previous street lighting assessment five years ago and didn't agree with the proposal.

"My biggest disagreement is residents paying for lights (located) outside of their streets. We pay for that already in our taxes," she said.

As approved, property owners benefiting from street lights on local roads, such as within their subdivisions, would continue to pay for lighting assessments, as would those served by major street lights.

Through GIS and work with DTE Energy, the city identified a number of large businesses that hadn't been assessed for street lights and now will be getting charged.

"We tried to make it more fair. There are 2,800 people who live on these major streets besides businesses. It was \$4 to \$6 per year for driving on major roads — 88 per-

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WSDP-FM staffers Zain Omair, Amanda Barberena and Clay Martin, in the main studio.

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RAISED ON RADIO

WSDP-FM has sparked broadcasting careers



WSDP-FM staffer Ian Kandt edits an overnight broadcast.

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Aiming high has paid off at WSDP-FM (88.1).

The 300-watt, student-run radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, better known as 88.1 The Park, has launched dozens of careers, given hundreds of students a head start in post-high school studies and kept thousands of listeners informed and entertained with its programming.

"It's been an amazing experience to watch these students," John Kreger, the assistant manager and a station alumni, said during a recent visit. "If you give students a high standard and ask them to meet it, they will."

Now, the 44-year-old station is marking

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He said many of the system's hospitals are in the areas that would be part of the area impacted by the plan, including in Livonia, Pontiac and Ann Arbor. Within those hospitals are several doctors who operate regular offices, meaning patients will typically come to the hospital for regular appointments. Having improved transit to get patients there, he said, would be a strong benefit.

"There's a significant amount of square footage dedicated to on-site physician practices," he

said. "Again, it's all about how convenient can we make it."

The St. Joseph Mercy Health System has put some efforts in place to try and minimize travel for those who may not be able to get to appointments: a clinic operates in Ypsilanti for those who cannot make it to the Ann Arbor hospital and St. Mary Mercy Hospital recently raised \$250,000 to help, among other things, pay for a van to help transfer cancer patients to appointments at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan.

Convenience is important to the new Beaumont Health system, especially since it re-

cently expanded: Beaumont acquired Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and the Oakwood Healthcare system, which had hospitals in places such as Wayne, Trenton, Dearborn and Taylor. These are in addition to the other hospitals already in the Beaumont system, including ones in Royal Oak, Troy and Grosse Pointe.

Because of how large the system has become, it's possible a patient who lives in western Wayne County may be referred to a physician based at the Royal Oak hospital and may need to find a way to get there if they do not have a vehicle, Wilson said.

"For us, getting the right patient to the right place and the right time, that all takes a lot of coordination," she said. "We're going to try and keep our patients as close to their home as we can."

Moving of employees

It's not just patients, their families or those with disabilities that may need to rely on public transit to get to the hospital. The region's several hospitals that employ thousands would also benefit from an improved system if it allows them more reliable means to get to work.

Helping to keep employees easily moved to work is one of the rea-



A SMART connector bus drives past the Beaumont Botsford Hospital Grand River stop.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sons the St. John Providence Health System, which has hospitals in Novi, Southfield, Madison Heights, Warren and Detroit, is backing the proposal.

"We all are 100-percent committed to supporting efforts that not only help our patients access necessary health-care services, but also help our employees get to their places of work to provide essential health-care services," Jean Meyer, president and CEO, St. John Providence Health System with 125 medical centers, four hospitals and 15,000 employees across the region, said in a

statement. "Reliable regional transit is simply integral to improving the health of our region."

Improved connections would also assist employees, Wilson said, especially those who may come from different systems currently, such as transferring from the Detroit Department of Transportation to a Suburban Mobile Authority for Regional Transportation bus. The new authority would be an additional system, though RTA officials have said in the past they would plan to work with the existing authorities to help make service more comprehensive.

Wilson said while improved transit for Beaumont Health is important, she realizes many patients and employees may receive services at other health care providers. Having improved access for those who may not be able to drive, she said, benefits everyone.

"We share boundaries, we share patients, we share communities," she said. "What we're really all about is providing the best care for our patients and employees."

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cent got that assessment (as proposed)," Councilman Michael Kehrer said.

The assessment, which has been in place 25 years, had expired. The new assessment had been proposed for 10 years; previous assessments were approved for five-year periods. If the assessment roll wasn't approved by Nov. 7, it wouldn't make the winter tax bills and the city would have to pay

the \$1.4 million street lighting charges from the general fund.

Repeating complaints about the short time frame for council to consider the assessment, Councilman Kevin Coleman said the assessment wasn't handled responsibly. "There was a time line, but it was only if we passed it without changes. That would be like asking us to vote without hearing from residents," said Coleman, who cast the only vote against the assessment roll.

The time line for the process of setting the

assessment roll had been laid out and everyone had opportunity to voice their opinions, Council President James Godbout noted.

"In no way, shape or form was this jamming it down anyone's throat. There was a tight time frame. We had much more information than we saw five years ago," Godbout said. "The (administration) task force did a tremendous job."

Charges for street light assessments are expected to decrease in the next few years, thanks to a program replacing existing lights

with LED. The savings are projected to provide enough through reduced energy costs to pay for the new lights in just over 18 months. Shortening the assessment to two years was aimed at being able to reflect those savings in the assessment, but Budget Director Debra Peck said the city will still be collecting data on the LED lights' impact at the end of that period.

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its third straight nomination for a Marconi Radio Award from the National Association of Broadcasters — in just the third year the Marconis have had a non-commercial station category. WSDP is the only high school station ever to be named a Marconi finalist.

With two previous nominations in a row, this year's honor took station manager Bill Keith by surprise. At the same time, "I felt that our entry this year was our best and really told a great story about how we serve the community," said Keith, who was been at the station for 25 years.

"It is an incredible honor when you realize that we are being recognized with college and professional stations," he added.

WSDP didn't take the Marconi for best non-commercial station — that went to WSOU-FM at Seton Hall University — but Keith and some station staffers got to bask in the glow during the September awards presentation in Nashville, Tenn., where they networked with top radio professionals.

"It was a great experience," said Amanda Barberena, WSDP's program director and a Plymouth High School senior.

The station began broadcasting in February 1972 at just 10 watts. Now firmly established as part of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, WSDP gets an annual subsidy of about \$110,000 from the district and raises another \$40,000 or so a year from sponsors.

Influential alums

The influence of WSDP alums has been felt at stations around the country — and at the Marconis.

Patrick Walsh, a 1985 Salem grad, is president and chief operating officer at Emmis Communications, an Indianapolis-based media company with 23 stations in six markets. Walsh is also on the executive committee at the NAB and was a presenter in Nashville who says he felt some alumni pride when he announced WSDP as a nominee.

Walsh, who just marked his 10th anniversary at Emmis, also prepared for his career with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance and a master's in business administration, but says he misses his time on the radio.

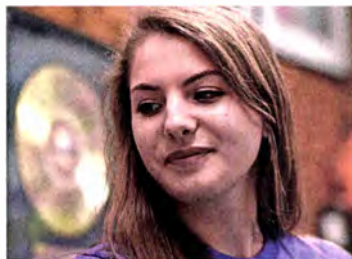
"I definitely enjoyed my time working on developing news stories and doing on-air features and preparing basketball games," he said. Radio is his "first love" and working at the station helped him build confidence.

He remembered a WSDP staff of 15-20 dedicated students (there are currently about 30). The music format then, he said, included pop, punk and



WSDP-FM (88.1) was a finalist for a Marconi Radio Award.

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WSDP program director Amanda Barberena.



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Zain Omair is the music director at WSDP.



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WSDP sports director Clay Martin.

early alternative. "Mid-'80s music is not necessarily something I'm unduly fond of," he said with a chuckle. "It's now considered classic."

The station, he said, "gave a lot of license to young people to explore their creative sides."

Current staffers say The Park is giving them technical skills, a leg up on their future studies and a sense of camaraderie in what becomes for them a home away from home.

Hands-on learning

They learn by doing — and by helping each other along, said Zain Omair, the music director and a Canton High senior.

"A radio station is definitely like a team," she said. "People are willing to help you out."

"Hands-on learning for sure," said Amanda, the program director, who also acts in the P-CEP theater program. Zain, involved with the station since

her sophomore year, wants to study communications in college, as does Amanda, who wants to go into radio producing.

Clay Martin, the sports director, wants to become a lawyer. "A lot of the communications skills I learned here at the station can definitely translate," he said.

The Park, which broadcasts around the clock, has an adult contemporary, top 40 music format, plus a regular student-produced news show, "News-File," 5:30 p.m. each weekday.

It also offers sports, including live broadcasts of athletic events, specialty music shows like Zain's "Pretty in Punk" (6 p.m. Monday) and "The Scene" (6 p.m. Thursday) and informational features. Monica Merritt, P-CCS superintendent, hosts "Moments With Merritt" (5:45 p.m. Tuesday), in which she spotlights things happening in the district.

During this election season, WSDP is also giving air time to candidates for the P-CCS school board, with staffers having them in for interviews.

Kreger, the assistant manager, said the station's mission, as part of the school district, is a public service and a public trust.

"We try to live up to that standard," he said.

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'Bucket List of Booze Club' toasts female friendship

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Ask Maureen Paraventi about grappa and she'll tell you it's the "Italian liquid equivalent of a hot dog."

"It's made from seeds and stems of the grape ... it was developed so that nothing would go to waste," she added.

The longtime Redford resident hasn't tasted the grape-based brandy, but she has written it into her new play, "The Bucket List of Booze Club," which debuted at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

The comedy-with-a-heart is about four women who get together weekly to sample booze, share their heartaches and their joys.

"I had to research all these beverages for the play," Paraventi said. "They are trying things like grappa and slivovitz and sake. It's a lot like a book club, without all that inconvenient reading."

"Bucket List" is Paraventi's first full-length play. She wrote and revised it for two years, tweaked it through four staged readings and listened to lots of critiques before deeming it ready for production. She chose her sister, Tina Paraventi, an experienced director and a fellow member of the pop-rock band McLaughlin's Alley, to direct the production.

Paraventi works as a social media manager and web content editor and has written several one-act plays, in addition to a novel and a non-fiction book, "The New Old Maid: How Happily Unmarried Women are Defying Stereotypes," which is under submission to publishers by her literary agent. She said the "Bucket List" was unlike anything she has written for the stage. Here's her take on the play and the writing process:

Q: Why did it take two years to finish?

A: It's a complex play with a fairly large cast for contemporary theater. And I wanted to get it right. I wanted all of the characters to be very distinct and to resonate with people. Based on the staged readings, they are. Actors have cried during the staged readings and



The characters of "The Bucket List of Booze Club" get together weekly to sample alcoholic beverages.



Kelly Baffy (left) and Rachel Richardson play mother and daughter in "The Bucket List of Booze Club."

laughed. I can't tell you how many actors have come up to me and said, "Oh my God, I was that, that was my life." And that is very gratifying.

Q: What inspired the play?

A: A friend was dying of

cancer and other friends developed the bit of going over and visiting on a regular basis. We would sit around and do what women do best, which is talk and snack and sometimes have adult beverages. And in spite of the circumstances, we had



Paraventi

some wonderful times. We talked about everything ... and it was just real good to spend that time together. That was the general inspiration. The women in the "Bucket List of Booze Club" are composites of various people I know and of myself. They're all funny. They have known each other a long time. And you know female friendships can be complicated, but wonderful.

Q: Is there a main character?

A: It's an ensemble. The conflict that develops between

Jen and Collette is central, but they are all strong roles. Collette is trying to figure out her daughter's future. Her daughter is Ree-Ree. Ree-Ree has graduated from college and looks up to her Aunt Jen. Jen is an ambitious successful lawyer who has not found Mr. Right. Amy is a homemaker. Her kids are going off to college and she's caring for a mother who has Alzheimer's. Mary Ann is hilarious. She is in a relationship with a much younger man. He's crazy about her, but she's very insecure about it.

Q: Are there more laughs than tears?

A: "I like to think it's a good balance. There is frank discussion of what women of a certain age go through and they laugh about it — menopause, hot flashes, jiggy upper arms. Men will enjoy it, too. I've had plenty of men who laughed, but it will resonate especially with women.

Q: Are you doing anything special for this world premiere?

A: They are putting on my play and that's special enough. I'll go to the cast party and crash that.

Q: What's on your booze bucket list?

A: I think I should try grappa. I'm part Italian and that's an Italian drink. On my bucket list, I want to surf. It looks like so much fun. I think I'll be horrible at it, but I'll try it.

Q: What's your advice for beginning playwrights?

A: Start with short plays. It's a great way to develop your skills and seek some gratification. The really important thing is to go see a lot of plays.

"The Bucket List of Booze Club" is at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22 and 28-29, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 and 30, at Barefoot Productions, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Tickets are \$17 general admission and \$15 for seniors and students. Call 734-404-6889 or go to justgobarefoot.com.

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Ken Stempien, president of the Friends of the Wilson Barn, with two of his grandchildren, Anna and Andrew Ziolkowski, at Pumpkin Fest.

Pumpkin Fest continues at Livonia's Wilson Barn

There's still time to take in the sights at Livonia's Wilson Barn this month.

The annual Pumpkin Fest, which takes place at the historic barn at Middlebelt and West Chicago in Livonia, continues through the end of October, with events taking place every day of the week.

During the week, pumpkin, gourd and cornstake sales take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., while pony rides are available from noon to 7 p.m., weather permitting. Hay rides are available during the week as well, if a reservation is made.

On the last two weekends of October, patrons can participate in hay rides, take a look at the arts and craft sales and buy some cider and doughnuts to enjoy. The sale of cider and doughnuts is a fundraiser for

the Friends of the Wilson Barn to make improvements on the property.

"All the proceeds help to benefit the Friends of the Barn and to upkeep that barn," said Ken Stempien, president of the Friends of the Barn. "Any work that needs to be done to that barn, the Friends do it."

Also available during the weekend is the haunted barn stroll, designed for children ages 12 and younger. Admission is \$1 and the level of scariness is determined by the patron. The haunted barn stroll is open from noon to 7:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through October.

More information on the annual Pumpkin Fest, as well as the Wilson Barn, can be found at wilsonbarn.com.

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Disabled resident needs help with home modifications

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Lymphedema robs Catherine Fanto a little bit more every day.

The disease, which causes extreme swelling of arms and legs, first took her job nine years ago. Then, it was a good night's sleep – the Redford resident has been forced to rest in a recliner for the past six years. Now, it's chipping away at her mobility.

Fanto started walking with a cane several years ago and then had to quickly move into using two. These days, she scoots around her home in a wheeled walker.

"As much as possible, I need to remain independent," said Fanto, 62, "because the other options are not desirable."

Fanto doesn't complain about her plight. But she recognizes she needs help, especially with her home. Built in the 1930s, the Woodbine Street ranch has small rooms with narrow doorways. Too tight, in fact, for her to scoot into with her walker.

That's why she has slept in the recliner for so long. The walker doesn't make it through either of her bedroom doorways and she can't physically make the short walk without risking injury.

"I can't walk around that much," said Fanto, who has arthritis in her legs. "I have to be very careful with my knee."

Home Modifications Needed

To put it plainly, Catherine Fanto needs modifications made to her



SCOTT DANIEL

Catherine Fanto has been forced to sleep in her recliner for the past six years.

home to make it more accessible. Living on Social Security disability pay, she simply doesn't have the extra funds to do it on her own.

"If something unexpected comes up, there's nothing there," said Fanto, who also battles diabetes and carries other monthly medical expenses. "There is no extra."

She had a ramp added to the front of her home last year, but that pretty much wiped out her reserves. Fanto needs to have doorways widened inside the home and have a cut-away bathtub installed to be able to get in and out of safely.

She has lived in the home for 16 years and loves it. But she has had to rely more and more on friends for help.

"I have very gracious friends that come by," Fanto said. "They take care of all of the outside work like the lawn and cleaning out the gutters. They're very helpful in that respect."

She was first diagnosed with lymphedema in her late 30s. The disease is usually caused by a blockage in the lymph system, according to Mayo Clinic.org, which keeps fluid from draining normally.

Both of Fanto's legs are affected. Thankfully it hasn't made its way into her arms. The disease isn't curable, but can be managed to a degree.

A Way to Help

She has had to recently battle other illnesses, too. A urinary tract in-

fection and blood clots landed her in the Beaumont Botsford Hospital for several weeks in August. Fanto suffered a knee injury while doing physical therapy at the hospital.

Despite all of the maladies, she keeps a positive outlook. Over the years, Fanto has learned to roll with the punches and keep moving forward.

"If this all had happened at once," she said, "I think it would have been harder."

If you would like to help Catherine Fanto with making modifications to her home, please contact her at: puregrace1@aol.com

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Canton resident tapped as Veteran of the Month

Gerald (Jerry) Towler, Vietnam War veteran of Canton, was honored as the October 2016 "Veteran of the Month" by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Jerry served in the Army from 1964 to 1968. He was born in Detroit, grew up in Melvindale and graduated from Melvindale High School. When he turned 18 he received his draft notice. Jerry loved flying so he went straight to the Air Force recruiting office only to be told that a college degree was required to get into flight school. Jerry was disappointed but heard that the Army was looking for pilots and a high school diploma was the only requirement. He went to the recruiter and signed up.

In March of 1964 he was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for eight weeks of basic training and he told them he wanted to be a helicopter pilot. He was told it may take a year or so before an opening would come up, but they would let him do all the testing to get ready. They suggested he go to Aircraft Mechanics School, meanwhile, to increase his chances.

He was then sent to Fort Rucker, Alabama, for eight weeks of Aircraft Maintenance School and then another eight weeks of advanced maintenance training. In late 1964 he was transferred to the General's College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

"Why they picked me, I'm not sure," he said. "All the rest of the guys were assigned crews and

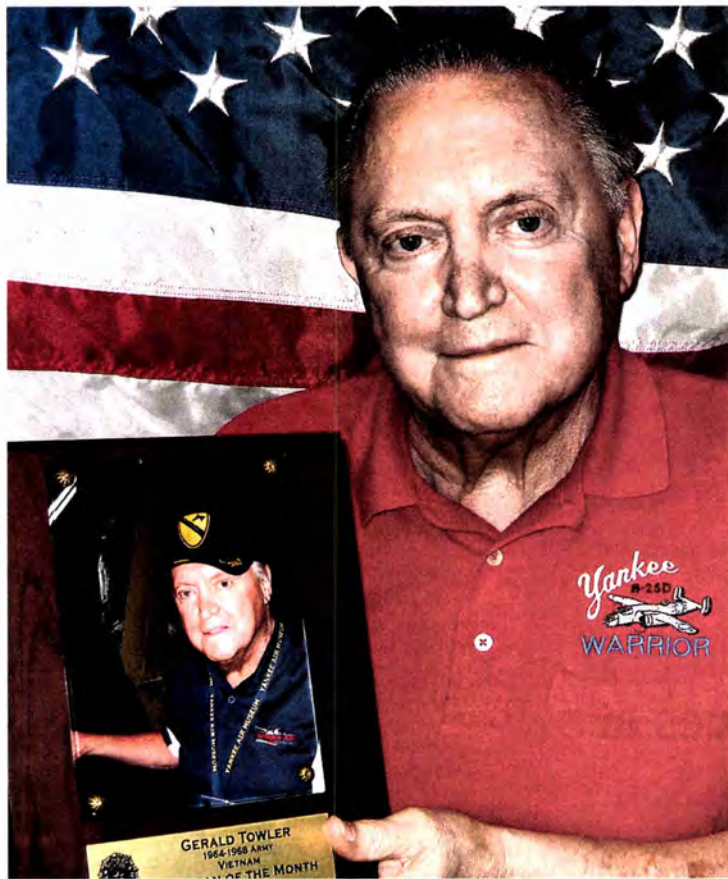
sent to Vietnam. I had my commercial pilot's license and enjoyed flying with some of the generals so they could get their flight hours and I got to know a lot of them."

One night on his way back to his barracks, he was flagged down by a woman who said her daughter had fallen from a horse and needed help. He put her into his car and took her to the infirmary. The next day he was summoned to the Aviation General's office, "Oh my God, what did I do," he thought.

He was surprised to find out he had helped the general's daughter and she was fine. He was invited to dinner with the general's family and next thing he knew he had his orders to report to pre-flight school at Fort Wolters, Texas. He was then sent back to Fort Ruckers for advanced flight school.

In August 1965 he graduated as a Warrant Officer, Helicopter Pilot. He was then sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, and assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry, 1st Air Assault Company. Within a week they were loaded on buses, sent to Norfolk Virginia, loaded on a troop ship and spent one month at sea on their way to Vietnam. Their final destination was An Khe Army Airfield in the Vietnam Central Highlands.

The 1st Air Cavalry Division (Airmobile) began using a new concept in Vietnam by which the ground maneuver elements were moved around the battlefield by helicopters. This is the first time helicopters were employed as part of the ground troops and



Jerry Towler was honored as Veteran of the Month.

proved to be an efficient way to deploy troops and supplies, as well as evacuating troops and providing support fire power.

The HU-1 (Huey) helicopter was the workhorse for the Army with more than 7,000 used during the war. They were configured to carry troops, stretchers or cargo.

Jerry flew a Huey troop carrier which could carry 14 combat soldiers, plus the flight crew. It was outfitted with two .30mm machine guns. Many days they would fly 10 or more combat missions delivering troops to combat areas and retrieving them where necessary. When asked how many combat

missions he flew, Jerry commented, "It is really hard to say because a combat mission was only counted if you were fired upon by the enemy, but it was at least 600 out of the 1,200 flights in my log book."

One of his most intense flights occurred during the battle of the Ia Drang Valley fought in November, just two months after the division began arriving in Vietnam. He risked his own life to evacuate wounded soldiers off the battlefield in two areas under heavy enemy fire. His valor did not go unrecognized and in May, 2005, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin presented Jerry with the two Distinguished Flying

Cross medals for heroic action in armed conflict. The ceremony was held at American Legion Post 32 in Livonia where Jerry is a member.

Jerry served one year in Vietnam and was then sent to Nuremburg, Germany, where he was made Company Standardization Officer, an office normally assigned to a major. He was in charge of checking out new pilots and also flew helicopter reconnaissance flights along the West German-Czechoslovakian border. He said he was not too worried as it was to show presence more than anything, but it was important to know exactly where the border was so we they didn't

cross it. "Occasionally a Russian helicopter would fly on the other side of the border along with us and we would wave at each other," Jerry said.

Jerry was given a leave in May of 1967 and married his wife, Martha (Martie). They honeymooned in Capri, Italy, and Martie stayed in Germany with him and taught elementary school at the military base. Jerry was discharged in Europe and in 1968 they returned to Melvindale after spending some time touring Europe. They moved to Canton in 1970, then to Plymouth and eventually back to Canton, where they live today. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Jerry retired in 2001 after working as Chief Pilot for Guardian Industries and various other corporate pilot positions. Jerry spent a total of 37 years flying helicopters and jets and has spent the last 15 years as a volunteer at the Yankee Air Force Museum in Bellville. He helped to restore a Vietnam era HU-1 helicopter and also flew the museum's restored B-25 Bomber for many years. The helicopter was painted in Jerry's company colors and his flight suit is on display next to it.

In June, 2014, the Yankee Air Museum featured Jerry at their Historic Presentation night where Jerry talked about this experience in Vietnam and about flying with Bob Mason, the author of the famous book "Chickenhawk," in which Jerry was featured under the name "Resler."

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150

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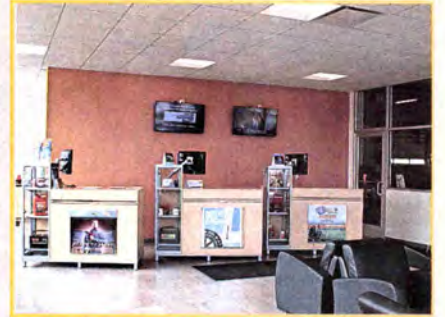
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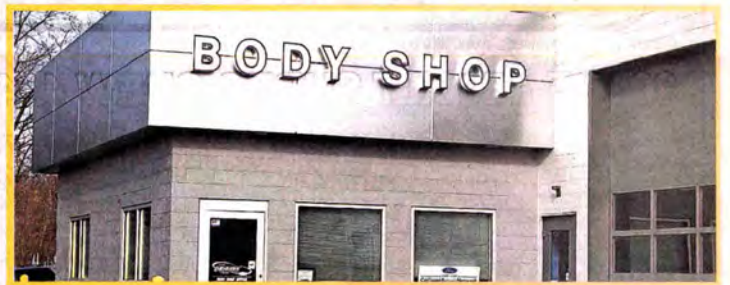


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Thurston High celebrates homecoming week



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The seniors won this sash relay at the tailgate with the help of so major "wrapping" skills by Madison Engleby.



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Beach day: Before the day even began, these seniors threw a beach party at the end of senior hall.

Andrea Cruse
Student Correspondent

After giving each member of the homecoming court a wrapped rose, the student council steps back to see who opens the red one. "...and your 2016 Homecoming King and Queen are Trevor Pevovar and Ariel Franklin!" echoed over the pandemonium at Thurston's 2016 Homecoming half time celebration.

With every great homecoming game and dance, there is a spirit week that leads up to it which is diligently planned by the student council.

This year's spirit week started early on the Friday before with Disney Day. Students and staff were repping their favorite Disney characters from Minnie Mouse

to Darla, and even Simba. The halls of Thurston High School were "Disneyfied."

Monday was Detroit Day when students moved to repping their favorite motor city whether it was decking out in Detroit sports gear or wearing Enjoy Detroit, Made in Detroit, or just that Old English D.

"I was so upset that I didn't wear my Detroit gear," teacher Sara Bullington laughed. "The one day I don't have to buy something to participate is the day I forget and come to work dressed normally!"

Tuesday was Tie-dye day and because not everyone has hippy clothes on hand, the student council sponsored a tie dye party the week before allowing students and staff to get their creative juices flowing in

the name of fashion and spirit.

Wednesday was Beach Day for which students were decked in Hula gear, shorts and whatever else is needed to be ready for a day at the beach. Seniors Megan Abela and Trevor Pevovar took it to the maximum when they brought out sun chairs and tanned in senior hall at the end of the day. Counselors Tuesday Williams and Ann Hann brought floaties, beach towels and goggles to school and wore them the entire school day. We are not sure if they hit the pool on their break.

Thursday was the annual Class Color day and red, blue, white or black were worn by each class. This is always one of the days with the most participation because everyone is stoked to rep

their class colors, especially the seniors.

Thurston didn't have school on Friday, but they had their third annual tailgate before the football game. With a photo booth and "Minute To Win It" -type games, the tailgate was a huge success.

Although Thurston lost their homecoming game, the excitement and energy was still there; especially during halftime. The marching band performed the second movement of their 2016 show: The Universe. The varsity cheerleaders did not disappoint with their halftime performance.

The king and queen were crowned during halftime, as well, and Homecoming Queen Ariel Franklin gave up her crown to fellow peer, Shelby Coats, who is

battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and manages to come to school with a positive attitude about her senior year.

"Hard work and perseverance pays off and made my dream possible. I was a bit overwhelmed by the whole experience. Life challenges make us stronger and wiser and I wanted to share the crown with Shelby Coats for all the challenges she overcomes daily. Winning was not about the crown for me but instead a boost of self confidence. Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to be queen. My grandmother, cousin, and sister were all crowned in high school. I want to thank

my teachers, friends, parents, family, and especially Beruit Bakery who helped me campaign with shawarmas," said senior Ariel Franklin.


Saturday was Sweetest Day and what better way to spend it by going to a dance? The dance wrapped up the week's celebration with an "Under the Sea" theme. Thurston's student council showcased the theme seamlessly with blue waves covering the walls, balloon stands with sea creatures coming out the top, mermaid cutouts and seashells adorning the waves on the wall. Thurston students did not disappoint and were dressed to impress and ready to have a good time.



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Man charged in overdose death of Garden City woman

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A Dearborn Heights man has been charged with supplying the illegal drugs that resulted in the overdose death of a Garden City woman.

Sean Alexander Thomas, 39, is being held without bond on a charge of delivering a controlled substance causing death and three counts of delivering/manufacturing a controlled substance less than 50 grams. A not-guilty plea was entered at his arraignment in Westland 18th District Court.

Westland Police were called to a home in the 33000 block of Alanson



Thomas

Court at 6:51 p.m. Aug. 28 on a report of a suspicious death. After investigating, police found that the woman, a 31-year old Garden City resident, had died of a drug overdose.

It was eventually determined that the woman had died after ingesting heroin containing a lethal amount of fentanyl, police said.

Based on their investigation, police said that the Garden City woman and Thomas had visited the

Westland home of a woman who is a mutual friend. Police said it appears the woman and Thomas had come and gone from the Alanson Court home, with the drugs being consumed elsewhere.

A warrant was issued for Thomas, who was arrested Oct. 5. At the time he was arrested, police said, Thomas was found to have narcotics on him. That resulted in two of the delivering/manufacturing controlled substances charges, specifically cocaine and marijuana less than 50 grams.

A preliminary examination for Thomas is scheduled Oct. 27 in 18th District Court.

Woman sent to prison in Wayne traffic death

LeAnne Rogers
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Following a bench trial stretched over six months because of defense adjournment requests, a Detroit woman has been sentenced to 70 months to 15 years in prison for a vehicle crash that killed a Romulus woman.

Onika Fields, 40, received the prison sentence Wednesday for her conviction on charges of involuntary manslaughter and driving with a suspended license causing death. Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt sentenced Fields after presiding over her bench trial.

Skutt had found Fields



FILE PHOTO
Fields

guilty on the lesser involuntary manslaughter charge rather than the original charge of second-degree murder.

Fields was convicted of fleeing an accident Aug. 12, 2015, at Middlebelt and Van Born in Wayne, then continuing west to Merriman and Van Born, running a second red light and striking the vehicle of Alzada Dolencic, 67, of Romulus, who was fatally injured. Dolencic had recently retired from Livonia Public Schools.

Part of Fields' defense

was that she is an epileptic who had suffered a seizure. A defense witness was Fields' neurologist, who testified she had been told not to drive unless she had gone six months without a seizure.

Additionally, the doctor testified that someone having a seizure wouldn't be likely to drive in the manner by Fields involved in the incident.

Part of the trial had occurred in April, with several adjournments, before resuming in August. Fields had been free on bond until her sentencing.

irogers@hometownlife.com
734-883-9039
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Pair sought in Wayne AT&T store theft

Wayne Police have released photos of two women wanted in connection with the theft of electronic items.

The theft of unspecified electronics was reported Oct. 12 at the AT&T store, 35354 Michigan Avenue, in Wayne.



WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT
One of the suspects sought by Wayne Police.

The photos were taken from security cameras at the business.



WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Second suspect in connection with the theft of electronics.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Brent Cahill at 734-721-1414, ext. 1506.

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5 2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

PETITION 2016-08-01-06 submitted by TNA Enterprises, to rezone the property located on the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Inkster Roads in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, from C-1 (Local Business) to C-2 (General Business).

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.** on the **NECESSITY FOR A PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LED STREET LIGHTING PROJECT IN THE ARBOR TRAIL ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUMS, SE 1/4 of Section 32, located north of Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne Road and Newburgh Road,** in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, pursuant to Chapter 08 of Title 3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, entitled "Special Assessment Procedure Ordinance."

You are further notified that the City Engineer has filed with the City Clerk plans and specifications for the proposed improvement, together with a statement showing a description of the proposed district, the estimated cost of the improvement, ownership of parcels within such district, the assessed valuation of such parcels, his recommendation as to assessment for such improvement and other information required by Section 3.08.060 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, which statement is available for your examination in the office of the City Clerk.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECONDS 030, 050, 060 AND 090 OF TITLE 3, CHAPTER 12 (SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING TAX EXEMPTION) OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

This ordinance implements various recommendations of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") regarding the City ordinance on MSHDA-backed housing projects. Apart from technical language changes, the principal effect of this ordinance is to permit financing terms of more than 50 years' duration on these projects.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 3018 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 3018 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, October 17, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

Ordinance No. 3018 was authenticated by me on the 17th day of October, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: October 18, 2016

Published: October 23, 2016

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time, at which time voting will take place for candidates seeking the following offices:

PARTISAN OFFICES:

- President and Vice President of the United States
- Representative in United States Congress 13th District
- Representative in State Legislature 10th District
- State Board of Education Members (2 seats)
- University of Michigan Regents (2 seats)
- Michigan State University Trustees (2 seats)
- Wayne State University Governors (2 seats)
- County Prosecuting Attorney
- County Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- County Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner 8th District
- Township Supervisor
- Township Clerk
- Township Treasurer
- Township Trustees (4 positions)
- Township Park Commissioners (7 positions)

NONPARTISAN OFFICES:

- Justice of Supreme Court (1 seat)
- Justice of Supreme Court Incumbent, partial term ending 01/01/2018 (1 seat)
- Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent (2 seats)
- Judge of 3rd Circuit Court Incumbent (16 seats)
- Judge of 3rd Circuit Court Incumbent, partial term ending 01/01/2019 (1 seat)
- Judge of 3rd Circuit Court Non-Incumbent (4 seats)
- Judge of Probate Incumbent (2 seats)
- Judge of 17th District Court Incumbent (1 seat)
- Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees (2 seats)
- Clarenceville School Board (4 seats)
- Clarenceville School Board, partial term expiring 12/31/18 (1 seat)
- Wayne County Community College Board of Trustees District 6 - (1 seat)
- Redford Union School Board (3 seats)
- Redford Union School Board, partial term expiring 12/31/20 (1 seat)
- South Redford School Board (2 seats)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following proposals will be presented at the November 8, 2016, election:

PROPOSAL AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN (RTA) TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT

The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment:

- at a rate of 1.2 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value);
- for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035;
- that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval; and
- to be used upon the affirmative vote of an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act.

If this new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to the RTA. It is estimated that \$160,907,285 will be collected in the first year. Should this assessment be approved?

Yes No

WAYNE RESA PROPOSAL REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2016.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale - Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District

Yes No

TREASURER'S 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 Township of Redford			
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years 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
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Clarenceville School District	August 2015	18 mills	2025 (non-homestead only)
	May 2016	4.5 mills	2025
Redford Union School District No. 1	August 2014	18.7551 mills	2020 (non-homestead only)
South Redford School District	May, 2005	18 mills	2024 (non-homestead only)
	May, 2013	2.6138 mills	2026 (non-homestead only)

Signed: ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer

Each person voting in the election must be a citizen of the United States of America and at least eighteen (18) years of age by election day and a registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides at least 30 days prior to the election. A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The place of voting for the election to be held on November 4, 2014 will be as follows:

- Precinct 1 Stuckey School, 26000 Fargo, Redford, MI 48240
- Precincts 2, 3 & 4 Beech Elementary School, 19900 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48240
- Precincts 5 & 6 John MacGowan Elementary School, 18255 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240
- Precincts 7 & 8 Our Lady of Loretto Center, 25700 Six Mile Road, Redford, MI 48240
- Precincts 9 & 11 Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puritan, Redford, MI 48240
- Precinct 10 New Beginnings Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford, MI 48240
- Precincts 12 & 14 Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, Redford, MI 48239
- Precincts 13 & 15 St. Valentine School, 25875 Hope, Redford, MI 48239
- Precinct 16 Addams Elementary School, 14025 Berwyn, Redford, MI 48239
- Precinct 17 Christ Church, 14350 Wormer, Redford, MI 48239
- Precinct 18 Shear School, 26109 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, MI 48239
- Precinct 19 Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 4829
- Precinct 20 St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 West Chicago, Redford, MI 48239
- Precinct 21 Pierce Middle School, 25605 Orangelawn, Redford, MI 48239
- Precinct 22 Fisher Elementary School, 10000 Crosley, Redford, MI 48239
- Precinct 23 Michigan Technical Academy, 23750 Elmira, Redford, MI 48239
- Precinct 24 Jefferson Elementary School, 26555 Westfield, Redford, MI 48239
- Precinct 25 Vandenberg Elementary School, 24901 Cathedral, Redford, MI 48239

Locations are handicapped accessible and equipped with handicapped voting machines with the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats (Audio and Braille).

Absentee ballots may be obtained by submitting an application to the Redford Township Clerk's office. Applications are available by contacting the Clerk's Office at (313) 387-2751, by picking one up in person at the Clerk's office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI, or online at <http://www.redfordtwp.com/clerk-election>. The last day a ballot can be mailed to a voter is Saturday, November 5, 2016. All absentee ballots must be returned to the Redford Township Clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The Redford Township Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, November 5, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Redford

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

Candidate night

The Livonia Bar Association will host a "Meet the Candidates Night" at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Seven of the eight candidates for Wayne County Circuit Court judge will be presented.

Trunk or treat

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

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

Exhibit raises funds for charity

Mark Benglian's October Solo Exhibit, "Louder Devils," is at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. The exhibit, which runs through Oct. 30, raises funds from the sale of art for the Michigan Humane Society and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Benglian is a nonprofit artist from Michigan whose work focuses on intuitive mark-making and storytelling. Many of his pieces are created using salvaged or recycled materials, strong colors and abstract imagery. PCAC gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday,

from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, during all public events and by appointment. Most Wednesdays, the gallery is open until 6 p.m. The PCAC's Exhibit Programming for 2016 is sponsored in part by a generous grant from the Plymouth Community Foundation.

Lost voices

Help at-risk kids by attending the Concert for Lost Voices at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at the PARC in downtown Plymouth. The concert will feature Kitty Donohoe, Jen Cass with Eric Janetsky and Mike Ball and Young Ladies of Vista Maria. Folk, blues and Celtic musicians will be featured. Young women from Vista Maria who have benefited from the Lost Voices will be at the event. For more information about the nonprofit group Lost Voices and its mission to bring life changing creative programs to incarcerated and at-risk young people, go to <http://lost-voices.org/>.

Looking for volunteers

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities in Livonia? If so, consider volunteering with Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia, a volunteer nonprofit group that provides weekend food to at-risk children in the Livonia Public School System. The group packs more than 220 bags of food each week and is in need of help packing the bags each Tuesday night. Go to SignUp Genius page at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4da5a62aa0f94-filling>. To learn more, go to website at <http://www.biablivonia.org> and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BlessingsInABackpackLivonia/>.

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 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. The event will be held in the Activities Building at St. Robert Bellarmine on the

corner of Inkster and West Chicago roads in Redford. Tickets are \$25 at the door. The price includes an authentic Polish dinner, dancing with music provided by the Polish Dukes, beer, wine and soft drinks.

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

Veterans Day Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia will host its annual Veterans Day Mass to thank all veterans, reservists, active military and their families for their service to our country. The service will be Sunday, Nov. 6, at the church, 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. There will be a color guard and flag raising ceremony at the

flag pole in front of the church at 9:45 a.m., followed by the Mass at 10 a.m. An informal reception for all will follow, a highlight of which is always the letters of thanks and military tribute made by the St. Michael School students. For more information, call the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

Neighbors and friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, will host a fashion show, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. Fashions from The Dress Barn will be modeled by members. The event will be at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, in Livonia.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, Tuesday, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. For more information, go to <http://livonianighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.

People helping animals

Tail Waggers 1990, a local nonprofit organization, is inviting the community to its 27th annual Tail Waggers's Bowl on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. Squads are being held at 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. and costs \$25 per adult and \$15 per child. The entry fee includes three games of bowling, lunch or dinner with dessert, commemorative gift and entry into mystery game to win donated prizes from local business. Grand prizes are awarded to those who raise the most money in each squad. Strolling raffle with a chance to win prizes from the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Red Wings, Michigan State, dining establishments and hotels will add to the excitement, along with 50/50 drawings at all three squads.

For more information on Tail Waggers's 1990 or to register for the event, go to www.tailwaggers

1990.org. If you have questions, contact Laura Zain at 734-855-4077 or e-mail tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com.

Livonia Towne Club

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

The club meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's held the second Thursday).

The Club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas.

Call Vicki at 734-591-3254 regarding the Nov. 10 luncheon and join for some fun while playing bingo!

Annual Diabetes Day

Garden City Hospital will host "Diabetes Care and Self-Management" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Grand Ballroom at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The free event is in conjunction with the 25th annual Diabetes Day. Lunch, displays, information, giveaways and door prizes will be available.

GC High School Mom2Mom Sale

The GC Theatre will be hosting a Mom2Mom sale at Garden City High School. Seller keeps 100 percent of the money made at their table. New and gently used baby and kids clothes as well as toys, games, DVDs, books, strollers, bikes, swings, bouncers, etc.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, (early bird 8:30 a.m.). There will be more than 85 tables to shop from, a large item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1 (early bird \$2), strollers welcome. Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt (between Ford Road and Warren). Tables are \$25 for an 8-foot table including standard rack space (you provide rack). For more information, including the table agreement, go to www.facebook.com/gcmom2mom-sale or send an email to

gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com. All proceeds from this sale will go to the GCHS Theatre Group.

Unknown Titanic child

The Friends of Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, will present a free program with Judith Coebly about The Story of the Unknown Child on the Titanic at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Coebly is a retired educator from Dearborn who was a social studies teacher, counselor and high school principal.

From studying the history of the Titanic, she will relate how the social class structure was evident in the survival of the passengers. Using PowerPoint, she will focus on one particular passenger "The Unknown Child." Her presentation is based on research while she was on the 2012 memorial cruise of the Titanic. Coebly's interests in history still continues in organizations such as the Questers, George W. Lee Civil War Roundtable and Brighton Historical Society. For more information, call 734-466-2495.

Town Hall speakers

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

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

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

March 15 — Best-selling author Denise Kiernan will discuss how she wrote "The Girls of the Atomic City."

Tickets are \$150 for the season, which includes lunch and lecture, or \$180 for priority seating. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, in Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to purchase tickets.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust

File No. Estate of CLARA G. WHITING - Decedent, Date of Birth: 02/22/1930.

TO ALL CREDITORS:
Notice To Creditors: The decedent, CLARA G. WHITING, who lived at 15101 Ford Road, Apt. 307, Dearborn, MI 48125 died October 13, 2016. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to HENRY WHITING, III, 684 Hamilton Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48301, Trustee, or to both the probate court at Wayne County Probate Court, 1007 Coleman A. Young Medical Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and the named Trustee within 4 months after the date of the publication of this notice.

Date: 10/18/2016

Attorney Name Bar No.
Laura Ann Schreiner P66533
800 West Long Lake Road Suite 160
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-2057
(248) 642-1056

Trustee's Name
Henry Whiting, III
684 Hamilton Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 8, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the Election to be held on November 8, 2016, will be conducted on October 27, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Election Room at Redford Township Hall located at 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, Michigan, 48239.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
Charter Township of Redford

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CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **November 15th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL RELOCATION

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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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 Elinore 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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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned in the Township of Redford by the Redford Township Police Department and are to be sold, as is, at open auction on Saturday, the 29TH day of OCTOBER, 2016, at North Redford Towing, 25215 Glendale, Redford, MI 48239. Vehicles can be viewed on the auction date. Registered owners will be allowed to pick up their vehicles prior to the start of the auction. Check www.nrtowing.com for the current list.

2005 CHEVROLET SW	1GNDS12S852380562	TRAIL BLAZER	FORFITURE	1604138	1
2009 CHEVROLET 4D	2G1WT57K391229790	IMPALA	ARREST	1605388	2
2001 FORD SW	1FMDU72E51ZA28604	EXPLORER	ARREST	1606112	3
1991 FORD PU	1FTEF15Y9MLA26514	F-150	ACCIDENT	1606114	4
2003 DODGE 4D	1B3ES56C13D184250	NEON	ACCIDENT	1606158	5
1999 JEEP SW	1J4GW58S3X3791885	GRAND CHEROKEE	ACCIDENT	1606164	6
2002 FORD 4D	1FAPP53U52G148209	TAURUS	ARREST	1606201	7
1996 FORD PU	1FTEX14N7TKA48360	F-150	ACCIDENT	1606267	8
1998 OLDSMOBILE 4D	1G3HC52KXW4827253	REGENCY	ABANDONED	1606304	9
2000 FORD 4D	1FAPP53U5Y262266	TAURUS	ARREST	1606394	10
2001 BUICK 4D	2G4WB52K311321144	REGAL	ARREST	1606452	11
2001 PONTIAC 4D	1G2NE52T61M577237	GRAND AM	ABANDONED	1606464	12
2005 CHRYSLER SW	2C4GP54L25R190425	TOWN COUNTRY	ABANDONED	1606489	13
1996 LINCOLN 4D	1LNLM82W07Y175119	TOWN CAR	ARREST	1606497	14
1997 CHEVROLET 4D	2G1WL52M6V9297540	LUMINA	ARREST	1606504	15
2011 CHEVROLET 4D	1G1ZC5E10BF154035	MALIBU	ABANDONED	1606529	16
2013 CHEVROLET 2D	2G1FA1E3X9D9207323	CAMARO	ABANDONED	1606529	17
2015 CHEVROLET 4D	2G11Z5SL1F9144551	IMPALA	ABANDONED	1606529	18
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'Bright Futures' a hit at Franklin Middle School

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Franklin Middle School eighth-grader Jael Smith doesn't quite have everything figured out yet.

She knows she wants her career to include the arts. She's just not sure what form it will take.

One thing Smith does know? Her afterschool program – part of Eastern Michigan University's Bright Futures initiative – is helping her grow.

"I've learned to go outside of my comfort zone," said Smith. "I think that's a really important part of growing up and being successful. You can't really get anywhere without getting out of your comfort zone."

Besides Franklin, Bright Futures is in nine other Wayne-Westland schools. On Thursday, students and program participants from around the district celebrated with "Lights On Afterschool" at the middle school.

The evening featured dinner, entertainment and 11 Bright Futures stations that highlighted student achievement in math art, stop-motion film making, physical activities and the science of flight, among others.

"Afterschool programs are a vital part in helping students succeed in school and in life," said EMU Bright Futures Assistant Director Maria Mitter.

Approximately 350 Wayne-Westland students participate in the free program, which runs for three hours each school day. Bright Futures began in 2007 and is funded by grants from the Michigan Department of Education. The Romulus and Ypsi-



Morgan Ore and Brice Vaughn practice fencing skills with Ring of Steel instructor Joe Right.

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Fannie Craft signs a petition in favor of the Afterschool program.

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students," said Lopata, who is in his sixth year with the school. "At all of our Bright Future sites, all of our students get a meal, we all do homework help with our students as well as other alternative academic activities."

Health is a big component, too. From a healthy cooking club to learning about hydration, heart rate and body mass index, students are getting the fundamentals to help lead healthier lives.

"We try and teach the kids stuff that is somewhat similar to what they're learning in the school day, but one of the great benefits of the afterschool setting is that we get to do it in more unconventional ways," said Lopata.

All of which suits Wayne Memorial freshman DeShawn Will just fine. He decided to continue in Bright Futures from his days at Franklin.

"This is a really good program because you can come in here and take leadership roles," Will said. "I'm going to run a club next quarter."

As for Franklin, Lopata said he works hand-in-hand with teaching and administrative staff. He added that students also have input into the program and are good about telling him what's working and what isn't.

"We get a lot of positive feedback from our students and our families," Lopata said. "We are always asking the kids, 'hey, what did you enjoy and what didn't you enjoy, what things can we do better to make your experience more worthwhile, fun and engaging.'"

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"The program has helped me a lot with keeping track of my work and learning time management."

Jael Smith, Franklin Middle School eighth-grader

lanti school districts also participate.

"I enjoy just coming because it's so much fun hanging out with my friends," Smith said. "I get to learn new things every day, too. The program has helped me a lot with keeping track of my work and learning time management."

KC Lopata acts as Franklin's site coordinator for the program. He said Bright Futures focuses on each student as a whole person.

"We try to do a lot of different things for our

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At MSU, the region's largest contingent of K-9 cops

RJ Wolcott
Lansing State Journal

EAST LANSING - The newest member of the Michigan State University Police Department arrived on campus Wednesday, Oct. 5, after months of training that included a stint inside an Alabama state prison.

Her first task: playing tug-of-war with her fellow officers.

Cora, an 18-month-old yellow Labrador retriever, is the 34th MSU police K-9 officer since the unit was founded in 1984.

Cora brings MSU's K-9 total to 10, the most ever active at one time, said Sgt. Dan Munford, who oversees the unit.

MSUPD was the first local department to have a K-9 officer, and its K-9 unit is the largest among local police departments. Because of mutual aid agreements, the department's K-9 officers track suspects to search vehicles and schools across the region, answering hundreds of calls for assistance in recent years.

And they have resources other departments don't, like Cora, whose specialized training in detecting body-worn explosives raised her price tag to \$49,000. A normal K-9 officer costs about \$10,000.

"We're lucky to have the tools we have at a time when other departments are running short," Munford said.

MSU's K-9 unit was spearheaded in the 1980s by retired Cpt. Dale Metz, who saw the potential of canines first hand during his time in the U.S. Army.

"Wanting to see how you could train dogs to do



Atkinson leads Cora through a training exercise. Cora is the unit's latest addition. She is a yellow lab and vapor wake dog, capable of identifying the smell of explosives and tracking potential bombers through dense crowds of people.

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a number of different things that got me interested," Metz said.

If police needed a K-9 in the 1970s or early 1980s, it would usually take more than an hour for a Michigan State Police dog to arrive, Metz recalled. But once other departments saw MSU's first K-9 in action, they were quick to want their own.

"We made so many calls in Lansing that first year, the next year we trained 3 dogs for them," Metz said. "Once those dogs hit the street, Lansing's chief wanted six more."

The Lansing Police Department, by contrast, has five dogs currently

active and will have a sixth by the end of the month, said Sgt. Sean Mills, the K-9 unit supervisor. The Ingham County Sheriff's Department has four dogs currently, said Detective Sgt. Greg Harris.

All three departments have mutual aid agreements with other area police agencies, ensuring K-9s are available to assist as needed. Last year, MSU had 350 calls for K-9 help, more than 200 of which were for other departments, Munford said.

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, Cora and three other MSU K-9 officers traveled to the MSU observatory for bi-weekly

training.

Sifting through the trunk of his patrol car, Sgt. Munford grabbed a pair of keys and a folding knife. He ventured onto into a nearby field, placed the items in the deep grass, and circled around in an effort to throw off the K9s.

Justus, a five-year veteran of the department, sprinted into the field the moment his handler, Officer Shaun Porter, gave the signal. Within 10 seconds, The German shepherd was sitting on the ground, ears perked, signaling he'd found one of the items.

K-9 officers and their human partners are al-

ways together, whether at work or at home. Assignments are made based on a dog's traits: whether they play well with children or if they can coexist with other pets.

Justus "knows when work starts," Porter said. "He sees me put on my work clothes or grab a certain water bottle, and he knows it's time to go to work."

If an officer goes on leave for medical reasons, as Munford did recently, the K-9 partner is also out of commission. Zilla, Munford's third dog, is one of two female dogs and the lone Dutch shepherd in the department.

"They're part of your

family as well as being your eyes and ears at work," Munford said. "It's a pretty solid bond."

Ensuring the dogs are properly socialized is key, he added, particularly since MSU's dogs are often surrounded by hundreds, if not thousands, of people on football game days and during graduation ceremonies.

Inside the observatory, Cora and Officer Adam Atkinson were testing the detection skills the K-9 spent months honing. After spending five weeks in Alabama getting to know the department's newest K-9, Atkinson wanted to see how Cora would fare in a real-world environment.

Cora is one of four K-9 officers in the state trained as vapor wake dogs, Munford said. Vapor wake dogs are capable of identifying the smell of explosives and tracking potential bombers through dense crowds of people. The relatively new training grew out of research conducted at Auburn University with a goal of training dogs to identify and track people wearing explosives under their clothes.

The dogs spent up to half a year inside state prisons in Alabama as part of their training, where they are socialized and are taught the basics of detection.

Cora didn't come cheap. A typical patrol K-9 costs about \$10,000. Cora cost \$49,000, said Cpt. Doug Monette, MSU police's Public Information Officer.

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WAYNE COUNTY ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Joins soccer team

Casey Muglia of Canton is a member of the women's soccer team at Ashland University. Majoring in nursing, Muglia is a 2016 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is a defender for the university's Eagles team. Muglia, a freshman, is a defender for the Eagles.

The Ashland University women's soccer team competes in NCAA Division II in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The women's soccer team is led by fourth-year head coach, Dan Krispinsky. Last year, the Eagles sported a 14-4-1 record overall and 9-3-0 in the GLIAC and the team played in the championship game of the GLIAC tournament. The Ashland University women's soccer team has

been rated at

No. 23 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Top 25 latest poll.

Students attend

Jeremy Lewis and Alex Singleton of Canton joined about 400 first-year students at Heidelberg University this fall.

Internship

Matthew J. Zawadzki of Livonia took part in an internship this fall through SUNY Oswego's Center for Experiential Learning. A senior majoring in wellness management, he interned with Summit Physical Therapy in Oswego. The Center for Experiential Learning at Oswego places students in internships and career awareness op-

portunities that allow them to earn college credits while garnering valuable life experience.

Accepted

Melissa Boland, daughter of Jeff Boland and Carolyn Boland of Livonia, has been accepted to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in Urbana. Admission to the college — which is one of only 30 veterinary schools in the nation — is highly competitive. Criteria for acceptance include grade point average, admission test scores, background and experience, and personal interviews. Boland is one of 160 members entering the Class of 2020.

Boland's class will participate in an innovative veterinary curriculum taught only at the College of Veterinary

Medicine at Illinois, called the Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum. After graduation, Boland must also pass state and national board examinations covering knowledge of companion and food animal medicine in order to become licensed to practice.

A Stevenson High School graduate, Boland attended Michigan State University, from where she obtained a bachelor's degree in animal science.

Fraternity and student council member

Dennis Clark of Canton is a member of Phi Alpha Theta at Ashland University and a member of the Student Senate. He is majoring in political science and a 2014 graduate of Father Gabriel Richard High School. He is the son of Richard and Nancy Clark of Canton.

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Time to register for Wayne County Lightfest activities

Sign up now to preview Lightfest 2016! Participants in the 20th annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, will have an opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot. Bike enthusiasts will have a chance to Bike Through the Lights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Registration can be completed online at <https://runningfitevents.redpodium.com/2016-lightfest-bike-and-run> or in person at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Online registration for both the Lightfest 8K Run/Walk and Bike Through the Lights will be accepted until noon Nov. 13. After the deadline, participants may register during packet pickup in person at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 4-7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 or 5:30-6:45 p.m. the



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Sign up now for Wayne County Lightfest activities.

day of the event. The Lightfest 8K Run/Walk registration fee is \$20 through Oct. 23 and \$25 from Oct. 24 through Nov. 13. Registration Nov. 14-15 will be

\$30. Fees for high school-aged children and younger is \$15, regardless of registration date. Registration includes a long sleeve T-shirt, glow-in-the-dark medal and

post-race snacks. Bike Through the Lights registration fee is \$20 through Oct. 23 and \$25 from Oct. 24 through Nov. 13. Registration Nov. 14-16 will be \$30. Fees for high school-aged children and younger is \$15, regardless of registration date. Registration includes a long sleeve T-shirt, glow-in-the-dark mug and post-race snacks.

Both events will take place in the Merriman Hollow area of Hines Park, located at Merriman Road and Hines Drive, in Westland. Runners and bikers can register online at <https://runningfitevents.redpodium.com/2016-lightfest-bike-and-run>.

The Wayne County Lightfest is co-sponsored by the Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, ITC Holdings, Cole, Newton & Duran CPA's, Fox 2 News, Community Alliance Credit Union, McDonald Modular, Zeal Credit Union, Consumers Energy, Motor City Mountain Biking Association and beatthetrain.com.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia event raises more than \$250,000

St. Mary Mercy Livonia hosted its 24th annual Gala on Oct. 14, during which corporate sponsors, donors, physicians, executives and staff raised more than \$250,000 to help fund community health and wellness programs. Money raised from the event will help pay for a transportation van for cancer patients, increased mental health services and school-based nutrition, weight-management and fitness initiatives.



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St. Mary Mercy Livonia President Dave Spivey (from left), 2016 Gala chair Cindy Scappaticci and St. Mary Mercy Livonia Development Director Sara Stauffer.

"The St. Mary Mercy family came together and demonstrated once again its support for the community and our patients," said Dave Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "These funds will reach far beyond the walls of the hospital to address the most urgent health care needs facing our community, such as access to care and childhood obesity."

Approximately 700 guests supported the "Phantom of the Opera" themed event, held at the

Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia.

"This is a fun night every year and, more importantly, it brings us together to support a great cause," Gala chair Cindy Scappaticci said. "Every year, we are challenged with raising money to support these much needed programs and every year we are grateful to our supporters, physicians and staff who step up to the plate to help us deliver."

Westland veteran memorials to be relocated

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Plans are underway to relocate three veteran memorials from the former Westland city hall site on Ford at Carlson

The old city hall building, along with the nearby former Bailey Recreation Center and fire station one, have been demolished leaving only the memorials on the property at the current time. No decision has been made yet on the redevelopment of that city property.

Two memorials, the Purple Heart and Vietnam Veterans memorials, are scheduled to be moved to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland, located behind

the William P. Faust Library on Central City Parkway. The All Service Memorial would be moved to the nearby Central City Park and placed near the Farmers Market Pavilion.

"This will be put out for bid to have a professional firm take care of this task," Westland Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson said.

The former city hall site is located within the Downtown Development Authority district, while the memorial garden is in the Tax Increment Finance Authority district. Thompson said the two organizations will share the costs for relocating the memorials. The POW/MIA memorials have

already been moved to the Bova VFW Post.

"No one is really able to enjoy the memorials (at the current location). We have a window of opportunity to do relocate them in a nice way," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

As part of the Central City Parkway landscaping project, Wild said a walking path is planned leading to the memorial garden, along with lights and a security camera.

"We will take a careful look at this and make sure that the memorials are moved in the most careful way. All of the memorials are important to all of us here," Councilman Kevin Coleman said.

Active in the Westland Veterans Association,

which developed and funded the memorial garden, Coleman later noted that donations were still being accepted and fundraisers being held to help finish paying for the veterans memorial garden.

Westland's Veterans Day ceremony is set for 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in the veterans memorial garden. Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc will be emcee for the program. Earlier in the day, the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC will be holding a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at the school.

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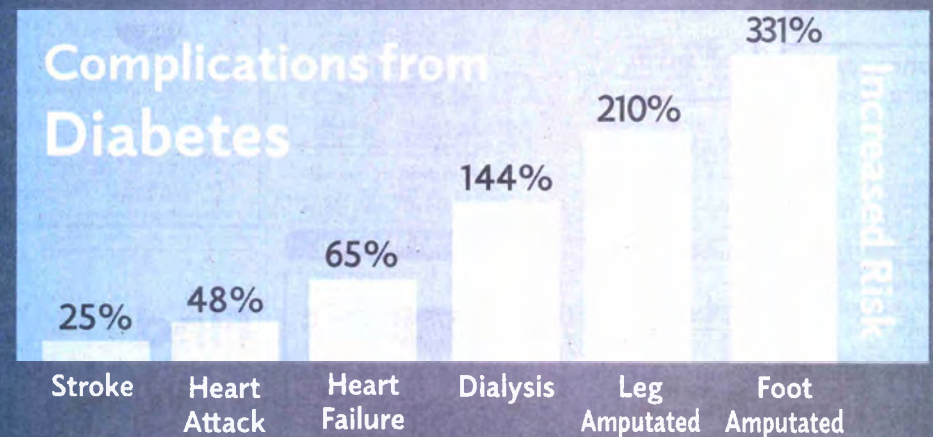


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More than \$12,000 raised in Livonia for cancer research

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The Livonia Eagles football team and cheer squad recently held their sixth annual Pink Out for Breast Cancer event, bringing in more money than the previous year's event.

The fundraiser, held Oct. 15, raised more than \$12,000 for breast cancer patients, topping last year's total, which was more than \$10,000. Fundraising was done with the help of local businesses, owners, parents, volunteers and community members.

The money raised will go to the Shades of Pink Foundation, which assists women with financial burdens who are battling breast cancer in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Genesee counties.



Cheerleader don pink for the game.

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A banner with encouraging words. The Livonia Eagles raised more than \$12,000 to help benefit breast cancer survivors.



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The Livonia Eagles line up wearing pink.

National Geographic photographer shares tales of creatures

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Joel Sartore has spent much of his life taking photos of some of the world's most deadly creatures. So far, he's evaded death, despite having to escape from a bison when he went to take a photo.

"I've been in a lot of situations that are not that fun," he said. "If you pop a flash off in a bison's face, of course he's going to pin you under a truck for an hour."

Sartore, a freelance photographer who has covered several assignments for National Geographic during his ca-

reer, shared some of his breathtaking images of wildlife Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia with the members of Livonia Town Hall, which began its season Wednesday.

During that time, he's seen some of the world's most breathtaking places, his favorite being Antarctica and South Georgia, an island in the south Atlantic Ocean.

"There's a beach in South Georgia where they have 500,000 king penguins, all in one view," he said. "A lot of them will walk right up to you. They're not scared, because they



Joel Sartore and friend.

JOEL SARTORE

were never hunted down there.

"It really is a remarkable place."

The presentation took Novi resident Gail Perrin back to the time when she traveled overseas and saw large wildlife during a trip to Africa. She connected with Sartore's story when the buffalo pinned him un-

derneath his vehicle. "When you're there, there's nothing to protect you, except the van you're in," Perrin said.

Sartore has also created the National Geographic Photo Ark, which aims to photograph every known animal species in captivity. So far, the project has captured portraits of more than 6,000



Photographer Joel Sartore at Livonia Town Hall.

photographed birds, primates, insects and amphibians, among others.

"We have to know there's a need. We have to know these animals are in trouble," he said. "When we do know there's a need, people come and fill it."

The Livonia Town Hall event continues next month, when NPR national security correspondent Tom Gjelton speaks Nov. 16. Perrin and the other women at her table all agreed that the best speakers at the series are typically the ones they don't recognize at first glance and are excited for.

"We don't know any of the speakers, but we find they are better than the big name that gets people to come," Perrin said.

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Grant will provide Surface Pros for RU students

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Students enrolled in Redford Union High School's early college program will receive a technological boost next spring thanks to a recent grant.

The district will receive a \$100,000 Community Revitalization Grant from the state of Michigan to purchase new Microsoft Surface Pro Notebooks. Superintendent Dr. Sarena Shivers said the grant will put the mobile devices in the hands of students who might not otherwise have access to advanced technology.

"The Early College and Careers Pathway Program wants to ensure that equity in opportunity is provided for our students by providing them with the technologies to be successful in meeting



Redford Union Superintendent Dr. Sarena Shivers accepts a ceremonial check from state Rep. Leslie Love.

their post-secondary college or career goals," Shivers wrote in the application for the grant.

State Rep. Leslie Love, D-Detroit, helped secure the grant for the district. "I am so pleased to

bring this grant to the Redford Union School District that is similar to a grant the South Redford School District received last year," Love said. "You can rest assured I will leave no

stone unturned to ensure schools in the 10th House District are on the cutting edge of technology."

The early college program will receive its first group of students next spring. Through the pro-

gram, students can earn an associate's degree, certification or enter into an apprenticeship or four-year university as a junior through articulation agreements.

Redford Union is one of only three Wayne County school districts to offer an early college program. The focus on college and career readiness is a key component of the district's commitment to improving the education, experience and preparedness of students, Shivers said.

"Dr. Shivers has worked well with the school board in moving the district forward," Love said. "Her more than 20 years of experience and expertise in curriculum and program development will ensure this technology is put to great use to benefit the students."

The district is going

after additional grants to secure additional new technology. Beech Elementary will soon utilize a portion of a \$3 million School Improvement Grant - also received from the state - to put more technology into the hands of students, Shivers said.

The district is in the middle of a major technology improvement planning process, she added. The initiative will focus on infrastructure needs, but also address hardware and software needs throughout the district, Shivers said.

The technology improvement planning process is aligned with Redford Union's five-year strategic plan, which was adopted last June.

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St. Bellarmine's hosts popular train show Nov. 12

Saturday, Nov. 12, will mark the 26th annual St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club Trains In The Park Train Show at St. Robert Bellarmine school gym at the corners of W. Chicago and Inkster road, two miles west of Telegraph Road in Redford. The show runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As always, participants will be able to have their trains tested by the Lincoln Park Train Club and will see trains in operation on the multiple layouts, including one large layout by the Ford Group and another by the Jackson Group.

Although St. Robert's school closed in June 2015, the student athletics program continues. The train show helps fund St. Robert's school children sports activities programs for the current year. Many knowledgeable dealers and train



DAVID MALHALAB

The St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will again host its popular train show Nov. 12.

experts attend and allow participants to find out what trains are worth. Dad's or grand dad's trains are worth.

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tables. There will be door prizes given away every hour. See some highlights of the January 2012 Show at <http://youtu.be/Mgtde1jWxpg>. The Ladies of SRB will sell food and beverages.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Silver finish for Chargers

George twins set pace for second-place Churchill

Ed Wright
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By George, they almost won it.

Fueled by sensational efforts from seniors Caroline George, Kathleen George and Christina Murphy, Livonia Churchill's girls cross country team gave powerful Northville a run for its money Thursday afternoon before settling for second place in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet held at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Blocking out the wet, rainy conditions, a trio of Chargers placed fourth, fifth and sixth.



Churchill cross country runners (from left) Hailey Pampreen, Sierra Greener, Raquel Zwick, Kathleen George, Gabrielle Swider, Caroline George and Christina Murphy.

Caroline George crossed the finish line in 18 minutes, 59 seconds — just one tick after third-place Katherine Ray of Novi.

Kathleen George was fifth in 19:00, while Murphy was sixth in 19:09.

Churchill was also bolstered by a strong effort from Gabrielle Swider, who finished 10th in 19:22.

"I was extremely pleased with the team's performance today," Churchill head coach Sue Tatro said. "Being right in the mix with some great Northville runners was a big confidence-booster for the girls."

"Caroline, Kathleen, Christina and Gabby ran out of their

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5K/1 Mile Fun Run

Livonia's Old Rosedale Gardens is once again staging its neighborhood Red, White and Blue 5K/1Mile Fun Run and Walk honoring veterans at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

It's a fundraiser for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and food will be collected for the Boy Scouts' Can-Do Drive.

Veterans are honored as part of the festivities. Rosie the Riveters will be honored if any are located.

MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award

One of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's most popular programs, the Scholar-Athlete Award, will again present 32 \$1,000 scholarships to top student-athletes at member high schools during the 2016-17 school year.

The MHSAA-Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award highlights the value extracurricular activities play in the total education of high school students, often improving their academic achievements in the process. The Scholar-Athlete Award is in its 28th year. Since the award's inception in 1988-89, Farm Bureau Insurance has presented more than \$700,000 in scholarships through this program.

The first 30 scholarships will be presented on a graduated basis across the MHSAA's traditional class structure. From Class A schools, six boys and six girls will receive scholarships; from Class B schools, four boys and four girls; from Class C schools, three boys and three girls; and from Class D schools, two boys and two girls will be honored. The final two scholarships will be awarded at-large to minority recipients, regardless of school size. The scholarships may be used at the institution of higher learning the recipients attend during the first year at those colleges.

Applications from individual schools will be limited to the number of available scholarships in their enrollment class. Class A schools may submit the names of six boys and six girls, Class B schools may submit four boys and four girls, Class C may submit three boys and three girls and Class D may submit two boys and two girls.

Selection Sunday Show

It's become a ritual of the fall sports season — hundreds of high school football teams across the state of Michigan gathering for watch parties, hoping to hear their names and match-ups called for the MHSAA football playoffs during the "Selection Sunday Show" on Fox Sports Detroit. This year's show is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, originating from the Fox Sports Detroit studios in Southfield.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

SOARING EAGLES

PCA scores early, often in district title win over Lutheran Westland

Ed Wright
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On a cold, windy gray Friday afternoon, all was "bright" with the world for the Plymouth Christian Academy boys soccer team.

After setting the purple-tinted tone in the Division 4 district final with a first-minute goal, the Eagles carved out an emphatic 6-0 victory over visiting Lutheran Westland.

Now 9-7-1, PCA will advance to the regional round of the state tournament Wednesday at Grosse Pointe University Liggett against Monroe Catholic Central.

The Warriors finished a splendid season with just two losses on their ledger.

PCA's second consecutive district title took a high level of resilience, head coach Kris Warnemuende noted.

"We've had to battle through several injuries to starting seniors," Warnemuende said. "Thankfully, we've gotten a few of them back the past couple of games, but we're still playing without one of our



Lutheran Westland's Jacob Kuhn (foreground) battles for possession with Plymouth Christian's Austin Andres during Friday afternoon's district title game.

center backs.

"The thing I was most pleased with today was the way our outside defenders played. I thought Wade Allen, Elijah Grit and Jack Crawford did an outstanding job, as did our keeper, Jeremy Collins. He's very quick, he keeps the

back line organized and he's smart back there."

Playing into the teeth of a bone-chilling wind didn't faze the Eagles during the first half as they pounded in back-to-back goals in the opening two minutes before adding another one-third of the way through

the first half.

Senior forward Ethan Willis accounted for the first two goals as he capitalized on slick passes from Austin Andres and Grit.

"Scoring as quickly as we

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CROSS COUNTRY

Stevenson third, Churchill fifth at conference meet

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Led by Jack Balint's third-place effort, Livonia Stevenson's boys cross country team placed third in Thursday's KLAA Kensington Conference meet held at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Northville won the championship with 43 points, 10 fewer than Novi.

Stevenson dialed up 95 points to beat fourth-place Canton (124).

Two top 20 performances by Tyler Opdycke (15th, 16:24) and Josh Mussen (19th, 16:36) propelled Livonia Churchill to a fifth-place finish.

Wayne Memorial and Livonia Franklin placed eighth and ninth, respectively.

Joining Balint among the group of Ste-



Stevenson's Nathan Ward is pictured during the Livonia City Meet earlier this month.

venson scorers were senior Alex Brauer (16th, 16:29), senior Nathan Ward (20th, 16:40), junior Owen Rowander (21st, 16:43) and senior Nathan Wilson (35th, 17:10).

Senior Jacob Bieganski turned in a solid 37th-place finish for Stevenson in 17:13, but he just missed figuring in the scoring, which includes each school's top five finishers.

In addition to Opdycke and Mussen, Dash Dobar (28th, 16:58) and Trevor Korna (29th, 16:59) ran strong races for the Chargers. Churchill's fifth man was sophomore Eric Pensari, who covered the 3.1-mile course in 17:10.

The Patriots' top finisher was 31st-place Grant Rudd, who was clocked in 16:52.

Also scoring for Franklin were Logan Evanchuk (47th, 17:27), Russell Rusnell (52nd, 17:44), Jackson Nordbeck (58th, 18:02) and Joe Nichol (69th, 18:25).

The Zebras were led by the dynamic duo of John Gatton (33rd, 17:09) and Blake Barber (38th, 17:14).

Westland John Glenn's lead runner was senior Ben Biber, who finished 68th with a time of 18:25.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Stevenson pulls off remarkable rally

Spartans' defense sparks comeback

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What a night for the Livonia Stevenson football family — and, more specifically, the Micallef family.

Trailing 49-35 in the third quarter — with its playoff hopes hanging on a victory — the Spartans rallied to topple visiting Plymouth in the final two minutes, 53-49.

Now 5-4, the Spartans will be watching Sunday night's MHSAA Selection Show intently, hoping to get the nod as one of the 5-4 teams that make the show.

Only teams with at least six wins qualify for the post-season automatically.

One of the biggest plays of many for the Spartans starred Nathan Micallef — son of head coach Randy Micallef — who intercepted a Wildcat pass with just over a minute to play and returned it inside the Plymouth 10-yard line.



Livonia Stevenson's Parker Graham dashes for a first down during Friday's game against Plymouth.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Moments later, Stevenson quarterback Chris Tanderys improvised on a scramble and scored from seven yards out to give the Spartans their first lead (53-49) since the game's opening moments when they led 7-0.

Stevenson's defense also came up big earlier

in the fourth quarter when Spencer Langley forced a fumble that was turned into a scoop-and-score for Josh Page, cutting the Spartans' deficit to 49-47.

Junior defensive back/running back Parker Graham put the win on ice with a final-seconds

interception.

Plymouth finished its season at 3-6.

Tanderys had a monster night for the winners, completing 25 of 37 passes for 373 yards and four touchdowns.

Ian Knoph was his No. 1 target as he hauled in seven spirals for 175

yards and two touchdowns.

Graham also produced mightily on the offensive side of the ball, hauling in eight passes for 87 yards and a TD.

Devin Dunn ran five times for 36 yards and a score in addition to catching four passes for 49

yards.

Dalen Cobb chipped in with four carries for 34 yards and a six-pointer.

Plymouth scored 21 unanswered points after falling behind, 7-0, but the Spartans rallied to tie to pull to within 35-34.

The Wildcats ran off 14 straight points before Stevenson countered with its potential season-extending comeback.

Canton beats Northville

Canton didn't attempt a pass and didn't need to as it wore out a hole on Northville's artificial turf with a total of 448 yards rushing in a 42-27 win over the Mustangs.

It was Canton's first Kensington Conference championship since 2010, something Canton coach Tim Baechler would savor.

"We haven't won a league championship in awhile, so that's big," he said. "I like winning that and my son (Lou) is on the team and he had a helluva game today, both sides of the ball. That's what really makes it sweet. He played great."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Churchill unable to secure sixth victory; falls 22-21

Chargers will find out Sunday if they're in

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

A mysterious cloud of baby powder erupted from the South Lyon student section prior to the start of the fourth quarter in Friday's KLAA cross-over against Livonia Churchill.

Was it as simple as kids being kids?

A unique way to get into the Halloween spirit?

Or was this ritual a last-ditch effort to spearhead a comeback for the Lions, whose playoff hopes were dependent on winning the game?

Whatever the intentions of the auspicious trick were, it turned out to be a delightful treat for South Lyon, who rallied from a two-touchdown deficit to defeat the Chargers 22-21.

The Lions began the final frame just outside the red-zone, where senior

quarterback Carlo Zoratti busted loose toward the right side for a 15-yard gain and a fresh set of downs.

Three plays later, a reverse by senior Cliff Price brought them down to the one-yard line, where the ball popped loose into the end zone. Luckily for South Lyon, wide receiver Chris Job was in on the recovery to cap the drive.

Job (11 catches for 132 yards) played a big factor on the final drive for the Lions, hauling in three passes from Zoratti. The first two of those receptions (14, 11) led to first downs and the final toss came on a skinny post into the endzone from 17-yards out with 1:00 left to play.

Faced with the big decision of going for the win or forcing overtime, Henson rolled the dice and put the ball in the hands of Zoratti, who ran it on the two-point conversion from three yards out.

Senior quarterback Evan Cummins (11-of-19



Churchill's Logan Freier locks in on a pass during a game earlier this season.

TOM BEAUDOIN

for 209 yards) connected with a pass over the middle to classmate Michael Hill for a pick-up of 24 yards, followed by a quick 14-yard scamper by Cummins to put the ball in

Lions' territory. On the very next play, Cummins launched a deep-ball heave to Hill (7 catches for 129 yards) with just one-man to beat for a 42-yard score with 7:08

left until halftime.

After forcing South Lyon to a three-and-out, Churchill's vertical game came into play again, as senior wideout Jamal Allen went the distance on a 60-yard crossing route down the left sideline less than two minutes after their previous possession.

A timely interception by safety Fabrice Washington gave the Chargers (5-4) a short field to work with for their next scoring drive, placing the ball at the Lions' 20. Following a pair of completions to Allen and Hill, fullback Logan Freier gave the Chargers a three-touchdown lead off a goal-line plunge at the 4:08 mark.

South Lyon finally broke their scoring drought on the ensuing series, where Zoratti hurled three passes into the hands of Jobs before ending the eight-play drive on a five-yard run off-tackle.

In addition to his big day passing the ball, Zoratti was also the Lions'

top rusher with 13 carries for 48 yards. Junior running back Will Kelley added four receptions for 43 yards, while senior wide receiver Josh Travis had 38 yards on three catches.

The Chargers' season remains in limbo until the MHSAA Playoff Pairings are announced on Sunday to see if they receive an at-large bid.

"We're waiting to see how everyone else does as one of the 5-4 teams," DeFillippo said. "Last year we knew that if we'd get to 5-4, we'd be in. There are quite a few 5-3 teams this year ahead of us and it looked like if some 4-4 teams win, they would jump us points-wise. It's going to depend on how many slots are left or if this is it."

"Over the last six years, it's been probably the best football that's been played at Churchill consistently. If we get in, it'll be five of the last six years that we've been in the playoffs."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Thurston closes season with 38-0 rout of N. Farmington

RU falls to Muskegon Catholic Central

Dan O'Meara
hometownlife.com

Redford Thurston made a nice down payment on next football season with a 38-0 thrashing of host North Farmington in the finale to the recent campaign Friday night.

The Eagles, who snapped a four-game losing streak and finished 4-5, dominated the game with their superior speed and talent at the skill positions, outgaining the Raiders, 518-68.

"I think we took a really big step tonight," Thurston coach Bob Snell said. "It was probably one of our better games in terms of execution. The future looks pretty good for us."

"We're a really young team. Of the starters, only four or five are seniors. Our youth caught up to us sometimes. When you're young, you make the same mistakes. It took us a while to get to that point where we started to progress and get better."

The Eagles struck early for a 13-0 lead before its offense went into



Franklin QB Jacob Clark is pictured. The Patriots lost to Novi Friday night.

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hibernation for the duration of the first half.

Junior Demetrius Dowd, who had 144 of his 162 rushing yards in the first half, scored on runs of 8 and 65 yards. The

first touchdown followed a blocked punt and the second a pass interception by Tydelle Washington.

"I thought our kids did a good job of executing

on the line," Snell said. "We've had issues throughout the season where we haven't been consistent. We still had plays where North Farmington knocked us

down, but I thought we were more consistent tonight in our assignments and staying on blocks."

"If you give Demetrius some room, he's a very good back. Like any other back, if you don't block well, it doesn't work out too well."

After being stopped twice on downs (once at the North 16-yard line) and going three-and-out on its other first-half possessions, the Eagles went to the air in the second half.

Junior quarterback Zachary Crofford connected with junior Nathan Hayes for touchdown passes of 85 and 21 yards to start the third quarter.

Crofford made it three straight TD passes when he hit senior Darryis King on the run as King accelerated between two defenders for another big play of 65 yards.

Thurston ended the scoring with a 64-yard run by Eric Parker, who added 90 yards on just six carries to his team's 320-yards rushing total. Crofford was 7-of-12 passing for 198.

Panthers upended

Redford Union's foot-

ball team knew it wasn't in for a picnic when it scheduled two-time defending Division 8 state champion Muskegon Catholic Central prior to this season.

The Crusaders proved that they're the real deal by temporarily derailing the Panthers' victory train, 49-13, on Friday night at Kraft Field.

Despite the loss, RU is headed to the playoffs for the first time since 2006 with a 6-3 record.

MCC surged to a 35-0 lead before RU got on the board in the third quarter on a 36-yard touchdown pass from Carl Ware to Eric McCarter. Evan Albright added the extra point to bring the hosts to within 35-7.

Following a 51-yard scoring run by Crusader Logan Helton, RU scored again on a 23-yard run by Thorton Cain to make it 42-13 (the Panthers' two-point conversion failed).

Isaac Grant led the Panthers with 68 yards on seven carries.

Ware completed two of four passes for 49 yards while Cain picked up 32 yards on six carries.

Grant and Marquise Hathaway led the Panthers' defensive effort with five tackles a piece.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Lady Ocelots enjoy flawless game

Schoolcraft women kickers blitz Jackson CC, 13-0

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

The first time Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team faced Jackson Community College this season, the Lady Ocelots played a less than perfect game despite winning 5-2.

On Wednesday, Schoolcraft played a mistake-free 90 minutes en route to a 13-0 shellacking of the visiting Jets.

"We played a game today that we've been looking for the whole year," Schoolcraft head coach Dave Carver said. "Today everything was on display that we've been working on. ... all of it came together and that's how you end up doing that in a game, when you get it all right."

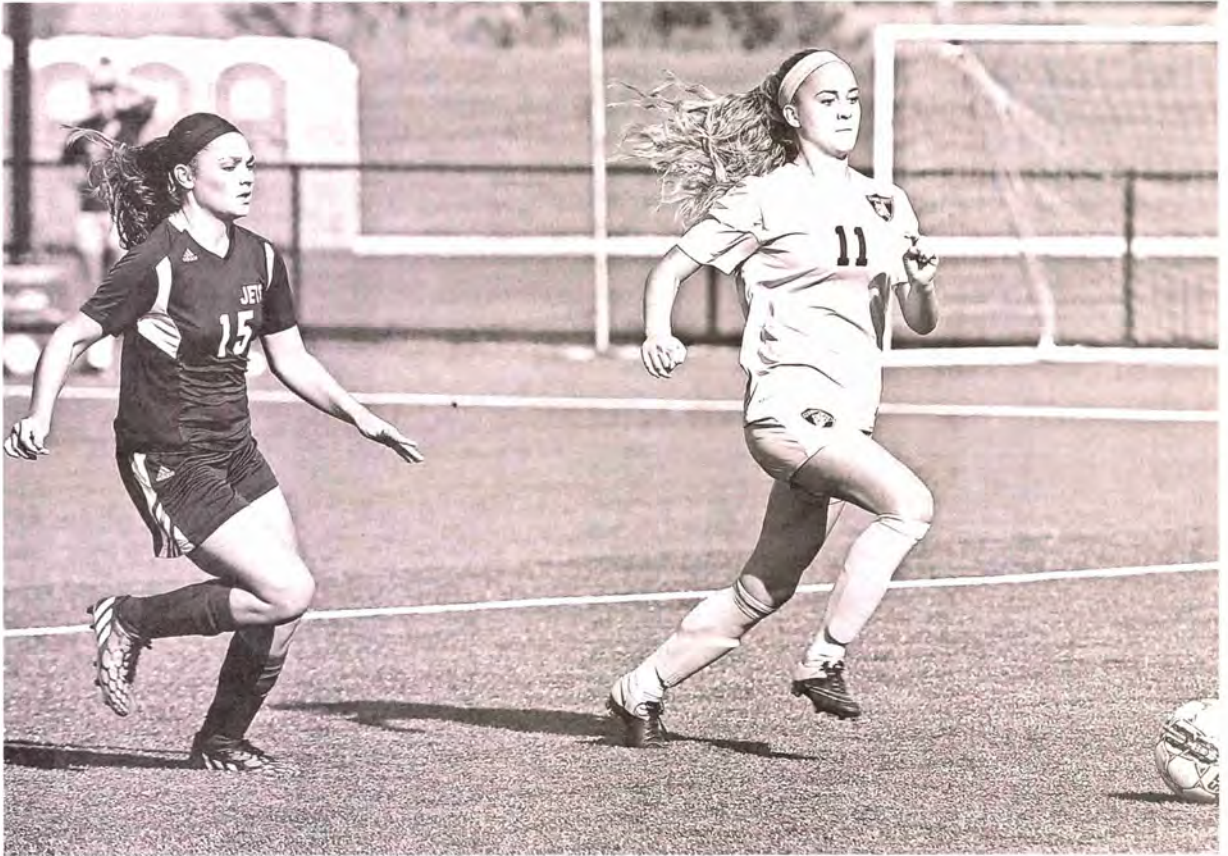
"We've played well this year, but today was the game we've been waiting for."

Schoolcraft improved to 11-2 overall and 9-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The Lady Ocelots already have clinched the conference and have earned a spot in the NJCAA Region 12 tournament.

Scoring three of the goals was freshman forward and Livonia Churchill graduate Lauren Wynns, who leads the Lady Ocelots with 17 goals. The Lady Ocelots also were bolstered by three goals from sophomore forward Katie Vitella.

"Her work rate, her personality, she's just so confident right now," Carver said. "You can tell in the way she plays, every time she steps on the field you think she's going to score or create a goal."



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Schoolcraft freshman forward Lauren Wynns (right) stays a step ahead of Jackson Community College player Darbie Jones during Wednesday's game. Wynns is a Livonia Churchill graduate.

Trusting each other

Wynns said it has been a fun season, getting to know a new group of teammates while christening the new turf field at Schoolcraft — where Wednesday's romp took place.

"They used to have a grass field, so it's nice that we got to have turf the year I came here," Wynns said. "I'm used to playing on turf."

She added that the Lady Ocelots' remarkable season so far — ranked No. 15 in NJCAA Division I — has a lot to do with how well the team has meshed.

"We're all real good

players individually and we work well together," Wynns added. "(Good team chemistry) makes us better because we get along on and off the field. We trust each other on the field."

Whether or not the Lady Ocelots can repeat last season's run to the national tournament remains to be seen. But Carver is confident, especially with returning co-captains Colleen McKay and Emily Bondy (three assists each Wednesday) setting the tone for the squad.

"Colleen McKay and Emily Bondy, they're our captains, and I think they're running off of the

experience they had last year when we got to national championships and didn't succeed when we were there," Carver said. "I think that's a motivator for them and that's driving them and they're driving the team. They know what's at stake."

An influx of first-year players also has been a big factor. In addition to Wynns, other key contributors have included freshman forward Jenna Smith (Milford) and freshman forward Elliss Jenkins of Edinburgh, Scotland (who scored two goals Wednesday).

"It took a little bit of time for (Jenkins) to settle in with the culture

change," Carver said. "She's really gotten comfortable and her talent is starting to shine through."

Smith, described by the coach as a "super lively" creative spark plug, scored one of Schoolcraft's first-half goals against Jackson, helping build an insurmountable 8-0 halftime lead. She finished with two goals, as did freshman forward Sophia Shumylo.

After Schoolcraft closes out the regular season with a home contest at 3 p.m. Sunday against Lake Michigan, the Lady Ocelots will gear up for a NJCAA

regional quarterfinal against Muskegon (noon Oct. 29 at Schoolcraft).

How far down the tourney road can the 2016 team travel?

"I think it's got a enough talent to get us to a national championship," Carver said. "It would be silly for us not to think that based on the season we're having. We have to be confident in ourselves."

"If we were to get there, I think the team chemistry and what this team has off the field is what can help this team on that stage."

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CHARGERS

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minds, earning lifetime personal records and all-conference honors. They executed their races perfectly and didn't allow the wet and sloppy conditions to interfere."

The Mustangs (31 points) galloped to the title; the Chargers had 62. Salem was third with 97.

Livonia Franklin turned in a strong fifth-place showing with 153 points, while Livonia Stevenson placed sixth with 171.

Patriots sophomore Erin Seibert continued her string of amazing performances as she placed seventh in 19:10.

"Erin Seibert ran a great race, earning all-conference honors," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said. "As a team, we ran OK. I still think we can get runners two through five to finish closer together and when we do, we will score better."

"This meet is a great preview of next week's regional as the top eight teams are the same ones that will be battling for those spots next week."

Northville earned the title thanks to the first and second finish of junior Ana Barrott (18:19) and senior Cayla Eckenroth (18:26).

Senior Hailey Pampreen closed the scoring for Churchill with a solid 37th-place finish in 20:56.

Joining Seibert on the scoreboard for Franklin were senior Camryn Zurawski (28th, 20:20), freshman Ashley deGuise (36th, 20:48), sophomore Hailey Kutrukis (39th, 20:58) and freshman Emily Esker, (43rd, 21:09).

Stevenson's pace-setter was freshman Cassie McDougall, who was 19th in 20:03. Junior Emily Lauzon placed 27th in 20:16.

Also scoring for Stevenson were Gracie Droz (33rd, 20:33), Kayla Senczysyn (42nd, 21:09) and Julia Cercone (50th, 21:18).

Wayne placed 11th, but received a sterling effort from Jessica Leigh, who placed 24th in 20:08.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Churchill's Kathleen George is pictured during triumphant effort at last week's Livonia city meet.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Franklin's Erin Seibert earned all-conference accolades.



Churchill's Uthman Babatunde is pictured rising for a header during a match early this season.

TOM BEAUDOIN

BOYS SOCCER

Several Livonia players lauded

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Livonia's status as a hotbed for area soccer talent was reflected in the recent release of the KLAAs all-conference soccer selections.

Churchill, which finished third in the South Division with a 6-3-1 record, earned four spots on the all-conference squad, while Franklin, which finished fourth in the South with a 4-4-1 mark, had three first-teamers — the same number as Stevenson, which was fourth in the Central with a 4-2-4 mark.

The Chargers' lone forward to make the elite squad was senior Uthman Babatunde. He was joined by junior defender Meriton Jusufi, senior midfielder Devin McCulley and senior goalkeeper Michael Lubonja.

The Patriots' trio of first-teamers consisted of midfielders Matt Conley (a junior) and

Dom Pelle (a senior) and stand-out defender David Shoemaker.

The three Spartans who garnered all-conference laurels were senior defender Conrad Kean, senior forward Christian Zapata and senior goalkeeper Drew Padgen.

Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn had one honor-ee each: Zebras junior defender Miguel Martinez and Rockets junior midfielder Joshua Butkevich.

Churchill's honorable mention selections were Michael Hudock, Devon Noble and Anthony Paul.

Receiving honorable mention nods for Franklin were Austin Corona, Tyler Forrest and Scott Beebe.

Stevenson's Justin Schultz, Lukas Richters and Alec Panagos earned honorable mention accolades for their team.

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BOYS SOCCER

Warriors double up Frankel, 4-2

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Lutheran Westland's boys soccer team extended its phenomenal season Oct. 14 by sidelining West Bloomfield's Frankel Jewish Academy, 4-2, in a Division 4 match-up played at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Frankel actually lit up the scoreboard first in the wake of a defensive miscue by the Warriors, but Lutheran

Westland rebounded to knot the game at half-time thanks to a goal from Kyle Downey, who received an amazing assist from Kyle Farley.

Whatever head coach Rod Schultz told his Warriors at halftime, it worked as LW punched home back-to-back goals from Drake Snyder and Downey to seize a 3-1 advantage.

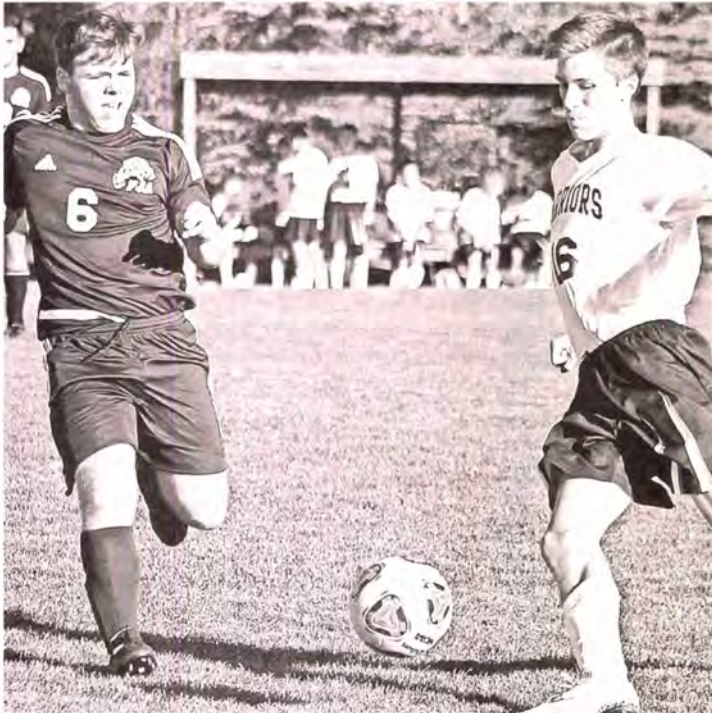
Snyder's goal ricocheted off the far post before bounding into the back of the net,

while Downey's goal was assisted by goalkeeper Ryan Webb, who launched a high punt that ultimately connected with Downey.

Luke Konkel capped the winners' scoring barrage with a pure shot from the right corner of the 18-yard box.

The Warriors were led defensively by Colin McLaughlin and Lucas Moody, among others.

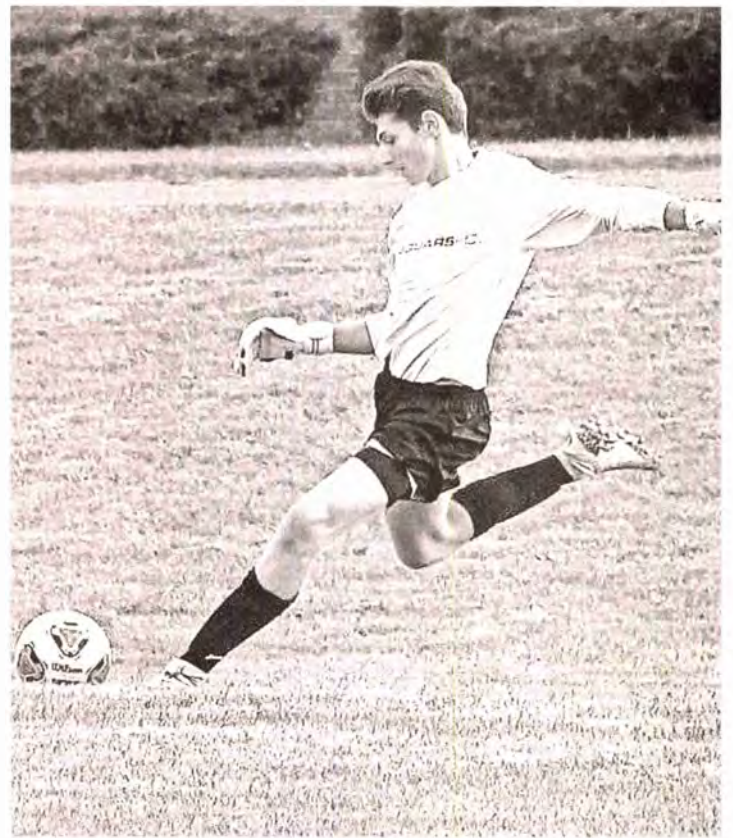
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Lutheran Westland's Devon Nimer advances the ball during Friday's victory over Frankel.

BRIAN DOWNEY

BOYS SOCCER



Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Ryan Webb sends a kick toward the opposite end of the pitch.

BRIAN DOWNEY

Warriors advance to district final

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Lutheran Westland's boys soccer team advanced to Friday Division 4 district final at Plymouth Christian with a thorough 3-0 trouncing of Franklin Road.

The Warriors were scheduled to face the host Eagles in the title

match-up.

Following a scoreless first half, the Warriors pounced on their hosts with three sterling goals.

The ice-breaker came five minutes into the second stanza when when midfielder Jake Kuhn fed a slick pass to Kyle Farley, who rocketed a shot off the Franklin Road goalkeeper and

into the net.

Just three minutes later, Farley flicked a feed to a sprinting Kyle Downey, who touched the ball past the keeper to make it 2-0.

Nathan Tuttle closed out the scoring with a header from the door step.

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EAGLES

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did was huge, because it gave us a nice confidence boost," Warnemuende said. "Although we didn't play Lutheran Westland during the regular season, we knew they were a very good team with an outstanding record."

PCA's third goal came from senior midfielder Brian Schlientz, who also serves as the Eagles' primary set-piece launcher.

"Brian has a great service," Warnemuende said. "We scored on one corner and came close on a few others."

Leading 3-0, the Eagles showed no signs of a letdown in the second half as senior defender Benjamin Fuller rocked a sizzling left-footed strike that sailed just above the crossbar in the game's 42nd minute.

Despite the loss, Warriors goalkeeper Ryan Webb was dazzling at times, especially in the

47th minute, when he denied Andres' torpedo-like shot from close range, and with four minutes left, when he went horizontal to deflect a Schlientz shot out of harm's way.

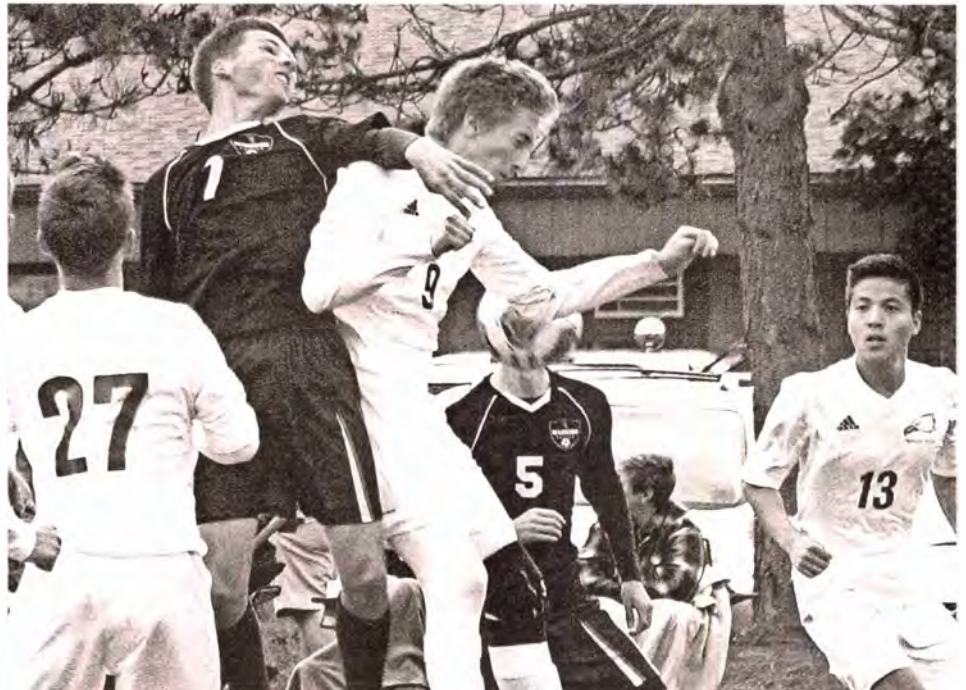
The Eagles finally solved Webb midway through the second half, when a bending corner kick from Schlientz landed on the forehead of Andres, who knocked it just inside the right post to make it 4-0.

Two minutes later, Andres continued his torrid offensive display by tucking a one-timer in between a diving Webb and the right post.

Senior defender Matthew Cusumano came within inches of making it 6-0 with 10:40 left, but his fast-ascending shot struck the crossbar before bounding out of play.

The hosts' exclamation-mark goal came at the 5:42 mark, when Allen rifled a low shot that Webb slowed down a little, but not enough.

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Players battle in the box during Friday afternoon's district final.

ED WRIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



TOM BEAUDOIN

Thurston's Carmia Lowe delivers a pass during a match earlier this season.

Thurston goes 1-2 in quad match

Cook sizzles for Eagles' attack

Ed Wright
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Redford Thurston's volleyball team carved out a 1-2 record at a quad match hosted by Southfield A&T.

The Eagles upended Highland Park, 2-0, but dropped match-ups against Berkley (2-1) and A&T (2-0).

The result left the Eagles with an overall record of 12-10-1.

Jordan Cook led Thurston with 15 kills, nine blocks, two aces and three digs.

Also shining were Megan Abela (five kills, seven assists, four aces, four digs), Ronay Peguies (13 assists, two kills, two blocks, three aces, four digs), Jayla Lucas (four kills, eight assists, one ace, five digs), Amanda Michels (five kills, three blocks, two aces, one dig), Carmia Lowe (three kills, three aces, five digs) and Cutrell Booker, who contributed seven digs.

WWAC setback

On Thursday, the Eagles suffered a 25-18, 25-21, 25-6 loss to host Dearborn Heights Annapolis. The loss dropped the Eagles' Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division record to 5-4.

Cook was stellar in defeat, picking up eight kills and nine blocks. Abela chipped in four kills and nine digs, while Peguies had seven digs and five assists.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Patriots finish 4-1 in South Division



TOM BEAUDOIN

Franklin's Camryn Zurawski (front) played a key role in the Patriots' 4-1 dual-meet season.

Seibert sets the pace for Franklin

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Livonia Franklin's girls cross country team put the lid on an ultra-successful dual-meet season Oct. 11 when it out-strode South Division rival Canton, 22-34, in a competition that unfolded at Nankin Mills.

The result left the Patriots with a 4-1 divisional record. Their lone loss came against division champion Churchill.

Canton finished its dual-meet season with a 2-3 mark.

"Coming off an outstanding performance on Saturday at the Wayne County meet, I knew we would be a little tired (Oct. 11)," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said. "Still, the team took care of business at our final dual meet of the season."

"Hats off to Canton; their kids ran tough and our kids had to really respond to make sure we came out on top. Overall, I am very proud of this group of kids."

Setting the pace for the Patriots was Erin Seibert, who won the race in 20 minutes, 24.1 seconds. Ashley deGuise was nearly stride-for-stride with Seibert, plac-

ing second in 20:25.5.

Also scoring for Franklin were Hailey Kutrukis (fifth in 20:57.3), Camryn Zurawski (sixth in 21:04.5) and Angie Hall, who placed eighth in 21:34.6. Emily Esker placed 10th for Franklin in 21:53.2 while Allyson Stabler was 12th (21:59.0).

Canton's lead runner was Carmen Bruchnak, who was third in 20:37.8. Also scoring for the Chiefs were Olivia Gatto (fourth in 20:46.4), Shikha Advani (seventh in 21:08.0), Shilpa Pindolia (ninth in 21:46.9) and Kate Kotham (11th in 21:57.2).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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.luthersingers.com

CONCERT SERIES

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A Christian rock band from Nashville, Tenn., kicks off the church's Artist Series that will include the RGPC Chancel Choir on Dec. 18; pianist Andrew Lenhart on Jan. 14; Eastern Michigan University Choir and Franklin High School BBC Choir on Feb. 10; Detroit Handbell Ensemble on March 24; and Measure for Measure on April 23. \$25 for the series — cash, check or pushpay.com/pay/rosegardengardens — or donations accepted at the door

Contact: 734-422-0494; rosegardengardens.org

GLUTEN-FREE HALLOWEEN

Time/Date: Doors open, 4:30 p.m.; party, 5-7 p.m., Oct. 29

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Sponsored by Tri-County Celiac Support Group, the event will include trunk or treat, games, and gluten-free snacks. Families participating in trunk or treat should bring gluten-free, nut-free candy. Free for members; \$5 per person for non-members

Contact: tccsg.net

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24

Location: Open Arms Church, 33015 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Prophet Dennis Cramer speaks

Contact: 248-471-5282

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

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

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Oct. 29

Location: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Games, treats for the kids; prize for best decorated trunk

Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Children, accompanied by a parent, grandparent or other adult, trick or treat in the parking lot at church. Both adult and child may dress in costume. Bring your own treat collection bag

Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.org

WHY BE CATHOLIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25

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

Details: Dorian Bellinger, director of St. Vincent dePaul's Justice Initiative Prison Ministry shares his conversion story

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

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

NOVEMBER

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Livonia Civic Chorus performs "Celebrate Freedom" concert with musical selections honoring veterans and first responders. Admission is free. Donations of such items as men's white socks, gift cards, and toasters, will be accepted for Vets Returning Home, which provides a living environment and support services to 250 homeless veterans. Free will offerings also will be accepted for The Police Family Survivor's Fund and the Wounded Warrior Project

Contact: 734-542-9071; info@livoniavicchorus.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Pianists Ralph and Albertine Votapek play music by Mozart, Gershwin and more. Tickets are \$28 general admission and \$25 for seniors and students. Order tickets from Joyce Cheresch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

Contact: vivaceseries.org

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. dancing, Friday, Nov. 4

Location: Italian-American Hall of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Irish Pallottine Fathers 49th Annual Dinner Dance tickets are \$65 per person. For tickets contact the Pallottine Mission House at 734-285-2966 or Sheila Cassidy at 586-242-5013

Contact: IrishPallottines.org

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m.-midnight, Monday, Nov. 7

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

Details: Eucharistic adoration for religious freedom, and respect for life

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising, 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Nov. 6

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

Details: An informal reception will follow the Mass. It will include letters of thanks and military tribute made by St. Michael School students

Contact: livoniastmichael.org; 734-261-1455, ext. 200

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; nancyel-len879@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 Ezekiel. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

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

Contact: facebook.com/stinno-centredford

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 Shiwasssee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, 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-drewsepisopalchurchlivonia.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@tbosm.com

MOMS

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

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

DUNNING PARK BIBLE CHAPEL

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

ST. EDITH CHURCH

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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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, iPads, 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: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

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BARTELS



JO of Plymouth, passed away on October 20, at home surrounded by family after her battle with cancer. She was born in Detroit on November 11, 1942 to Bessie (Clemons) and Rancie Lee Washam. Jo is survived by her beloved husband of 51 years, Frank Bartels, loving sons Walter (Christine) Bartels, and Matthew (Christine) Bartels, six grandchildren, siblings Mary Smith, and Richard Washam and many nieces and nephews. Jo was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters Barbara Koepke and Betty Foster. There will be a Memorial Gathering Sunday, October 23, from 4-7 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, 48170. The Memorial Service will be Monday, October 24, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Family and friends may begin visiting at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Jo to Angela Hospice. To view full obituary and leave a condolence please visit schrader-howell.com

HABER

CHRISTA M. Age 82, of Celebration, Florida formerly resided in West Bloomfield, Michigan, passed away peacefully on October 13, 2016. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Horst W. Haber. Beloved mother of Susan Habersmith, Heidi Haber and Robert (Valerie) Haber. Adoring grandmother of Nick, Sara, Jason, Austin, Paige, Hillary, Ryan and Lauren. Dear sister of Inge Padgett. A memorial service and luncheon will be held on October 28th, 2016, 11:00 a.m. at: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, family suggests a gift be made to Metavivor or a charity of your choice.

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Don't get discouraged by a job demotion

BY DEBRA AUERBACH
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Most workers set professional goals that include working their way up the corporate ladder. However, from time to time, certain company, team or individual circumstances may require an employee to face a demotion.

If this happens to you, your initial reaction may be to start looking for a new job. But before you make a move you might regret, get to the bottom of why it happened and determine if anything can be done to get back on the right path.

Stay calm and respond professionally.

"Hearing you have been demoted can certainly cause an emotional reaction, especially if it came as a surprise to you," says Jayne Mattson, a senior vice president at Keystone Associates, an outplacement and leadership-development services company. "Try to hold onto your emotions and take a deep breath. There are professional ways to respond to the news, such as saying, 'I am disappointed to hear this news,' or, 'Can I take a moment to collect my thoughts?'"

Step away from the situation.

While you want to remain



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professional in front of your boss, once you're away from the office, it might do you some good to vent. "Before reacting or making major decisions, like quitting or suing, take some time to calm down

and clear your head," says Dele Lowman Smith, founder and CEO of Bold Move Consulting. "Get your feelings out: cry, scream, vent, whatever you need to do. Take a day off if you can, or take the week-

end to get some distance from your workplace."

Ask for feedback.

In order to improve or change behaviors, you first need to have a full understanding of why you were demoted. Schedule some time to talk with your boss, and be sure to listen and ask specific questions during the meeting, says Laura MacLeod, a human-resources expert who created the From the Inside Out Project, which is designed to improve communication among employees.

"For example, if you are told that staff or executives do not have confidence in your abilities, make sure you ask for specifics," she says. "Make it clear you're not looking for names Your goal is to make adjustments and improve. 'What is it that I'm doing or not doing that doesn't appear confident?' Get the facts, and then ask for suggestions and direction on how to improve and enhance."

MacLeod also suggests getting a specific description of your new position and an idea about the future. Ask, "With measured improvement, do you see me progressing to other positions?" You'll get a strong sense of whether the company and your boss are interested in working with you or not. You will also demon-

strate your loyalty and willingness to take criticism and act on it."

Do a self-assessment.

"If your demotion was as a result of performance or conduct issues, you must be willing to take an honest, dispassionate look at yourself and acknowledge where you need to improve," Smith says. "If it was the result of organizational changes or something else outside of your direct control, you will need to determine if you want to stick around or start looking for new employment. Either way, you need to be clear about your vision for your life and career, what your skills and areas of weakness are, what is going on in the job market and your financial and lifestyle needs in order to make the best decision."

When you decide, do so with the right frame of mind. "If you stay, it will take effort and adjustment of attitude, but in the long run, it can be worth it," Mattson says. "If you leave, that is OK, too, but do it respectfully and don't burn any bridges along the way."

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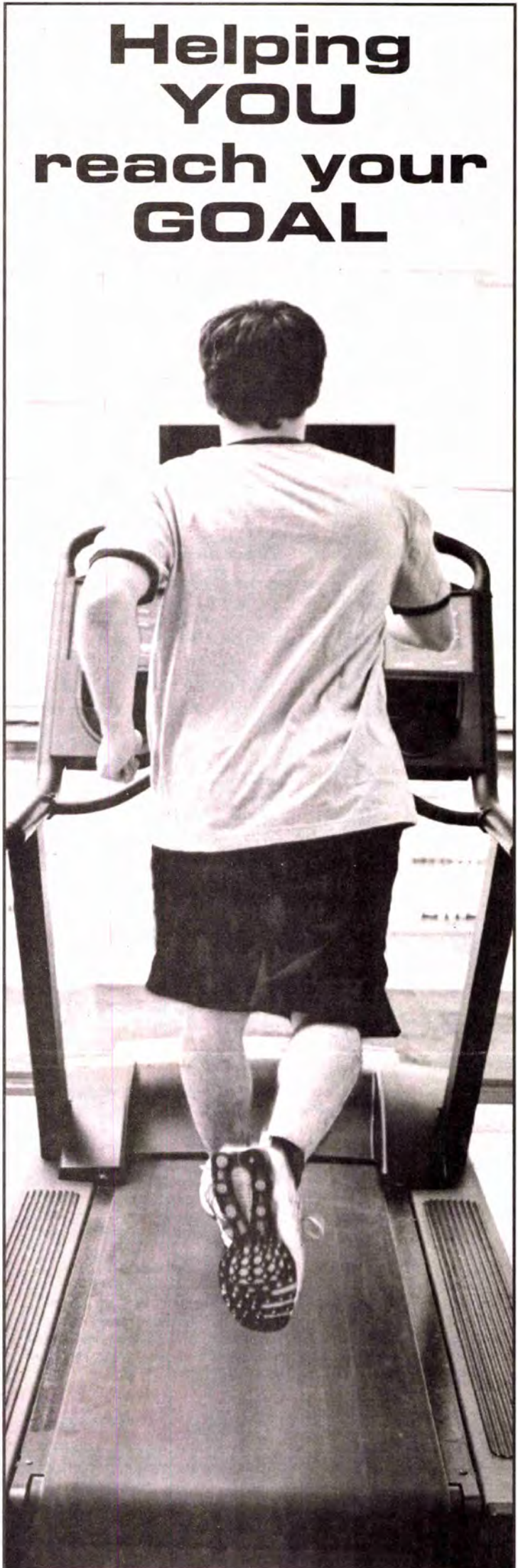
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CHRYSLER IS LETTING KIDS DO THE TALKING IN A NEW SOCIAL-MEDIA CAMPAIGN FOR PACIFICA MINIVAN



By Dale Buss

There's nothing particularly adorable about the children acting as auto sales people in the new digital Chrysler ads for the Pacifica minivan, just like there's nothing particularly adorable about Jim Gaffigan in his role as the vehicle's "spokesdad."

But the kids -- and the comic -- are effective. Sort of like a modern and more respectable version of the young pickpocket brigands in *Oliver Twist*, the kids operating as salespeople in Chrysler's new ads manage to filch the resistance out of real-life parents who agree to look at, inspect, consider and even buy Pacifica, responding positively to very practical arguments that just happen to be delivered by a 12-year-old.

One big reason that the kids seem

so at home as salespeople in the ads is that -- well, they're experienced at "selling" cars. The same handful of three "PacifiKids" at the core of the Pacifica ads were first introduced in May in an earlier experiential event that focused on other Chrysler products but included the child's play for Pacifica.

"They were a huge hit," Tim Kuniskis, head of passenger car brands for Fiat Chrysler, told me. "People who didn't have kids were coming over to look at the van. It just kept growing. So next we wanted to take them to places with built-in audiences, because we wanted to extend their reach."

So FCA took over Victorville Motors in California for a day to film the digital shoot, putting the PacifiKids in charge. The new social and digital campaign is one result. And while Chrysler continues its TV campaign featuring Gaffigan demonstrating features of Pacifica, it's possible FCA may soon put the

PacifiKids ads on TV as well.

Kuniskis talked with me about marketing Pacifica, and the Chrysler brand in a changing era:

Q: How have consumers responded to Pacifica since its launch early this year, with a TV ad campaign featuring Jim Gaffigan, the comic?

Tim Kuniskis: The launch has been going great. We're about four months into volume retailing, and we've picked up 20 points of market share in the segment ... We wanted to get right into the features and benefits in our marketing campaign, and that's what Gaffigan allowed us to do -- instead of getting six to nine months into the launch and then talking about features. He allowed us to do that with the idea of a "dad brand" -- showing that he was buying the best vehicle for his family, which elevates his dad brand.

Q: Are you seeing that, in fact, fathers are having a bigger influence in the sales of Pacifica than in the market where they used to be aimed at soccer moms?

Kuniskis: There really wasn't the intent to say "dad versus mom" for Pacifica. The Gaffigan campaign has just been a great way to show the features and benefits of the vehicle. It had nothing to do with one gender over another, and we're not seeing that difference in the demographics of buyers. The age is a little lower than [with the previous Town & Country model] but not a change



The adorable "PacifiKids" in the new Chrysler Pacifica digital campaign.

in male versus female.

Q: When will the hybrid version of Pacifica come out, and what will it do for the Pacifica brand and the Chrysler brand?

Kuniskis: We'll start shipping them by the end of the year, and it'll be full speed ahead next year. It's going to be a game changer. Every other hybrid or electrified or [plug-in hybrid] in the market goes with a smaller, faster, commuter-type vehicle. No one has a mainstream, seven-passenger, family-capable vehicle.

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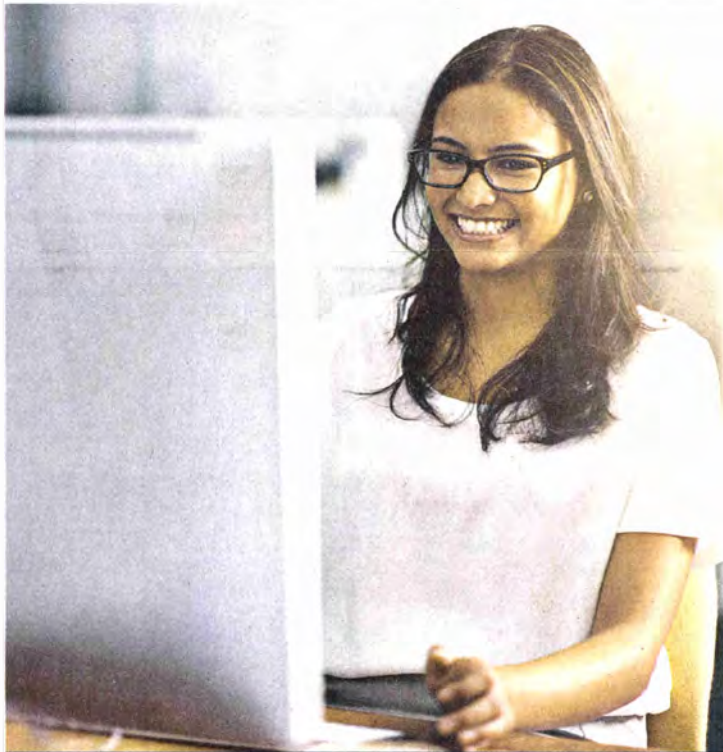
Q: Speaking of the cutting edge of technology, Chrysler hasn't had much to say so far about self-driving -- with the notable exception of the fact that Google is helping you outfit 100 of these Pacifica Hybrid vans to test self-driving technology. Does the fact that FCA isn't a huge part of the ongoing conversation about self-driving hurt the company or your brands at the moment?

Kuniskis: No. I don't think it hurts us at all. There's a lot of conversation and talk in the industry, but there really is no self-driving product anywhere to speak of yet. And it's premature to say it's having any impact on any brand, especially if you haven't laid out a strategy yet.



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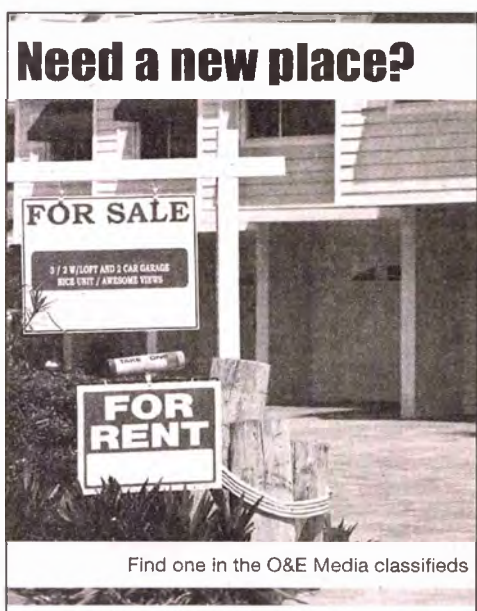
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Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	3.45	0.125	2.75	0.25
Ross Mortgage	107716	(248) 282-1602	3.625	0	2.875	0
Zeal Credit Union	408356	(734) 466-6113	3.5	0.25	2.875	0

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