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## Wayne native serves aboard submarine tender in Guam

A 2009 Wayne Memorial High School graduate and Wayne native is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of an integrated crew of sailors and civilian mariners working aboard the expeditionary submarine tender, USS Emory S. Land. Petty Officer 3rd Class Tara Tovar serves in Guam as

part of the forward deployed naval force in the Pacific. She is responsible for keeping check of the repair man-hours and manning on board the ship. "The best part about my job is the chance to meet and interact with people from all over the world," Tovar said. "Guam sailors are located

at our nation's most strategically important forward-deployed submarine base, and the missions they conduct at the tip of the spear are incredible," said Capt. David Schappert, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15. "They are constantly challenged and



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Tara Tovar, a 2009 Wayne Memorial graduate.



Elsa Potter and Phil Potter are big fans of the Chevrolet Volt.

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### Area electric vehicle charging stations seeing increased use

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Electric vehicles have joined the fleet of gasoline- and diesel-powered engines on local roads in the last several years. That's brought a drive for public charging stations at numerous places across western Wayne and Oakland counties.

But are these stations getting used?

When it comes to the few stations near the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Vice

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## 'TREE-HUGGER' LOVES HER VOLT, DAISY

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Five years after Elissa Potter bought one of the first Chevrolet Volts in the area, she still loves her electric car.

Daisy — that's what Potter named her Volt — has her own Facebook page, although there haven't been recent posts. It's called Volt Girl — a variation in terms of spelling is also used for Daisy's personalized license plate. Daisy has more than 93,000 miles on her odometer.

"I'm a tree-hugger. I wanted to use less oil, to reduce my carbon footprint. I'm a huge recycler — recycle, reduce, reuse," said Potter, a Westland resident

### ELECTRIC LOVE

Five years after initial deliveries, there is still plenty of love for GM's electric vehicle, the Volt. We returned to two original owners, who, despite gas hovering at \$2 a gallon and the huge popularity of crossover vehicles, have no regrets with their vehicles.

tor to provide electricity when the battery needs charging.

"If I had to, I could take Ford Road or Michigan Avenue to work downtown on one charge. I used to get 40 or so miles per charge," said Potter, a nurse at Children's Hospital in Detroit. "I average

who grew up in Garden City.

With a separately metered charging station at her home, Potter said she is paying \$40 per month for electricity to charge the car. That amount has increased from under \$35 per month, she said.

"I saved enough on gas to pay for a trip to Hawaii. I get gas every other month. It takes 10 gallons to fill up," Potter said. "I get 40-mile-per-gallon on gas alone on the generator."

The Volt has a large t-shaped battery under the passenger compartment. It has two engines: the electric engine and the gas engine, which operates a genera-

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## CHARGING

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President and Chief Academic Officer Rich Weinkauf said the answer is unequivocally yes.

"The number of charging sessions has increased each year that the stations have been online, with over 2,000 vehicle charges accommodated in 2015," he said. "Over the years, the number of unique drivers that have taken advantage of the charging stations on the campus has increased, indicating more adoption of battery electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles in the area."

There are several charging stations across the region, with some of those in charge of maintaining them saying usage has justified their existence. Several surrounding communities contain such stations on public and private property, including Novi, Milford, Livonia, Canton, Westland, Redford, Lyon and Birmingham.

The college campus off Haggerty has four stations on campus for vehicles to plug into at no cost. They were installed in 2010 and have seen increased usage since that time, pumping out more than 59 megawatts of power in that time, Weinkauf said.

### More expected statewide

With some places, such as Schoolcraft College, seeing increases, other charging stations appear to be pretty even when it comes to usage. Such stations would include the three in downtown Milford, which were installed in 2011.

Village manager Christian Wuerth said Milford did have as many as six stations when they were first installed, but some mechanical issues forced the village to take some out of commission. Still, with three stations available, Wuerth said he typically sees a few of

the parking spaces occupied by vehicles charging on a routine basis.

"It was felt that going down to three wouldn't really harm the ability to use the charging stations," he said. "We're still seeing about the same numbers, about one or two cars at a time."

"It kind of mirrors the rest of the parking demand."

And growth is something that could happen statewide. One company that sees the value of these charging stations and could increase the number offered in Michigan is Consumers Energy. The power company has installed more than

55 charging stations across Michigan since 2011, with consumer charging stations available in Livonia, Royal Oak and Groveland Township in northwest Oakland County. Other stations operate in other parts of the state on Consumers Energy's power grid, including in Jackson, Mason and Lansing. The company has another 40 designated specifically for the company's fleet vehicles.

Chris Weber, the company's director of alternative energy solutions, said they continue to see increased usage of these stations statewide. He expects those figures

to increase, especially as electric vehicles become more accessible to middle-class consumers.

With leases ending on first-time electric vehicles, as well as the introduction of other electric vehicles such as the Chevrolet Bolt, Weber said there are about 30 models on the market that can utilize charging stations.

"People have a greater understanding now than they did five years," he said. "It's something that's not financially out of reach anymore."

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A charging station at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

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## NAVY

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"The sailors aboard Emory S. Land continue to exceed all expectations while supporting submarines and surface ships in the 5th and 7th Fleet area of operations," said Capt. Mark Prokopius, commanding officer of USS Emory S. Land. "Their hard work and professionalism makes me proud of each and every one of them."

Sailors aboard submarine tenders support deployed submarines as well as surface combatant ships.

"These sailors continue to impress me with the level of effort and expertise they put into successfully completing their mission day-in and day-out," Rear Adm. Frederick Roegge, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, said. "Their actions and dedication to service enables the Submarine Force to excel in the undersea domain."

"The best thing about serving on this ship is the change of pace due to the fact that this is a mix of sub and surface sailors and missions," Tovar said.

The integrated crew of sailors and civilian mariners build a strong fellowship while working alongside each other, Tovar said. The crews are highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches and drills.

"Serving in the Navy has given me a sense of purpose, and feeling that I am contributing in making the world a better place," Tovar said.

# Garage owners love the Volt: 'It worked out perfectly'

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Dennis Wheeler had his eye on the Chevrolet Volt, a gas-electric hybrid, since it was a concept car, and when it hit the market, he bought one. Five years later, he has no regrets.

"It worked out perfectly as far as I'm concerned," said Wheeler, who owns, with wife Victoria, Denny's Service Center, an automobile repair shop on Starkweather in Plymouth.

"We'd buy another one in a heartbeat. Both of us feel the same way," he added.

The Wheelers, of Canton Township, bought the Volt so that Dennis could study the car over time and learn how it performed and how to maintain and repair it, and because Victoria, who does office work in the shop, needed something to replace the gas-guzzling Chevy Suburban she was driving.

Now, she wouldn't drive anything else.

"It's been a wonderful car, fuel efficiency-wise, maintenance-wise," Wheeler said. The Wheelers' Volt has nearly 99,000 miles on it.

The Volt is a General Motors Corp. plug-in hybrid that relies on a large battery to run an electric motor but also has a small gasoline engine. The internal combustion engine kicks in when the battery's charge gets low, turning a generator that allows the electric motor to continue powering the car. The Volt also features regenerative braking, which recaptures the energy used in braking to further recharge the battery.

Wheeler sounds like a commercial when he discusses the car: Economical, low maintenance, roomy, fun to drive. He's religious about oil changes and tire



Denny And Victoria Wheeler bought the Volt, in part, to learn how to fix it. Very little has needed fixing.

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rotations, but other than some minor electrical problems, having the 12-volt battery used to start the car replaced and having some precautionary upgrades made to the main battery, it's needed very few repairs.

The battery used to power the car, for the first 40 miles or so after each full charge, "works as well today as the first day we had it," Wheeler said.

The Wheelers keep a 110-volt charger at the shop to plug in the Volt when it is there, and a 220-volt charging station at home, which can fully charge the battery much faster.

They pay about \$40 a month extra on their home electricity bill for all the 220-volt power the car needs. They've used free courtesy charging stations, like the ones at



Denny Wheeler talks about his and his wife's nearly 100,000 miles of experiences with the Chevrolet Volt.

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Schoolcraft College, and a charging station gift card they put \$25 on five years ago still has money on it.

And the gasoline fuel efficiency, Wheeler said,

has been tremendous, averaging 109 miles to the gallon since they bought the Volt.

"If she doesn't drive over that 30-40-mile range (between charges),

she doesn't have to put any gas in it," he said.

Not long after buying the car, Wheeler said, he and his wife realized they hadn't gassed up for about six weeks and

stopped at a station when they spotted a good price. They hadn't checked the fuel gauge, and the car only took a gallon or so. "It was like, laughable," he said.

The big battery, Wheeler said, gives the Volt a low center of gravity and even weight distribution. "What you get is a car that hugs the road, and a really nice car to drive," he said.

Wheeler said he's not afraid of high-mileage cars — he has some with well over 200,000 miles on them — and wants to keep the Volt until the motor fails. That, he said, could be well north of 300,000 miles.

"I want to go as many miles as that car will go," he said.

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# VOLT

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about 150 miles per gallon."

## Plug and go

When possible, Potter uses a free charging station but can also use a 110-volt cord to plug her Volt in for a charging. "I'll walk a quarter of a mile for a charge while I do business. My husband won't," she said. "Ann Arbor has a free charging station. Then it's a bonus — you're not charged for parking."

The home charging was installed with a DTE grant and a tax refund. Potter said the charging stations take her vehicle from dead battery to a full charge in four hours. Using a 110-volt cord, a full charge can take 8-10 hours.

"Most places let me use an outside (110-outlet). I plugged into a hotel. I had to dig around in the snow. Only one place said no," said Potter, who has taken the Volt on trips to Pennsylvania and Ohio. "The batteries are supposed to be good for 10 years. GM has a plan to use the (old) batteries."

The 2011 Volt is the first new car owned by Potter, who saved to buy it while driving two beat-up cars. She was on an unofficial waiting list for Volts when her 1996 Chevrolet Beretta died and on a cold December morning her second car, a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier, had a flat and frozen lug nuts.

"So I decided to get a new car. The salesperson said, 'What do you mean we don't have any Volts?'" said Potter, about her call to Mark Chevrolet in Wayne. "I was screaming at the top of my lungs when they said they had the car."

Recently, Potter said someone gave her a brochure from an area credit union that featured her picture. That's a legacy from her five minutes of



Elissa Potter plugs in Daisy to the 220v home charging station. A full charge takes about four hours at the station.



Elissa Potter and husband Phil Potter love Daisy, the 5-year-old Chevrolet Volt.



Melissa Potter visits the gas station every other month to fill up the 9-gallon gas tank.

fame as an early Volt owner.

"I was contacted by a company — they told me they were doing a research project about Volt owners in 2012. I went to New York City," she said. "You're gonna pay me to do my favorite thing, talking about my car? They paid for a hotel and per diem. I shot a commercial. I saw the 9-11 memorial, the Statute of Liberty and Times Square."

Potter was recognized

after appearing in the commercial, although she adds it was mostly by people she already knew. "I was on a billboard at the 2013 Detroit Auto Show. I got a picture of me with a picture of me," she said.

The \$42,000 price for a Volt was reduced thanks to a federal grant.

### Tax credits

Since that first model year in 2011, General Motors has sold more than 100,000 Volts, Chev-

rolet spokesman Fred Ligouri said. "We launched the second generation Volt late last year and are on a great pace of increased year-over-year sales — up approximately 72 percent through August," he said.

The Volt is eligible for up to a \$7,500 federal tax credit and, depending on area of residence, some customers might be eligible for additional state and local incentives, Ligouri said.

"I'd buy another Volt

given the opportunity, depending on the cost. I don't want to get rid of this one," said Potter, noting the room inside the hatchback Volt has allowed her to move anything she's needed.

General Motors describes the Volt as an electric vehicle that can travel 53 miles on stored electricity before seamlessly switching to gas-generated electricity for continued travel of up to 420 miles between gas fill-ups or recharges.

The forthcoming Chevrolet Bolt EV is described as the first affordable electric vehicle capable of traveling 238 miles on one charge. Its proportions as a small crossover, flat battery pack placed beneath the passenger compartment and innovative interior give it voluminous space in a easy to maneuver package. Ligouri says.

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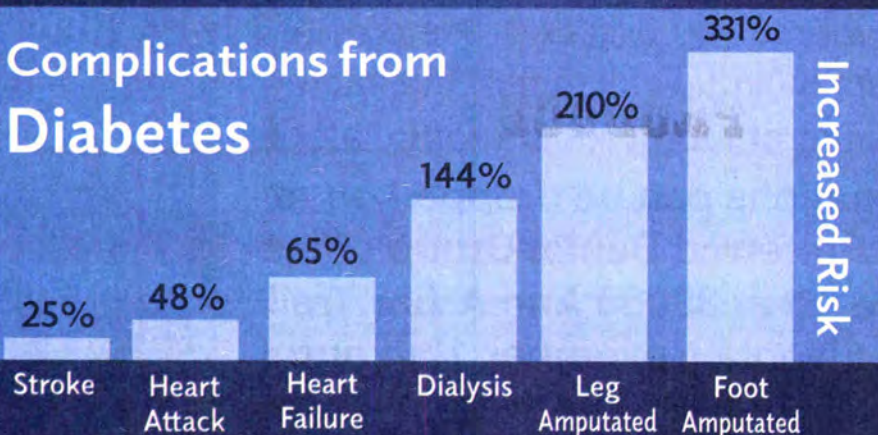
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# Trump co-chair: The new president is good for Michigan

Jay Grossman  
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The Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign believes the newly elected president is going to benefit the Midwest by boosting manufacturing in the region.

"Mr. Trump's first day on the campaign trail was in Michigan, and Mr. Trump's last day on the campaign trail was in Michigan," said Lena Epstein, a Bloomfield Township resident and general manager and co-owner of Vesco Oil Corporation. "He has made it abundantly clear that Michigan is at the top of his priority list, and that making Michigan the



Submitted  
Lena Epstein, Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign, first met the president-elect at a Lincoln Day dinner in 2012.

manufacturing mecca it once was is a top priority in his administration."

It has been a satisfying week for Epstein, a long-time Trump supporter who was asked to co-chair his Michigan campaign in August. The 35-year-old entrepreneur said she always felt in her heart that Trump's leadership qualities and business background would carry the election.

At the same time, she

admits a number of people asked her the same question throughout the campaign: Why Trump?

"That's a question I was asked a lot," said Epstein, a Detroit Country Day School graduate who has degrees from Harvard and University of Michigan Ross School of Business. "I was a very early supporter Donald Trump ... the American people will see he is going to be a phenomenal president — he is going to strengthen our economy, secure our borders, combat ISIS and make health care affordable once again."

### Why Trump?

Epstein, who runs the family business with her parents and sister, first met Trump at a Lincoln Day dinner in Oakland County in 2012.

"I had a wonderful opportunity to spend time with him," she said. "Within the Republican

Party it was known I was staunch supporter from the beginning — I'm a genuine Trump fan."

She got the call to co-chair the Michigan campaign, three days after her wedding in early August. By the time she joined, the Trump campaign in Michigan was already starting to come together.

"The momentum definitely picked up as we went along," she said. "As the polls made it clearer he was winning, the support kept picking up and rallies were getting bigger and bigger."

Her job as co-chair was to serve as Trump's official surrogate. She said her role in the campaign was covered globally, including interviews with correspondents in England, Washington, D.C., and New York.

"I was asked to lead the charge, and it was an honor," she said. "I was humbled by the opportunity and I'm grateful we were met with tremendous success."

But there were setbacks, in the form of inappropriate remarks and wayward Tweets in the early morning hours.

"I'm not going to apologize for some of the comments he made, because they were wrong and inappropriate," she said. "There were a number of occasions where I was put on the spot by some of the things he said. But that's not why I supported him for president."

### Factories, health care

Epstein said she expects Trump to follow through on his campaign promises to overturn NAFTA and oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership. She believes he'll bolster that promise by creating new infrastructure in the Midwest to accommodate more manufacturing opportunities.

"He wants to make America competitive again," she said. "I believe at the end of these four years we're going to see a dramatic shift in our manufacturing position in the nation — this is good for Michigan."

Along those lines, she expects Trump will replace the Affordable Health Act by introducing health care savings accounts and opening up the state borders to create more competition.

"This is going to create more flexibility, freedom and independence," Epstein said. "Mr. Trump has emphasized his plan will address those with pre-existing medical conditions ... right now, we're anticipating 25-percent price hikes in health care in 2017. That is not sustainable."

### Rebuilding

Epstein also realizes parts of the Trump campaign has left different groups in the country feeling alienated from the process — even attacked.

"Absolutely I understand there are a lot of people right now who are sad, mad and afraid," she said. "That was going to happen regardless of who won. It was going to happen either way."

Speaking directly to the Jewish community in metro Detroit, she said Trump is a fervent supporter of Israel and would like nothing more than to broker a lasting peace agreement in the Middle East. She also noted Trump's daughter, Ivanka, converted to Judaism in 2009 before marrying Jared Kushner, an Orthodox Jew.

"If anyone has a chance to make the Middle East a safer place — it's him," she said. "It would be the deal of a lifetime for him, as he has said so many times."

Where do other groups fit in Trump's America? "They fit where you and I fit," Epstein said.

"It's not a question of segregation. I believe Mr. Trump wants one America and opportunities for everyone ... he wants to grow the country and expand our opportunities for success."

As for the idea of building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico, she said, "He doesn't want people to be here illegally. I can't blame the guy, I don't either."

Epstein said the president-elect opposes any attacks on individual groups, and that just because certain extreme factions support his presidency doesn't mean he supports them.

"At this point, people will have to give him a chance," she said. "On Jan. 20 he will be sworn in as our next president. Our duty as American people is to cooperate and respect the law of the land — and the voice of the people. And the people have elected Donald Trump."

The middle class carried Trump to victory, Epstein said and the reason for it is the economy.

"They have spoken up," she said. "They have suffered through election after election with no real improvements. I have a tremendous amount of compassion and empathy for those suffering in our country, and I have faith in the years ahead that we will heal and come together as a nation. We all want the same things ... freedom, success and prosperity. The only question is which policies we adopt to get us there."

She invites anyone interested in learning more about the whirlwind presidential election, and how those final critical months in the campaign came together, to follow her on Twitter @LenaEpstein.

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Rich Greene of Livonia (left) works with Kory Harp of Seattle in preparing pizzas during a preview lunch at MOD Pizza in June 2015 before the restaurant opened.

## MOD Pizza to benefit LPS Education Foundation

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, a Michigan-based family owned restaurant group and its Livonia MOD Pizza restaurant at 13229 Middlebelt, are teaming up with Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation, for its annual Spreading MODness campaign. During Spreading MODness, a week in which the company and its restaurants focus on supporting at-risk youth and families, MOD Pizza in Livonia will donate \$1 to the LPS Education Foundation for every pizza sold from Nov. 22-27. Joining more than 175 nonprofits across the U.S. that will be the beneficiaries of Spreading MODness 2016, the LPS Education Foundation provides financial support to the district for innovative programs and service. "The Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation is a truly amazing

organization and by partnering with them, we are able to spotlight their inspiring work and set the example for how showing compassion for one another and completing a genuine deed can lead to others doing the right thing in our community - not only during this campaign, but throughout the year," said TSFR Brand Leader of MOD Pizza Jake Schostak. "We witness acts of generosity and gratitude every day in our restaurants and we are continuously looking for ways to pay that forward to our community. Celebrating MOD's birthday with Spreading MODness is a fun and special way to do just that." This year celebrates the fourth year of Spreading MODness, and through its celebration of "Gratitude with Attitude," each of MOD's 182 stores will be supporting

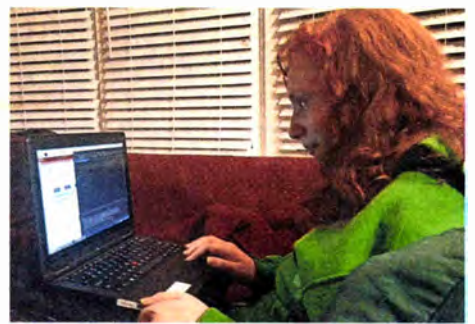
their local charity, with a goal to donate more than \$250,000. "We have established a strong relationship with MOD Pizza Livonia throughout the past year, and we are honored to continue developing that relationship through our participation in Spreading MODness," said Paul Condon, a director of LPS Education Foundation. "Spreading MODness is perfectly aligned with the work that we strive to do every day and truly makes a difference in the lives of those in our community by allowing us to continue promoting a passion for learning and a philosophy that puts the needs of children and their education first." To learn more watch Spreading MODness 2016 or visit our blog <http://modpizza.com/spreading-modness/to-see-stories-on-how-MOD-is-using-their-business-as-a-platform-for-good>.

## Career Tech grad wins national design award

Livonia Career Technical Center graduate Savannah Jarvis was one of 19 national finalists in the 2016 Globey Game Design Competition.

Created by Globaloria, a leading provider of K-12 computer science education, the Globey's recognize outstanding achievement in computational fluency, engineering, coding, teamwork and design thinking.

Jarvis distinguished herself from a diverse pool of 274 regional finalists from across the country, including New York, Texas, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Utah, and California, for her game "Beat." "Beat" was programmed using HTML5 and JavaScript, and was designed to teach players how to read the treble clef. Jarvis created the game as a part of her Mobile Apps/Game Design class at the LCTC last school year. She is currently a freshman at Lawrence Technological University, where she is majoring in computer science. Jarvis was flown to Austin, Texas, with all expenses paid, where she received her award at the Texas State Capitol Theatre. Texas Former Commissioner of Education Robert Scott welcomed the finalists



Savannah Jarvis is a freshman at Lawrence Tech University.

to Austin. "Globaloria continues to stimulate Texas and the nation's commitment to STEM and computer science education, opening doors to new opportunities, job creation, economic development and technological growth across the country," Scott said. "I am looking forward to presenting these Globaloria students with awards and prizes for their outstanding mastery of computing knowledge and innovation." Two other Livonia Career Technical Center students were regional winners. Tyler Secco created an educational game called "Simply States" that helps you learn the U.S. states. Draven Kish won a regional award for his game concept, "Saving

Shurima," a history/social studies game that teaches about historical artifacts. In President Obama's 2016 State of the Union Address, he referenced his initiative to empower all American students to learn computer science and be equipped with the computational thinking skills they need to be creators in the digital economy, not just consumers, and to be active citizens in our technology-driven world. "Our economy is rapidly shifting, and both educators and business leaders are increasingly recognizing that computer science is a 'new basic' skill necessary for economic opportunity and social mobility," Obama had said.

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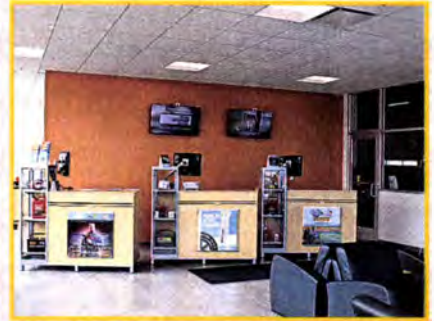
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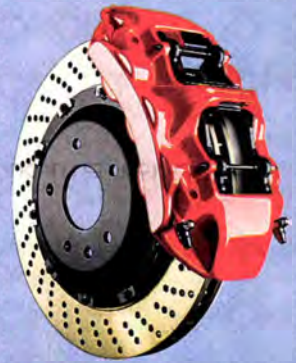


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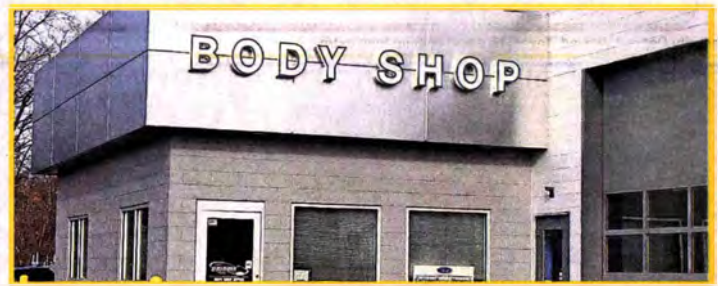
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## Westland reappoints experienced commissioners

On Nov. 7 the Westland City Council reappointed Mark Diehl to the Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Finance Authority (EDC/TIFA) and Andy Spisak to the Planning Commission.

The city of Westland TIFA/EDC Board is governed by a nine-member board appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. The purpose of the Tax Increment Finance Authority/EDC (TIFA) is to promote economic and business development through programs and public improvement projects that create economic opportunity, provide entrepreneurial support and preserve property values. Regularly scheduled board meetings

take place the second Tuesday of every other month at 8 a.m. at Westland City Hall and are open to the public.



Diehl

The Planning Commission is a nine-member board appointed by the mayor and confirmed by city council. The commission reviews and recommends to city council all applications for amendments to the zoning ordinance or zoning map, applications for special land uses, site plan approvals and planned unit development and enforcement officer recommendations regarding

effectiveness of the ordinance. The Planning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Westland City Hall, and the meetings are open to the public.



Spisak

"These two gentlemen have 30 years of experience between them on their respective commissions," Mayor William Wild stated. "Their years of experience within the city of Westland makes them valuable assets to their respective boards they are both committed to continuing the betterment of the city."

## Livonia police briefs: Fixture stolen from Jimmy John's

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com

Livonia police were called Tuesday afternoon to Jimmy John's, 13453 Middlebelt, on the report of a man who had stolen a light fixture from the bathroom.

Dispatch told police the man was last seen behind the Rally House shop in the Livonia Commons shopping center. Police arrived and saw the suspect walking along Schoolcraft. He was stopped and asked about the incident. The man said he saw the fixture was loose in the bathroom of the sandwich shop and he tried to fix it, though the light bulb broke while he was doing that. He said he then walked out. An employee said she saw the

suspect enter the shop, go into the bathroom and open the door multiple times before hearing the glass breaking. When she checked the room after the suspect left, she saw the bulb broken and the fixture missing. She said she saw the man flee the store and head toward Dick's Sporting Goods. Police located the fixture on the ground near JoAnn Fabrics and returned it to the store. The man was arrested and was on probation from an earlier case in Livonia.


### Attempted theft of meats

Police were dispatched Wednesday afternoon to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect that had tried to take several meats and lob-

ster tails.

Store employees told police the suspect was seen selecting several high-priced meats and lobster tails and placing them in his cart, along with other items. Store employees said he was then seen going to the checkout area, where he concealed the meats in bags and paid for some of the other items. He walked out without paying for several of the items. He was stopped by an employee and pushed the cart away and fled the store, getting into the passenger side of a vehicle that then drove away. Police checked the area but did not locate the vehicle.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.



### Ask Dr. Stewart

Dr. James Stewart is a general dentist practicing in Livonia, MI. Today, he discusses the link between oral bacteria and stroke.


#### ORAL BACTERIA AND STROKE

*Dear Dr. Stewart: I recently read online that certain bacteria in our mouths can lead to stroke, is this true?*


**Dr. Stewart:** Yes. In February, a study was published in Scientific Reports that highlighted the link between S. mutans (oral bacteria that can lead to tooth decay and gum disease) and stroke. The study theorized that S. mutans attaches to blood vessels impacted by hypertension and age, leading to arterial ruptures and brain hemorrhages. In addition, oral bacteria have also been linked to heart disease. However, the good news is that by taking care of your smile and seeing your dentist at regular intervals, you can help control the presence of S. mutans, protecting both your oral and overall health.

If you have a question about your oral health and what you can do to enjoy a healthier smile and higher quality of life, contact Dr. James Stewart by calling (734) 425-4400 or visiting his website at [jamesstewartdds.com](http://jamesstewartdds.com).

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## Livonia man charged in burglary of neighbor's home

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Livonia police arrested a man who is suspected of breaking into his neighbor's home and stealing several items, including a gaming system and rosary beads.



Sicard

Police suspect Ronald Sicard, 33, of Livonia, broke into his neighbor's home in August in the 8800 block of Fremont. A resident said she left the home and locked the doors the morning of Aug. 17 and returned later that afternoon to find a bedroom disheveled and a window broken.

She called police, who

arrived and investigated. It was determined that several items were missing, including an Xbox 360, video games, gaming headset, controllers, DVDs, CDs, rosary beads and loose change from a jar, police said.

The alleged break-in was the third reported at the residence in several weeks, the resident told police. She told police she believed Sicard was responsible for the break-in. When police spoke to another neighbor to get a witness statement, they also told police there was suspicious activity involving Sicard.

After investigating, Sicard was arrested.

He was charged in Livonia's 16th District Court with second-degree home invasion and receiving/concealing stolen property more than

\$1,000 but less than \$20,000. He's also been charged as a four-time habitual offender. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison. As of Thursday afternoon, he remained in the Wayne County Jail on a \$20,000 cash or surety bond.

Sicard was released from prison in April after serving prison time in connection with an unlawfully driving away an automobile charge out of Washtenaw County, Michigan Department of Corrections records show. He was sentenced to 1-5 years in that incident, which took place in 2012. His record lists several felonies dating back to 2004 in Wayne and Oakland counties.

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COURTESY OF KAREN LANE

Helen Nixon, 99 of Livonia, casts her ballot Tuesday at Grant Elementary School. She said she's voted in-person in every election since she turned 18.

# 99-year-old has voted in person in each election

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It doesn't matter the election, Helen Nixon said precinct workers at Grant Elementary School can expect to see her in line.

The 99-year-old Livonia woman said she's cast a ballot in person during every election she's been eligible to vote. She was there again Tuesday, filling out her ballot at the school she's voted at for decades.

She said her birthday falls in October. When she turned 18, she made sure she was registered and voted in her first election in the 1930s.

"I never missed one in my lifetime," she said. "I wasn't going to miss this

for anything in my lifetime."

She said even at her age, she still prefers to vote in person, even though she'd qualify for an absentee ballot. It's all about the feeling of knowing her ballot was in the ballot box, she said.

"Because I believe if I did it in person, it would get done," Nixon said. "Otherwise, I wasn't sure where that vote would go."

One of her children, Karen Lane of Plymouth Township, said her mother instilled the importance of voting to her children at a very early age. Still, she has reminded them to make sure they perform their civic duty.

"She would always

call the seven kids and remind us, 'you have to go vote today,'" she said.

Nixon currently votes Republican, but voted Democrat many years ago due to family influence. Her father was a longtime Democrat, but Nixon decided long ago she wanted to be a part of the GOP. And she's got the right family connections to be a Republican: her husband is a distant relative of former president Richard Nixon.

And her thoughts on President-elect Donald Trump? She said she believes he'll do just fine.

"I think he's going to be OK. I really do," she said. "He's going to do what he has to do."

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This year's Trunk or Treat drew record crowds.

# TRUNK OR TREAT DRAWS RECORD CROWDS

If you thought the 2015 Garden City Trunk or Treat was a big deal, then you should have been at the 2016 version.

There were more costumes, more kids and a lot more families than last year. The event, cosponsored by the Garden City Business Alliance & Garden City DDA, was expected to draw about 2,000 people – the same as last year. Instead, the count was estimated at between

2,500 and 3,500 participants. Everyone had a great time and there was plenty of candy and fun for the kids.

There were 60 decorated trunks of all kinds. Some of the trunks included, Sparky the Fire Dog from the Garden City Fire Department, K-9 Rudy and Officer Shippe from the Garden City Police Department, Star Wars Storm Troopers and R2D2 from the 501st Great Lakes Garrison.

Also collected was an estimated 1,200 pounds of non-perishable food items for the Garden City HOME Pantry. Organizers lauded event chair Elaine Salter, volunteers and parents who contributed to the food pantry, thanked parents

More photos can be found on the Garden City Business Alliance website at <http://gardencitybusinessalliance.org/2016-trunk-or-treat/#>.



It was a day of smiles at Trunk or Treat.

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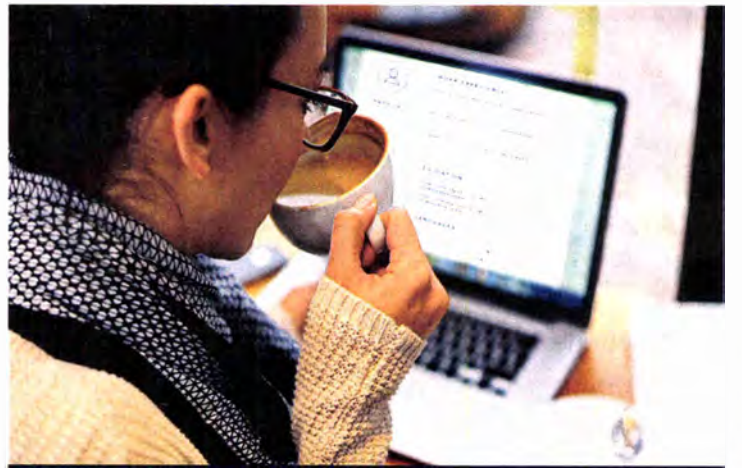
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# You can help a blind child learn to read by bidding on auction items



Seedlings Director Debra Bonde

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If you're reading this column, you're a literate adult who likely had every chance to learn to read and practice reading as a child.

But what if you owned only a handful of books while growing up? What if you couldn't check books out at the library, buy them at a bookstore or purchase them at a garage sale? Would you be able to read and write well enough to get a job and support a family?

Blind and visually impaired child have just five books for every 100 books a sighted child has. That's because braille books are scarce, often very expensive, and typically can't be found at local libraries, bookstores or garage sales.

Yet, braille literacy is key to a life of independence and opportunity, according to the National Federation of the Blind. Children fluent in braille have an 80-percent chance of being gainfully em-



**Debra Bonde**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

ployed as adults compared to only a 20-percent chance if they are not.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a small nonprofit in Livonia that provides free and low-cost braille books to blind children in Southeast Michigan and all over the world. Our mission is to increase the opportunity for braille literacy so blind and visually impaired children can grow up to lead literate, independent lives.

You can help raise \$10,000 for 1,000 braille books by bidding in Seedlings' online auction ([www.biddingforgood.com/braille-books](http://www.biddingforgood.com/braille-books)). It ends at 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, so please don't delay. Our auction catalog features more than 180 items and has been described as a Bucket List for Michigan resi-

dents with Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers tickets; a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island; overnight stays at Michigan lighthouses; signed vinyl by Kid Rock, viewing of the "Live in the D" show and meet and greet with host Chuck Gaidica; tickets to the Henry Ford, Detroit Zoo; ski lift tickets, and more.

Many items would make great holiday gifts. If you don't find anything you want, you can make a cash donation or "fund a need," such as a box of book covers or braille paper. Every \$10 donation to Seedlings makes another braille book possible.

There's an old saying, "If you can read this, thank a teacher." Perhaps you can thank a teacher by paying it forward and helping a blind child learn to read.

Debra Bonde of Livonia is founder and director of Seedlings Braille Books for Children. She is also a Livonia Observer First Citizen honoree.

## CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

### AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals

November 29, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.  
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)  
33000 Civic Center Drive  
Livonia, MI  
(734) 466 2259

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-10-75 (Tabled on October 25, 2016):** Ronald Tetrault, north side of Puritan (30062) between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area.

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

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## WESTLAND GOODFELLOWS

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## 'Nothin' But Music' documentary premieres at Token

Vision 561 Productions will host a world premiere for their debut full-length documentary "NOTHIN' BUT MUSIC" with doors open at 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20, at The Token Lounge, 28949 Joy Road, Westland, Cover is \$5.

This is an all ages event and there will be free snacks and live entertainment before the film screening. Live entertainment will be provided by some of the key musicians that appear in the film. Eric Harabadian and Lisa Hagopian of Vision 561 Productions are first time filmmakers from metro Detroit.

"NOTHIN' BUT MUSIC" is a feature-length documentary that focuses on the creativity and perseverance it takes to sustain a lifelong career doing nothing but music; no day job to fall back on. The film follows Benny "Jet" Speer from Benny and the Jets band. He is a "working class" musician

that has plied his craft for more than 40 years.

Award-winning blues guitarist Howard Glazer has an equally in-depth pedigree and is prominently spotlighted as well. The film gleans further personal and career insight from contemporary jazz flautist Alexander Zonjic, garage rock legends Question Mark and Robert Lee Balderrama and the Mysterians, blues rock vocalist-keyboardist Eliza Neals, singer-songwriter Nate Jones, poet-activist and former MC5 manager John Sinclair and many others. There are many paths to success and this film explores the diverse roads taken to have a life-long career as a musician.

This documentary was self funded with an entire crew of just two people. "NOTHIN' BUT MUSIC" is an independently-produced grass roots film about grass roots artists that live and breathe what they do.

## Westland's Ruth Ann Butler remembered

M.B. Dillon  
Correspondent



Mrs. Butler

Ruth Ann Dowd Butler, who died after a long illness Sept. 30 at the age of 90, was remembered at the All Souls Mass on Nov. 5 at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit's Corktown. The United Irish Societies' liturgy is prayed for those who have passed away during the previous year.

A longtime Westland resident and a founding member of St. Damian's Catholic Church, Mrs. Butler was born March 5, 1926, in Saginaw. Her funeral Mass was said Oct. 6, 2016, at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Church, followed by interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

She and her late husband, Pierce Butler, were the parents of six children. A registered nurse, Mrs. Butler was a tireless fighter and advocate for those afflicted by Parkinson's disease, a chronic neurological condition which struck her

spouse when Pierce Butler was just 36. She cared for him as his health deteriorated until his death at the age of 77, all the while working and volunteering.

For more than 20 years, Mrs. Butler was facilitator of the Western-Wayne Parkinson's Support Group, conducting monthly meetings in Livonia to provide information, doctor referrals and fellowship for patients and caregivers.

Daughter Julia Wall of Westland said, "Her dedication to her husband was extraordinary, and from that she became a Parkinson's warrior for all those affected. She left a forever footprint in the Parkinson's world."

"She excelled at care; the kind that a nurse asking how you're feeling gives (and of course, that's who she was)," said Dr. Peter LeWitt, Wayne State University professor of neurology and director of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Program with the Henry Ford Health System.

Daughter Liz Kalinowski of Canton accompanied her mother on a trip to Washington, D.C., with the Parkinson's Action Network. "We went there so she could testify before Congress to request funding to promote awareness and get more information out to the medical community," Kalinowski said.

"At the hearing, Michael J. Fox sat on one side of her, and Muhammad Ali was in his wheelchair, sitting on her other side. When she finished testifying, Ali was clapping and

she got a standing ovation from all the people, including Michael J. Fox.

"For my mom to be the superstar of it all made me very proud," Kalinowski said. "She was a remarkable woman in so many ways. At the end of the day, all she wanted was for her family to be happy. Her family was first."

Daughter Sheila Richardson of Commerce described her mother as "incredibly admirable. My mom lived a life of sacrifice. When she was young she took care of her sick mother. She sacrificed to send every child to Catholic school. She sacrificed by taking a paper route in addition to her full-time job to help make ends meet. When her father grew too old to live on his own, she had him move in with us. She deeply loved her husband and children. She fiercely protected them like a bear would protect her cubs. My mom had a strong faith in the Lord and did not hesitate to make those sacrifices for her family."

Son Michael Butler of Bayonet Point, Florida, said, "I admired my mom for being so hardworking, devoted, loyal and faithful."

Daughter-in-law Sharon Butler said, "I respected her devotion and faith so much that I took her name of Ruth Ann as my confirmation name when I converted to Catholicism."

Daughter-in-law Karen Butler of Potomac, Maryland, said, "Ruth Ann's courage and resilience were inspiring to everyone she met."

Mrs. Butler earned her R.N. from St. Mary School of Nursing in Saginaw, and a bachelor's degree in nursing education at Mercy College in Detroit on a scholarship. She taught nursing at Northwest

General Hospital and Mercy College, and worked in managerial roles at several area hospitals and convalescent homes. She also taught English to foreign-speaking hospital personnel.

With elder-care lawyer Jim Schuster, Mrs. Butler published the "Parkinson's Answer Book," a resource guide and collection of poems, thoughts, sayings and photographs of Parkinsonians, their families and friends.

"Ruth Ann was highly respected by everyone who worked with her, from health-care professionals to patients and members of her community," said Deborah Orloff, former CEO of the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. "She shared her wealth of skills and talents, and was never afraid to advocate for people with Parkinson's. She helped improve the lives of hundreds of patients and families affected by P.D. through her knowledgeable, caring guidance."

Mrs. Butler's achievements were formally recognized by the state foundation. She received the Dr. Raymond Bauer Humanitarian Award, and was named honorary chairperson of the 2013 "I Gave My Sole for Parkinson's Walkathon and 5K Run" in appreciation for her years of hard work.

She was preceded in death by her husband Pierce and son Timothy (Karen), and is survived by children Michael (Sharon); Patrick (Marybeth); Elizabeth (William) Kalinowski; Julia (Michael) Wall and daughter Sheila (Michael) Richardson; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

### CITY OF LIVONIA LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION ADVERTISEMENT/REQUEST FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia-Housing Commission, Michigan as Owners, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016**, at the offices of the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

**DISPOSAL OF VACANT CITY OWNED PARCEL: 8875 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, LIVONIA, 48150. NO MINIMUM BID AMOUNT IS STIPULATED. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT REQUIRED.**

The proposal package, bid requirements, bid form and certified site survey will be available beginning **Monday, November 14, 2016** at the offices of the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154. All proposals are to be submitted on the forms furnished by the Director of Housing. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the property bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to Susan Nash, City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Bids must be on the form provided in the proposal package accompanied by a non-collusion affidavit. Interested parties that have questions regarding the city-owned property or bid requirements may contact James M. Inglis, Director of Housing at 248-477-7086 ext. 5.

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to the responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the City of Livonia Housing Commission.

JAMES M. INGLIS, Director of Housing  
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# Livonia Scout Troop 271 honors two Eagle Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 271, chartered out of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia, honored two young men with the rank of Eagle Scout Nov. 6. Michael Bagazinski, 17, and Emery Maher, 17, both Livonia residents and St. Michael school graduates, were presented with the award for attaining the highest rank of scouting during a Court of Honor ceremony attended by family, friends and local dignitaries.

Bagazinski is a senior enrolled in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Livonia Franklin High School. He is the president of the National Honor Society and a member of the National Art Honor Society, 2015 MVP of the Quiz Bowl Team, a Patriot's Relate Volunteer, and a member of the Franklin Interact Club. He participated in the Ford Motor Company High School Science and Technology Program. He is a three-year varsity letter winner on Franklin's tennis team and was voted the Best Sportsman award by his teammates. Bagazinski also participated on the Franklin track team for two years in the hurdles and long jump events. He is recognized by the KLAA as a Schol-



Emery Maher (left) and Michael Bagazinski were honored as Eagle Scouts by Troop 271 Scoutmaster Blake Jarvis.

ar Athlete. He is the son of Gerald and Carol Bagazinski.

Bagazinski has served as the Assistant Patrol Leader of Troop 271 and in the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp for

the past four summers. He has been an active member of the St. Michael Youth Group and has participated in the Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip for the past three years.

Maher is a senior enrolled at Divine Child High School. He is a varsity athlete in track and cross country, serving as team captain for the 2016 season. He has earned the titles All City,

All Catholic, All County and All Region. He is a member of the Varsity Club and has earned student of the month multiple times over the course of his four years at Divine Child, most recently being this month. Maher is the son of Patrick and Julie Maher.

Maher has held several leadership positions serving as Troop 271 Senior Patrol Leader in 2014 and Assistant Patrol Leader. He has participated in the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp for five years. He is an active member of the St. Michael Parish, currently serving as a Eucharistic Minister and Usher. He also participates in community activities such as food distribution programs for the homeless and Habitat

for Humanity.

Bagazinski and Maher each renovated a community meeting room at the St. Michael Church property to meet the requirements for an Eagle Scout project. Such a project typically requires approximately 200 hours of service. The rehabilitation of each room included ceiling repairs, carpet removal, extensive cleaning and painting. The projects were completed in 2015. Local dignitaries who attended the ceremony to present Bagazinski and Maher with commendations honoring their accomplishment included: Congressman David Trott; State Representative Laura Cox; Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki and Livonia City Councilwoman Maureen Miller Brosnan.

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10-inch pipeline along Joy and Middlebelt roads to Elmira Street. Construction is being expedited to enhance the pipeline in time for the winter heating season. Work will be performed by Consumers Energy employees. The work began in September and will be completed by mid-December, Mayor

William Wild announced. The new pipeline will be installed using both boring and trenching methods. In general, boring will be used to install the pipeline underneath major roads, while trenching will be used alongside street right-of-ways. Lane closures on both Joy and Middlebelt will be necessary at times, but typically will be Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Restoration of affected areas will follow construction; however, due to cold weather, full restoration may take place in 2017.

Residents who have questions or concerns should contact the following staff members between 6 a.m. and 7: p.m. Monday through Friday. For construction questions, call Kyle Howell at 248-794-6903 at Consumers Energy. For all other project questions, call John Turk at 517-262-8938 at Consumers Energy.

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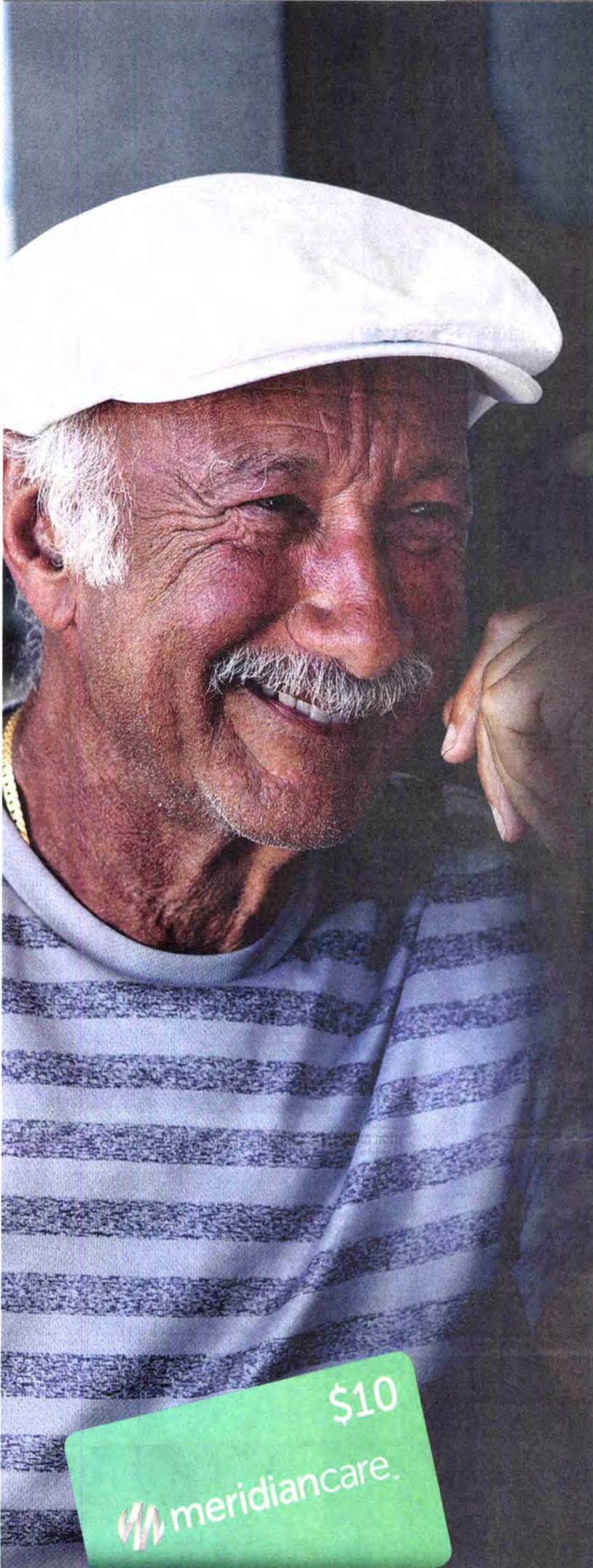
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# SPORTS



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Schoolcraft College women's soccer coach Dave Carver talks to players Friday about the challenges awaiting them next week at nationals.



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Schoolcraft freshman forward Lauren Wynns, from Livonia, controls the ball during Friday's practice.

## ANOTHER SHOT AT GLORY

Schoolcraft women's soccer team heading to Florida for nationals

**Tim Smith**  
Hometownlife.com

Wednesday morning's practice was over, but a handful of Schoolcraft College players hung around on their own time to work on corner kicks.

"That's the kind of work ethic you always see out of this team," said Dave Carver, head coach of the Lady Ocelots' women's soccer team, getting

set for next week's National Junior College Athletic Association national championships in Florida.

Sticking around to get in a few extra kicks — and some good-natured ribbing before jumping into their cars to leave the parking lot — were sophomore defender Megan Schulz of Farmington, freshman forward Jenna Smith of Milford, sophomore midfielder Colleen

McKay of Rochester Hills, sophomore defender Katie Vitella of Sterling Heights and Rachel Rodeheffer, a sophomore defender from Commerce Township.

"I'm really excited, it's a big accomplishment for us," Rodeheffer said. "We are really determined to actually win it this time."

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## Churchill spikes Blue Devils for regional crown

**Brad Emons**  
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Livonia Churchill is back in an all too familiar place — the MHSAA Class A girls volleyball quarterfinals.

The Chargers captured their 10th regional title under coach Mark Grenier on Thursday night at Garden City with a 25-15, 25-14, 16-25, 25-23 win over Grosse Pointe South.

Churchill, which improved to 35-13-3, faces Temperance Bedford in the Elite Eight beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Gibraltar Carlson.

"I've been fortunate enough to have a handful of teams with success, but this is been by far one of the most enjoyable teams," Grenier said. "It's just their continuity, the way they play together and just their work ethic ... they're a pretty special group."

Two underclassman, who were not part of last year's Churchill run to the state semifinals, played significant roles in the victory as freshman Sarah Dunn recorded a team-high 15 kills, while recent JV



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Livonia Churchill repeated as Class A regional volleyball champions.

call-up Summer Clark added seven solo blocks.

"Those kids ... they can just play," Grenier said. "We need some kids to contribute, and not only is it a positive for us right now, but the future is so

bright."

Churchill, helped by South's eight service errors, breezed through the opening two sets, but the Blue Devils (33-15) got back into the match in the third set by jumping out to a

10-3 lead and opened up a commanding 10-point advantage to force a fourth set.

"We were prepared those first two sets, but I think we were put on our heels those first couple of points and then

we got down," said Churchill senior setter Megan Gendjar, who finished with 11 assist-to-kills. "But we came back, we got some momentum at the

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## GLORY

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Former Farmington Falcon Schulz has no qualms saying this year's team is better prepared for the spotlight of NJCAA nationals than it was in 2015, when the Lady Ocelots went 0-2 and were knocked out in the group stage.

### Go all out

"I think if we can work together and play our game and stay compact we can beat any of these teams," Schulz said. "We need to not get flustered, just stay confident on and off the ball and stay moving."

"We're going with the mindset that every game's a championship game and we have to play all 90 minutes to the best of our abilities."

Carver said the team is loose and confident, as displayed during Wednesday's short, crisp practice on the brand new outdoor turf field at Schoolcraft.

"Just continuing to tick on with the way we've been playing," said Carver, whose team is 15-2 and went 10-0 to win the Michigan Community College Athletic Association title. "We've kept it kind of general and just let the girls play. We've gotten into a lot of detail throughout the year about system and styles and how we want to play."

"We've got them to a point where they're won our regional championship so I think it's working. It's really just a case of more of the same,



It's a teachable moment Friday as Schoolcraft coach Dave Carver talks with freshman midfielder Laila Muscat.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

keeping the players sharp, keeping them engaged, keeping them healthy, making sure they're all connected to each other on the field."

After another practice Friday, the 13th-ranked Lady Ocelots will fly to Orlando. Then comes the bus ride to tournament host Melbourne, another light practice and a Sunday team banquet.

### Underdog role

Schoolcraft's first test will be against the No. 3-ranked team, Laramie County Community College, at 5:30 p.m. Monday (according to the NJCAA website). Carver added that the fact the Lady

Ocelots are seeded 10th isn't a bad thing.

"It's not a great seed, but it puts us as more of an underdog which we're okay with," Carver noted.

"We spent the whole year No. 1 in our region (Region XII) and dealing with that pressure and that target, to beat us, ... it's actually quite nice not dealing with that pressure going down to Florida."

Schoolcraft will be looking to at least reach the semifinals this time around, perhaps run the table and win a national championship for the first time since 1987.

"It's just to enjoy ourselves," said Rodeheffer

about the big trip ahead. "We're a really big, (cohesive) team. So if we really enjoy we can pretty much do anything."

Smith, who played for the Milford Mavericks, said she and her teammates are having a blast this year and don't want the fun to end.

"It's been really good, we have a lot of fun when we play," Smith said. "At practice it's really competitive."

She added that it would be nice to be down in Florida for a week "so we can get to the finals. I just think we have to play as a team and just work harder than the other team."

Meanwhile, Vitella agreed with Schulz that the 2016 Lady Ocelots are on a determined quest for Florida success.

"It means a lot because last year we went and we didn't play that well," Vitella emphasized. "So this year is our second chance to go and play hard and win."

"We're on a big mission to win national championship. Looking forward to winning."

### Another taste

Other players who will be getting a second taste of nationals include midfielder Raven Buck (Westland), forwards Devon Powers (Novi) and

Mallory Bryant (Novi). Among first-time participants are forward Lauren Wynns (Livonia), defenders Alex McAleer (Novi) and Susana Bryan (Westland).

"I think what we've achieved, going to national championships back-to-back years is just an achievement in itself," Carver noted.

Having an idea what kind of competition awaits them, thanks to the 2015 junket (the Lady Ocelots went 0-2), also should benefit Schoolcraft.

"I think the experience we gained as a staff and with our returning players last year, and just gaining that recognition that we are a national championship competing team is going to help us this year," Carver said. "I think the group's going to be more confident going in."

"That allowed us to prepare the team for basically going into the first game as if it is the championship game. Because if you don't win that first game it's very, very tough to advance out of your group."

Carver, however, just has to glance at the players who were in no hurry to leave Wednesday's practice and know something special indeed is possible.

"It's just a fantastic group of girls, it's been an absolute pleasure to coach them this year," he said, smiling. "The team chemistry is exactly where we want it to be."

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## CHURCHILL

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end and it brought us home in the fourth set."

The fourth set, however, was not easy for the Chargers found themselves fending off the left-side attacks by South's 6-foot-1 senior outside hitter Lexi Kohut, who had eight of her match-best 17 kills.

Churchill took a 22-19 lead in the fourth, but the Blue Devils, coming out of a timeout, pulled within 23-22 when Grenier called only his third timeout of the match.

"We work on serve and serve receive probably 60 percent of the time," the Churchill coach said. "We just wanted to hold some composure and just do what we do best, which is have a little bit of ball control and just have an opportunity to swing at the ball, and we executed what we do."

After the two teams traded points, Churchill closed out the match when senior middle hitter Annie Yost registered her 10th kill of the night on a tip shot down the left side of the net.

"We played as well as we could have the first two games," Grenier said. "The third game ... give a lot of credit to Grosse Pointe South. They hit the ball well and we made a lot of hitting errors. We just kind of had a breakdown and we

were fortunate enough. These kids have been here before and we were able to kind of hold some composure and put it together for the fourth."

Churchill, once again, played outstanding defense led by Gendjar (14 digs), senior Brianna Fulton (13 digs) and senior libero Alyssa Facione (12 digs).

"We watched film on them the other day and we noticed a lot of them go right side, so we really focused on blocking that and also making sure our right side was strong," Gendjar said. "Brianna Fulton was stellar with our right side. And with Aly Facione picking up all those cross shots, it was great."

Fulton finished with a team-high 21 assist-to-kills, while Gendjar added 11.

"I'm pretty much in the same spot," Gendjar said of her role. "I set a little bit more this year because we lost main setter (to graduation), Rayna Yetts. We just try to keep the tradition going and all that. I'm pretty much the same place, right side, right back. It's good."

South, meanwhile, got off to a rough start.

"You just got to get through that stuff," Blue Devils coach Kevin Nugent said. "We didn't come out serving very well. Honestly, Churchill did not affect the game really in the first game. It was all service errors

and mistakes on our part. They're a great team and you just can't give great teams those opportunities. Part of it is finding your legs in a big match like this. We found it later on and we'd like to have those first two sets back, but volleyball is a great sport and we had to reset after the first two sets."

Kohut, who signed with Appalachian State, got help on the attack from 5-10 Kate Satterfield (10 kills) and 6-2 Chandler Duff (eight kills).

"Strategically we switched her from the L-1 to the L-2," Nugent said of Kohut. "We moved our L-2 to the L-1, which made a huge impact in set three and four. It opened up more opportunities on the floor and took the pressure off of the setter to get the ball to her on the outside. That changed the concept of the match. I think if we get out of that set four we're in good shape."

But the Blue Devils simply couldn't get enough balls to hit the floor.

"They can get the ball up, no doubt," Nugent said of the Chargers. "Churchill's bread and butter is their defense. They work hard at it. Their libero (Facione) had a great match and they're well deserving. They did a nice job."

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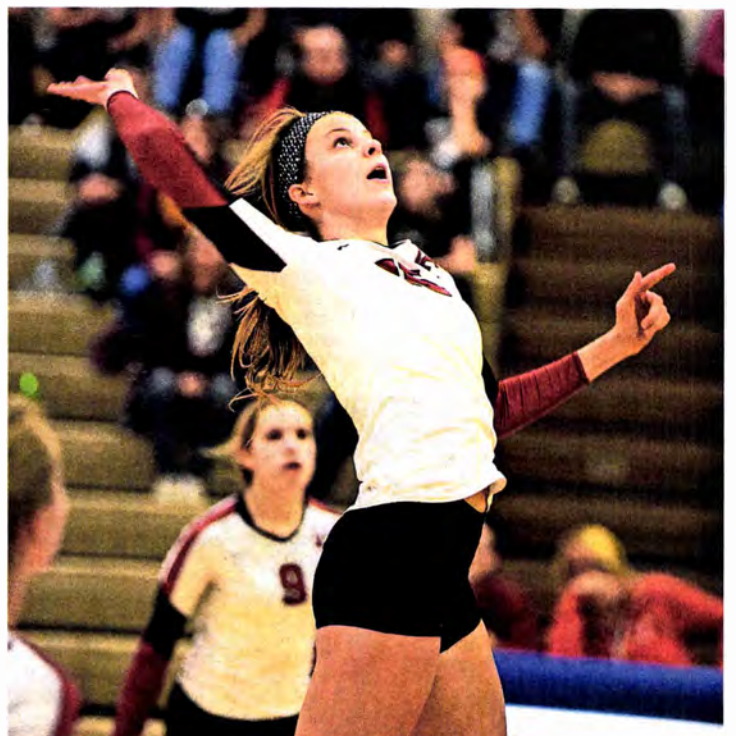


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Churchill's Annie Yost (left) and Sarah Dunn (right) team up for the block against Grosse Pointe South.

"Brianna Fulton was stellar with our right side. And with Aly Facione picking up all those cross shots, it was great."

MEGAN GENDJAR, Churchill senior setter



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Churchill sophomore Summer Clark goes on the attack for one of her four kills. She also had seven solo blocks.

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USA HOCKEY

# NTDP U18s lose return, 4-2

Squad follows Five Nations success with hard-fought loss to Madison

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After winning the 2016 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament the previous weekend, it took the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team a period or so to shake off the rust during Friday's game against Madison.

Thanks to U18s goalie Adam Scheel's superlative effort during the first two periods, especially during a 5-on-3 penalty kill when the Capitols ripped 10 shots at him, the home team trailed just 1-0 entering the third.

An offensive flurry then enabled Team USA to tie the United States Hockey League contest at 2-2 midway through the third period at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. Unfortunately, for the nearly 1,100 fans in the building, the Capitols regained the lead at 13:56 and went on to post a 4-2 victory.

"I'd say the only hard thing was to try to find that positive energy we had all week playing the other countries," said U18s forward Logan Cockerill of Brighton, about the team returning to action after five days off. "I think we came out pretty well and played pretty well throughout the game."

The game was Team USA's first action since winning the Five Nations Tournament on Nov. 5, closing out a successful four games in five nights schedule.

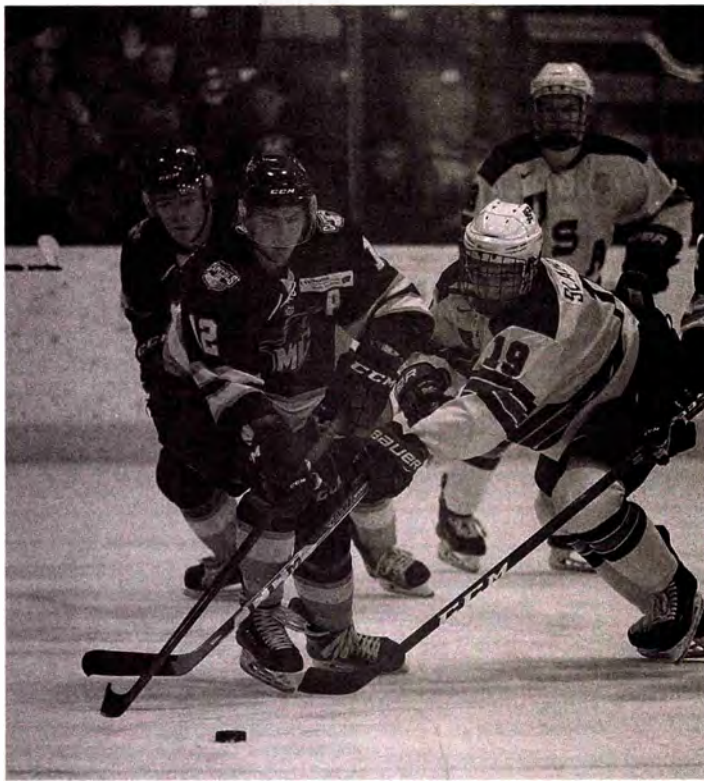
"I liked our first seven minutes until the power plays started coming (midway through the first period)," NTDP head coach John Wroblewski said. "I thought that took a lot of wind out of our sails and gave Madison an opportunity to find their legs. They were on the bus all day today."

Scheel was more than up to the task during that onslaught. He finally was solved with 9:23 to go in the middle stanza to break a scoreless tie.

A rebound bounced behind the NTDP net, and Madison winger Easton Brodzinski collected the loose puck and stuffed it home at the right post.

Madison doubled that edge to 2-0 with 14:36 remaining to stem the tide of an early push by Team USA. Brodzinski hurdled a U18s defenseman and got off a snap shot that Scheel made a sprawling save on.

But the puck bounced into the left



Graham Slaggert (No. 19) of the NTDP U18s battles with Madison's Eugene Fadyeyev for the puck Friday night.

circle to where Cole Hulst one-timed it into the U18s net.

It only took two minutes for a response by the home team, however. Forward Evan Barrett sent a cross-crease feed that linemate Scott Reedy tapped in past Madison goalie Dryden McKay to cut the Capitols' edge to 2-1.

Team USA then drew even at 9:23 when defenseman Max Gildon's wrist-er from the right point traveled through a maze of players past a startled McKay, who threw his arms up into the air in dismay following the goal.

The Capitols tallied the winner, however, on Billy Jerry's goal at 13:56. A shot by defenseman Nick Austin was stopped by the screened Scheel, but Jerry swooped in to jab home the rebound.

The U18s threatened on a subsequent power play, but could not net the

equalizer and Kevin O'Neill closed out the scoring with an empty netter in the final minute.

"It (the go-ahead goal) was disappointing, but I thought we had the mojo going our way," Wroblewski said. "Even after that, I'll just stay with the positives. We had a full two-minute power play that we had the puck in zone the entire time. Lots of looks at the net."

According to Reedy, the fact both teams were slated for a rematch Saturday night should take some of the sting out of the loss.

"You'll have another chance to get back at them," Reedy said. "That's always positive playing a team two nights in a row."

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

# MSU signs standout CC golfer Piot

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The Michigan State men's golf program is getting a boost for the 2017-18 season with the addition of three signees, including Novi Detroit Catholic Central High standout James Piot.

Committed to the Spartans since last January, Piot signed an NCAA Division I letter of intent on Wednesday where he'll join his brother Glenn.

"Since he's been on the team he kind of lets me know how everything goes there," James said of his older brother, a sophomore member of the MSU squad. "It kind of influenced my decision of going to Michigan State. He really likes it, so that helped out a lot."

Piot and his brother Glenn, ironically, are the first two Piot family members to don the Green and White.

"I had my mind on 'State' for awhile with my brother there," James said. "We were Michigan fans before this."

MSU coach Casey Lubahn also signed two other in-state players including Devin Deogun (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook) and Zach Rosendale (St. Johns).

"The program is based on a lot of Michigan kids," James Piot said. "The coaches are really great and they have a nice practice facility. They play a really good schedule and I can see the team improving a lot and getting to the (NCAA) national championship in a few years hopefully."

Piot, who resides in Canton, helped Detroit CC to back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 championships in 2015 and 2016. He finished fifth in last year's state finals while averaging 72.84 per 18 holes for the season. During his junior year last spring he was medalist at Atlas Valley with a 72 and Detroit Golf Club with a 67.

"His work ethic and drive as a competitor have separated him on the course and made him an elite national player and the number one player in Michigan for the last three of four years," Lubahn said in an MSU press release. "He had many great options for his college choice and we are honored and humbled he chose to continue his career here as a Spartan."

In his first three seasons at CC, Piot was medalist 10 times and posted 30 top-10 finishes while making the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association Super Team from 2014-16. Piot was also team MVP during the 2014 and 2015 seasons and was elected team captain for 2016.

As impressive as Piot's prep resume is, he also has excelled in the junior ranks becoming the youngest golfer in Michigan Amateur history to qualify for match play in 2013 while winning the Michigan Junior Amateur in 2015.

"I know he will contribute to our culture, our academics and our drive to be the best program we can be by working hard in all facets of being a championship player," Lubahn said. "He has had great instruction and support the last few years and he will be prepared to be an elite player in our league immediately."

Piot also finished in the top 10 in six American Junior Golf Association events.

"James is one of the most accomplished junior players to ever commit to our program," Lubahn said. "At one point, he held almost all of the great titles you can have in this state — Michigan Junior Amateur champion, GAM Junior Invitational champion, AJGA Randy Wise champion and Michigan PGA Junior champion."

Piot, who plans to go into a business related major at MSU, got early start in golf.

"My dad (Glenn) has been playing for years and I started playing at an early age, around 4 years old," James said. "Since I was a little guy I've always been hitting balls with dad. He really got me into it. It's been nice."

During the offseason Piot works out with trainers, while practicing indoors at Oasis in Livonia and outdoors on the heated tees at Carl's Golf and in Plymouth Township. He also practices under the tutelage of PGA Professional Brian Cairns at Fox Hills Golf Course.

The Shamrocks not only return Piot and Smith off last year's state championship team, but return starters Sean Niles and Sean Sooch as well as CC goes for a three-peat.

"There's going to be some tough competition this year," Piot said. "Grosse Pointe South is a really good team so we're going to have to play our best to beat them this year, I think."



Detroit Catholic Central's James Piot signed an NCAA letter-of-intent Wednesday with Michigan State.

CLASS D REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

# Eagles overcome adversity, win regional

Plymouth Christian Academy advances to quarterfinal

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During Thursday's third set, things were not looking great for Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Eagles and Lansing Christian split the first two sets of the Class D girls volleyball regional final in Morenci (25-23, 23-25), and PCA trailed 18-12 when setter Jessica Paulson rolled an ankle and had to leave the match.

Head coach DJ Kellogg called a timeout, junior Abigail Pray stepped in to fill the void left by Paulson's injury, senior Devon Burns turned into a blocking machine and the Eagles rallied for a 26-24 victory.

That set the stage for PCA's 25-16 win in Game 4 to win the regional title for the second consecutive year.

Fittingly, senior libero Divna Roi — one of two fourth-year players on the squad — capped off the regional crown with a service ace.

"Lansing Christian is a great team and very well coached," said Kellogg, whose team improved to 32-11-3 advancing to Tuesday's quarterfinal at Climax-Scotts (between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo). "We saw it last year and knew it coming into this one."

"Dale (Wethy) has the same philosophy as me, play a lot and play tough teams to get better. I have nothing but respect for their program."

Many standouts

Top contributors for the Eagles included junior outside hitter Grace Kellogg, with 20 kills. She helped the defense, too, with 26 digs as part of an all-around strong performance.

Also stellar all over the floor were fourth-year senior outside hitter Olivia Mady (13 kills, 11 digs) and freshman middle blocker Gabriella Kellogg (11 kills, six digs).

Chipping in with six kills and three timely blocks was junior right-side hitter Robin Albert.

But without the way Pray helped the cause following Paulson's injury, sustained when she stepped on another player's foot, PCA's postseason run might have been cut short.

"The girls were somewhat frustrated and disheartened already and that (the injury) didn't help," Kellogg said. "But our timeout was focused on looking forward rather than backward and Abigail Pray stepped up huge and the



Plymouth Christian Academy captured the Class D regional championship Thursday at Morenci.

momentum swung our way.

"It rallied to 18-22 at one point and we ultimately battled to win 26-24."

Clutch catalyst

A big catalyst for the turnaround within Game 3 was Burns, who had four blocks in that set (and eight for the match).

"In one rally she stopped two hits in a row," Kellogg noted. "And then (she) blocked the third for the point, having to move from pin to pin and back again to do it."

The clinching game was comparatively routine for the Eagles.

"The fourth game went a little smoother for us," Kellogg continued. "We didn't have the service errors and fewer hitting errors."

"Our passing was the best it had been all night which allowed us to be more in system. We have such good hitters that when we are in system we can speed things up."

Pray, who ironically was coming off her own rolled ankle sustained Wednesday in practice, tallied 23 assists to provide a calming effect on the Eagles. Paulson had 33 assists and four digs before her injury.

Other contributors included Roi (19 digs) and senior outside hitter Ruth Doty (five digs).

Early inconsistencies

PCA's opening match was a back-and-forth affair, with the Eagles giving away too many points yet hanging on for the win.

"The first match was a battle right out of the gate and we traded points," Kellogg said. "We were blessed enough for it to be our turn to get the points at the end of the game. We had five service errors, but 12 kills helped to offset them."

Lansing Christian enjoyed a turnaround in Game 2, thanks to clogging up the net with blockers.

"In the second game they made adjustments to slow down our middles by double and triple blocking," Kellogg said. "Our pin hitters stepped in and were the majority of our kills in this game, but their defense played well and six hitting errors didn't help our cause and we lost it."

Then came the key third game, and the Eagles — who reached the regional final with Tuesday's 3-0 win over North Adams-Jerome — showed the mettle of a championship contender.

But now, they will hope that Paulson is able to make it back for the quarterfinal against Mendon. The opening serve is slated for 6:30 p.m.  
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## Communicate your value as a mature job seeker

BY DEANNA HARTLEY  
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It's difficult enough to compete with top talent for a limited number of open positions. Factor age into the equation, and it adds an additional layer of complexity to the job-search process.

"A lot of companies will never openly admit to age discrimination, but I know from experience that many industries primarily hire talent in their 20s or early 30s, (including) tech, music, entertainment (and) advertising," says Jennifer Yeko, a career coach who founded Ninja Recruiting. "All you can do is find companies that value experience."

If you're a mature job seeker with a wealth of experience that you'd like to showcase, keep these tips in mind.

**Know the current lingo and latest trends.** Do your homework to show potential employers that you can hit the ground running.

"To be seen as an asset, do your research on trending news, current happenings in the space and the common lingo for your intended industry," says Deoné Sulgatti, founder and CEO of Tengia, a digital service that connects Americans 65 and older with skill-based opportunities. "This will ensure your poten-

tial employer views you as the experienced asset you are, rather than being worried about getting you caught up to speed. Since training is costly to any company, minimizing these costs will show you are an advantageous hire and allow your industry expertise to shine."

**Provide examples of the value you would add to the team.** "In your resumé and ... during an interview, provide concrete examples of your technical prowess, your ability to learn new skills and your knack for working well in teams to combat the idea that you're stuck in your ways," says Deonna Campbell, cor-

porate recruiter at Oldcastle, a manufacturer of building products and materials. "It's not enough to call yourself a 'quick learner' or 'adaptable' — you must show those skills and qualities in action."

**Prove that you can be a leader.** One advantage you may have over your peers is experience as a leader in any capacity.

"Being older or a mature employee brings the expectation of leadership from having more experience than other workers," says Valerie Streif, a senior adviser at The Mentat, an organization that hires, manages and mentors job candidates. "Discuss

teams you've led in the past; talk about how you could be a good leader in this new position; (and) showcase your value as not just a worker, but a leader in the crowd."

**Find out how age is perceived in your industry.** Knowing the perception helps you combat any stereotypes more effectively.

"Being older can have a different meaning in different industries," says Andrew Pearl, a certified resumé writer, interview coach and partner at Precision Resumes Inc. For instance, he says, some may be seen as "over the hill" in Silicon Valley even if they're relatively young, while age

often equates to experience — which is considered a good thing — in fields such as medicine. "You must understand and consider how age is emphasized in your target market as you pursue a new job."

**Outline your unique value proposition.** Experience is great, but dig deeper to pinpoint special qualities.

"Mature workers often defer to their experience as their competitive advantage, but a lot of people have experience — it doesn't necessarily make you an ideal candidate or a fit for the job you're seeking," says Dele Lowman Smith, founder and CEO of professional services firm Bold Move Consulting. "Start by asking yourself these questions: What do my boss, colleagues and/or customers consistently tell me they value most about me? How have (I) demonstrated that strength on a current or recent assignment, and what was the quantifiable impact? How is this relevant to the employer and/or industry where (I'm) seeking a job?"

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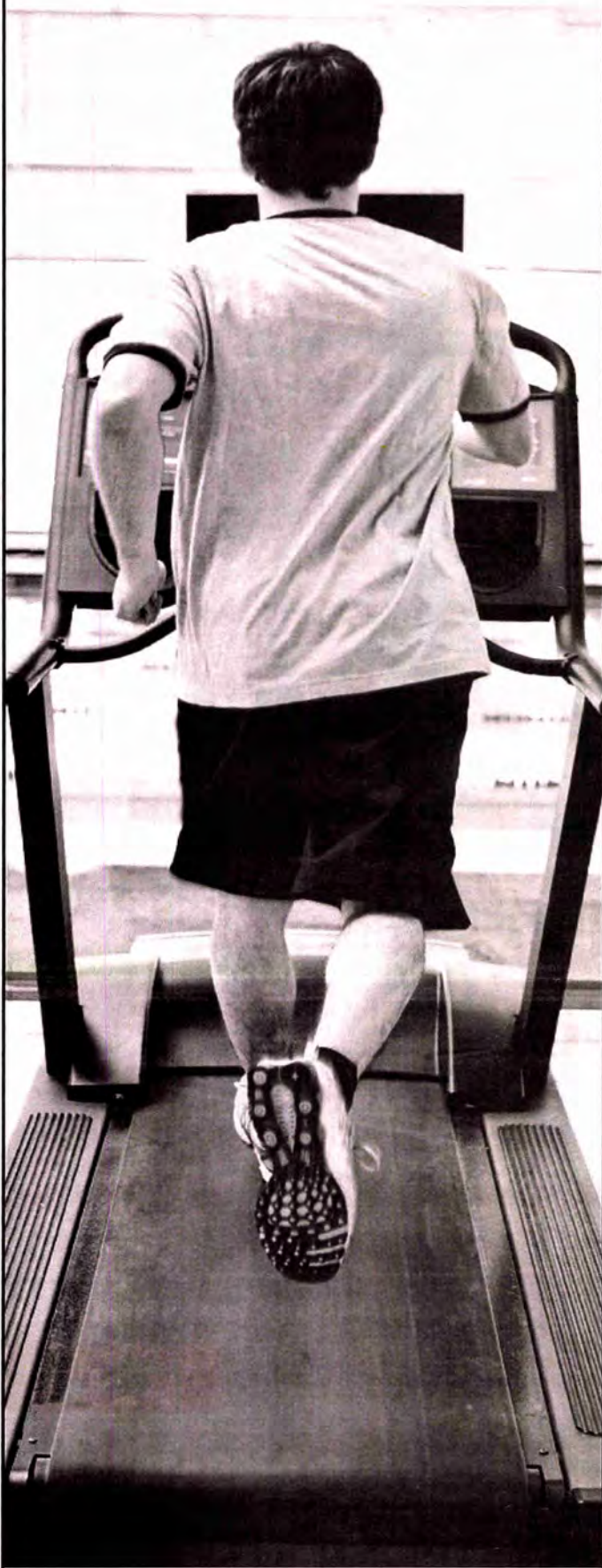
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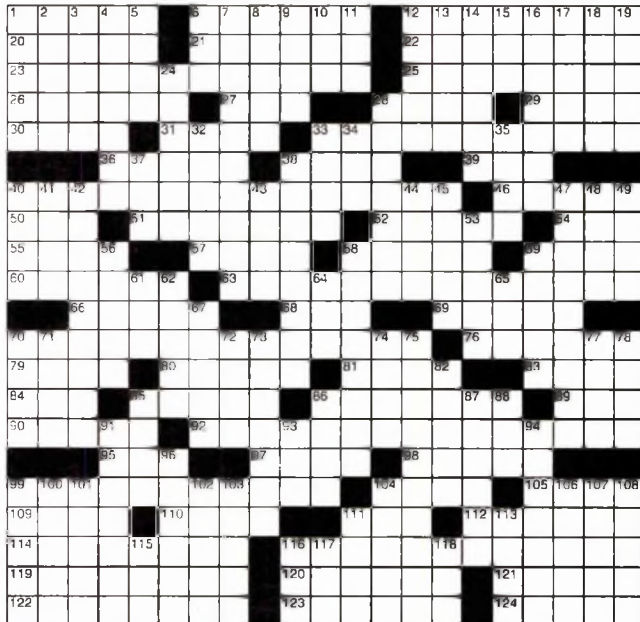
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## AUDI, CADILLAC, FORD, TOYOTA ROLL OUT NEW TECHNOLOGIES THAT DRIVERS CAN ENJOY TODAY



By Dale Buss

While much attention is focused on the future of self-driving cars, the auto industry is trying to draw attention to the tech wizardry it is rolling out right now.

Nowadays, for example, Toyota is expanding availability of its hydrogen-powered vehicles. Audi keeps pushing the technology forward for laser headlights. Cadillac introduced a high-definition and wide-angle rearview mirror in its new CT6 sedan, and Ford's new automated-driving features help drivers steer around slow or stopping vehicles in emergencies—and even warn drivers going the wrong way against traffic.

So while some sort of autonomous driving capability surely will be table stakes for any serious auto manufacturer within the next five years, there remains plenty of room for differentiation with features that make driving safer, cleaner and more enjoyable right now.

A handful of carmakers are betting on vehicles powered by hydrogen fuel cells as an alternative to electric-powered vehicles, for example. But brands such as Volkswagen and General Motors are spreading their bets across both

technologies and more. Toyota has pretty much sworn off all-electric vehicles despite the success of its Prius hybrid line.

That makes the success of the Mirai sedan and other hydrogen-powered vehicles all the more crucial for Toyota. Californians are the first to have retail access to the vehicle that combines hydrogen and oxygen to make electricity onboard, while emitting nothing but water vapor.

Mirai is a zero-emission vehicle with an EPA-estimated driving range of 312 miles, and refuels in around five minutes—though hydrogen fueling stations remain rare worldwide.

Nevertheless, even Toyota may not be able to swear off electric vehicles completely. Recent press reports suggest that the company is reconsidering its long-time opposition to producing long-range electric vehicles and is now considering coming up with such vehicles beginning in 2020 in Japan as well as other markets including California and China.

It appears that, despite its pledged devotion to hybrids, hydrogen-powered vehicles and EVs only for short ranges, Toyota may have no choice but to supply some long-range all-electric vehicles because of how global regulatory regimes and approaches to cutting emissions and hydrocarbon usage are taking shape.

Meanwhile, Audi has been leading the industry in developing and deploying high-tech headlights for several years; remember its Super Bowl commercial about "daytime" headlights that were so bright, they disturbed vampires at night?

Well, at the Los Angeles Auto Show, Audi debuted its first US production laser light on the 2017 Audi R8 V10 plus exclusive edition. It utilizes full LED headlights, now supplemented by a state-of-the-art laser high-beam module in each headlight, for leading-edge brightness, visibility and beam intensity on the road ahead.

Audi pioneered LED technology with daytime running lights in 2004 and has remained a luxury-market leader in headlight technology, although not all of the innovations coming out of its labs in Germany yet are allowed in the American market by US safety regulators.

Cadillac Cadillac's CT6 rearview mirror is the industry's first to trade the standard reflection for a high-definition, wide-angle display pulled from a camera sitting at the back of the car. Wired reported. That removes obstructions by headrests or the rear windshield frame, passengers. Or drivers can turn off the image and



replace it with a standard reflection, if the future is just coming up from behind too quickly for them.

Various automated driving features such as lane-departure warnings, "adaptive" cruise control and self-parking systems have become commonplace even in mainstream vehicles these days. But as they keep advancing toward truly autonomous driving, automakers keep coming up with interesting new wrinkles that advance the technology overall in the meantime.

Ford, for instance, is expanding its development of next-generation features, which include "cross-traffic alert with braking technology"—a way to help reduce parking stress by detecting people and objects about

to pass behind the vehicle, providing a warning to the driver and then automatically braking if the driver doesn't respond.

And "evasive steering assist" is a new technology that can help drivers steer around stopped or slower vehicles to help avoid collisions, at both city and highway speeds.

The company also is increasingly enlisting its employees to come up with their own inventions that can offer technological advances or mobility leaps. For instance, Carr-E, created by a Ford engineer in Germany, is a Segway-like vehicle that can transport people or objects up to 260 pounds, has a range of 14 miles and a top speed of 11 mph, and is designed to fit neatly into a trunk.

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