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Auto dealer Jack Demmer dies at 93

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Automotive dealer John "Jack" Demmer is being remembered as a good businessman, a family man and supporter of his community. "He had a passion for the business and people in the business. He loved being part of it, knowing who they were and making people feel special," Jim Demmer said about his father. "He had a special passion and capability for that few people have."

Mr. Demmer, 93, died Jan. 31. Until his health began to fail, Mr. Demmer used to come into the dealership each day. More recently, his son recalled his father would still come in a day or two each week.

Jim Demmer and his brother Bill work at the dealership currently along with Bill's son Matt



Jack Demmer

and daughter Jackie. Over the years, Demmer said all of the family worked at dealership. "He was an all-around very nice man. I was sorry to hear of his passing. He was the quintessential family man, good man and good businessman," Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe said. "He passed that to his family and it will continue his legacy. I don't know of anyone who would say a bad word about him."

Having sold his first car at 16 — Mr. Demmer's father Charles sold used cars from the family home in Detroit during the 1930s — he worked at the family car lot before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, Mr. Demmer returned to the car lot and at-

tended Wayne State University. In 1957, Mr. Demmer and a friend, Jimmy Spitler, opened Spitler-Demmer Edsel in a former gas station at the corner of Glenwood and Wayne Road in Nankin Township.

"When Ford canceled the Edsel, they had a Lincoln dealership in South Lyon for a few years," Demmer said. Subsequently, a state-of-the-art dealership was built at its current location on Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

"When my parents married, they moved to Dearborn. Wayne and Nankin Township was convenient. He wanted a new car dealership and the franchise was available," Demmer said. "He wanted to be close to home. Family was very important. This was a great opportunity."

Spitler's interest in dealership was bought out in 1975 and

eventually grew into the Jack Demmer Automotive Group which over the years had dealerships in Farmington and later two locations in Dearborn. The Wayne dealership has been completely remodeled in recent with an expansion of Quick Lane services.

"On a personal level, my family had been friends with the Demmer family for years and years. We've done business with the family for years," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "From the first day I decided to run for city council in 2000, Mr. Demmer supported every single fundraiser I ever did. He always took time to write a personal letter of support."

The legacy of Mr. Demmer, Jim Demmer said, is his love of people, faith-based love of God and love of family. "I'm at peace. My father is at peace. He

had a very full, rich life. He made many friends. He was wonderful provider and example to live by," he said.

Mr. Demmer died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Margaret; children Patricia (Tom) Groszko, Susan (Bill) Hermann, Bill (Sharon), Jim (Linda), Marianne (Art) Nelson and Jean (Colin) Zick; 21 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Shirley (nee: Dudek) Demmer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Monsignor Herbert Weier Scholarship Charitable Trust, Kelly's Kidz Foundation, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Starfish Family Services or to Angela Hospice.

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'Overweening,' 'beaker' help crown spelling champs

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Dayanna Vann was nervous.

All she had to do was spell her final two words and she'd claim the upper-elementary championship in the 37th annual Earl Chorbagan Upper Elementary School spelling bee.

"I told myself, 'just calm down, and slow down,'" said Dayanna, a sixth-grader at Marshall Upper Elementary. "I was very nervous."

'Unscrupulous'

She needn't have been. She claimed the title by spelling "unscrupulous" and "overweening" correctly, topping a field of 16 spellers who deftly handled an array of words pronounced by Assistant Superintendent for Education Services John Albrecht and Aaron Baughman, the district's executive director of curriculum.

Natalia Betancourt, a fifth-grader at Adams Upper Elementary, finished second.

Dayanna now advances to the Scripps-Howard bee, sponsored by WXYZ-TV, Feb. 25 in Detroit. The winner of that bee, to be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum, advances to the national bee in Washington.

"I feel very excited," Dayanna said. "I worked very hard to be here."

Stevenson Middle School seventh-grader Vivian Le Tran won with the middle school event by correctly spelling the word "beaker."

Bee history

It was the 37th annual spelling bee, created by former assistant principal Earl Chorbagan after the Detroit News dropped its sponsorship of the spelling bee years ago. Chorbagan approached fellow administrators in the district and suggested the bee be started in Westland, and so it began.

And Chorbagan has been to 36 (he missed one due to illness) in the event's 37-year history.

"I love it," Chorbagan said. "I love education, I'm fascinated by the kids. Spelling is a good clue to successful education."



Upper Elementary spelling champion Dayanna Vann, a sixth-grader at Marshall, accepts her plaque from event namesake Earl Chorbagan.



Stevenson Middle School spelling bee winner Vivian Le Tran. The seventh-grader received her plaque from Principal Sheri Grove (center) and event namesake Earl Chorbagan.

Changes on Ford Road expected in 2017

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A stretch of Ford Road in Westland will be getting new development in 2017.

The city council recently approved the site plan for the 76,000-square-foot Ciena Skilled Nursing Facility, a senior living facility at 2209 Newburgh. That \$8.4 million project ties directly to the redevelopment plans for the Ford Road frontage on the southwest side of the intersection.



Wild

"Ciena will move ahead this construction season. They will build the stormwater detention for the strip center (along Ford)," Mayor William Wild said. "The owner is still marketing the strip center."

Thanks to the demolition of the old Feister RV Center building directly at the intersection, Wild said the new building will have zero lot lines, meaning the buildings will be located along the roadway.

"That is what we were looking for with our downtown overlay," Wild said. The entire redevelopment at the southwest corner of Ford and Newburgh is expected to total \$16 million with office space, a restaurant and commercial businesses.

Further east on Ford, upgrades are expected at Dunkin Donuts located at the corner of Wildwood. A former bar located next door has been sold and is to be renovated into a Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen, Wild said. The former Colcannon's bar on Ford just west of Wayne Road is already being renovated into a Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken.

"When you put it all together, it's quite a bit of new development in the Ford Road corridor in Westland," Wild said.

The city has also been getting responses to a Request for Proposals for a mixed development on the former city hall site at Ford and Carlson.

"We're continuing to meet with developers. There is no development imminent but

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WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Identity theft reported

A resident in the 4000 block of Garfield filed a report with Wayne police Jan. 28, saying her identity had been stolen. She told police all her money was taken out of her bank account as a part of the identity theft.

Fraudulent transactions

A resident in the 32200 block of Hickory Hollow filed a report with police Jan. 19 over the theft of her identity.

She said there had been several fraudulent charges made on her account between Dec. 31 and Jan. 3, which is when her bank notified her. After she was notified, the fraudulent charges ceased.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department.

Local doctor first in U.S. to offer stem cell procedure

With over 35 years experience, board-certified plastic surgeon Dr. Michael J. Schenden, owner of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery practice in Troy, has been tapped to be the first plastic surgeon in the U.S. to offer the Forever Labs Stem Cell Collection procedure.

"It is very gratifying to be able to help people of all ages be prepared for future advances in medical science and I am honored to have been selected to be the first in my profession to be trained on stem cell collection," Schenden said. "This is cutting-edge medicine at the forefront of science and technology that will now be made available to his patients and the community at large."

Forever Labs was born under the premise the best time to plant a tree is 25 years ago; the second best time is today. As a scientist, Mark Katakowski, Ph.D., 41, spent

years in various Michigan-based medical labs testing and using bone marrow stem cells to rejuvenate older animals by treatment of disease.

"Time and time again, I experienced the power of stem cells on the animals and I knew that I wanted to store my own stem cells for future use. It became evident that everyone can benefit from this procedure," Katakowski said.

He shared his vision with Steven Clausnitzer, 39, an entrepreneurial colleague and friend, and they founded Forever Labs Inc., based in Ann Arbor. Both preserved their stem cells before forming the company.

Schenden said the procedure is being performed in his company's outpatient facility on the 11th floor of the Columbia Center, where he and his medical team execute plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgeries. He said the stem cell collection usually takes 15-30 minutes, uses local anesthetic and that the surgical technique includes aspiration of bone marrow from the pelvis at the lower back.

WESTLAND NEWS BRIEFS

Flapper, a musical comedy

The Westland Center for the Arts is at it again. For the next three weekends, Inspire Theater will take patrons back in time to the Roaring Twenties. The latest show follows the life of Polly, a rich young heiress who is planning a party but doesn't plan on mobsters and a con man showing up. The last performance is a matinee show at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. You can get tickets at the door or at Inspiretheater.com

Distinguished Young Women fundraiser

Make dinner a selfless act by attending a fundraiser to support the Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland on Monday, Feb. 6 at Chipotle in Canton. Customers who come in and mention they are supporting the Distinguished Young Women between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. will benefit the cause by having 50 percent of the proceeds donated to them. Chipotle is at 42404 Ford Road.

Upcoming meetings

» Westland City Council meeting takes place at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. To see the complete meeting agenda, visit cityofwestland.com

» The Westland Planning Commission meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. To see the complete meeting agenda, visit cityofwestland.com

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A number of free activities and programming are available during the week.

» Learning Center Hours - Monday through Thursday 4-7 p.m.

» Boxing Gym Hours - Monday through Friday 4:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

» Youth Assistance Program Tutoring - Wednesdays 3-5 p.m.

» LifeCare Pathway to Success/Computer Literacy - Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

» Beaumont Hospital Diabetes Nutrition - Wednesdays 12:30-2:30 p.m.

» Pickle Ball - Mon-

day, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pickle ball is easy to learn and traditionally played on a badminton-sized court with special pickle ball paddles made of wood or high-tech aerospace materials. The ball is similar to a wiffle ball but is slightly smaller. The lower net and wiffle ball allow the game to be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities, while still allowing more competitive players to test their skills.

Buddy Up registration

This is the fifth consecutive year of the Buddy Up health program. It kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday, March 3; doors open at 6 p.m. at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. Participants meet every Saturday from 9-10:15 a.m. for nine weeks.

Buddy Shuh, a finalist in the hit TV series "Biggest Loser," leads the program and helps participants make reasonable, sustainable and meaningful lifestyle changes. This year's program is limited to 250 participants; visit www.cityofwestland.com.

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there has been interest since the first of the year," Wild said. "That project would benefit from the Ford and Newburgh project."

As two major retailers — Kmart and Macy's at Westland Shopping Center — close their doors early this year, Wild said the city will be working to market the soon-to-be closed Kmart property on Wayne Road at Cherry Hill and look at options to fill the vacated Macy's space.

"We've met with new owners of the mall. They asked if we would be interested in (them) breaking up that Macy's space.

We've had some preliminary discussion on more outlets or alternate uses," Wild said. "There are changes in the consumer market. Retail malls will continue to be gathering spaces."

The city will continue to diversify the city's local economy from heavy retail to more sustainable entities like medical, technology, entertainment and educational, he said.

Westland also has a new surgical center on Warren Road located in a renovated former Verizon store and a recently opened Art Van Sleep store, inside the former Lifetime Fitness turned strip center on Wayne Road and Central City Parkway.

"At the ribbon-cutting for the sleep store before the sale (of Art Van), I was told that Westland is an important Art Van store and we won't see any change due to the new Canton store," Wild said. "That's good news for us. Art Van is an important part of our Shop and Dine District."

On the residential side, a new Pulte development will be adding 70 single-family homes off Joy Road west of Wayne Road behind the Hellenic Cultural Center. The homes will range from 1,700 to 2,400 square feet.

Among other projects slated for 2017: landscaping is to be completed for Central City Park-

way between Ford and Warren Road; monuments will be relocated from the former city hall site; the Lions Club pavilion will be constructed in the Farmers Marketplace; and major upgrades to city baseball diamond are planned, along with improved park maintenance city-wide.

A new Neighborhoods Department, including ordinance enforcement, has been created. Wild said during his upcoming State of the City expected in April, he will announce details of 50 neighborhood makeover strategies.

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Western Wayne SWAT trains at condemned home

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Members of the Western Wayne Special Operations Team came into work Monday morning thinking it would be a normal day. But Cmdr. Ron Taig had a different idea: Send the squad to an abandoned home on the report of an injured resident and men with guns inside the house.

Team members then equipped themselves with all their gear and headed to a home in the 15500 block of Auburndale in Livonia to complete a day of training at a condemned home that was set to come down the next day. It's an opportunity that doesn't happen too frequently.

"We don't get these homes very often. That's why it's (important), to have a realistic training site and to do what we did, do a surprise call out as soon as they get on-scene," said Taig, a captain with the Livonia Police Department. "We're just trying to push these guys and getting them prepared."

Taig was offered the opportunity to bring the unit to the home on Auburndale, north of Five Mile, a while ago. The home has been empty for several years and was scheduled to come down after the training took place.

The training consisted of a scenario where one man lay injured on the front lawn, while two others were inside the house threatening to shoot police if they were to arrive. During one round, officers from the SWAT team arrived in an armored vehicle and picked up the injured individual before taking a barrage of gunfire from one of the assailants inside the house. The officers use their usual weapons, but modify them by firing bullets filled with paint.



Moving the wounded to the safety of the armored vehicle.

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A team officer closes the rear door on the armored vehicle.

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"(We're) just putting these guys in a bunch of different scenarios into a realistic venue," Taig said.

Neighborhood used

The training went past just the house: Several outfitted officers were seen throughout the neighborhood, hiding behind trees, homes and even underneath a parked pickup truck along the road.

It took some coming into the neighborhood a little off-guard to see. But not Tony Dattilio, who lives near the home being used. In addition to being happy the vacant home was coming down, he was at Monday morning's session with his camera, taking photographs of the scene.

"I thought it was cool. How rare is that?" he said.

"They need it. They need that exercise."

The training does get used in real-life situations: Members of the special operations team have been called to various incidents in recent years, including a call to a Redford home last year on a reported domestic issue involving a gun, as well as an incident in 2015 on Middlebelt, near Lyndon, that involved a man pointing a gun at himself in his vehicle on the road.

The special operations team is made up of officers from several departments, including Redford, Livonia, Garden City, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Wayne and Van Buren Township. Several firefighters are a part of the response team as well, coming from communities such as Livonia, Canton and Northville Township.

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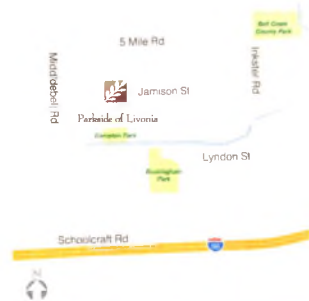


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Clarenceville recommended for national accreditation

On Jan. 29-Feb. 1, the Clarenceville School District hosted an AdvancED Quality Assurance Review Team that visited the school district, including all of the schools it operates to evaluate the district's adherence to the AdvancED accreditation standards and to make a recommendation for national accreditation.

Comprised of five trained professionals from across the state and nation, the team reviewed district documents and performance data; interviewed over 90 district, school and community stakeholders; conducted four site visits and observed district and school classroom practices.

The external review team commended the

school district for its powerful practices, such as its continuous program of professional development that is directly connected to school improvement priorities and strategic plan; district and school leaders at all levels for fostering a culture of true collaboration that provides ongoing support to students and families; district stakeholders have open access to district leaders, teachers and support staff; district leaders proactively create relationships with community and professional partners to provide resources, opportunities and support both students and staff; the district's comprehensive assessment system produces a wide range of student achievement

data; district leaders are implementing a wide range of instructional initiatives designed to enhance instruction in all classrooms; and staff at all schools have initiated intervention strategies and processes intended to meet the wide range of needs in the district's increasingly diverse student body.

Overall, the external review team found that the Clarenceville School District met the requirements for AdvancED Accreditation. The team announced it will recommend the district for AdvancED National Accreditation.

Parents and community members can learn more about the AdvancED ESA Accreditation Process at www.advanc-ed.org.



Clarenceville met the requirements accreditation.



FILE PHOTO

A patio could come to the proposed Los Tres Amigos, which looks to replace the former Outback Steakhouse near Five Mile and Middlebelt. Another restaurant, Stables Bar and Grill across the street, is also seeking to add a patio for outdoor dining.

Restaurants seek patios on Middlebelt in Livonia

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There aren't many places to dine outdoors within the City of Livonia. Come this summer, two more could be added along Middlebelt Road.

Two restaurants, one new and one a longtime business within the city, went before the city council Monday night for various approvals. Longtime business the Stables Bar, 14950 Middlebelt, requested a waiver petition in order to expand its food service business to a new patio outside, while regional Mexican chain Los Tres Amigos presented plans for work on the exterior of its new restaurant, including a outdoor patio, across the street in the old Outback Steakhouse location.

The council praised the development at the former steakhouse, which opened a new location a mile south near Interstate 96 several years ago. Los Tres Amigos came into the space in the Mid-5 shopping center last year and has been making renovations in the interior to pave the way to open later this spring. Its plans for the exterior of the building includes a complete makeover of the building, including the removal of the blue roof and the addition of a new look and an outdoor patio.

Mark Taormina, the city's planning director, said the addition of the patio would technically create a deficiency of required parking spaces, but isn't a problem because of the vast amount of parking in the lot north of the restaurant for the shopping center.

"From a practical standpoint, this shouldn't be a problem because of the parking that's located on the other side of that driveway that serves that side of the shopping center," he said. "The patio will have seating for up to 68 patrons."

The restaurant group,

based in Lansing, currently operates Los Tres Amigos restaurants in Farmington, Plymouth and Canton.

Council Vice President Brandon Kritzman said he's a frequent visitor to the restaurant in Plymouth and said he's looking forward to seeing them come to Livonia.

"I live very close to there, and I'm startled by how impressive this design is from the standpoint of that investment in that property," he said. "When Outback left, the parking lot absolutely emptied out. It gets busy for a couple months out of the year because of Halloween costumes and outside of that, you have a nice, steady trickle of businesses in there, but nothing that really represents a big draw to that center."

"I couldn't be more pleased at the investment these guys are willing to make in that property. I think the design is very elegant and very well-done. And I look forward to eating there."

Stables expansion

Across the street, the Stables Grill and Bar hopes to add a patio containing about 30 seats to the south side of its building.

That plan, however, had a few more issues surrounding it, namely the hours of operation for the patio and the use of possible TVs on the deck.

Ron Abraham, the owner of the bar, said the recommended closing time of 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday for the patio as a part of the planning commission's recommendation for approval isn't something he's comfortable with, especially since he's not heard of a complaint from the neighbors in the several decades he's been there.

"I'm going to spend a lot of money on this project, and I think it's a

little unreasonable to expect me to close at 10 o'clock in the evening Sunday-Thursday, when it doesn't get dark until after 10 o'clock," he said. "If I'm going to make money, if I'm going to invest this money, I should be able to operate along with my competitors."

He also said he did not understand why he could not put a TV out on the deck with no sound, another recommendation from the planning commission.

The council brought up the fact that the bar is located due west of residential homes, something several other restaurants with patios do not have.

"That's something we've always been pretty protective of within the city when it comes to outdoor dining," councilman Scott Bahr said. "You asked about the difference about this and that across the street, and that's what it would be."

Councilman Jim Jolly offered the approving resolution for the plan, along with the amendment that would allow a muted TV on the patio. He said an outdoor patio with a TV is a common sight at places such as downtown Northville, and it's not unreasonable for patrons to expect some sort of TV to watch a baseball game or other sporting event during the summer.

"I don't think that's too far outside of the expectations that a bar like this should have when making this kind of investment," he said.

The council will discuss the Stables plan on its regular agenda at its Feb. 13 regular meeting, while the Los Tres Amigos plan has been placed on the council's consent agenda at the same meeting.

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

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

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Livonia Public Schools
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Livonia, MI 48154-5474

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When Robin Reshard gets people together to mingle, they create connections

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Robin Reshard's downtown Pensacola, Florida, office is steeped in history.

Yellowed newspaper clippings and grayscale photos hang above rows of books that detail everything from the Civil War to the lives of musicians performing in the Jim Crow-era Chitlin Circuit.

History is important to Reshard not just because of "what" happened, but "why" it happened. Why some denigrated others because of the color of their skin, or whom they voted for, or whom they prayed to at night.

She has found the easiest way to learn why is to talk and listen. Along with her husband, Lloyd, she's dedicated four years to creating community dialogue through Pensacola Network. The monthly event encourages people of all races, ethnicities, religions and professions to meet, mingle, learn about and forge connections with folks they wouldn't usually encounter in everyday life.

"Oftentimes we get very comfortable in the cocoon of our own experiences and our own lives and the way things were," Reshard said. "Being called to break out of those things makes us uncomfortable, and a lot of times we don't do it."

Once a month some 75 to 100 people gather at Pensacola Network to build relationships and understanding. From community activists to politicians to bankers to everyday working joes, everyone is welcome and equal.

"It's broken down these preconceived barriers," Reshard said. "People have connected not only in terms of person to person, but business to business. So jobs and contracts, business opportunities and information, getting volunteers, getting board members, I think it happens here."



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For Robin Reshard, the idea behind Pensacola Network is that getting people to break out of their comfortable cocoons and just meet with new people is a great way to start a dialogue.

Reshard, 51, a former U.S. Navy cryptology maintenance instructor, is now creative director at Robert Robino Productions. Her passion is storytelling through books and documentaries and conversation, but her mission is helping people recognize the value in others.

"I think if we remember to value the goodness in others, then we can get through the bad and the ugly in others," she said.

Robin Reshard

Location: Pensacola, Fla.

Age: 51

Profession: Creative director, Robert Robino Productions

Mission: Robin Reshard has been fostering dialogue between people of different backgrounds through a monthly social meeting called Pensacola Network.

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Q&A WITH ROBIN RESHARD

What does it mean to be an American?

It means I have opportunities built on the backs of my forefathers and foremothers, folks I didn't even know, who helped build this country. People who were coming here for more opportunity, some who were forced here, and in being forced here, they made opportunity. To be an American means you forge your way through challenges to make a new way.

What moment touched and motivated you to start this effort?

I had to do my part, my husband and I; we had to do our part to help people see the value in other people.

What gives you hope and what gives you concern?

What gives me hope is that people are good. People are inherently good, I firmly believe that. People want to do the right thing. They want to do the righteous thing. They want to succeed. They want the best for themselves and their family. They want the best for their environment. They want the best for their present and their future. They want to celebrate their history and everything that went into making them who they are. That gives me a lot of hope that goodness and a whole bunch of mercy are at the core of who we are.

What causes me concern is when people don't see their innate value, the goodness in themselves. When it comes out as trying to hold somebody else down so that they can be celebrated while this other person can be denigrated. That challenges my spirit, for people to think, "For me to shine, I have to dim your light." That challenges me because I believe we can all light up this thing we call planet Earth, and I believe it's much better when we all do that.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope that people are valued for living their purpose on this Earth. We do that through connecting people so that they can get resources. Whether that's a word, an idea, a tip, a deed, a contract, whatever that thing is they need. You're three people from knowing anybody in the world, so we start that connection. Then somebody else starts a connection, and it keeps going until we're all connected.

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OBSERVER NEWS BRIEFS

Veterans benefit from Kowalski Sausage Co.

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, a Livonia, Michigan-based nonprofit devoted to assisting Michigan soldiers and their families, announced that Kowalski Sausage Company recently made a \$45,000 donation to help local veterans.

Michael Kowalski, president of Kowalski Sausage Company, has been a supporter of veterans and veteran charities over the years. Recently, Kowalski has sent care packages to U.S. troops deployed in Iraq.

Michael's grandfather, Steve Kowalski, who led the sausage company in the 1950s, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Due to unfortunate circumstances, Steve was sent home on hardship status to help care for the family business when his father, Zygmund, co-founder of Kowalski Sausage Company, became ill. Agnes Kowalski, Zygmund's

wife, the other co-founder, helped Zygmund launch Kowalski Sausage Company in Hamtramck, Michigan in 1920.

"Kowalski Sausage Company is proud to support our veterans for the many sacrifices they have made," Michael Kowalski said. "We have always felt an obligation to give back to those who have given us so much."

Established in 2006, the FWSF, an all-volunteer organization, provides financial support and assistance, from medical expenses to housing costs, for Michigan veterans and their families.

Parkside scholarships open

Parkside Credit Union is now accepting applications for its eighth annual Scholarship Competition. Parkside will award three \$1,000 scholarships — two scholarships to current members and one to a non-member — for tuition, books and fees.

This year's competition is open to any high

school senior or undergraduate college student with a permanent home address in Parkside's membership area, which consists of Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw, Macomb and Monroe counties. Applications can be obtained from Parkside's Livonia, Westland, or Dearborn branches or at www.ParksideCU.org. Students must submit all required documents to Parkside's main office (Livonia) by April 3.

For more information about the scholarship competition, email marketing@parksidecu.org or call 734-525-0700.

Norwayne 75th Anniversary Celebration

Events planned this year for the anniversary include:

» March: Springfest, including games, crafts, turkey dinner, school supplies and clothing

» May: Community Resource Fair with the Westland Rotary; Lincoln Field Ground Breaking / Old Time Baseball Game; JBCVC

Baseball Field Dedication / Police-Fire Baseball & Basketball Games

» June: Butterfly Garden Phase II Dedication / Homecoming Celebration; Tea Party Fundraiser for the Friends of Norwayne; Norwayne Clean-up; Norwayne Boxing Gym Exhibition

» July: Independence Celebration honoring defense workers and Rosie the Riveter

» August: Return to School Rummage Sale (Wayne Metro / NCCC) and school supply distribution

» September: Wayne Westland Do Unto Others 5K & Fun Fair (Wayne Westland DUO)

» October: Harvest Festival, Norwayne 75th Anniversary / Founders Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction

» November: First Responders Appreciation Day (deliver dessert trays to Westland Police Department & fire stations)

» December: Holiday Tree Lighting (caroling and refreshments)

Wayne County projects budget surplus for second year

Eric D. Lawrence
Detroit Free Press

Wayne County administration officials are projecting a budget surplus for the second year in a row.

The \$44 million general fund operating surplus for fiscal year 2015-16 is based on preliminary information from the county's Department of Management and Budget, according to the administration of County Executive Warren Evans.

"Following Evans' first year in office, the county posted an accumulated unassigned surplus of \$35.7 million after the fiscal year 2014-15 audit. That number is expected to reach about \$79 million combined, once the 2015-16 audit is complete," according to a news release.

"Our recovery plan calls for creating surpluses through good fiscal management so that we can finish the jail and pay down our remaining unfunded liabilities, which are substantial," Evans said in the release. "The better the county sits financially when we finance the jail project, the less it'll cost us to borrow to complete it."

The county has projected that it will need to borrow \$200 million to complete the unfinished jail on Gratiot in Detroit. Even as he awaits an offer on the site from

businessmen Dan Gilbert and Tom Gores who want to bring a professional soccer team to Detroit, Evans has continued to state that he believes the Gratiot site is the most cost-effective path for completing a new county jail.

The announcement on the surpluses happened the same day, according to the release, that Moody's Investors Service upgraded the county's general obligation limited tax bonds from Ba2 to Ba1, which is just below investment grade.

The announcement also adds to the improved financial picture for the county, which exited a consent agreement with the state over its financial woes last year.

Despite the good news, the county is still short of recommended cash reserves.

"We need about 15 to 18 percent of annual expenditures in reserves in the General Fund at all times just to be stable over the long term. We're not there yet," Chief Financial Officer Tony Saunders said in the release. "This doesn't go as far as a rainy day fund, but it helps move us closer to a basic threshold for financial practices that is critical for any municipal government over the long term."

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Bank robbery suspect in Redford, Livonia takes plea

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McCarthy

A Redford Township woman is set for sentencing next week after taking a plea deal in several cases of bank robbery in Livonia.

Laura McCarthy, 54, took a plea deal last Friday at her final conference in Wayne County Circuit Court, pleading guilty to two counts of armed robbery. Two counts of bank robbery and two counts of false report or threat of terrorism were dismissed as a part of the deal, according to online court records. The maximum sentence for being found guilty of armed robbery is life in prison.

McCarthy was charged last fall after police located her and

arrested her after a bank robbery took place Nov. 12 at a Chase Bank and a Citizens Bank on Plymouth Road in Livonia. She was seen walking away from one of the banks when police approached her as she walked down a side street. She was detained and police reportedly located several thousands of dollars in her coat pocket, as well as a plastic glove police say was used to pass a note to the tellers. She was then arrested and identified as a suspect in the bank robberies in both communities.

Police say McCarthy

was accused of robbing several banks last fall. Police put out a call to help locate her back in September after police say she robbed a pair of financial institutions in both Redford and Livonia. The final two back on Nov. 12 were reportedly done by passing a note to the tellers telling them there was a bomb in the buildings and to hand over money.

She was arraigned in Livonia's 16th District Court and waived her preliminary examination back in November. She is set to be sentenced Feb. 10 before Circuit Judge Qiana Lillard in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Change taken from unlocked vehicle

A resident in the 20200 block of Brentwood came to the Livonia police station Wednesday to report her vehicle had been broken into.

She said she parked her car in her driveway the night before and left it unlocked. When she came out the next morning, she found the vehicle had been entered and ransacked. She found her coat on the ground outside the car and the center console and glove box open with items strewn all over the car. The only thing she said was missing was a bag of loose change. No suspect information was available, although there were a trail of footprints headed away from the vehicle.

Identity stolen

A resident in the 19000 block of Irving came to the police station Thursday to file a police report over his stolen identity.

He said someone used his name and social security number to file for unemployment. He said his boss at his company in Detroit came to him and told him someone had put in for an unemployment claim on his behalf. He said he put a hold on all of his accounts and did not appear to be out

any money.

Tax fraud filed

Some residents in the 34200 block of Coventry came to the police station Thursday and filed a report over someone using their info to file taxes in their name.

The residents said they received an email from TurboTax, saying they had created their account with the tax preparation company in their name. Both state and federal tax returns were filed, but both were rejected. Two days later, a federal tax return was accepted in their names, even though they had not signed up for TurboTax or created an account with them.

Stolen jackets reported

Police were called Wednesday to Von Maur, 37500 Six Mile, on the report of a retail fraud.

An employee told police they saw two men enter and go to the male concepts section. They later went to the dressing rooms and concealed some jackets on their persons and the left the store without paying and drove away, according to the report.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.



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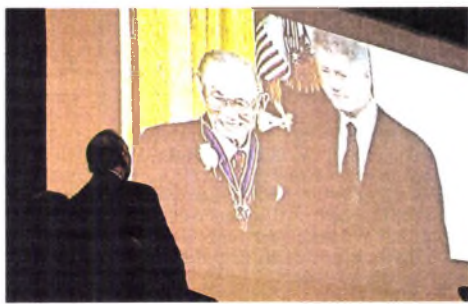

Ceremony honors World War II civil liberties icon

Brad Kadrich
hometownlife.com

Fred Korematsu was arrested in May 1942 for defying President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, which called for Japanese Americans to report to an assembly center.

Korematsu, an American citizen of Japanese descent, was convicted and sent to an internment camp, along with some 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. He appealed his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the court decided in a 6-3 vote that FDR's order was unconstitutional as a matter of national security.

Korematsu's conviction was vacated by a U.S. District Court in California in November 1983 and, 15 years later, after a life spent fighting for civil liberties, Korematsu was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, this country's highest civilian honor, by President Bill Clinton.



A video of Fred Korematsu includes President Bill Clinton presenting him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Some 75 years after his internment and just two days after another presidential executive order having to do with immigration, the Plymouth-Canton Asian-Pacific-American Club honored Korematsu for his contributions to civil liberties with a ceremony that featured a tribute signed by Gov. Rick Snyder.

Roland Hwang, a Northville school board member and member of

the Michigan Asian-Pacific-American Affairs Commission who was one of four speakers for the day, said it was important for students to recognize Korematsu's accomplishments.

Hwang told the audience Korematsu's case was considered "a civil liberties disaster." The dissenting opinion was written by Justice Frank Murphy, a former mayor of Detroit, and called the Supreme Court's decision

to uphold the conviction "an abyss of racism."

But Korematsu continued the fight until he eventually had his conviction vacated. The case is recognized ultimately as a civil liberties victory, to the point where several states recognize Fred Korematsu Day.

Agustin Arulu, executive director of Michigan's Department of Civil Rights, presented the tribute from Snyder. He said the state resolution honoring Korematsu was being done "in light of current events" amid the swirling controversy over President Donald Trump's ban on Syrian refugees and travel from seven primarily Muslim countries.

"I fully understand immigration is an area over which (the commission) doesn't have any control," Hwang said. "(But) every person must be judged by the content of their character and not the country of their origin."

The assembly took

place just two days after Trump's executive order banning immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim countries, a move Arbulu said prompted a statement from the Michigan Department of Civil Rights decrying the action.

"We were very hurt by actions taken because they serve to divide people and can serve to foment hate ... and prejudice," he said.

Hwang drew the parallel between what Korematsu went through and current events.

"It's fair to say there's a particular climate with regard to race that is a parable to what happened during World War II," he said. "There was an outcry then, there's an outcry now. I can't urge (strongly) enough for people to speak up."

Canton High School junior Nour Kazbour said the assembly served to draw comparisons between then and now. She identifies as both Arab American and Muslim

American and, as such, has heard racial insults even standing in line at the grocery store. She said Monday's assembly was successful because it did "what was important," because there are parallels between what Korematsu went through and what Muslims are seeing now.

"People are not given their rights," Kazbour said. "(Trump's order) is targeting Muslims ... There is an obvious privilege being given to Christians. My parents are both citizens, but I know many people who aren't citizens."

It's the kind of conversation history teacher Richard Mui, who helped organize the event, hopes can be started out of the ceremony.

"(Korematsu's) story isn't told in the curriculum," Mui said. "It should change the conversation about civil liberties and national security."

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BIG DEBUT ON SILVER SCREEN

Local third-grader to appear in horror flick 'Eloise'

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

Sofia Tepper was only 5 years old when she auditioned for her Hollywood debut.

The Brighton third-grader, now 8, makes her big screen debut Friday in the Michigan-made horror-mystery film "Eloise." The movie opens in select theaters, on iTunes and on video on-demand.

Sofia's character plays a key role in the film's plot line, which centers on four friends exploring a former mental asylum, a real place called the Eloise complex. The former asylum in Westland is rumored to be haunted.

Although she does not speak in the film, Tepper's character — credited as "Little Girl" — appears in flashbacks and visions of main character Pia, played by actress Eliza Dushku, as

her younger self. Her likeness also appears in a painting shown in the movie. And she is the creepy little girl holding a box on the movie poster.

It might be a while until she is old enough to watch the movie from beginning to end, but her parents have promised her they will buy a digital copy and fast-forward to her parts, so she'll get a chance to see herself on screen, her mother Sheila Tepper said.

Sofia said she wasn't jealous when her parents went to see the movie Tuesday night at an early premiere at an MJR movie theater in Troy and left her behind. "My parents explained they had to see it first. It's OK," she said.

"Since the movie is R-rated, I thought that would be best," Tepper said. "When we did the filming, there was some pretty gross stuff."

But the Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School student remembers good experiences on set.

"When my mom told



Brighton resident 8-year-old Sofia Tepper already has the title of actress in a full-length movie under her belt, with a role in the movie "Eloise," which was filmed in Detroit.

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me I was in a movie, I was excited. I knew it was going to be scary," Sofia said.

Watching the makeup and props departments at work helped her understand the horror wasn't real.

"They put on the scary makeup, and, when they were making some of the props, I wasn't scared because I got to see how they do it," she said.

Sofia said Dushku was kind to her. She liked getting made up into her character in a dressing room. And she was impressed by what she perceived as unlimited snacks at the craft services table.

A place among the stars

The film, which was shot in metro Detroit in 2014, is the first feature film produced by metro Detroit's Sanford Nelson.

It was directed by Robert Legato and written by Christopher Borrelli. It was approved for nearly \$2 million in the now-ended Michigan film incentives on an estimated \$7 million in spending.

Stars of the film include "Gossip Girl" actor Chace Crawford, metro-Detroit native Brandon Jackson ("Tropic Thunder"), Robert Patrick ("Terminator 2: Judgment Day) and Dushku ("Dollhouse," "Buffy the

Vampire Slayer"). The story follows Crawford's character as he discovers that he must solve the mystery of what happened to his aunt, a former asylum patient, in order to inherit his family's money. The trailer for the movie suggests that Eloise was a nightmarish place.

The real-life Eloise complex, located on Michigan Avenue in Westland, has a long history as a former poorhouse, mental hospital, tuberculosis sanatorium and county hospital. It also has a reputation in paranormal circles as being one of the most haunted places in Michigan.

Model turned actress

Sofia landed the role in "Eloise" after her mother signed her up with a modeling agency.

"She was just a really cute baby, but I never pushed her into anything. Getting the role was really random. It was the first and only thing she's ever done," Tepper said.

Sofia also sings in school musicals, and she once was a model for a painting created by Art-Prize artist Sharon Lange called "The Light of Faith."

"I think Sofia had no clue she was in it with actors in a lot of TV shows and movies," Tepper said. "But she knows that now."

Sofia said she is willing to try for another role, although she is not convinced it will be her career choice.

"Yeah, I would be in a movie again, and I kind of do want to get into some acting in school," Sofia said.

But she has no idea what she wants to be when she grows up.

Detroit Free Press Pop Culture Critic Julie Hinds contributed to this article.

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OBSERVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Former Lions kicker to talk

The public is invited to the Leadership Speaker Series breakfast featuring former Lions Kicker Eddie Murray Madonna University at 7 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

The breakfast will be held in the Madonna University Center Dining Hall, 14221 Levan Road, Livonia. It's part of the Residence Hall, just north of St. Francis Pond on the west side of Levan.

Former Detroit Lions kicker Eddie Murray was a seventh-round draft pick in 1981. That year he became the first rookie to be named Pro Bowl MVP, while leading the NFC Conference in scoring with 116 points. Murray played professional football for 19 seasons; 12 with the Lions. He also played for Tampa, Dallas, Philadelphia, Washington and Minnesota. He scored 1,594 career points; 18th in NFL history. He was selected to the All Decade Team of the 1980s. While kicking for the Cowboys in Super Bowl XXVIII, he went three-for-three for extra points as well as for field goals.

Murray holds a bachelor's degree in education from Tulane University. Currently he serves as director of donor community relations for Hope Network, an organization that provides programs and services for people who suffer from physical, mental or social barriers that impact how they live; in particular those with autism.

The Madonna University Leadership Speaker Series will host one more professional sports leader in June 2017. Contact the university at 734-432-5843 for more information.

Be a Miracle League volunteer

The Miracle League in Plymouth is in need of two coaches for the 2017 season. Teams will consist of players ages 5-11. If interested, contact Shari Bilkie, shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org

Miracle League player registration also begins Feb. 6 and ends at 4 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Livonia pavilion reservations

Picnic pavilion reservations for the 2017 season will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis for Livonia residents beginning at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Beginning Feb. 8, open dates will be available at the Kirksey Recreation Center or at www.ci.livonia.mi.us. Payment in full is due at the time of reservation.

In 2016, approximately 377 pavilion reservations were made at six park locations providing a total of 10 pavilions with an estimated attendance of over 25,000. Livonia boasts pavilions for groups ranging in size from 20-150. It is recommended that reservations be obtained for groups of 20 or more at least a week in advance. Applications, guidelines and online reservations for picnic permits may be obtained from the Kirksey Recreation Center or at www.ci.livonia.mi.us. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

Seeking a job?

Schoolcraft College Job Seekers Workshop is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road.

Discover how and where to search for local employment opportunities with the help of staff from Schoolcraft College's Career Services. Learn tips for creating or polishing your resume, preparing for interviews and more.

Register in advance at the Adult Services Desk or by calling 734-721-7832.

Complimentary tax prep

Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs in Plymouth is offering complimentary tax preparation to all area reservist and National Guard members called to active duty as well as regular military receiving combat pay. The office is at 1095 S. Main, Plymouth. Call 734-427-2030 to schedule an appointment.

Forgotten presidents

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library will present Annette and Jim McConnell on the Forgotten Presidents on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The speakers will present unique trivia, key achievements and failures of the leaders we often forget or perhaps never knew in the 19th century. Annette and Jim McConnell have co-authored small historical books, newsletters and other publications. They are volunteers for the Detroit Historical Society, the Historical Society of Michigan and Friends of the Livonia Library. They have received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Historical Society of Michigan in 2012.

3D Photography Club meeting

The February meeting will feature a workshop by special guest speaker George "Dr. T" Themelis on making and using a top-quality digital stereo camera system. The club will also have another "Freebie" drawing for free 3D items. It will conclude with its monthly club 3D image competition. The meeting is 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile. Meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Hayden's outreach

Hayden's Grill & Bar of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to raise funds for community outreach programs. Hayden's will donate 15 percent of total bills back to the community. The event will run from 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 10. Guests must present a flier to donate the 15 percent back to Plymouth Community United Way. Fliers can be downloaded directly from www.plymouthunitedway.org, or shown on your mobile device. For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 5 or email randi.williams@pcuw.org. Hayden's is at 39895 Ford Road, Canton.

Meet Joe

All residents of Wayne County are invited to come and meet Joe Barone, Wayne County Commissioner, who will speak at the Plymouth Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. The library is at 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Plymouth Concerned Citizens is hosting the event.

Wine, beer tasting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's second annual Wine & Beer Tasting is set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. The event features wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres compliments of Holiday Market. This event is hosted by Holiday Market along with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Beaumont and Jack Demmer Ford Inc.

Fifty percent of proceeds will benefit the LiveLikeMax Foundation, which was created after the passing of Max Pardington. The purpose

is to bring awareness to the importance of healthy heart checks and to provide them free to all high school students.

Tickets may be purchased at Holiday Market for \$35 per person and \$40 at the door. This event will be held at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, 46000 Summit Pkwy., Canton, MI. Must be 21 to attend. Sponsorship and a limited number of tickets are available. Call the Chamber office at 734-453-4040 for more information or purchase at www.cantonchamber.com.

Spaghetti dinner

The Plymouth VFW No. 6695 will host a spaghetti dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the VFW, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Karaoke will follow at 9 p.m. in the lounge Sponsored by the VFW Aux. 4th Dist. Pool League proceeds will benefit Camp Trotter for Children, Newaygo, MI.

How to de-stress

The Citizens for Peace will welcome Counselor Judy Lipson to its meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road). Lipson will share her tools and practices on how to remain calm, focused and relaxed despite the ups and downs we are facing and will face in 2017. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor with over 30 years of experience. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com

Scrapbooking

SS. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, will host scrapbooking from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 18. The cost is \$35 for a full day, \$20 for a half day. Vendors will be on site. A light breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus snacks, will be provided. For more information, contact 734-721-4867

'Finding Dory' shows

The Clarenceville Church will host the movie "Finding Dory" on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Admission is free. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available. For more information or to pre-register, call 248-474-3444 or email the church at clarencevillechurch@gmail.com.

Birthday party luncheon

The Livonia Historical Commission at Greenmead Historical Park will host a Birthday Party Luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Advance tickets only for \$20 are available at the Greenmead Office. The luncheon will include a pasta lunch, party games, cupcakes and birthday singing. Each guest is asked to bring a \$1 gift to share. Dress in your birthday best. For more information, contact 734-477-7375.

Hopgood coffee hours

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) invites community members to join him at upcoming coffee hours to discuss state and local issues. He represents the 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland. The coffee hours provide opportunities for citizens to meet Hopgood and share their thoughts about current events in Lansing and the local community.

The February Coffee Hour will take place at noon Monday, Feb. 13, at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road in Van Buren

Township.

Redford chamber has scholarship apps

The Redford Chamber of Commerce now has applications available for high school seniors to apply for a scholarship. The high school senior does not have to attend a Redford school but must have been a resident of Redford for two years. You can pick up the application at the Chamber Office at 26050 Five Mile Road, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications will also be available in the Counselor Offices at Thurston, Redford Union and Clarenceville High Schools. Deadline for submission of applications is March 24, 2017. Any questions, call the Redford Chamber of Commerce office at 313-535-0960.

Camera Club featured

Livonia Arts Commission announces that the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Bob and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library will feature the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council for the month of February.

GDC is composed of members from the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, Livonia Camera Club, the Motor City Camera Club located in Bloomfield, the Oakland Camera Club located in Waterford, The Photographic Guild located in Southfield, the Seven Ponds Nature Center Camera Club located in Dryden, the Shutterbug Camera Club located in Detroit, the Toledo Camera Club, the West Oakland Camera Club located in New Hudson and the Windsor Camera Club. These photography clubs meet on different days and different times but share a common interest: photography.

Each club has competitions in their Electronic Imaging Divisions, including Monochrome, Color, Nature and Color Creative (altered reality). They also have competitions in the two Print Divisions: Monochrome and Color. During the year, all of these clubs will compete against each other in all of the digital division as well as print division. All of the winners from each competition go into the GDC's End-of-the-Year Print and Digital compe-

tion. This month they celebrate with an end-of-the-year banquet and preparation for the February exhibit.

Garden City Valentine sweetie contest

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority will host a Valentine Sweetheart Photo Contest with first- and second-place winner announced on its Facebook at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Sweet talk your Valentine into posing for a picture with Willy, the Garden City "Cupig" located in the Commons, at the northwest corner of Middlebelt and Ford, for a chance to win a free Sweetheart Date Night Gift Package. Pictures must be posted to the Downtown Garden City Facebook page at www.facebook.com/downtowngardencity by 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pictures must be from 2017; only one entry per couple/group; must be age 18 or older to win.

'Covering your Brother's Sins'

In light of the political and racial conflicts and divisive issues of this past year, Father Jerome Sanderson will preach on how Christians can think and act in a way most beneficial to all. The topic is titled "Covering Your Brother's Sins." Sanderson is a founding member of the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, and is an Orthodox Christian priest, author, iconographer and woodcarver. The event is free and open to the public at 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-634-2650.

Bag book sale

The Friends of Westland Library invite the public to two-day Bag Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Both days are \$4 Bag Day only.

Friday Night Glow Skate

The Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland hosts Glow Skate from 7-9:20 p.m. each Friday. The

cost is \$8 for kids and \$9 for adults. Skate rentals are \$3. Everyone receives a free glow accessory with purchase. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood.

Weight management program

On March 14, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Registered dietitians will provide information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to develop a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and determine their healthiest weight. The class will take place 6-7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 2, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia (accessed from the south entrance).

There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register at stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

Slice for Life

This April, Buddy's Pizza will team up with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to host the 41st annual Slice for Life fundraiser. From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 24 patrons who purchase a ticket can visit any Buddy's Pizza full-service location to enjoy an all-you-can-eat two-topping pizza and salad meal. A carry-out option is also available for purchase at all 11 Buddy's Pizza locations and includes either a 4-square two-topping pizza or a medium sized antipasto, Greek or house salad.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.cskdetroit.org or by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 170. Tickets will also be available at the door. All ticket holders may also register to win one 8-square Buddy's Pizza every month for one year. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's community outreach services.

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DAHL

DANIEL H. SR. January 31, 2017, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's and Dementia with Parkinsonism. Age 81. Proud graduate of Culver Military Academy and University of Michigan, BBA and MBA. Longtime Banking Executive and Financial Advisor for Manufacturers Bank, Comerica Bank, Prudential Insurance Co. and Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis. Beloved husband of Mary Rue Dahl for 59 years. Dear father of Nancy Feiten (Greg), Daniel, Jr. (Megan) and Stephen (Kristine). Loving grandfather of Jim, Sarah, Kelly, Tatum, Scarlett, Greta and Erik. Brother of the late E. William Jr. Also many nieces, nephews and cousins. Family is grateful for the loving care of Michelle, Bahati, The Friendship Club, the staff at Brookdale Memory Care and the friendship of Eugene. Family will receive friends Friday, February 10th, 3-8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), 248-549-0500. Memorial service Saturday, February 11th, 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 Maple Rd., Birmingham, 48009. Memorial tributes to the Alzheimer's Association or the Salvation Army.

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JOHN E. "JACK" Died peacefully in his home surrounded by his loved ones on January 31, 2017. He was 93 years old. Jack is survived by his wife of 68 years, Margaret; his children, Patricia (Tom) Groszko, Susan (Bill) Herrmann, Bill (Sharon), Jim (Linda), Marianne (Art) Nelson, and Jean (Colin) Zick; 21 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Shirley (nee Dudek) Demmer. Visitation at John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City, MI 48135 on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., and Friday, February 3, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. In state 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Divine Child Catholic Church, 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128 until the time of Mass at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Monsignor Herbert Weier Scholarship Charitable Trust, Kelly's Kidz Foundation, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Starfish Family Services, or Angela Hospice. Funeral arrangements by Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home, www.hackettmetcalf.com and John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, www.santeiufuneralhome.com.

REVITZER

KEITH KENNETH Age 71, of Livonia passed away on Monday, January 9, 2017 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills after a struggle with cancer. Keith was born September 19, 1945 in Port Huron, son of the late Otto Revitzer and Gloria Revitzer of Charlevoix. He and his wife Sandra were married for 52 years. He was retired from Operating Engineers, whom he was a lifetime member with. He is survived by his wife Sandra, children Sharon Kaufman and Duane (Callie) Revitzer; grandchildren Kyle, Kory and Karl Kaufman, and Jaden and Benjamin Revitzer. Keith's wishes were to be cremated with no funeral service.



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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Chargers head to next level

Churchill standouts Allen, Cummins, Hill, Chantres share the college spotlight

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Jamal Allen entered Livonia Churchill four years ago ready to play to see where football might take him.

He'll leave this year fully knowing where he's going — to the University of Toledo to play Division I football in the Mid-American Conference.

Allen took part Wednesday morning in National Signing Day ceremony at Churchill, along with teammates Evan Cummins (Ferris State), Mike Hill (Saginaw

Valley State) and Jacob Chantres (Kalamazoo College).

"(Chargers football coaches) brought me up on varsity my sophomore year, but not until my senior year did I have college contact," said Allen, the 5-foot-11, 180-pound defensive back and wide receiver. "I really didn't think about going to the next level (early on at Churchill)."

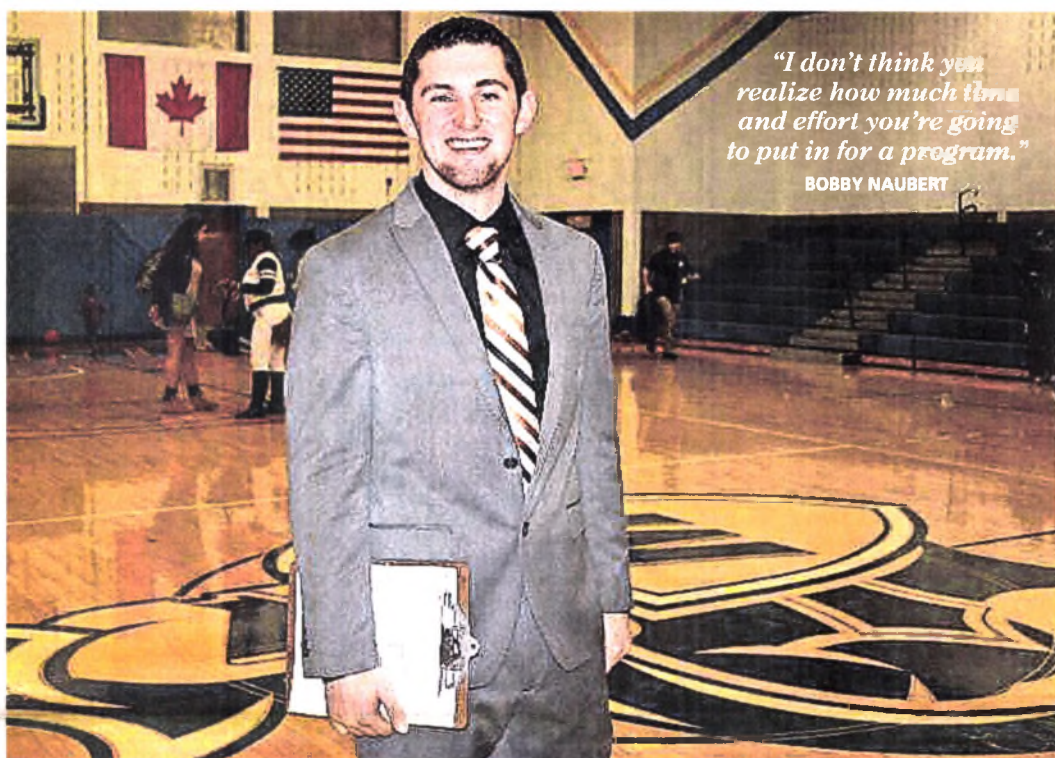
Allen — who quickly made up for any lost time during stellar junior and senior seasons for head coach Bill DeFillippo —



From left, Mike Hill (Saginaw Valley), Jamal Allen (Toledo), Evan Cummins (Ferris State) and Jacob Chantres (Kalamazoo).

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



"I don't think you realize how much time and effort you're going to put in for a program."

BOBBY NAUBERT

Bobby Naubert formerly starred at Livonia Stevenson and Madonna. Now he is starting his coaching career with the Crusaders.

STARTING A NEW CHAPTER

Former prep, college star Bobby Naubert adjusting to coaching life for Crusaders

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

During his high school and college basketball playing days, Bobby Naubert glanced over at his coaches and then relied on his gut instincts when it came time to dribble drive through a line of defenders.

"For me, when I was playing, a press break, I wanted the ball and I'll get through people," Naubert said, recalling his career as a starting point guard at Livonia Stevenson and Madonna University.

But there's a bit of karma going on now because he is that coach waiting to see whether players heed instructions or not.

The 25-year-old Livonia resident is one season removed from his playing days (he played a couple of years in a professional league in Germany) and is in the midst of coaching Madonna's brand new junior varsity men's basketball program.

"Now it's like, you see a press break and I can't be, like, you got to run the right press break," Naubert said with a wry smile, during a recent interview at the Madonna Athletics Center.

Naubert realizes this is a season of discovery and growth, both for himself and for the young men who comprise his first-ever team. In addition, he is attending classes as he pursues a master's



In 2012-13, Bobby Naubert was the WHAC Player of the Year and a second team NAIA All-American for Madonna University. Now, the Livonia Stevenson alum is in his first season coaching the MU junior varsity team.

degree and working as an assistant on the staff of varsity head coach Noah Emehiser.

New perspective

He might have flipped a coin when asked whether he would tend to a homework assignment or prepped for an upcoming game.

"Both are extremely important," Naubert said. "I like (doing) time management. I realize that, I like to get all my homework out of the way and then on game day, really focus on what we need to do that night."

"I like getting my school work out of the way and then focusing on basketball. I know school is very important, but at the same time I got 12 people looking at me every day and I need them to be organized and ready to go."

Naubert, meanwhile, can't help but tip his cap to his own former coaches knowing what the job of instructing, preparing and motivating players entails.

"I don't think you realize how much time and effort you're going to put in for a program," Naubert said. "Obviously, I had a great coach at Stevenson in Mike Allie and a great coach at Madonna in Noah."

"I knew they were working extremely hard to get us prepared for every situation, but just the amount of preparation was way underestimated on my part."

"As a player I went to every practice,

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Panthers put defensive clamps on Garden City

Tim Smith
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It was "coming home" night Friday at Garden City and the host Cougars were hoping their stagnant offense would make an appearance against Redford Union.

But it was no dice for the Garden City varsity boys basketball team, which dropped a 44-29 Western Wayne Athletic Conference contest to the Panthers. Other than an early spurt, when baskets by Jacob Sadowski, Cameron Walter and Colin McHugh gave the home team a 6-2 lead, not much went right.

Garden City (2-10, 1-6) turned over the basketball an estimated 15 times and had trouble shooting and rebounding. And don't forget constant defensive pressure from the Panthers (8-5, 4-2).

"It's been the story of the year," Cougars head coach Rick Morton said. "We're struggling rebounding the basketball. We're turning the basketball over. We have to value the possession of the basketball, we have to rebound. And it would help if we could score a little bit, too."


The Panthers, led by senior guard Eric McCarter and junior guard Malik Atkins, who scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, took control of the game thanks to a 12-4 surge to end the opening quarter (which ended 16-10).

Getting it going with a pair of layups was junior forward Christian Montgomery (seven points) to tie the game at 8-8 and McCarter put the Panthers up

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Redford Union's Amir Huston (right) looks to score over Garden City defender Jacob Sadowski.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

Knoph's big night cures ailing Spartans, 73-67

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Whatever flu was ailing Livonia Stevenson's Ian Knoph during the week appeared to have little or no effect during Friday night's 73-67 boys basketball win over Northville.

The 6-foot-2 senior guard, who signed a letter of intent a day earlier to play at Madonna University, came out like a cured man as he scorched the nets for 18 first-half points before finishing with a game-high 26 as the host Spartans pushed their overall record to 12-2 overall and 6-2 in the KLAAs Central Division.

"The whole team got sick, like, around Monday or Tuesday, so we've been battling that all week, guys not at practice and stuff," said Knoph, who made 10-of-15 shots from the floor. "I don't know, it just happened that way. I got open a lot because we moved the ball pretty well the first half. Got a lot of guys open."

In the first quarter alone, Knoph poured in 14 points, including a triple from Steph Curry-land at the buzzer to put Stevenson behind by only three, 20-17.

Knoph also had a dunk and a George Gervin-like finger roll layup during a 21-9 second-quarter blitz as the Stevenson took a 38-29 lead at intermission.

"We hit shots tonight," Stevenson coach Kareem Smart said. "Ian came out and was on fire. That helps us out tremen-



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Livonia Stevenson's Ian Knoph fakes a pass to teammate before heading in for a layup.

dously and that got everyone else going pretty well. So we played pretty well today."

It was a far cry from Tuesday's stunning 86-59 KLAAs Central loss at South Lyon.

"It's just like a bug that's been going

around the team the entire week all week long, just had to battle through it," Knoph said. "Kind of affected us against South Lyon on Tuesday, but we were able to pick it up today."

Northville, getting a team-high 25 points from senior guard Kevin Morrissey, cut into Stevenson's nine-point half-time advantage by closing the deficit to 47-44 after three quarters.

And the Mustangs took the lead, 51-49, with 6:13 remaining in the fourth on a triple by Morrissey and went up by three on a hoop by Phil Jovanovski, 53-50, with 5:38 to go.

But Stevenson regrouped and took the lead for keeps on Parker Graham's three-point play with 3:21 left, 59-57. Jeremiah Eason then scored a layup off a turnover and the Spartans made 10 straight free throws in the final 1:22 to seal the win.

"We were in a grind all night," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team slipped to 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the Central. "Despite the loss, we thought we showed good signs tonight. We made some adjustments on the fly and the guys bought in. Stevenson is a good team and I thought our guys fought hard. I thought there were a couple of possessions here and there that could have changed the outcome either way."

Also scoring in double figures for the Spartans were Chris Tanderys (13), Devin Dunn (12) and Nader Kandalaf (10), Ea-

son added nine. After going 2-of-6 from the free-throw line in the first three quarters, Stevenson went 12-of-13 in the fourth.

"I think Devin made six in a row, if I counted right, and then Ian made four in a row, so that all helps," Smart said. "We've been practicing on shooting in the last two days, because we had a horrible shooting night against South Lyon."

Jake Justice, Northville's leading scorer, finished with 22 points, while Michael Gunder added 10.

Morrissey, meanwhile, was an efficient 8-of-10 from the floor, including four 3-pointers.

Northville was 25-of-48 from the field (52 percent) and 11-of-13 from the foul line (84.6 percent), but came up short against Knoph and company.

"He's a really good player," Sander said of the Stevenson guard. "Our goal was to make him make tough shots and he certainly made some tough ones early. And once they get rolling, the momentum starts going their way."

"We mainly just wanted to play our game and not play anybody else's game," Knoph said. "Kind of got away from that in our two losses, so we got back to play like our normal selves. And we played with an actual identity today."

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TOM BEAUDOIN
RU's Christian Montgomery (right) goes up against GC's Jacob Sadowski.

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10-8 with 1:30 to go in the first. Capping off the run with a trey at the horn was Atkins and the die was cast for the evening.

"We were making shots and staying sound and disciplined on the defensive end and the offensive end," RU coach Randall Taylor said. "Just doing what we do and try to get better each day in practice."

Redford Union enjoyed a 25-15 half-time lead and didn't give the Cougars much hope in the third quarter, other than a six-point run in the final minute — thanks to a trey by senior guard Jacob Sears and a layup-and-one by Walter (a bright spot for GC with nine points and seven rebounds).

But Garden City managed just three points in the fourth quarter as the Panthers closed out the victory.

"I got all my guys in tonight, so all our guys got a chance to get in and be aggressive on defense," Taylor said. "We were able to sustain their runs. They only scored 29 points."

One of the reasons Garden City had trouble getting anything going was strong work on the glass by junior forward Marcus Evans (10 rebounds) and first-year senior forward Anthony Johnson, who used his 6-5 frame to good use.

"Anthony had his best game of the season," Taylor said. "We've been working him along slowly. Tonight, he got a chance to get in there and get in the game, continue to work and get better."

"He got a couple touches on the inside and he got to the glass."

Another reason was poor shot selection, including several taken from behind the 3-point arc that didn't come close. Morton blamed those shots on players impatiently trying to force things to try and spark the offense.

"Just trying to get something going," Morton said. "Can't blame them for their effort, we just need better execution."

In addition to Walter, the Cougars received an eight-point game from Sadowski.

The team also lost junior guard Emad Rehman in the first half. Morton said he suffered a broken nose.

Redford Union will host Dearborn at 7 p.m. Tuesday as the Panthers look to climb into contention in the WWAC.

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was so highly coveted that he was ranked No. 22 in the Detroit Free Press Feb 50 list of football seniors.

"I'm proud anytime our players get an opportunity to continue playing football at the next level," DeFillippo said. "Their hard work on and off the field has paid off as they head off to college in the fall."

"We've been fortunate to have over 20 players in college football over the last four or five years. These four are very deserving of this opportunity and I'm extremely proud of them."

Cummins is a strong-armed quarterback who also can play safety. Hill and Chantres also can help their new teams on either side of the ball, having played both wide receiver and defensive back for the Chargers.

Topping that impressive list is Allen, who said he can't wait to get on the gridiron for Toledo head coach Jason Candle.

"It's a really great opportunity being able to get my education and play a sport I love," Allen said. "It's a really great opportunity to play for coach Candle. I'll be really excited to do that the next four years, plus it's really close to home. I'm looking forward to it."

Allen, who said it was good to be part of the morning signing day festivities with Cummins, Hill and Chantres, added that he knows he'll need to "work and grind" even harder going forward than he has the past couple of years at Churchill in order to have success at Toledo.

"Really I'm looking forward to a new experience," Allen said. "That's a whole different ballgame than high school."

Taking the next step

Concurring was Cummins, adding that he already met some of his future teammates at Ferris State. "We all seem to get along pretty good and we're going to put in some work this summer," he said.

Cummins said it will be interesting to play in the same conference as a number of other area players, including Canton running back Markus Sanders (Northwood). "There's a lot of players coming from the KLAAs going into the GLIAC, so I should know a lot of people who we're playing against. That's pretty good, I like it."

Hill said going to Saginaw Valley State University (also in the GLIAC) and likely play slot receiver is "a great opportunity" and he credited "having a great senior season, making the right plays at the right time" for the chance.

Also pumped up is Chantres, who said signing with Kalamazoo is "a pretty cool opportunity." He said he probably will start out playing defense, although he could fit in as a receiver if needed.

Sharing National Signing Day with his teammates was something he'll never forget, especially those he has been friends and teammates with for a number of years.

"It was really cool," Chantres said. "I've been playing with Evan my whole life, my whole football career (starting with the Livonia Orioles in third grade). I've known Mike a long time. It's pretty cool to do that."

» Also signing from KLAAs schools were Westland John Glenn wide receiver Roq Williams (Northwood), Plymouth lineman Austin Scheffer (Northwood) and Canton lineman Cameron Goode (Concordia).

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NAUBERT

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I showed up, did my best and they prepared me for the game. Now, I'm making sure I'm preparing my players every day. It's a lot more challenging than I thought."

It helps that he can still take out his cell phone and give Allie (an assistant coach at Schoolcraft College) a call when needing suggestions on fitness and training. He can talk to Emenhiser whenever he wants in order to pick his coaching brain.

"From a playing perspective you always have opportunity to see things on the court, you have the ball in your hands and you get to do things your way," Naubert said, comparing playing and coaching. "I feel like even as a coach, you don't have as much power as you think."

"You get to call the sets but, at the end of the day, if your players aren't ready to run those sets, you're not going to have a lot of success. But I've learned a lot. I have a lot of really good mentors."

Connecting the dots

And now, Naubert is ready to teach. He'll have plenty of opportunity.

According to Naubert, the JV program is getting its start as a way to open up a pipeline with area high schools — and not to pinch the flow of prospects to junior colleges such as Schoolcraft.

If anything, some Ocelots might wind up wearing the blue and gold at Madonna.

"Our coaching staff is doing a really good job of working to get some juco guys in from Schoolcraft," Naubert said. "And to get players ready to play right away, which you can get from the high school level, too."

"This is the first year we're running this program. It's been really good getting guys into our system and understanding how Madonna basketball works starting as a freshman. These guys don't get an opportunity to play varsity, but they're still part of the family."

With the feeder team, which enables a combined 25 basketball players to learn, grow and compete instead of the 16 that made up MU's 2015-16 team, Madonna is joining a trend in the WHAC. Other schools with a two-pronged program include University of Michigan-Dearborn, Siena Heights and Concordia.

"Most are coming straight out of high school," Naubert noted. "It's good experience for them, because a lot of the guys aren't ready yet for the varsity level."

"So it's great for them to be learning, playing games and still getting that experience every day in practice."

Speaking their language

A definite plus for Naubert as he adjusts to coaching players not much younger than himself is the fact he knows what they're going through. That's because he was on the other side of the clipboard just a season ago.

"As I am a young coach, 25 years old, I think I do a pretty good job of being able to relate to my players," Naubert said. "Especially just coming off from (playing in) Germany."

"I still have the connection. I haven't been far out of the game so I know how players like to be treated. I know how I liked to be treated when I played. I think communication hasn't been as much of a problem."

The juggling act of being JV coach, helping Emenhiser and staying on top of his own studies also hasn't been worrisome for Bobby Naubert.

He knew the time was right to transition into the coaching part of basketball, something he hopes he'll be able to do for a very long time.

"I had two years there (Germany) and I really enjoyed it," Naubert said. "For me, it just came down to I was ready to do something else. Start my coaching career and I got a great opportunity here to start."

"To get my own team at such a young team is a pretty rare opportunity, I'm enjoying it."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Chiefs defeat Zebras in key KLAAs South Division showdown

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Friday night's KLAAs South Division girls basketball match-up between KLAAs South Division contenders Canton and host Wayne Memorial came down to the wire before the Chiefs came away with a riveting 57-54 victory.

Strong work in the rebounding department by Madison Wolfbauer (10 rebounds) and Alaina Heitmeyer (six boards) helped keep the Zebras at bay most of the night. Camree Clegg and Jeanae Terry did score 25 and 17 points, respectively, but their efforts weren't enough as Wayne dropped to 10-3 overall and 7-1 in the division.

But the Chiefs now are even in the standings (11-3, 7-1) thanks to the win, which coach Rob Heitmeyer said featured a balanced attack and relentless defense.

"Our whole team gets the ceremonial game ball after this win," Heitmeyer said. "We had a great couple of weeks of practices and it showed tonight. Defensively, we used Shanya Butler and Raquel Church to guard Clegg. Both of them did a nice job denying Clegg the ball back after it left her hands."

Senior Erin Hult scored 17 for Canton, while Brianna Finn and Butler both scored 10. Also helping the cause was Ashley Criscenti (six points).

The Chiefs, who connected on 44 percent from the floor (24-of-54) trailed 17-10 after one quarter, but forged ahead 30-23 at halftime thanks to a 20-6 run in the second.

Wayne did come back to tie the contest several times after that, but could not get the lead back.

PLYMOUTH 34, CHURCHILL 20: Chantal LeDoux and Mikayla Rose scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, Friday to spearhead the Wildcats over Livonia Churchill. Plymouth (6-8 overall, 5-3 KLAAs South) really had to grind that out on both ends of the floor," head coach Ryan Ballard said. "Alexa Ebeling played a terrific (defensive) game. She held Anne Yost to eight points. That's not an easy thing to do."

RU 38, GARDEN CITY 30: Johnnia Steele scored nine of our 22 points in the final quarter Friday to lead Redford Union (9-4, 5-2) to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over Garden City (6-8, 4-3). The Panthers, who avenged a 27-11 setback to the Cougars on Jan. 13, also got six points apiece from Haley Hebler and Cassidy Sandelin.

Alecia Montgomery paced the Tigers, who led 18-17 at halftime, with a team-high eight points. "Garden City has always had a great team and very well-coached," said RU coach Scott Purdy, whose team outscored GC 21-12 in the second half. "We've never been able to beat Garden City since I've been here, so it was a big win for us. I thought my girls played very well and we were missing our center tonight out with an illness. The girls worked really hard and executed plays down the stretch. Our defense was really tough tonight."

FORDSON 41, THURSTON 32: Rana Elhusseini poured in a game-high 21 points Friday to lead WWAC Redford Division leader Dearborn Fordson (11-4, 7-0) at Redford Thurston (7-8, 3-4).

The game was close throughout as Thurston led 19-17 at halftime. It was 25-25 after three quarters and 33-30 late before the Tractors pulled away with a 16-8 fourth-quarter run.

Brianna Burton scored 18 points in a losing cause. **ANNAPOLIS 34, CVILLE 27:** Nanjet Ala scored a game-high 10 points Friday to lift Dearborn Heights Annapolis (4-10, 2-5) to a WWAC Red Division triumph over visiting Livonia Clarendville (1-13, 0-7).

Myia Haskins-King scored a team-high nine points for the Trojans, who trailed 24-10 at halftime.

Clarendville rallied in the second half, outscoring the Cougars 17-10 in the second half, but came up short.

REGINA 40, LADYWOOD 32: In a Catholic League Central Division game Thursday, host Warren Regina (4-9, 4-7) earned a victory over Livonia Ladywood (2-14, 1-10).

Staff writer Brad Emons contributed to this report.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Titans to recognize sweet '76-77 squad

Former players, Vitale to return for reunion of NCAA tourney team

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The University of Detroit Mercy's men's basketball team pulled off its most exciting home victory of the season Sunday afternoon.

With just three seconds remaining in regulation time, Westland's Dre Black was fouled while soaring to the hoop for a game-tying layup. The junior guard calmly canned the ensuing free throw, which proved the difference in lifting the Titans to a pulsating 93-92 victory over Horizon League power Green Bay.

The jubilant Titans players raced out to mob Black after his heroic efforts. First-year head coach Bacari Alexander even celebrated with a brief dance at the free-throw line.

It certainly was a welcome thrill in what otherwise has been a lackluster season.

The problem was, there was just a handful of people at historic Calihan Hall who witnessed the excitement.

Things were much different at the Six Mile and Livernois campus 40 years ago.

The Titans rocked in those days, thanks to such storied stars as Terry Tyler and John Long — Thunder and Lightning, as they were respectively known — Dennis Boyd, Ron Bostick, Will McCormick and Livonia Franklin graduate Kevin Kasetta, to name a few. They were led by the effervescent Dick Vitale, who would go on to become more well-known as a college basketball announcer than a coach.

Electricity at Calihan Hall

Earl Cureton, a 59-year-old Farmington Hills resident who played at U-D in the late '70s and later enjoyed a 12-year NBA career, remembers when Calihan Hall provided more electricity than DTE.

"Dick put together such a talented program here," said Cureton, nicknamed "The Twirl," who won NBA titles with Philadelphia and Houston. "This building was jam-packed. He was getting eight, nine thousand fans to watch. That's when Titans basketball was jumping. People always remember those times here in Calihan Hall."

Vitale's 1976-77 squad, which went 25-4 and advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament to complete one of the school's best seasons ever, will reunite for a 40th anniversary celebration.

On Feb. 10, in conjunction with the game against Metro Series rival Oakland University, the majority of players from that team will gather to reminisce with stories that have grown to epic proportions over the years. After an afternoon luncheon at the University Ballroom, which is open to the public, the team will be honored that evening at the game with the John Conti Letterman of Distinction Award.

In fact, the day will not only commemorate the accomplishments of the '76-77 team, but will also recognize other members of U-D's successful teams from that era. The featured attraction will be the retirement of Terry Duerod's jersey to join the six others hanging from Calihan's rafters.



Earl Cureton has fond memories of his playing days at the University of Detroit as a member of the men's basketball program.

It promises to be an eventful day. "What we're trying to do is just recreate some of those memories. We got a hold of just about everybody from that team," Cureton said. "Terry Tyler probably won't be able to make it because his wife is a little sick, but he's going to send a big video down. Plus we're going to try and get some of the great players off those previous teams when Dick first got here."

"We're just going to have a collection of some of the Titans greatest players from the '70s, when things were really rocking and really hyped. Just to have that ('76-77) team come back is tremendous. That's probably the best year in the history of Titans basketball. I played 12 years in the NBA, but when people around Detroit recognize me or see me, they say that, 'You played at the University of Detroit,' because they always remember those days when we had this building rocking."

"I'm excited about it. It's going to be a huge day," he added. "And to see Terry Duerod's number go up to the rafters, some 40 years later, is going to be a huge day for him. He's going to get the recognition he deserves. I'm just so happy about that, because he's meant so much to be city."

Vitale vital to U-D

Back in the mid-'70s, Vitale was vital to the renaissance of the Titans program. In four seasons, from 1973-74 to '76-77, he never had a losing record while compiling a 78-30 ledger for a whopping .772 winning percentage.

In that memorable '76-77 campaign, U-D, playing an independent schedule and ranked No. 12 in the country, posted 25 wins, one of which was a colossal, last-second 64-63 victory over No. 7-ranked Marquette. As the buzzer sounded, Vitale will be forever remembered for his center-court dance.

The Titans earned their first NCAA tournament berth in 15 years — only its second ever — that season, winning a first-round game over Middle Tennessee before falling in the Sweet 16 to the University of Michigan.

Cureton, who currently works as a broadcaster for both U-D and the Pistons, said Vitale generated all that success.

"Bringing back Dick Vitale is huge. Usually, when you talk Titans basketball, you talk Dick Vitale," Cureton said. "His name always comes up. I had a great deal of respect for what Dick did during his career, not only in basketball, but what he did for us out of basketball."

"He taught us about the game of life. He prepared us for life after basketball and how important it was for us to get an education and go from boys to men. He kept us on the straight and narrow and was definitely a role model. Just to show there was a lot of respect for Dick, all of them are coming back 40 years later to see him. There's going to be a lot of excitement for him coming back in the building."

"For a mid-major, a school sitting right here on Livernois, to create that type of excitement and to create the

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

What: 1976-77 U-D men's basketball team reunion

When: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, during Horizon League game vs. rival Oakland University

Where: Calihan Hall on UDM's main campus

Notes: Team luncheon open to public 3-5 p.m.; Terry Duerod jersey retirement at half-time; team honored with John Conti Letterman of Distinction Award

Notable: Former coach Dick Vitale and members of the Sweet 16 1976-77 team

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group of young men he created, I think, was amazing," he added. "What he did at U-D was just phenomenal. This is going to be a day to show appreciation to Dick, to show appreciation to Terry Duerod and to the great coaching staffs we had."

Remembering college experiences

McCormick, in 1978, and Boyd, in 1977, are still Nos. 1 and 2 on the all-time career single-season assists list with 220 and 219, respectively. Tyler holds the school's all-time single-season blocks record with 172 in 1978. In fact, he owns the top three marks on that list with 107 in 1976 and 86 in 1977, plus is the all-time career leader with 365.

Duerod has the single-season field goals record with 303 in 1979, ahead of both Dave DeBusschere (1960) and Spencer Hawwood (1969), who are tied for second at 288. As a team, the 1977 squad owns the single-season record for most consecutive wins with 21. Long is first all time in field goals made (940) and field-goal attempts (1,942), and second to Ferndale native Rashad Phillips (2,319-2,167) in career points.

Over that three-year span, from 1976-77 to 1978-79, U-D compiled an impressive 72-14 overall record with two NCAA tournament appearances and an NIT berth.

Cureton, a Detroit Finney graduate, was a key member of that '78-79 squad. Although he played just two seasons at U-D after transferring from Robert Morris and never had the opportunity to play for Vitale, he said his Titans experience was extraordinary.

Cureton hopes that honoring the past will bode well for the future of Titans basketball.

"When they said they wanted to do this, I was more than willing to extend myself to try and make sure it happened," Cureton said. "I know how special it was playing here. And I get tired of everyone talking about Michigan and Michigan State and knowing that we had a great tradition here at the University of Detroit as well. Now people will get a chance to see some of the things we accomplished over that time."

"We just want to have a memorable day and to try and pass what we did on to these young players right now here at U-D. I think it would be good for them to see what college is all about. Remembering your college experiences and being able to maintain friendships and camaraderie over the years of playing in college."

"It's rare for all this to happen after 40 years, so I'm excited to see all these guys," he added. "It's going to be a fun night."

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Shamrocks' golf quartet features one-of-a-kind talents

Two-time defending Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys golf team sending four to collegiate ranks

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They might be considered high school golf's version of the Four Tops.

But make no mistake, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Ben Smith, James Piot, Sean Niles and Sean Sooch can make sweet sounds on a golf course the way the famous vocal quartet performed during their hey day in Motown.

The four were among 20 CC athletes who were recognized Wednesday morning as part of the school's national signing day festivities.

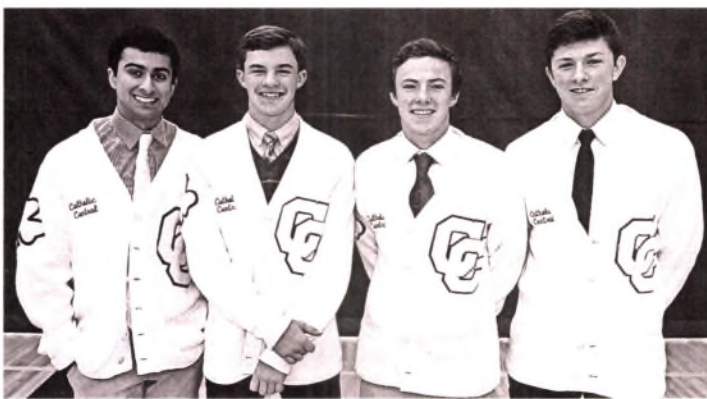
And while football usually dominates the program, it's undeniable that this class of four senior golfers can make their own soulful music and take over the main stage.

As the Shamrocks bid for their third consecutive MHSAA Division I state championship this spring, the four have already been penciled in to play at the next level.

Smith, the 2016 Michigan Junior Amateur champion, is headed to Georgia Tech, while Piot is going to Michigan State to join his older brother Glenn. The pair, who tied for fifth individually in last year's state finals at Grand Valley State, signed NCAA letters of intent with their respective schools in November.

Niles, meanwhile, is headed to Oakland University on a golf scholarship, while Sooch will be a preferred walk-on at Grand Valley State.

"It's just great to be able to do this event with all the people from CC that are going to the colleges," said Smith, who was a regional medalist last year. "Some people actually signed today, so it was awesome being able to be with



Detroit Catholic Central golfers who signed letters of intent Wednesday are (from left) Sean Sooch (Grand Valley State University), Sean Niles (Oakland University), James Piot (MSU) and Ben Smith (Georgia Tech).

them through this time."

Although he started in golf at an early age, Niles is considered a late bloomer.

"I had played since I was 8, but had never played competitively ever," Niles said. "I fell in love with it my freshman year."

His father David was a starting guard on the University of Detroit's basketball team that made the 1979 NCAA Tournament. And Sean thought hoops might be in his future as well.

"Basketball was first coming into high school, it kind of dropped as golf kind of picked itself up," he said.

Niles, who plans to major in economics with a minor in finance, believes Oakland meets his needs both academically and athletically.

"I'm real excited about it in terms of the golf course (Katke Cousins)," said Niles, who lives in Northville. "The golf course is great and coach (Nick) Pum-

ford just came from Michigan. He's a great guy. I'm really excited to work with him for four years. Just the school in general is going to be great."

Sooch, who hails from South Lyon, will join 2016 Michigan Amateur runner-up Domenic Mancinelli, a CC grad himself, at Grand Valley State. In 2015, Sooch qualified for the match play at the Michigan Am.

"I'm looking forward to it, it's going to be a good time," said Sooch, who plans to major in pre-med. "Dom and I are great friends. I love the guy, he's got a great golf swing, did really well in the Michigan Am. I'm looking forward to getting up with him."

Grand Valley also has its own school-operated course, The Meadows, site of last year's Division I state finals.

"The golf course is beautiful, beautiful grass, beautiful landscaping and, of course, I like the coach, coach (Gary) Bissell," Sooch said. "He's awesome."

While Piot and Smith are two of the state's top junior amateurs, Niles and Sooch are not far behind.

"They're really good players," said Smith, who resides in Novi. "Both of them will be going to their school and I think they'll immediately able to be one of the top guys of their team. And I think that with them for this year we're going to have another stellar team and be able to make a run at the state championship again."

Added Piot, who resides in Canton: "They're both solid players, they both make solid contributions to the team. Niles can definitely go low, Sooch as well. So it's about how well they play this year. I think that's a big factor for us winning another state championship. It's key."

The foursome hopes to feed off each other throughout the upcoming high school season.

"Like my coach says, having those guys on my team, having that competition, it really brings everyone else's game up to the highest ability," Sooch said.

The quartet, meanwhile, have developed a friendly rivalry.

"I like to fight with them, I like to compete," Niles said with a smile. "I came in my freshman year and hadn't even played competitive golf and those guys were kind of the driving force to keep my going."

Added Piot: "Everyone on the team is competitive with each other. Our starting four or five, everyone battles it out every tournament."

And Smith would not disagree. "We're always competing to see who goes lowest," he said.

So who is the longest hitter off the tee among the four?

"I'd have to say myself," Smith said with a smirk. "It's close, but I don't think they're as far as I do."

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Prepare properly for any kind of job interview

BY MARY LORENZ
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Congratulations: You landed a job interview. Now you can sit back and relax until it's time to show up, right? Not necessarily. Nailing the interview isn't just about what you say and how you act; it's also about what you do beforehand.

Keep in mind, however, that interviews can vary in format and style, so it's important to prepare accordingly. Career experts share these tips for preparing for the most common types of job interviews.

One-on-one, in-person interview

In-person interviews are typically reserved for candidates who are serious contenders for the position and are used to determine if the job seeker has the right skills and experience. Typically, it is conducted by the manager with whom the job candidate will be working.

How to prepare: Research the company and the position as much as possible. "The biggest interview slip-up is not knowing about the organization," says Diane Domeyer, executive director of The Creative Group, a staffing agency that specializes in digital, marketing and creative talent. "Uncovering beyond-the-ba-



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sics knowledge of the job and company will help you better communicate specific ways you can be of value." Domeyer also suggests preparing answers for common interview questions, as well as your own questions. "This reinforces your interest in the position and company while providing you with useful information that can help you determine if the job is a good fit."

Phone interview

Phone interviews are often used as a screening measure before an in-person interview. "While the in-person interview may focus more on the details of the job, how you'll fit into the company and your questions about the position, a phone interview will likely focus more on getting to know you, your skills and your background," says Susan

Joyce, a job-search expert and chief blogger for Work Coach Cafe.

How to prepare: "My best advice for a phone interview is to treat it like a face-to-face interview," says Geoff Scott, a career adviser at Resume Companion. "Don't do it reclining in your favorite easy chair or on your bed. Find a quiet place where you can concentrate, take notes and lay out the necessary documents." Scott also recommends getting dressed and sitting up straight, which will "help get you in the right mindset for an interview."

Panel interview

"A panel interview sounds scary and official, but you won't be facing a Spanish Inquisition-like panel of judges," Joyce says. A panel interview typically involves fielding questions from two or three people at once, such as your potential manager, a human resources representative and a peer.

How to prepare: Much like you would for a one-on-one interview, do your research on the company before the interview and learn what you can about each interviewer, Joyce says. Be prepared for a little chaos, too. "Think of this interview as more of a conversation between the group. The interviewers may

interrupt each other, but that's OK. You can always ask them to repeat themselves." Joyce also recommends making eye contact with everyone in the room when you respond to questions "so you're engaging the group, not just whoever asked the question."

Video/Skype interview

Video or Skype is often used to interview candidates for remote or freelance work or to talk to candidates in different geographic locations before inviting them to on-site interviews.

How to prepare: Conduct a test run of your equipment with a friend to make sure everything is working properly. "You'd be surprised by how often technology gets in the way during online interviews," Scott says. During the interview, remember to look at the camera, which will give the appearance of eye contact. "If you keep looking at yourself on the monitor, it gives the interviewer a feeling that you're distracted and not focused on the interview," Scott says.

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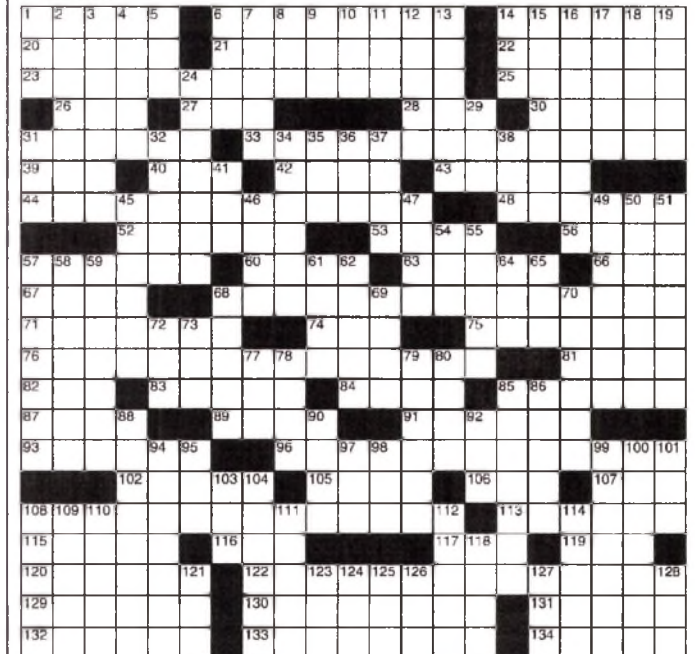
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 - 27 Albany hrs.
 - 28 ABBR. on a pay stub
 - 30 One of King Lear's daughters
 - 31 Most like Solomon
 - 33 STRIKE DWELLING
 - 39 ... buy 'em!
 - 40 Gambling place, briefly
 - 42 Planted "pet"
 - 43 "Für ..." (Beethoven favorite)
 - 44 HUDSON OCTET
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 - 62 Student's dissertation
 - 53 Country's McEntire
 - 56 Wyatt of the Old West
 - 57 Hector
 - 60 "Mona —"
 - 63 Makes match up
 - 68 Pasty luau fare
 - 67 Skating rink shape
 - 68 PERFORM ZERO
 - 71 In a strict way
 - 74 Bowline sound
 - 75 Global divide
 - 76 NEGATIVE LEVY
 - 81 Tomb-raiding Croft
 - 82 Suffix of pasta names
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 - 85 "Sim Shady" rapist
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 - 19 Wife of Dick Cheney
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 - 29 N.J. neighbor
 - 31 Pan for stirring
 - 32 Ex-froshes
 - 34 Strands
 - 35 Summer
 - 36 Puff piece?
 - 37 Actor Bert in a lion suit
 - 38 Footballer
 - 41 City transport
 - 45 And others, in Latin
 - 46 Grain storer
 - 47 See 72-Down
 - 49 El — (peak in California)
 - 50 Mined find
 - 51 Clever adage
 - 54 Parly abbr. about drinks
 - 55 Append
 - 57 Certain wind musician
 - 58 Of flight technology
 - 59 Music of Scott Joplin
 - 61 Highway ng
 - 62 Paris of nerve cells
 - 64 — au vin
 - 65 Good name for a chef?
 - 68 Bob of folk
 - 69 Country in West Africa
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 - 103 R&D center
 - 104 Bursts forth
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 - 109 Make thrilled
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 - 111 Brother, in Breast
 - 112 Between, in Breast
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85 "SIM SHADY" RAPIST
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FORD USES SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AD, NEW FORDHUB IN NEW YORK CITY, TO ADVANCE CREDIBILITY IN MOBILITY



By Dale Buss

Ford is both narrowcasting and broadcasting its brand in new ways with the opening of its first FordHub experiential center in the World Trade Center in New York City -- and in releasing its pre-kickoff TV ad for Super Bowl Sunday that will reach America's largest annual audience.

The automaker typically takes out a big TV ad just before the Big Game, not during it, and that tradition will go unchanged this year just before the start of the broadcast of Super Bowl LI on Fox on February 5. Only this

time, Ford won't be touting the latest built-tough version of its F Series pickup trucks or the latest iteration in its SUV fleet: Ford will be advertising the future.

In 90-second ad under the "Go Further" positioning that Ford has used for a few years, the brand will, indeed, go further than ever before in laying out its vision of a future that is based not just on selling cars, trucks and utility vehicles to individuals, companies and government entities but also on "mobility services" including ride sharing, bike sharing and self-driving cars.

"Those close to the auto industry know what we are doing at Ford about mobility services, but those who aren't close to it may not be thinking about Ford in that way yet," Chantel Lenard, director of

US marketing for the Ford brand, told me. "The ad shows things that we're working on now all the way into the future. That's how we're connecting the pieces -- through advertising."

"It's a massive opportunity to show this ad right before the Super Bowl, a unique opportunity to share what we're thinking about the future. Customers are counting on us to think not only of solutions for today but for the future also and making their lives simpler and better."

The ad showcases moments in which people have become "stuck" in life, including a lone skier stuck on a chair lift that has gone immobile high over trees and the ski hill, some kids playing basketball when the ball gets stuck up on the rim, and a guy with his car stuck in a snowbank. "No one likes being stuck," the voice over says, convincingly.

Then the ad pivots to how "Ford is developing new ways to help you through life ... faster ... easier ... better ... today and tomorrow." The ad characters get out of their predicaments, some -- such as the snowbound motorist whose car is towed to traction by a Ford pickup truck -- with the explicit help of Ford products. The Ford assists include someone on a Ford-branded bicycle and an urban denizen who gets picked up by a Ford-branded van.

"We're going further so you can," the ad concludes. "Ride sharing ... Electric vehicles ... Bike sharing ... Self-driving cars."



Ford wants to bring manageability to future mobility.

Actually, Ford's strong recent pivot aimed at becoming a leader in the burgeoning mobility-services space, as well as in self-driving cars and electric vehicles, reflects a strong strand of thinking that today's executives trace all the way back to Henry Ford himself.

And no less than Elena Ford, his great-great-granddaughter, told me that the new Ford ad "would put a smile on his face."

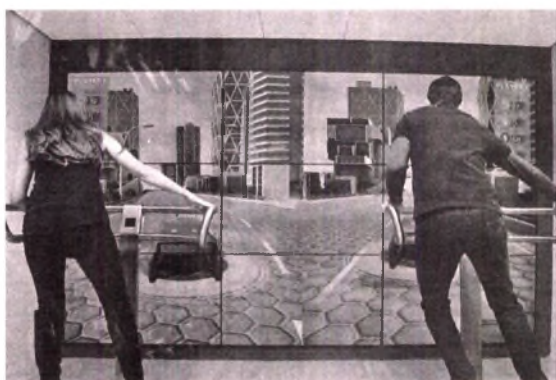
"He was a pioneer of innovation and he was always one who challenged convention, and was always thinking ahead."

In that regard, Ford also just opened its first FordHub "interactive brand-experience studio" in the Westfield World Trade Center in New York City. FordHub is designed to highlight the ways in which Ford is evolving into an auto and mobility company and to inspire

visitors to think about the future of transportation via imagination and dialogue.

Guests at the FordHub will be able to explore a world map to see how near-term mobility advancements will play a pivotal role in the City of Tomorrow, a futuristic exhibit that Ford unveiled at the 2017 North American International Auto Show earlier this month. There's also a mobility map that "tracks the pulse of New York City" with a dashboard of real-time traffic information for commuters, including trains, ferries and alerts.

In the Last Mile Challenge experience, guests stand on "wobbleboards" and race through a futuristic world using every means of transportation," as Ford put it in a news release, from autonomous cars to e-bikes, earning tokens for each mobility decision they make.



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