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Ex-Westland cop charged in death

Florida police suspect he shot bar employee

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A former Westland police officer has been charged with murder in Florida after police there say he shot and killed a bar employee.

According to a statement from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in Florida, Brian P. Mytych, 43, has been charged with first-degree murder in connection to an event that



Mytych

took place at a bar in Oldsmar, Fla., a community outside Tampa. Police in Florida say they were called to Hennessy's Bar and Grill in the city early Wednesday morning on the report of an armed person in the bar. When police arrived, they found the victim, 33-year-old David Brown, an employee of the bar, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The man was pronounced dead

at the scene, according to the release.

Mytych was inside the bar at the time police arrived and police say he admitted to shooting the victim. He was taken into custody without incident, was interviewed and later arrested.

Police say bar employees had barred Mytych from coming to the bar back on Feb. 6, after calling the police when Mytych had become involved in a physical altercation with Brown. Officers were called to the bar to deal with the incident Feb. 6 and Mytych was

arrested for disorderly conduct.

Police say Mytych returned to the bar early Wednesday morning, but was told to leave because of the trespass order from the week before. Police say he left the bar and later returned, shooting Brown with a handgun. Police say Mytych told the bar's patrons to leave the bar and then called 9-1-1 himself.

Westland police say Mytych was a former police officer in the city, though his employment ended several months ago.

"Brian Mytych had worked for the Westland Police Department for several years. Approximately two years ago, he left because of an off-duty medical issue. Because of his off-duty medical issue, he was no longer able to perform his duties as a police officer," the statement read. "Approximately three months ago, his employment was officially terminated with the Westland Police Department for this reason."

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The Garden City Kmart in busier times.

FIRST KMART CLOSING PROMPTS MEMORIES

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There were always three particular points of pride when it came to Garden City businesses: the first Little Caesars opened on Cherry Hill at Venoy in 1959; the first Kmart opened in March 1962 on Ford at Middlebelt; and the first enclosed McDonald's opened on Middlebelt, south of Ford, in 1966.

Now, that first Kmart store, a traditional anchor of Garden City's downtown shopping district, is in the process of closing. Clearance sales are underway as the store and a number of other Kmarts, including Westland, are closing as the once thriving retail chain struggles financially.

News of the store closing prompted lots of nostalgia from current and former Garden City residents who shopped and worked at the store over the years.

Memories

Norah Fix remembers the date the original Kmart store opened at Ford and Middlebelt in Garden City: March 1, 1962.

"I got married on March 3, 1962. I got every Blue Light Special that they had. They would announce the Blue Light Special for what they had on special. People had to go hurry up and get it," Fix said.

A lifelong Garden City resident, Fix and her late



husband Greg rented her parents' house on Krauter, near St. Raphael Catholic Church, after they were married. "I bought 13 blankets (at Kmart). It was the bloody coldest day of the year. I don't remember all the other stuff I bought, but I remember 13 blankets," she said.

The couple met while working at Garden City Hospital — Fix was a nurse and her husband was an X-ray technician. "I was definitely a regular Kmart shopper. I'd get the kids in the buggy. They had a place to eat," she said. "It was

the closest place to shop. I don't want to go over to Target. I'm sad Macy's is closing. When they closed the restaurant, I missed the Maurice salad. I miss the hot fudge from Sanders — Macy's had it."

Future spouses

Joe Bandy commented that not only does the closing of the store come as a complete surprise, but it's very sad because it is the place where he and his wife met.

Bandy was 20 when he hired as a loss control agent at

the Garden City Kmart store in February 1997 — basically he patrolled the store looking for shoplifters. His future wife Kristin, then 18, was hired the following month as a cashier.

"She didn't know I was an employee, as I dressed as a

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Library expansion plans moving ahead

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Plans for a 6,500-square-foot expansion to Westland's Faust Library are moving forward with an eye on being open by the end of the year.

The project, budgeted at \$3.2 million, calls for an addition to the southwest area of the 25,400-square-foot building, which opened in 1996 on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren.

"The plans are fairly set. It hasn't gone out to bid yet, so it's a little early to say it's all set," Library Board President Mark Neal said. "The floor plan as presented is very agreeable."

That floor plan, utilizing input from a patron survey, includes new quiet study areas, a reorganization to improve flow in the library and an expansion of the children's area.

"The library kept growing inside the walls. The rooms that had been used for individual quiet study and group study weren't available. All those quiet areas for study just went away for other uses," Neal said. "We didn't realize until we did the survey."

It also became obvious, he said, that the library was moving more to e-services such as e-books and access to the Internet through library computers. "Especially with the economic downturn, there were people who had no Internet access at home," Neal said.

The project was initially budgeted at \$4 million. Working with Plante Moran CRESA, Neal said efficiencies were found that brought the total to \$3 million with \$200,000 budgeted for contingencies.

The plan is to fund the project with a short-term five-year bond. "The library will be able to make the payments from their budget and surplus (fund)," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "They have five

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A rendering of the planned addition to Westland's Faust Library.



Another view of the planned addition to the library.



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years left on a ten-year millage. The goal is to get it funded before the millage expires. Paying for the project over five years allows the library to maintain a rainy day fund."

The library is hoping to break ground in two months, Neal said, with the project to be completed by the end of the year or possibly early January 2018.

Spring will also bring the completion of landscaping and other remaining work on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road. Part of that project will be the addition of a walking path from Central City Parkway to the Veterans Memorial Garden Of Westland located west of the library.

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casual shopper to catch shoplifters. On a particular day I was walking by her register (No. 3) and she summoned me over: 'Hey, come here real quick,' she said. I walk into her register line and basically say 'yes,'" said Bandy. "She then says, 'Do you have 35 cents I can borrow?'"

Bandy said he reached into his pocket and gave her 50 cents and walked away. But she called him back. "She then says, 'Wait, can you purchase this pack of Rolos for me? I'm not allowed to buy my own stuff because loss prevention will fire me,'" said Bandy, who purchased the candy for her.

After the transaction was complete, he said she thanked him, asked his name and what he was doing shopping at Kmart. "I then say, 'My name is Joe and you're fired. I am loss control



The original Kmart, opened in 1962, is closing.

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here.' Her face turned beet red as I laughed walking away."

Joe and Kristin would up happily married in 2010 — the couple had a 5-year-old Carter at the time and were expecting a second child at the time of the wedding. After their wedding ceremony and reception, the couple and their wedding party made a stop at the Garden City Kmart store. The groomsmen included former and current store loss prevention specialists.

"We are still happily married and living in Garden City today," Bandy said.

Bandy's best man at his wedding was Anthony Skolarus, a former loss prevention officer and by then Garden City Police officer.

"So many great memories from this store. First off, I can remember visiting the Garden City Kmart as a young kid with my grandma. As the first store and staple in Garden City, I couldn't wait to peruse the toy section and cafeteria as a young kid," Skolarus said. "Having the opportunity to work there as a loss prevention officer prior to starting my law enforcement career, I learned a lot about retail crimes, specifically retail fraud and embezzlement, which I still apply



Joe and Kristin Bandy with children Carter and Kendall in 2016.

in some aspects of my career today."

Like many, Skolarus said he hates to see this store close. "I hope whatever replaces it will continue to serve the visitors and residents of Garden City while positively impacting the downtown district," he said. "Whatever that business may be, I'll always see the first Kmart when passing through the Ford and Middlebelt intersection."

Family fun

Former Westland mayor and current 18th District Judge Sandra Ferrence Cicirelli grew up in Garden City with eight siblings and has memories of the first Kmart store.

"We went to that store

since I was a kid. I remember going there with my brother Gary when we were 10 or 12 years old," Cicirelli said. "We rode our bikes to the Garden City Kmart. We had saved our money for a picture of an outside farm scene for our mother. We had a heck of time getting it home with our bikes."

Her mother still has the picture hanging in her home, Cicirelli said, valuing it as a gift from her children.

"I grew up with that Kmart. All of our Christmas trees came from there. People will miss that store," she added.

Causes of decline

Word of the closing also prompted people to take to Facebook to post

comments. Some people shared memories while others speculated the causes for the store declining, including empty store shelves, stores not kept very clean, competition with online retailers and general incompetence from top corporate management.

"It'll also say that closing the flagship store, store #1 shows just how they don't care about their history or anything else. There's plenty of other stores that could have been closed, #1 should be at the bottom of the list for possible closings, just on principle," one post read.

Another posted, "So sad. Sadly Kmart is going to go down under due to neglecting their stores. Went to this store while in Michigan five years ago and couldn't believe that it looked like a flea market inside. Sears ultimately killed the Kmart brand by letting their stores fall apart."

"It's a shame. I worked there in the auto service center from '92 until late 2000. That store used to be slammed everyday. Don't what happened. Business slowly dwindled. It was sad to see the service center close and now the store. Lots of memories there," read another.

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John Glenn Scholars celebrate successful semester

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

It does indeed take a village to raise a child, as the proverb says, and the city of Westland came out in force last week to show support for the children of their community at the John Glenn Scholars Celebration on Feb. 8.

Close to 600 people gathered at the Hellenic Cultural Center to celebrate student success as cheers of celebration mixed with tears of joy for students who met — and in some cases, exceeded — their goal of improving their grades.

Applause also filled the air as 182 students in grades 9-12 received prizes in the form of a \$200 check, awarded to them for achieving their personal goal of raising their grade-point average by at least one-half percentage point or more.

"It is unbelievable. I am so proud of these kids and their accomplishments," said Glenn Shaw Jr, who along with his wife Patty sponsors the John Glenn Scholars program.

Now entering its third semester, the John Glenn Scholars program is modeled after another Wayne Westland Schools program — Wayne Memorial High School's successful "Champions of Wayne," which began in 2008 and is funded by school alumni.

Aimed at bolstering student achievement, the program pairs students with mentors within the community. Students, parents and mentors sign a semester-long contract detailing their commitment toward raising the student's GPA by one-half percentage point. If the goal is met, the student receives \$200.

Students are eligible to enroll in the program



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Westland John Glenn senior T'Mando Denson speaks with Glenn Shaw on Feb. 8 at the Champions of John Glenn banquet at Westland's Hellenic Cultural Center. Mentors and their students were recognized for their hard work in advancing the high school's students that night. Shaw and his wife Patty are sponsors of the Champions program.

"It is unbelievable. I am so proud of these kids and their accomplishments."

GLENN SHAW JR., who along with his wife Patty sponsors the John Glenn Scholars program.

and commit to raising their grades each semester that they are enrolled in the school, said Shaw, a Canton Township resident.

"The whole program is set up to inspire students to achieve over the course of their high school career and beyond," he said.

The program does more than provide students with a financial incentive to meet academic goals, said Wayne Westland Community Schools Superintendent Michele Harmala. It also provides additional support for those students who may need it.

"The students speak about the fact that the monetary incentive got them interested in the program. Then they say the relationship with their mentor and their learning and growth kept them in the program," she said.

As students work to achieve their goals over the course of the semester, the motivation shifts as they move from an extrinsic motivation to an intrinsic motivation, Harmala said.

John Glenn school psychologist Lou Przybylski, who co-directs the program, said that while students acknowl-



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Westland School District Superintendent Michele Harmala speaks with her mentee Sydney Caruso at the Champions of John Glenn Banquet on Feb. 9. Harmala has been mentoring Sydney for the last three semesters and Caruso was to speak at the gathering that night.

edge that it was initially the \$200 that drew them to enroll in the program, most find that their "efforts were motivated by a personal desire to excel."

Przybylski shared the story of a senior who was able to increase her semester GPA more than two full points, moving from 1.9 to a 4.0.

"She talked about the motivation by the incredible support she felt and the care and concern for her success by the school and those within the community," he said, "She wanted to achieve her potential and with the support of her parents and her mentor, and at this point in her life she was able to pull it together."

He credits the mentor element of the program with a large part of its success, and said "If we all look back at our lives

we can identify important mentors — people who provided guidance and support when we needed it."

The mentors originate from the school and others throughout the community, he said, and include everyone from teachers, custodians, school administration, police officers and even the mayor's office.

Working with a student navigating his path to success was both a challenging and rewarding experience for Mayor William Wild, who recently completed a second semester as a mentor.

"I had a student that did not meet his goal the first attempt and I felt like I let him down," said Wild, describing his vested interest in his mentee's achievement.

The two persevered through the next semes-

ter, and the student "found the motivation to be successful," Wild said, "I am proud of him."

In addition to rewards, the program also provides some valuable life lessons for students, Harmala said.

"Students are learning the process of goal setting," as well as the excitement and disappointment of goal attainment — or lack of," she said, and students' engagement in school and their belief in themselves as learners increases through involvement in the programs

There has also been a benefit to the school as an institution, Przybylski said.

"This has created greater cohesiveness in the school; it is a large effort and everyone is working together to make it happen," he said, adding that it has been hugely popular with students.

"This is the largest program in the whole school in terms of school affiliation," he said.

The program continues to grow each semester, Shaw said, citing the 580 students that signed contacts in the fall.

Shaw said it is the support shown by the Westland community, such as the t-shirts for John Glenn Scholars members to wear to school every Monday that are provided by a local business that make the program a success.

"People like Tom and Cindy Fry of Fantastic Sam's who gave us the t-shirts — all the support and concern from community members filters through to the students. They feel it and it helps move them ahead," he said.

Still, he said, "The kids are the ones working. We are a tool to help them turn their lives around."

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House garage catches fire in Livonia

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A fire that broke out over the weekend in the Quakertown subdivision of Livonia has been ruled accidental.

Livonia firefighters were called at about 1 p.m. Sunday to a home in the 38000 block of Meeting House Lane, which is located near Six Mile and Haggerty, over the weekend. Keith Bo, fire marshal for the Livonia Fire Department, said the fire started in the garage and was burning through the structure by the time firefighters got there.

"Flames were visible out of the garage when our fire crews pulled up," he said.

No injuries were reported, Bo said, though there were residents inside the home when the fire began. They were able to get out of the home when the fire began, he said.

"They smelled smoke and evacuated," he said.

While the garage at the home was a total loss, Bo said fire crews



DAVID VESELENAK
A fire that started in a garage at this home in the 38000 block of Meeting House Lane in Livonia has been deemed accidental.

reacted quickly to try and save the rest of the home.

"Our fire crews did a very aggressive fire attack and saved the house," he said.

The remainder of the house only sustained smoke and water damage from the incident.

Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead, speaking during the Livonia City Council's study meeting Monday night, said the cause of the fire was some leftover ashes from a

fire in the fireplace the night before. Those ashes were placed in a paper bag and then put into a plastic garbage can in the garage.

"There, it probably smoldered for a little bit, got enough oxygen and ignited the paper bag first, and then whatever the contents were inside the garbage can," he said.

"The garbage can is plastic, so it's fuel as well. So it begins to melt and break down, it's also flammable. From there, the garage is loaded with different types of material, combustibles, flammable liquids and so on.

"So it didn't take long for it to obviously spread very quickly."

Whitehead said those individuals looking to dispose of ashes from a fireplace should try and place them into a metal trash can with a lid and preferably outdoors.

Bo said fire investigators have ruled the fire as accidental and closed the investigation.

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WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Cars broken into

Westland police were dispatched the morning of Feb. 12 to a residence in the 3800 block of Maes on the report of several vehicles that had been broken into.

A victim said it appeared two vehicles parked in her driveway were broken into the night before. The resident said one vehicle was unlocked and nothing appeared missing; although it was clear the car had been rummaged through. The second vehicle was locked but she said there was no damage to the vehicle's doors, handles or windows. She said her purse remained in the car, but her wallet was missing.

Vehicle keyed

Police were called the evening of Feb. 8 to a residence in the 3200 block of Oscoda on the report of a damaged vehicle.

When police arrived, the vehicle's owner said someone keyed the passenger-side doors of her vehicle. She was only gone from the vehicle for a few hours and came back to find the damage. Police observed a 3-foot scratch on the vehicle.

Credit card compromised

A resident in the 1800 block of Golfview came to the police station Feb. 8 to report fraudulent activity on his credit card.

He said he looked at his credit card statement last month and noticed several charges for an item in San Francisco. The next day, he was reimbursed for the whole amount, but then noticed a charge from nike.com that he did not authorize. He said he has been in possession of his credit card the entire time. He had already contacted his credit card company and had it canceled.

Exhaust cut

Police were called Monday morning to a residence in the 7400 block of Randy on the report of an exhaust pipe on a vehicle that had been cut.

The victim said it appeared someone cut off the exhaust earlier that morning while it was parked in front of the residence. No suspect information was available.

Rock thrown at home

Police were called the afternoon of Feb. 10 to a home in the 1900 block of Ackley on the report that someone threw a rock at the home.

The resident told police someone had thrown a rock within the last hour at her home, breaking a window. No suspect information was available.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

REDFORD POLICE BRIEFS

Police find funny money

A man arrested for driving without a license was found carrying suspected counterfeit money in Redford Township early Feb. 2, police said.

His arrest took place just after midnight near Telegraph and Plymouth roads after an officer pulled him over because the vehicle he was driving had a defective brake light, police said.

According to a Redford Township Police Department report, the man told the officer he did not have a license and at first resisted the officer's attempts to handcuff him. Once he complied and was searched, a crumpled bill with a glossy appearance was found in a pants pocket, police said.

The main told the officer the bill was "motion picture money" and did not have a security strip. He said someone gave him the bill earlier,

police said. Upon searching the vehicle, the officer found more suspected counterfeit cash, two \$50 bills and a \$100 bill, between the vehicle's front passenger seat and center console, the report said. They were similar to the first bill found and had a coating and texture that was not consistent with real money, the officer wrote in the report.

The officer also found a postal box with a receipt in it indicating someone had ordered counterfeit, the police report said.

The man was taken into custody and cited for a defective brake light and driving without a license. A female passenger was arrested for providing a false identity to police.

Improper carrying
A driver with a loaded pistol and an invalid permit to carry it was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon the

night of Feb. 3. Officers pulled the man over just before 10 p.m. Feb. 3 on Telegraph, near Joy Road, because the vehicle had a non-working headlight, a police report said.

The man immediately told an officer that he had a concealed weapons permit and was carrying a pistol on his right hip. When the permit was found to be invalid, the man was arrested and the pistol confiscated, police said.

The suspect was also issued a ticket for a defective headlight.

Home break-ins

» A house on Lola Drive near Beech Daly was ransacked and jewelry, a laptop and a hard drive were reportedly stolen in a daytime burglary Feb. 1.

Police said the house was entered after a window was broken. The complainant told police he secured the house before leaving that morn-

ing for work. » Miscellaneous change was reported stolen from a house on Royal Grand, just south of Plymouth Road, after a break-in Jan. 31 between 9 a.m. and just before 10 p.m., a police report said. A bedroom window had been broken to gain access to the house and a bedroom had been ransacked, police said.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Resident scammed

A resident came to the Livonia police station Thursday to report she was scammed out of several thousands of dollars by someone she had talked to on Facebook.

The 29-year-old woman said she began talking to the suspect after he had acknowledged a comment she made on a Humane Society Facebook page. He later told her several days ago he was being held up by

Malaysian officials at the Kuala Lumpur airport and needed money to get back to the U.S. She made two wire transfers to him totaling more than \$2,100. She said she had not heard from him since and came in to file a police report.

Money found

Livonia police say money originally reported missing from Great Lakes Nails, 37583 Five Mile, turned up at the reporting woman's home and was not missing in

the nail salon. The woman originally reported Feb. 3 to police she was in the nail salon and moved her purse to the handle of her walker. She told police when she got home, she realized the money was not there. After a while, the money was found inside the woman's home and appeared to have not been taken while at the nail salon.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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LIVONIA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MASTER PLAN 30 DAY REVIEW AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department has developed a Five Year Master Plan. The Master Plan serves to address the current and future recreation needs of Livonia residents.

The City of Livonia is providing a draft version of the 2017-2022 Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for public view for a 30 day period. Livonia residents are invited to review and comment on the plan from Monday, Feb. 20 through Tuesday, March 21. The draft of the plan will be available at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr. (City Clerk Desk) and the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard during regular business hours and online <http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us/Departments/ParksandRecreation.aspx>.

Following the 30 day period, a public meeting will take place during the City Council Study Session at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 27 at City Hall. The public meeting will be the final opportunity for comment before City Council adoption and submittal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. For more information, please contact the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 466-2900.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE
CITY OF LIVONIA
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING - 2017

You are hereby notified pursuant to chapter VIII Section 6, of the Charter of Livonia, the Board of Review will conduct Public Hearings on the following dates in the Board of Review Conference Room of the Assessor's Office in the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan and such additional meetings as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll for the year 2017 and hearing any taxpayers deeming themselves aggrieved by the said assessments.

The meetings of the Board of Review provide the only opportunity after March 7, 2017 for property owners to present protests or suggestions relative to the assessed valuation placed on property by the Assessor for the year 2017. Property owners deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessments will have the opportunity to be heard and may obtain further information from the Office of the City Assessor.

Session	Day	Date	Time	Time
First Session	Tuesday	March 7, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
	Thursday	March 9, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
	Friday	March 10, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Second Session	Monday	March 13, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
	Tuesday	March 14, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
	Thursday	March 16, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
	Friday	March 17, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.
	Organizational Meeting	March 9, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 165, Public Acts of 1971, we hereby give notice that the following tentative ratio and multipliers will be used to determine the State Equalized Value (S.E.V.) for the year 2017.

CLASS	RATIO	S.E.V. FACTOR (MULTIPLIER)
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Note: Appointments for the Board of Review may be made beginning Monday, February 20, 2017 by calling the Assessor's Office at 734.466.2220.

Linda Gosselein, Assessor

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Master plan still moving forward

David Veselenak
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It appears that potential firms looking to help craft Livonia's first master plan in several decades will get their opportunity later this spring.

That's because the city council has begun reviewing the process for the request for proposals looking at creating the comprehensive master plan for the city and its future with development.

The RFPs are expected to go out later this spring. From there, the city will consider the proposals and decide on going with a company to help create the city's first such master plan since 1985.

"This has been something that has been a subject matter for quite a few years," council vice president Brandon Kritzman said. "It has taken a few forms over that time."

The council discussed the plan moving forward on the RFP during a pair of committee meetings Feb. 8. The possibility of a



Work continues on putting together a new comprehensive master plan for the city.

FILE PHOTO

new master plan in the city has been something that's been discussed publicly since at least last summer.

The plan will be a completely different one from the Livonia Tomorrow plan, which held several public visioning

sessions back in 2013 and had money budgeted for implementation, but was not completed. Planning Director Mark Taormina

said that plan has been ceased in favor of moving forward with a new comprehensive master plan.

The plan is to collect the proposals and vet them before the city's administration would create a recommendation and bring it back to city council.

"We've targeted, and it's very tentative, the end of April as the deadline for submitting the proposals," Taormina said. "There after, we would look, it would probably be a couple of weeks ... in terms of actually vetting the proposals."

The council discussed the possible creation of a steering committee overseen by the administration, made up of several members. That committee would expect to include individuals from places such as the city council, the planning commission, the city's school districts, parks and recreation and the business community.

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Police arrest suspect in video game theft case

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Livonia police say they've arrested a man accused of stealing several video game systems from a Livonia store.

Police say Eric Joseph Heineman, 31 of Redford Township, was arrested this past week after being spotted by a witness.

He is accused of taking several Nintendo 2DS gaming systems from the Gameplay store at 29462 Seven Mile in the Livonia Marketplace shopping center. Since his arrest, he was charged with misdemeanor retail fraud in Livonia's 16th District Court.

Livonia police put Heineman's photo on the department Facebook page Feb. 13, although police say a witness called them Feb. 11 and reported seeing the suspect walking in the parking lot near Gameplay. Police say he was arrested in the parking lot of the shopping center after allegedly committing retail fraud at the nearby Kohls, 29580 Seven Mile.

He was given a \$15,000 bond. No online records at the Wayne County Jail listed him as an inmate as of Friday morning.

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Global music choreographed for understanding

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Music performers from around Michigan will share sounds that span the globe at a multi-cultural music concert.

"Rhythms of Our Life: Music that Guides our Faith" is sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships. The free event will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

The concert will feature more than 120 performers sharing songs and messages regarding the impact of music in their culture, offering a unique opportunity to develop a better un-



Gasaway

derstanding of other cultures.

Musicians and dancers from a variety of cultures

will be featured, including Native American, Japanese, Puerto Rican, African, Middle Eastern, Indian, Bangladesh, American Urban and original music from local singer/songwriter Amy Saari, said Rodney Gasaway, minister of Adult Education, Programs & Outreach at Newburg United Methodist Church.

The event is well-timed, Gasaway said.

"In light of everything that is going on, we need

something to bring us together and music is just that," said Gasaway, who also serves as the chair of the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships in Michigan.

"If we come to better understand one another's cultures, it will be easier for us to accept and respect the beliefs of others," he said.

In addition to the interfaith and community groups performing, members of wide variety of religions backgrounds, including Islam, Catholic, Hindu, Buddhist, Methodist, Judaism and others will join in an inter-religious choir.

The event will highlight human similarities

and focus on that which unites us all, Gasaway said.

"Ninety-nine percent of what we feel, do and experience is shared between humans of all races, belief systems and locations," he said, adding that "when you look at religions and truly examine the basic theologies of most religions, we are very similar."

The concert is the third annual event sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships and held at Newburg United. It is also one of many local interfaith events in which Newburg United partici-

pates.

Past events have been centered around interfaith services and have featured pastors, rabbis, Imams and interfaith ministers sharing from the New Testament, the Old Testament and the Koran in a joint message of communal service, and have all been well-received by the community.

"We are very focused on working together for community benefit," Gasaway said.

"If we unite our efforts to help others in the same way that we are united to each other there is no limit to what we can achieve," he said.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to renovate and expand the existing gasoline service station at the property located at 30247 and 30259 Ford Road. Gasoline service stations are a special land use in the C-3 General Business District.

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

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Westland, Michigan 48185
SECTION 00 11 13
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Wayne-Westland Community Schools' 2013 Sinking Fund Project, Bid Package #5B consisting of:

- **Sitework Upgrades at Franklin & Stevenson Middle Schools**

will be received at the office of Dr. David Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director / Business & Operations, Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185, until **11:00 A.M. local time on Tuesday, March 7, 2017** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:
102: Asphalt Paving / Site Concrete

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Builder's Exchange, Lansing and the Reed Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download Bid Documents from **Gradebeam.com** free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the Project documents.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Stevenson Middle School located at 38501 Palmer, Westland, Michigan 48186. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the projects, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have an opportunity to visit the project sites. The pre-bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting, but is highly recommended for bidders to attend.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. In addition, all bids shall include a completed and signed Certification of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act form. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include these executed forms.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

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

These Sitework Upgrade projects are to be bid and the work performed at the prevailing wage rate.

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Spike in addiction deaths spurs official to challenge how problem is treated

MIKE ARGENTO
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who is making a difference to unite, rather than divide, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usatoday.com

When Pam Gay ran for coroner of York County, Pa., heroin wasn't considered a major public health issue.

The number of heroin overdoses had been fairly steady, 10 to 12 a year. But in 2013, the office investigated 17 overdoses, and Gay's chief deputy warned, "I think this may be a problem for us next year."

It was. Not a month after Gay took office, the number of heroin deaths had already exceeded the number from the previous year. "That's when we really knew that we were facing a real problem," she said.

By the end of 2014, her first year in office, 62 people died from heroin overdoses, ranking mostly rural York County sixth among Pennsylvania's 67 counties in per capita heroin deaths.

Gay knew then that her role as coroner would change. In Pennsylvania, coroners are charged with determining the cause and manner of unattended deaths. Medical training is not a prerequisite, but Gay had worked as an emergency department nurse and as an educator.

She also had experience dealing with addicts. Her niece had been addicted to alcohol and crack, and Gay and her husband were drawn into her life, raising her children while she struggled with addiction. It gave her "a different perspective" on the issue, she said. (Her niece has been sober for a decade, and they are very close now.)

Gay set about transforming the coroner's office. She became an advocate for treatment, specifically methadone therapy. She was a leader in the county's heroin task force. She helped bring a needle-exchange program to the county.

And she campaigned to equip police



York County Coroner Pam Gay saw the heroin-related death total spike in 2014. She has since become an advocate for addiction treatment and helps lead the York County Heroin Task Force.

Pam Gay

Location: York County, Pa.

Age: 55

Profession: York County Coroner

Mission: To use her office to combat the opioid epidemic

Q&A WITH PAM GAY

What does it mean to you to be an American?

I am so thankful to be an American. A friend of mine who lives in a less advanced country once reminded me that people do not get to choose where they are born, and many times that simple demographic detail of where one is born can be the factor that determines how long they will live, quality of life and if they will ever enjoy the freedoms that we are afforded simply by being born here.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

Two things: One happened 13 years ago when my husband and I suddenly were caught up in the world of drug and alcohol addiction when we discovered that our niece was an addict. Fast forward to 2014 when I first became coroner, one of our earliest decedents, who died from her heroin addiction, was a young mother of two children who had recently been working hard to get sober. The media picked up on the story, and suddenly our community realized we were in the middle of something unlike anything we had experienced before.

What gives me hope?

People give me hope. Especially all the wonderful people I've met in the three years I've been involved in this effort. People who've lost children and parents, people in recovery from heroin or other opioid addiction who bravely tell their story, people who are leading efforts to help in the rehab/recovery process, elected officials who are trying to learn as much as they can to craft helpful legislation, hospital ED physicians and nurses and law enforcement/EMS/fire departments who administer naloxone during overdose without reservation. All of these people inspire me to keep fighting this fight.

What do I hope to accomplish?

I hope that through our office being so vocal about this issue of heroin and opioid addiction that we would one day see a month, several months, even a year go by without a death from this disease.

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to renovate and expand the existing child care facility at the property located at 5721, 5727, 5731 and 5755 Inkster Road, with proposed expansion on the property located at 5755 Inkster Road. Child care centers are a special land use in the C-1 Local Business District.

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

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**Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Westland, Michigan 48185**

**SECTION 00 11 13
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POST-BID ADDENDUM #1**

Sealed bids for the **RE-BID** of Wayne-Westland Community Schools' 2013 Sinking Fund Project, **Bid Package #5A** consisting of:
- Boiler Room Upgrades at Adams Upper Elementary & Stevenson Middle Schools
- Kitchen Remodeling Project at Wildwood Elementary School

will be received at the office of Dr. David Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director / Business & Operations, Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185, until **11:00 A.M. local time on Tuesday, March 7, 2017** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This **RE-BID** of this Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Division:
140 Plumbing

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Builder's Exchange, Lansing and the Reed Plan Room, Detroit.

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- Bidders may download Bid Documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the Project documents.

There will be no pre-bid meeting. Bidders wishing to visit the buildings may do so between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. All visitors shall check in at the main office of each building to sign in and acquire a visitors badge.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. In addition, all bids shall include a completed and signed Certification of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act form. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include these executed forms.

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**This Boiler Room Upgrade projects are to be bid and the work performed at the prevailing wage rate.
The Kitchen Remodeling projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Davis Bacon Act wage rate.**

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Legato: Participate and be a community

What's the difference in being in the community and being a community? I personally feel it is your level of involvement with your community. There is something to be said about how people tie themselves to a local business and want it to succeed because they know it is more than just a place that has been there awhile. That is the view Bill & Rod's Appliance and Mattress, my family business, has taken when it comes to our community.

For five years now, in the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we have collected



Joe Legato
GUEST COLUMNIST

toys for the Livonia Goodfellows. With this we have engaged the community through social media, our Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube to encourage everyone to help their neighbors. Not only did we invite them to participate, but we thank those who do by paying their sales tax on their purchases. Many who gave toys though were not even purchasing

something that day and just wanted to do good.

Another part of integrating with our community is by encouraging our team to get involved. For example, at our year-end celebration, we had our team bring in non-perishable food items. From there, we split into teams and built a putt-putt golf course with these and other supplies through the store. This was great for team building and rewarding at the same time for our staff. Each person could bring in food for the community that has been taken to Forgotten Harvest in Oak Park. The act of commu-

nity is reciprocal. We not only encourage others to give and serve, but we need to give and serve.

This year we are upping our commitment with our community. On our Facebook page, we have created a list of events at which we give our community a chance to interact and help each other. Many of our cooking events are geared toward providing food for the community. When you bring a non-perishable food item for Forgotten Harvest, you get to participate in the cooking event. We have other paid events at which the proceeds go to local char-

ities, such as the Livonia Education Foundation and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. You will also find sales around patriotic holidays at which portions of each sale will be donated to the Disabled American Veterans to help our vulnerable heroes. Then, of course, we will be bringing back the toy donation box for the Livonia Goodfellows for the sixth year.

As a family business, it is not just about being "in" a community, but it is about being "a" community with our neighbors. Being a community is a responsibility that

should not be taken lightly, and I encourage all business owners to take a step back and look to see where they can be of service to their community. To quote Henry David Thoreau, "One is not born into this world to do everything but to do something." As a local business, I am not asking you to do everything, but I am asking you to do something. What can you do to make your community stronger?

Joe Legato is third-generation owner of Bill & Rod's Appliance and Mattress in Livonia and a graduate of Northwood University.

Salon Trinity, hair stylists join forces to help pups

Salon Trinity of Livonia is joining together with hair stylists at eight salons in the area to collect donations for the homeless and at-risk dog population.

There is an overwhelming amount of dogs left outside in the cold, chained up or running loose in the streets of Detroit that need help. There are simply not enough resources, funding, rescue workers, foster homes or people who are willing to adopt. Many of the rescue groups are supported solely through donations and fundraising efforts. In an effort to raise money and collect donations to meet the needs of two dog rescue groups in the metro Detroit area, Detroit Dog Rescue and Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue, an organizational movement called Warm Hearts for Warm Paws was created.

Gifts in any amount and supplies of any kind are appreciated (cat food is also being accepted). Donations are being collected through March 10.

The donation wish list includes:

- » monetary donations (cash or checks payable to rescue group)
- » adult dry dog food
- » senior dry dog food
- » Kirkland/Costco brand adult dry dog food
- » Kirkland/Costco brand senior dry dog food

- » canned Pedigree chicken and rice adult food
- » canned Pedigree chicken and rice puppy food
- » Pill Pockets dog treats
- » large Nylabones
- » medium and large Kong Toys
- » medium, large and extra large collars
- » Jolly Balls
- » large rope toys
- » durable dog toys
- » paper towels
- » septic-safe toilet paper
- » Lysol disinfectant
- » heavy-duty mop heads
- » bleach
- » liquid Lysol cleaner
- » clean or new light blankets
- » clean or new towels
- » sponges
- » Neosporin
- » scent-free liquid laundry detergent

For the community's convenience, donations can be dropped off at any of the participating salons:

Brighton Salon: True Salon (810-229-4247)

Livonia Salons: Ideal Skin and Body (734-744-9595); Salon Trinity of Livonia (734-591-5955); V Salon and Spa (734-542-7777)

Novi Salon: Diamond Cuts Salon (248-305-9009)

Plymouth Salons: Adira Salon and Spa (734-420-0052); Q Hair Studio (734-927-6690)

West Bloomfield Salon: Fringe Salon (248-539-2211)

Brighton Salon: True Salon (810-229-4247)

Women use film to combat body shaming

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

Genoa Township working moms Jordyn Sellek's and Erin McKenzie's battles with body shaming inspired them to tentatively line up a one-night-only screening of a documentary that explores women's relationships with their bodies and self-esteem.

A screening of the documentary "Embrace" is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 22 at the MJR Brighton Towne Square Digital Cinema 20 in Brighton. The screening will only happen if enough people reserve tickets in advance.

"Even at the thinnest I've ever been, I still wasn't happy and wished I had a six pack or my arms look better in this shirt," Sellek, an executive director for Conference of Western Wayne, said.

Despite regular exercise and good eating habits, she said her body mass index labels her overweight. Although she does not think of herself that way, it has been difficult to stop negative thoughts from creeping in.

"You're always looking for something to pick apart," she said.

Erin McKenzie, a realtor with the MI Home Team at Keller Williams Brighton, said she had always been naturally thin until her 18-month-old son came along.

"I'd be asked if I'm anorexic or ill, and I've been criticized for being too thin. It's embarrass-



A promotional photo pictures Australian documentary director, author and body image activist Taryn Brumfitt. Two Genoa Township women are organizing a one-night-only screening of her film "Embrace" 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at MJR Brighton Towne Square Digital Cinema 20

ing. Your body shape is not something that should be questioned no matter what size you are," she said, also saying that her post-baby body has her "chasing a size-4 that doesn't exist anymore."

"Embrace" is a 2016 Australian documentary by body image activist and author Taryn Brumfitt, who traveled for two years to interview women of different walks of life, shapes and sizes. It claims 91% of women hate their bodies, whether their shame is related to weight, changes after childbirth,

aging, medical afflictions or other factors.

The documentary "follows Taryn's crusade as she explores the global issue of body loathing, inspiring us to change the way we feel about ourselves and think about our bodies," a release on the Brighton screening states.

The official trailer for "Embrace" is available on YouTube on the Body-ImageMovement chan-

nel. There is some nudity in the trailer and film, which is not rated and best suited for a mature audience.

"There is one part when (Brumfitt) tears up after interviewing two women who had mastectomies," Sellek said. "It's things like, you're still happy you survived cancer, but your body is not how it used to be. Why would we do that to ourselves?"

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned in the Township of Redford by the Redford Township Police Department and are to be sold, as is, at open auction on Saturday, the 25TH day of FEBRUARY, 2017, at North Redford Towing, 25215 Glendale, Redford, MI 48239. Vehicles can be viewed on the auction date. Registered owners will be allowed to pick up their vehicles prior to the start of the auction. Check www.nrtowing.com for the current list.

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2001	CHEVROLET	4D	1Y1SK5281Z1419650	PRISM	ARREST	1700078	4
2000	TOYOTA	4D	4T1BG22K4YU971839	CAMRY	ARREST	1700087	5
1999	DODGE	SW	1B4HR28Y2XF552859	DURANGO	ARREST	1700105	6
2001	FORD	4D	1FAFP552X1G246842	TAURUS	ARREST	1700106	7
2000	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3NL52E2YC402907	ALERO	ARREST	1700163	8
2004	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3EL46X94N109112	SEBRING	ACCIDENT	1700165	9
2005	CHEVROLET	SW	2CNDL23F256184887	EQUINOX	ACCIDENT	1700201	10
1998	HONDA	2D	1HGEGJ8247WL113986	CIVIC	ARREST	1700204	11
1997	FORD	SW	1FMCU24E5VUD01684	EXPLORER	ARREST	1700241	12
2002	FORD	SW	1FMYU04132KC37305	ESCAPE	ABANDONED	1700253	13
1999	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDX03E6XD274575	VENTURE	ARREST	1700262	14
1998	FORD	SW	1FTRE1465WHA97817	ECONOLINE	ARREST	1700291	15
2005	DODGE	SW	1D4GP24R15B312535	GRAND CARAVAN	ARREST	1700302	16
2006	LINCOLN	4D	3LNHM26176R662293	MKX	ACCIDENT	1700303	17
2005	JAGUAR	4D	SAJWA79C55SG35731	XJ	ACCIDENT	1700322	18
2000	4D	4D	2G1WF55E2Y9209261	IMPALA	ABANDONED	1700329	19
2000	FORD	4D	1FAFP3835YW165871	FOCUS	ARREST	1700363	20
2002	FORD	2D	1FMCU70EX2UB48640	EXPLORER	ABANDONED	1700377	21
2008	BUICK	4D	2G4WD582181292903	LACROSSE	ACCIDENT	1700412	22
2008	TOYOTA	4D	5TDZK23C38S146727	SIENNA	ARREST	1700437	23
2004	LINCOLN	SW	5LMEU88H24ZJ41293	NAVIGATOR	ABANDONED	1700449	24
2002	BUICK	4D	1G4HR54K82U251485	LESABRE	ARREST	1700455	25
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2001	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM55S81G647453	SABLE	ACCIDENT	1700489	27
2005	FORD	2D	1ZVFT80N755259958	MUSTANG	ARREST	1700529	28
2004	CHRYSLER	SW	2C8GM68434R378840	PACIFICA	ABANDONED	1700550	29
2001	FORD	4D	1FAFP55261G249804	TAURUS	ABANDONED	1700554	30
1995	MITSUBISHI	4D	4A3AJ46G6SE054662	GALANT	ABANDONED	1700631	31
2002	PONTIAC	4D	1GMDU03E72D243342	MONTANA	ABANDONED	1700670	32
1996	SATURN	4D	1G8ZK5270T2363272	SL2	ACCIDENT	TITLE	33
2003	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NF52E43C233414	GRAND AM	ABANDONED	TITLE	34
2003	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WX12K39216412	MONTE CARLO	ACCIDENT	TITLE	35
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Miracle League ready for spring

One sign of spring's arrival, in Plymouth, at least, is the beginning of the Miracle League of Plymouth's spring season. This year, the season runs Saturday, May 6, through Saturday, June 24.

And the league is looking for a variety of people, including players, umpires, buddies and sponsors.

Miracle Field in downtown Plymouth has undergone a renovation, adding a pavilion and canopies over the bleachers. Construction started when the fall season ended in October.

Registration is now open for:

- » Players — Started Feb. 6 and runs through 4 p.m. Friday, March 10. Register online at tinyurl.com/jkh2d4gw or in person at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- » Be a Buddy/Umpire



Melissa Brooks gets some help from her dad, Thad Brooks.

two parts — 1) Fill out the 2017 online volunteer waiver; (a new form is required each year.) tinyurl.com/hntox15. 2)

Volunteer spot /sign up: You'll be able to sign up for days and games the beginning of April. For more information,

email league President Debra Madonna at debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

10 tips to help manage, prevent heart disease

Every February, we in the medical community recognize National Heart Health Month. Together, we focus extra time and energy to highlight the critical role that our heart plays in our health.

According to figures from the American Heart Association, heart disease — including coronary heart disease, hypertension and stroke — is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States. In fact, approximately every 40 seconds an American will have a heart attack. Locally, I suspect that tens of thousands of our friends and neighbors in Wayne County are living with some form of heart disease and may not be aware of it.

That's the bad news. Here's the good news. If you or a loved one has heart disease, it's not too late. There are healthy, proactive steps you can begin taking right now to improve your overall health and well-being.

Together, with the experienced and dedicated Cardiac Rehabilitation team at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, I have laid out our top 10 recommendations for maintaining heart health:

- 1. Get informed:** Know and understand your risks. Learn as much as you can about heart disease to prevent surprises and help you stay on top of your health.
- 2. Explore your taste buds:** Use this as an opportunity to try new foods. You're still allowed to eat the bad stuff on occasion, but mix in non-processed, healthier food options more regularly.
- 3. Find hobbies you enjoy:** We often forget about our hobbies when the stress piles up. Use hobbies to help manage stress levels.
- 4. Get active:** Find ways to keep your body moving, whether



through classes, programs or sports. Find something you enjoy and stick to it.

5. Be social: Stay in touch with friends and family. Surround yourself with positive people. Talk to those who have gone through the experience of dealing with heart disease and listen to their perspective.

6. Pay attention to your body: You know your body best. Make sure to pay attention to the signs that something may be off. If something doesn't feel right, make an appointment to visit your doctor.

7. Keep a positive attitude: Attitude can make a difference in how well you recover. Use this experience in a positive way to improve your life.

8. Maintain a healthy blood pressure: High blood pressure causes wear and tear of the delicate inner lining of your blood vessels. Make blood pressure checks a part of your daily routine. If you are already on medication to regulate your blood pressure, make sure you take them as prescribed.

9. Monitor your cholesterol: The lower your LDL (lousy cholesterol) and the higher your HDL (healthy cholesterol), the better your prognosis.

10. Stay informed: The only constant is change. New techniques and new insights develop constantly in medicine. Maintain an open dialogue with your physician and know your options.

Syam Zampani, M.D., is chief of cardiology and medical director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at St. Mary Mercy Livonia.

Consider options when trying to gather down payment

Q: I have a little dilemma I hope you can help me with. I have been divorced for about five years. At the time of the divorce, my ex-wife and I sold our house and split the proceeds. Since that time, I have been renting. A couple of years ago, I moved out of my apartment into a house. The owner has offered to sell me the house on land contract. He owns the house free and clear. The one issue I have is coming up with the down payment. I need to come up with \$15,000. I should note that my land contract payment will be less than what I was paying for rent. My question is about the \$15,000. I have a few different options and I hope you can help me decide which one makes more sense. The first option is to borrow the money. I sat down with a lender for a personal loan and I was approved for \$10,000. Of course, the interest is very high — 14 percent. Another option is to take a loan from my 401(k) plan. I can



virtually borrow all the money from my 401(k) plan. The interest is about 5 percent. My last option is to take a withdrawal from my IRA. Since I'm younger than 59½, I was told in addition to taxes I would also have a penalty. Hopefully, you can give me some direction as to which way to go.

A: In reviewing your options, I like a combination of withdrawing from your IRA and taking a loan from your 401(k) plan. I am not a fan of borrowing the money at 14-percent interest. That is excessive, considering where interest rates are today.

My advice would be to first take a \$10,000 distribution from your IRA. Under tax laws, you would be considered a first-time home buyer, you can withdraw up to \$10,000 and not be subject to the penalty even though you are under

59½. Yes, you have to pay the tax on the money, but there is no penalty.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that if you've owned a house in the past, you would not qualify for some of the breaks given to first-time homeowners. That is not the case. Under tax law, the issue is whether or not you owned a house in the last two years. Since you did not, you qualify for a penalty-free IRA withdrawal. The maximum you can withdraw as a first-time homeowner is \$10,000.

To make up the difference, I would take a loan from your 401(k) plan. Generally, I'm not a fan of borrowing from 401(k) plans, as I believe the money is for retirement and retirement is sacred. However, there are certain situations where borrowing from a 401(k) plan makes sense. I believe this situation is one of those times.

In borrowing from a 401(k) plan, one thing you need to be aware of is that, with many companies, if you have a loan outstanding on your

401(k), you cannot add new contributions. If that is the case, then you need to make sure you pay that loan off as soon as possible. If your company matches, you want to make sure that you don't lose that opportunity.

When someone wants to take a loan from their 401(k) plan to take a vacation or to buy a new car, my general answer is no. The purpose of retirement money is to use when you're retired, not sooner. If you get in the habit of withdrawing from your retirement accounts before retirement, I can almost assure you that you will have limited resources in retirement and that is not what you would want. Don't look at your retirement accounts as a savings account that you can tap into on an as-needed basis, but look at it as money that you will only use when you are retired.

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

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Made-in-America appliances are disappearing

This past January kept me very busy with an appearance at the Novi Home Improvement, speaking with some 500 homeowners about their major home appliances. From all of these consumers I heard only one person who had something to say that was on the positive side. She lives her front-load washer and has no problem at all with odors or mold or clean ability.

Many others complained about repeated service calls on products, such as refrigerators and kitchen ranges and the outrageously high costs of replacement parts. My favorite one-liner was used many times "they don't make them like they used to."

I heard about several people who have paid for repairs on problems that were supposed to have been taken care of under recalls, which takes a



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

point. Be knowledgeable about what goes on in the appliance world or it can cost you dollars you don't expect. I've been reading about a refrigerator that is coming out with a see-through refrigerator door. I call it "anything new to sell a product."

I have a 1948 Philco refrigerator that keeps the temperature at 34 degrees. Will your new refrigerator do that for you? I must say that I didn't hear one complaint about anyone's clothes dryer. Not one, and do you know why? It's the only appliance that the energy department hasn't touched, although I've heard they will be gearing new energy

standards toward that product very soon. And then you can expect a clothes dryer to take two-to-three hours to dry a load of clothes because the electronics will control everything and cost an absurd amount to replace. So goes the appliance industry as I have been proclaiming for years.

Speaking of the Novi Home Improvement show, I understand they broke attendance records set way back in 2006. I talked with exhibitors who stated that they received enough work to last for six months. You could say the improvement in the economy made this show one of the best for many.

I would like to thank the many that stopped by who told me they read this column. Especially to the lady who told me she has cut out this column and places each one

in a scrapbook after she sends copies to her family across the country. You are all so very nice.

I did meet people who haven't read this column, so they don't have a clue about the recent recall of near three million Samsung top-load washers because the whole top of the washer explodes and is known to have caused injuries. Or that General Electric has sold its appliance division to a company in China.

From 26 brand names in 2004 down to just a

couple today makes it seem that Made in America is a wording of years gone by. At the time of this writing, my next big appliance purchase will be a Valentine's present for my darling Valerie. It just goes to show what a romantic I am. I am going to purchase a new induction cooking-type kitchen range proven to be quick and efficient by 95 percent of homes in Sweden. And can you believe, the burners don't even get hot to the touch. Boils water fast and cooks immediately

and I'm going to tell you all about it just as soon as I learn how to use it. Sort of reminds me of the days when I introduced the microwave oven and people said it would never sell. Look at the great discovery it proved to be and the time it has saved for millions. I said, "The greatest discovery since fire." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You may email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

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Jazz @ The Eks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

Tuesday, Feb 28, brings back the seasoned Latin band Nuevo Jazz Detroit with Ducan Jones on keyboard, Don Lewandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on Vibes, Chuck Gtemba on drums, and Jff Le-Duff on congas. Enjoy original pieces long with old favorites.

For more information, call 734-453-178, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheeks@gmail.com.

Westland American Legion Post 51

Post meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone with an honorable discharge and meets service requirements is eligible to join the American Legion.

Created in 117 Blue Star Service Banners were a common sight during World War I and World War II. Resurrected by the American Legion in 2007 the banner is displayed to show that a family member is currently serving in the Armed Force Gold Star Service Banners are displayed to show that a family member has died while serving. Each star represents one family member. A family who would like a Blue or Gold Banner to display can call Adjunct Ron Nickels at 734-455-345 or the Post Commander Bill Acton at 737-76-5491. There is no cost to the family.

For more information, go to www.ost251.org.

Heroin talk

Redford Township Police will discuss the heroin epidemic in Redford and surrounding areas 7-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Redford Township District Library, 2320 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. A narcotics detective will talk about the new, and even worse, dangers associated with this addictive drug.

Discussion will also include how to report a possible drug house and what information can best assist law enforcement in their investigations. Residents are encouraged to join and bring teenagers, too.

Lighting Robotics

The ICEP Lighting Robot team is having a robot reveal 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Canton High School Little Theater. Everyone is invited to come meet the robot and learn about the Lighting Robotics team and this year's competition. Canton High School



DAVID MALHALAR

Three generations of stamp collectors, Lorraine and Paul Stanton (right) of Plymouth (The Mouse & Such) participated in the 80th anniversary of the Dearborn Stamp Club Show last weekend at the Sokol Hall in Dearborn Heights. They helped three generations of stamp collectors, Daniel (top), Matthew, Jonathan and mom Laura Sinclair of Canton, with grandad Joe Edy of Allen Park (center), who each have their own numismatic collections. Jonathan and Matthew were just some of the young numismatic collectors who attended the show and see future value in stamp collecting.

is at 8415 Canton Center Road.

The robotics team's district events are: March 10-11 at Ann Arbor Pioneer High; March 31 and April 1 at Lake Superior State University; state championships are April 12-15, no venue has been determined yet; and world championships April 26-29 at St. Louis, Mo.

Be a Miracle League volunteer

The Miracle League in Plymouth needs 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 ends at 4 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Multicultural concert

A Multicultural Music Concert is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The event is sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships.

This is a third annual winter event and this year multicultural music is the focus. The event will feature a large ecumenical choir with churches from across Southeast Michigan. Musicians and dancers from a variety of cultures, including Native American, Japanese, Puerto Rican, African, Middle Eastern, India, Bangladesh, American Urban and original music from local singer/songwriter Amy Saari.

Barone hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone will conduct office hours 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, to meet with constituents who will have the opportunity to discuss matters of concern within the community.

Blazer family auction gala

On Feb. 25, the Ladywood Blazer Family is

holding the 21st annual Auction and Gala — the "2017 Blazers Enchanted Evening."

The Auction & Gala will be held at Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, in Livonia, starting with Mass in the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, at 4:30 p.m. The evening continues at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music, dancing and live auction — all for \$85/person. Buy tickets at www.ladywood.org or call Ladywood at 734-591-1544 for more information.

Coffee with a cop

The Canton Police Department invites residents to pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee and get to know their local police officers from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 25. Residents can ask questions and tell officers about their neighborhood and any concerns. The event is at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton.

Shrove Tuesday pancakes

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 16360 Hubbard Road. For more information, call the parish at 734-421-8451 or go to <https://standrews.episcopalchurchlivonia.org>.

Garden City Lions breakfast

For the 26th consecutive year, the Garden City Lions will host its annual pancake breakfast. This year's event is set for 8-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Garden City Moose Lodge No. 538, 29137 Ford Road.

Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Guest chefs are members of the Garden City Fire Department.

Cost is adults \$5, children 12 and younger \$2. For more information, call Bob at 734-612-1775 or Vicki at 734-524-1330.

BOKRAM



WILLIAM EDWARD at 87 Dearly loved husband of Heather Elizabeth Bokram for 44 wonderful years, died peacefully in his sleep at his home in East China, Michigan on February 12th, 2017. Bill was the 2nd child of Henry & Martha Bokram of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He was predeceased by his 1st wife Joanne Katherine Peters of Sheboygan, Wisconsin in 1970. He is survived by their four children, Bruce Bokram & wife Becky, Barbara Heisler & husband Jay, Robert Bokram & wife Jean, and Susan Bokram, grandchildren, Claire Bokram & Graham Bokram. Bill is also survived by his older brother, Robert Bokram, 90, of Harbor Springs, Michigan. He graduated in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Troy, New York at age 21. While in college, he excelled at Lacrosse under the guidance & friendship of the late Ned Harkness, who later became head coach for the Red Wings. At age 22 he enlisted in the Navy during the Korean Conflict, and was a Naval Weapons Instructor and Conning Officer aboard the USS Philippine Sea. Among the several medals awarded to him were 2 Bronze Stars for heroic achievement. He was the President and a Design Engineer for The BH Tool & Supply Company which he and his brother owned in Detroit for over 50 years. He subsequently formed the Tool Design Service Company, serving automotive industry suppliers for over 20 years. Among his many passions were piloting private planes from the age of 14. Being an avid skier, he headed Nubs Nob Ski Patrol in Harbor Springs, Michigan, for 2 years. He enjoyed tennis and golf. His favorite sport in later adult life was fly fishing with friends and his sons & son-in-law, in the streams and rivers of Michigan, Montana and Wyoming as well as Bone fishing in Belize. In retirement Bill and Heather owned and operated The Heather House B & B in Marine City, Michigan for 24 years. Bill was loved by all who knew him. He was always a smiling face, with warm words for everyone. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan or to Grace Hospice of Marysville, Michigan. Other arrangements are to be determined at a later date.

KUEHNEMAN



ERNEST LEE Age 75 of Falmouth, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at his home. Ernest was born on July 9, 1941 in Muskegon, Michigan, to Harold Albert and Helen Hedwig (Spink) Kuehneman. Ernest taught at the Washington Elementary School in Livonia for 33 years. He was into car racing, hunting, and any sports in general; TV or local. Ernest was a member of the Prosper Christian Reformed Church for many years. He is survived by his son, Ernest L. (Heather) Kuehneman of Canton; grandchildren, Abigail and Hannah Kuehneman of Canton; step-children, Mark Blanton of Westland and Kelley Duffy of Westland; sister-in-law, Lynn Kuehneman of Beulah. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert Kuehneman. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the Prosper Christian Reformed Church in Falmouth, with visitation on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Burkholder Family Funeral Home. Rev. Dick Koetje will officiate at the services. A luncheon will be held after the funeral service. Burial will take place at the Falmouth Cemetery. Thoughts and prayers may be left at burkholderfamilyfuneralhome.com.

RICHARDS



ESTHER ELEANOR February 13, 2017, age 92, of Canton, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Richards. Loving mother of Terralynn Keski-Hynnli. Also survived by three granddaughters Lisa, Leina and Krista Keski-Hynnli and one great-grandson Elias Lockhart. Visitation Monday, February 20, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. with her Funeral Service to follow at 11 a.m. at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI. A luncheon will be served after her service. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

SACKETT



GARY L. Age 74, February 13, 2017. Beloved husband of Susan. Loving father of Amy and David. Dear grandfather of Ezra. Gary was a Tax Attorney for many years and later became an Elder Law Attorney in the City of Livonia. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. and Thursday at the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, from 10 a.m. until Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Memorials may be directed to Michigan Christian Campus Ministries. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com.

SCHULKINS

GEORGE BENJAMIN Feb 10, 2017. Age 78 of Farmington Hills. Became a beloved family member, and resided with James and Mary Wiggle and family from his early 20's. Over the years he became an extra parent to the three Wiggle boys Timothy, Robert (until his passing in 1971) and Kenneth. He was very instrumental in their upbringing and he also shared his love for sports; especially hockey and football. Son of the Late Charles and Goldie Schulkins; brother of the Late Shirley Watts. He was a loving uncle and cousin who leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. A man who was generous of heart and soul. He will be greatly missed by many that loved him. Memorial will be at a later date.

SCHUMAN



SHIRLEY A. Passed away February 16, 2017. Loving wife of the late Carl. Beloved mother of Karen (Jeff), Marilyn (Meredith) (Jim), and Carl. Dear sister of Charles Smith, Judith (Dale) Bridge, the late James Smith, and the late Robert Smith. Shirley is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. She was a longtime and devoted member of Grace Lutheran Church. Visitation Sunday, February 19 from 3-8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Funeral Service Monday, February 20 at 11 a.m. (in state at 10 a.m.) at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River Ave. in Redford. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



'Detroit Steel' revs up History channel



Ron Coan (from left), Doug Hanes, co-owners Pam and Adam Genei and Steve Ryan are the crew that keep Mobsteel growing.

Laura Colvin
Livingston Daily

Souped-up street rods seem to race straight through the veins of Adam Genei and his crew at Mobsteel, a car customization shop in Brighton.

Vintage car aficionados can get an inside look as the team – in all its grit and glory – create rare, custom street machines on the new History channel series “Detroit Steel.”

Over eight episodes, the first of which aired last week, viewers will see the evolution of a jacked up 4-wheel drive, some low riders, a car built especially to take on a drag strip and more.

“There’s something for everyone,” said Genei, noting crews spent about six months shooting the series. “We had a great time sharing the cool story of the auto industry and why we’re so influenced by cars and why it’s in our blood.”

“The auto industry here in Detroit captures the American spirit better than anything else; it’s what made this country wealthy and prosperous,” he added.

In the premiere episode, Genei and the team are tasked with rebuilding a 1956 Oldsmobile

Rocket 88. The car starts out in rough shape, but brings back childhood memories for its owner, who worked in the Oldsmobile plant for 35 years.

The owner, said Mobsteel fabricator Steve Ryan, came from a family with a combined 300 years in the auto industry.

“It was awesome working with the History channel; those are the kind of stories we like to tell,” Ryan said, noting film crews followed he and his co-workers to a steel mill, to pick up an assembly line robots for repurposing and visit numerous other places.

Roots

For Genei, who grew up in Brighton and owns Mobsteel in partnership with his wife Pam – they also live in the community – the passion for the Detroit automotive industry has deep family roots.

One of his grandfathers owned a car dealership, the other was an automotive supply manufacturer; aunts, uncles, cousins and others followed in the same footsteps.

“I was raised in a shop on hard work,” said Genei, noting his life philosophy has evolved from a

focus on his bank account to a drive toward personal satisfaction and the feeling of a project – especially a particularly challenging project – well done.

And although he sometimes puts in hundred-hour weeks, his work never seems like a job.

“I feel like I’m getting away with something every day” he said. “Like I’m going to wake up one morning and get caught and told to get back to work.”

Genei is currently in the process of moving Mobsteel and its sister business, Detroit Steel Wheels, under one roof – including a showroom – at 2121 West Edsel Ford Freeway in downtown Detroit.

The show will soon be open to the public, with a grand-opening event in the works for spring-time.

For more information, check out: mobsteel.com.

The eight-episode “Detroit Steel” series premiered Jan. 28 on the History Channel. The series is Genei’s second go-round with reality television crews; “Mobsteel,” a similar series, ran on NBCSN in 2015.

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CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN FOX CREEK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT PATIO REPLACEMENT

Sealed proposals for the FOX CREEK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT PATIO REPLACEMENT project will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., Local Time, on March 14, 2017 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Interested bidders shall congregate prior to the meeting time in the public parking lot on the East side of the Fox Creek Golf Course located at #36000 Seven Mile Road.

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

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Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.govbids.com/scripts/mitn/Public/home1.asp

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

All bids shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed “responsive.”

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked “**BID - FOX CREEK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT PATIO REPLACEMENT**” and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the City of Livonia. Portions of this Contract may be deleted due to unforeseen circumstances without compensation. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Todd J. Zilincik, P.E.
City Engineer

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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REDFORD POLICE BRIEFS

Medications missing

Medications were reportedly stolen from Metropolitan Pharmacy, on Plymouth Road west of Beech Daly, after a break-in last weekend.

The owner discovered the break-in when he arrived Monday to open the pharmacy.

Police said the building may have been entered through the roof; a ceiling tile at the back of the store was missing.

Home burglary

Change and costume jewelry were reported stolen from a house on Norborne near Schoolcraft Road after a Feb. 9 break-in.

Police said the break-in was discovered after a passerby reported a broken window to police, who then contacted a homeowner.

Vehicle thefts

» A 1999 Chevrolet Suburban was stolen

from the driveway of house on Erady north of Grand River on the night of Feb. 9

The theft occurred between about 11:30 p.m. Feb. 9 and 6:30 a.m. the next day a police report said.

» A 206 Ford Taurus was discovered Monday on Negawee south of Six Mile with its tires missing and a rear window broken out. The car was found to have been stolen in Redford, a police report said.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

'Grand' achievement for Warriors' Burk

Lutheran Westland senior first in school history to reach 1,000 career points

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Opponents in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference have tried for three seasons to figure out how to stop Zach Burk's prolific scoring.

And answers have been elusive for defenses, somewhat helpless to watch the 6-3, 170-pound Lutheran Westland guard pour in another 20 or 30 points in a game.

On Tuesday, Burk — a guy who can fling it from the outside or go strong to the basket — tacked on 32 points to his career total with the Warriors. When the game against Rochester Hills Lu-

theran Northwest was over, Burk cracked the 1,000-point plateau.

He is the first in Lutheran Westland history to reach that mark; he surpassed longtime career leader Joe Prushnik, a post player from the 1990s who registered 995 career points.

"It's an impressive feat," said Kevin Wade, who recently took over the coaching helm from Jim Hoeft (who stepped down for personal reasons). "We've had only one person in school history even flirt with 1,000. ... So to have somebody — a varsity player for three years — to get to that level is pretty special."

"He's a mismatch for people. He's

long and he can get to the basket. So if you put a guard on him, he can take him to the hole. And if you put a post player on him, (the opponent) is too slow. He's a coach's dream in terms of his position. It does create a lot of mismatches and we try to take advantage of that."

He had help

Burk, who is averaging 24.5 points per contest, said the accomplishment is something he is proud of. But he is humble about it, too.

"It's definitely special, especially

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TIM SMITH

Zach Burk brings quiet confidence, versatility and a big-time knack for scoring field goals for Lutheran Westland.

PREP WRESTLING

Rockets claim team regional championship

John Glenn captures third regional crown since 2009

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The John Glenn wrestling team proved plenty Wednesday in winning the school's third Division 1 team regional title since 2009. And one of those things was that the Rockets have a good memory.

Last season, John Glenn lost the last year's team regional final to Temperance Bedford by three points, 31-28, after knocking out Southgate Anderson, 53-20, in the semifinals.

And the Rockets remembered. "We have 25 kids on this team who have been thinking about what happened last year since it happened," veteran John Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "It's been burning with all of us."

The Rockets fell behind early, but quick pins at both 119 and 125 pounds turned things around — and John Glenn never looked back with an impressive 38-30 victory over a Bedford team that beat Saline 79-0 in its semifinal match.

Polk expected it to be a close match again this year, but was confident of a different result.

"We lost the coin flip and, I knew if we had won the coin flip, the match-ups would have been a little better for us," he said. "But we won the match-ups anyway. And there were four or five matches that could have gone either way and that was the dual right there. Same as last year."

This will be Polk's third Glenn team he takes to the state quarterfinals (2009 and 2010). Both of those teams lost in the quarterfinals.

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TERRY JACOBY

Westland John Glenn celebrates after winning the Division 1 team regional.

KLAA BASKETBALL TOURNEY



TOM BEAUDOIN

Livonia Stevenson junior guard Devin Dunn (left) looks to get around Canton defender Connor Engel during the KLAA tourney game.

LIVING ON THE EDGE

Circus play in final minute helps Stevenson boys hold off Canton

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Friday night's KLAA tournament boys basketball opener between host Canton and Livonia Stevenson hinged on a football play in the final seconds.

The Spartans hung on 68-65 to improve to 14-3 on the season, but it took an almost miraculous play to do so.

Leading just 66-65 with 17 seconds to go, junior Parker Graham — who plays quarterback for the varsity football team — heaved a long inbounds pass from behind his own basket that flew over everybody and looked set to bounce out of bounds at the opposite end of the floor.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Livonia Stevenson's George Ferguson (right) dribbles around Canton defender Colin Troup during Friday's KLAA tournament game.

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CHARITY GAME PREVIEW

Ocelots, police to play for fallen troopers

Schoolcraft men's icers face Michigan State Police Feb. 24 at USA Hockey Arena

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

On the ice, Schoolcraft College's men's club hockey team is carving up opponents — such as wins of 18-2 and 10-2 last weekend against Washtenaw.

But it's away from the rink that the second-year team is hoping to make an even bigger splash. The team organized a charity hockey game against the Michigan State Police that will take place at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Goals and assists won't be important in the contest, but dollars generated through the event will be. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate, with 100 percent of the money going to the Michigan State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial Fund.

"It's going to spread awareness about

the troopers who have given the ultimate sacrifice, protecting and serving our communities day in and day out," said Andrew Lindsay, a former player and current assistant coach with the Schoolcraft hockey team. He also wants to someday become a police officer.

"The Michigan State Police is a family. My best friend's a trooper, my brother's a trooper. I have a lot of friends and family in law enforcement ... and the whole team is passionate about helping the cause."

The doors will open at 2 p.m. and there will be a ceremonial puck drop at 3 p.m. Other highlights will include a 50/50 raffle and chuck-a-puck contest.

About giving back

"Obviously, our team is all about giving back to the community, with all the stuff we've done over the last two years," Lindsay said. "This one's going to be our biggest charity event thus far." Ocelots players each have a book of tickets to sell to other students and peo-



Andrew Lindsay

ple in the community and about \$900 in sponsorships already has been collected.

"I think it's a great thing for the MSP and the Fallen Troopers, because we're raising funds for them," said Rob Lindsay, Andrew's dad and head coach of the Schoolcraft team. "That's what this is all about. It's not about our hockey team, it's about the Michigan State Police. And our goal is to raise \$5,000."

Andrew Lindsay — whose ambition is to have a police career of his own — promises a good brand of hockey, too.

The Ocelots are 18-8-2 in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, entering two season-ending contests this weekend against Central Michigan University.

"The (MSP) hockey team consists of elite players whom have played junior, college and professional hockey," Lindsay said. "It's going to be an exciting game."

According to Lindsay, funds raised from the charity game will go to the

fund that helps pay for upkeep on the Fallen Trooper Memorial, located at the MSP Academy.

Money also will help with various expenses (such as landscaping) for the Fallen Trooper Memorial ceremony the first Monday of May.

Lindsay credited his brother Rob, a state trooper in Niles, for helping to make the game a reality.

"I was at Christmas with my brother and we needed one more game to fill (Schoolcraft's schedule)," Andrew Lindsay said. "I said ... hey Robbie, would you think about getting your team to play us?"

"He gave me Jon Tibaud's number, he's a Michigan State trooper and captain of the hockey team. We got the ball rolling from there."

USA Hockey Arena is at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth. To purchase advance tickets, contact Schoolcraft College's Student Activities Office, at 734-462-4422.

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STEVENSON

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Enter Devin Dunn, another junior, who did a tightrope walk along the baseline to save the ball from going out of bounds and flicked it back to teammate Ian Knoph.

From there, the Spartans worked the ball around under duress from Canton's fleet defense and Knoph drew a foul. He knocked down both free throws and Chiefs junior B. Artis White was unable to connect on a triple try at the buzzer that would have forced overtime.

"These guys are amazing. They all play football, they're great athletes," Stevenson head coach Kareem Smart said. "So when they do stuff like that, you hold your breath, but that's plays they normally make in practice."

"And they all played together as a team, so they kept moving instead of standing and watching."

Shaking his head at the sequence was Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy, but for another reason.

"They made a good save. We shouldn't have got beat deep to start with," Reddy said. "We talked about it at the timeout, they threw it deep and we still weren't able to come up with it. Stevenson made the play they had to make."

Leaky defense

Reddy also wasn't thrilled that his team, which led 33-24, gave up 44 points after intermission. Scoring 13 of those points was Knoph, who led the Spartans with 19 for the night.

"You can't give up 44 points in the second half and expect to beat anybody, good team or not," Reddy said. "We were way more efficient in the first half at both ends."

"I just think defensively in the second half, we couldn't keep people in front. Our individual defense was real bad and, in turn, that led to scores at the rim or open threes because we have to help across."

Knoph said the team knew what it had to do to open the third quarter and a 10-0 run to open the quarter turned around the game. He scored the first five points to get it going.

"Just get back to our game," Knoph said when asked about any halftime message. "We started to

play a little bit into their hands and then we got back to our game. We started hitting our shots and getting out on their shots. It worked out."

Stevenson regained a 34-33 lead with about six minutes to go in the third, on a layup-and-one scored by Ferguson.

But the Chiefs came right back and maintained a 50-47 lead after three quarters.

Canton still led midway through the fourth, when senior Nader Kandalaf went in for a clutch layup (and foul shot) to put the Spartans up, 58-57.

Stevenson would not relinquish the lead the rest of the game.

"I just told them like I've been telling them all year," Smart said. "They play better as a team than individuals. ... George had a big game because Ian started sharing the ball more and so did Devin."

Bright spot

Canton junior guard Eian Barker led all scorers with 20 points, while sophomore guard Vinson Sigmon had 19 points and connected on five threes (four in the first half).

Chipping in 10 points was junior forward Chase Meredith.

"Vinson's been our best two-way player all year, no question about it," Reddy said. "He's really starting to shoot it well. I'm excited because I love the way (he) competes."

Stevenson had four players in double figures. In addition to Knoph, junior George Ferguson scored 12 points, while Graham and Dunn each chipped in 10.

The Spartans enjoyed a 24-20 edge in rebounding.

NOVI 63, PLYMOUTH 51: Trendon Hankerson scored 17 points Friday to spark Novi to a KLAA tournament win over Plymouth.

For Plymouth (7-10), Tariq Woody had 18 points and eight rebounds, while Anthony Crump (15 points), Joe Robb (seven points) and Connor Bush (six points and eight boards) helped the cause.

Travon Maddox Jr. scored 14 for Novi (14-4).

WAYNE 68, SALEM 54: Despite 11 points and eight rebounds from Kyle Winfrey and 10 points from Cameron Grace, the Rocks were downed in a KLAA tournament opener.

Salem (7-10) will face Brighton on Tuesday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Churchill starts KLAA tourney with win over Grand Blanc

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Livonia Churchill's varsity boys basketball team got out Friday to a 31-17 halftime lead over visiting Grand Blanc and was able to hold off a late charge to win 63-58 in a KLAA tournament contest.

Spearheading the win for Churchill (3-14) with 20 points was Trajan Stinson. Other key scorers included Alan Hammett (11 points), Evan Cummins (10 points) and Taji Hall (10 points).

"They (Bobcats) came out in the second half and showed us some different pressure looks that caused us some trouble initially," Churchill coach James McCulloh said. "We had a number of different guys hit big shots down the stretch (Hammett, Stinson, Genesis Barnes)."

"Evan Cummins and Avery Anderson were huge for us on the glass and we got great contributions from Taji Hall. When it came down to it, we ended up making that end of game stop we have been looking for."

For Grand Blanc (6-11), Cedric Givens scored 22 points.

JOHN GLENN 75, NORTHVILLE 57: Senior guard Christian Agnew was one of four players to score in double figures Friday as host Westland John Glenn (15-2) opened the KLAA playoffs with a victory over the Mustangs (9-8).

Dajon Parker chipped in with 14 points, while Joe Moon IV and Kijuan Chandler each added 12 for the Rockets, who jumped out to a commanding 44-19 halftime lead.

Seniors Phil Jovanovski and Kevin Morrissy paced Northville with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

"Glenn is loaded with firepower and is a difficult matchup," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "They made us play for every mistake in the first half. We learned some things as our team kept fighting in the second half."

HARTLAND 47, FRANKLIN 41: Keyon Brown and Mark Mettie scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, for Livonia Franklin in a KLAA tournament loss. Adding seven points for the Patriots was Johnny Cantrell.

Hartland outscored Franklin 15-8 in the final stanza to pull away with the win.

ROMULUS 71, THURSTON 37: Jadon Better scored 12 points as Romulus (13-3, 9-1) gained a piece of the Western Wayne Athletic Association Blue Division title Friday night with a convincing 71-37 win over host Redford Thurston (6-11, 2-8).

Thurston, unable to overcome a 24-8 first quarter deficit, got eight points from Karlos Berry.

Romulus earned a share of the Blue Division crown with Belleville (15-2, 9-1).

DEARBORN 53, RU 45: Mohammed Hamade scored 16 points Friday night leading host Dearborn (12-4, 8-2) to a 53-45 WWAC Red Division triumph over Redford Union (9-8, 5-5).

Shane Moran and Hassan Beydoun each scored 12 points for the Pioneers, who made buzzer-beaters to end both the first and second quarters to lead 24-21 at halftime.

Dearborn put the game away by making 9-of-10 free throws in the fourth quarter.

Eric McCarter and Christian Montgomery paced the Panthers' scoring attack with 14 and 11 points, respectively.

ROBICHAUD 70, C'VILLE 15: Daryl Lockhart led a balanced attack with 11 points as Dearborn Heights Robichaud (13-3, 9-1) locked up the WWAC Red Division title with a 70-15 Friday win over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (0-17, 0-10).

The Bulldogs, who led 48-5 at halftime, made 9-of-17 free throws.

Juwann Ward scored five points for the Trojans, who made 3-of-12.

Girls basketball

FORDSON 51, RU 22: Kiki Danwiche scored a game-high 24 points as Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division champion Dearborn Fordson (14-5, 10-0) jumped out to a 30-12 halftime lead and never looked back en route to a 51-22 win Friday at Redford Union (11-5, 7-3).

Sophomore Johnnae Steele scored 10 points for the Panthers, who were plagued by 38 turnovers.

Fordson was 10-of-18 from the free throw line, while RU was 3-of-8.

THURSTON 48, C'VILLE 19: Bynanna Burton and Megan Abela each tallied 14 points Friday to lead Redford Thurston (8-10, 4-6) to a 48-19 WWAC Red Division triumph at Livonia Clarenceville (1-16, 0-10).

Myia Hoskins-King scored 11 points for the Trojans, who went 3-of-7 from the foul line.

Thurston made 2-of-5 free throws.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Wayne escapes Mustangs thanks to Clegg's scoring binge

Clegg scores 35 points in overtime win; Cougars prevail

Tom Morelli
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Place any obstacle in the way of Wayne Memorial junior guard Camree' Clegg and she's bound to conquer it.

All season, opponents have been hatching some sort of plan to keep her from lighting up the scoreboard at will, with minimal success.

Of course, when you stand 5-foot-5, everything seems like a tall task. But don't let the measuring tape fool you, because Clegg has every possible ounce of determination and tenacity packed into her and, like the Tasmanian Devil, she's bound to leave a path of destruction.

Clegg's reign of terror was evident Thursday, pouring in 35 points for the host Zebras in a 55-50 overtime win over Northville in the KLAA Kensington Conference semifinals.

"Every team we play, they either try to deny her the ball or faces double teams," Wayne coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "Camree' is just one of those kids who don't know the word 'quit.' It's not in her vocabulary or her dictionary. You can throw whatever you want to throw at her like a tsunami and she'll find a way to resolve it."

A Clemson commit, Clegg connected on four of her six 3-pointers in the second quarter alone, including a pair of heaves to tie the game at 15-15 and 23-

23. The final attempt for Clegg came just before halftime, where she buried one with two seconds left to give the Zebras (14-3) a 26-24 lead.

"In clutch time, she just delivers," Mitchell said. "Pound for pound, she's one of the best kids I've ever coached. You never know what you're going to get with that kid, but it'll never be anything to worry about because she's all heart."

As was the case in the first two quarters, the second half continued to be an up-and-down game with neither team leading by more than seven points.

The Mustangs (16-2) bounced back in the third quarter to take a 36-34 advantage, thanks in part to a triple by junior Kendall Dillon and a mid-range jumper from classmate Roan Haines down the stretch.

Following Northville senior Jessica Moorman's triple at the 7:45 mark of the final quarter, Wayne kicked it up a notch by rattling off an 11-0 run.

Clegg sank a pair of jumpers and a 3-pointer during that sequence, while also providing an assist on freshman Makailah Griggs Zeigler's bucket from inside the paint.

"That's the greatest thing about having kids that are resilient — you're never, ever out of a basketball game," Mitchell said. "When you have a leader like Camree' Clegg, I feel like I'm one of the luckiest and happiest coaches, because I know exactly what's in that kid's heart. That leadership out of her and



Clegg

Jeanae Terry, along with having Amara Chikwe back, makes my life a bit more complete."

Momentum shifted back to the Mustangs' side shortly thereafter, as they initiated a 7-2 sequence, highlighted by a shot down low from senior Bryce Quick with 54 seconds left to make it 46-46 and force the extra session.

Sophomore Jeanae Terry added a lay-in just 35 seconds into overtime to give the Zebras the lead for keeps, followed by five consecutive makes from Griggs Zeigler and Clegg at the charity stripe to help the Zebras pull away.

"My teammates just fought so hard and it all came from our hearts," Clegg said. "We left everything we had on the floor and Northville's a great team."

Moorman was the top scorer for the Mustangs with 21 points, followed by a 13-point effort from senior Brook Adams.

"It was a lot like last year (where), we played them twice and beat them by one and they beat us by one in overtime, so we knew what to expect," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "They have some really good offensive weapons, with Clegg being the key focus, and a lot of length. We were just trying to keep up with them. They want to play a track meet and we have kids that can do that, though."

Wayne went 15-of-19 at the free throw line, while Northville was 10-of-16.

Gudith is hopeful that his team can

recapture the magic from last season, when it went on a five-game winning streak after losing to Wayne Memorial in the KLAA tournament en route to a Class A quarterfinals.

"I don't have a crystal ball of what's going to happen down the road and we're certainly going to run into good teams the rest of the way," Gudith said. "But the next two games are certainly going to help us for districts and we play a really tough district with Novi and Canton. We have to get through them and certainly have the makeup to make a run like we did last year."

GARDEN CITY 53, ANNAPOLIS 13: The host Cougars evened their season's record at 9-9 (and improved to 7-3 in the WWAC) with this triumph Thursday.

Hayley Hower led Garden City with 18 points, with contributions from Britanya Radtke (10 points), Alea Montgomery (eight points) and Alex Leleniewski (seven points).

Annapolis (4-14, 2-8) was led by Julia Blevins (five points).

W.L. WESTERN 31, STEVENSON 30: Livonia Stevenson paid for a slow start Thursday in the KLAA tourney despite Grace Lamerson's 11 points, eight rebounds, seven blocks and five steals. Diane Senkowski grabbed six rebounds for the Spartans.

"We had a terrible first half," Stevenson coach Karen Anger said. "We were flat, no energy, no nothing. After halftime, they started to play and we had the ball with last 20 seconds, but we came up short on our shot at the buzzer."

COLLEGE SIGNING

Spartans' Knoph keeps college selection local

Stevenson senior guard will play basketball at Madonna University

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The pipeline of basketball players from Livonia Stevenson to Madonna University continues to flow.

Ian Knoph of the Spartans recently signed his national letter of intent with MU, where he will play for a coaching staff that includes Stevenson (and Madonna) alum Bobby Naubert.

"They've been recruiting me for a long time and I have a very good relationship with the coaching staff," Knoph said. "So it was pretty much an easy choice to make."

Knoph, a 6-2 senior guard who is averaging about 17 points per contest, said he liked that Naubert and the Crusaders had interest in him from the start.

"Bobby's a good guy and he always stays local, so he's definitely a big part in the recruiting process," Knoph said following a recent game against Novi, which Naubert attended. "He said the athletes all get along, not just the basketball team, but the whole athletic program in general. He said it's a great place and a great home."

Getting his college plans sorted out early was another plus, Knoph added.

"It relieves a lot of stress this year," he said, "knowing I don't have to impress any scouts or anything, just to play my game and play team basketball."

Spartans head coach Kareem Smart said Madonna is the perfect destination for Knoph.

"Ian signing with Madonna is great. He's a good kid," Smart said. "I think



Livonia Stevenson senior guard Ian Knoph recently signed to play men's basketball at Madonna University. From left are MU assistant coach Adam Kerfoot, Knoph and MU head coach Noel Emehiser.

it's a great fit for him. The kid knows the game of basketball and I think Madonna will mold him into being a college player.

"He's great at the high school level, so hopefully Madonna takes him to that next level."

Asked what kind of playing style he'll bring to the MU gymnasium come 2017-18, Knoph quickly said "just someone who wants to win, a team player who will do whatever I can to help my team win."

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PREP ATHLETICS

KLAA will have new look for 2017-18 school year

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With the Kensington Lakes Activities Association membership shrinking to 14 for the 2017-18 school year following the departure of 10 schools, the biggest shake-up will occur next fall in football.

The remaining 14 athletic directors from the KLAA met recently to map out divisional realignments based on an equity formula in which each team's winning percentage was calculated from the past four football seasons.

The two seven-team divisions, based on those four-year performance rankings, are as follows for the 2017 football season:

KLAA Black: Canton (1), Hartland (4), Livonia Stevenson (5), Brighton (8), Howell (9), Novi (12) and Salem (13).

KLAA Gold: Northville (2), Plymouth (3), Livonia Churchill (6), Grand Blanc (7), Westland John Glenn (10), Livonia Franklin (11) and Wayne Memorial (14).

"I think it's been pretty receptive," said Northville athletic director Bryan Masi, who oversees football in the KLAA. "There's good balance. Instead of having one division really loaded, I think there's good balance."

Scheduling, however, proved to be the biggest challenge facing the athletic directors heading into the 2017 football season.

New opponents

The first week is still considered an open date, which allows for a non-KLAA opponent. But four KLAA teams are scheduled to face each other the opening week, including Hartland-John Glenn and Stevenson-Franklin.

In addition to playing the required six division opponents, there will be a non-scheduled week that will include a crossover game between Black and Gold teams sprinkled throughout the season. It will allow for rival district schools to continue to play each other. The ninth week will pair teams in a crossover game determined by first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places in the final standings from each division.

"You're going to cross over with a team in the other division," Masi said of the non-scheduled week. "And who we determined who plays who is a rival, such as Novi-Northville, which still has to play. After that, we matched up by winning percentage. Our (non-scheduled) week, Novi-Northville, is week eight. The ninth week is a crossover. The only negative to that is that we play Novi in week eight and week nine if we end up similar in the standings in our divisions, then we may have to play again."

Facing the same opponent two weeks in a row in the eighth and ninth weeks, or even in the ninth week and the first round of the MHSAA state playoffs, has occurred in the past.

Scheduling quirks

"When you have that crossover, there is an increased chance of having a back-to-back opponent," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We had it this past year with Canton (in the Kensington Conference final and the first round of the Division 1 state playoffs). The year before that, we played Plymouth twice within a matter of three weeks. When you have all of our teams close in geography, then you end up having a crossover game between playoff teams. ... I kind of hoped we would have had week nine open for us and have that crossover game in week eight, but almost all of us



had a contract for week one for the KLAA because it was open."

Travel remains a concern and there remains a discrepancy in enrollments in the new KLAA.

Grand Blanc boasts the KLAA's biggest student body with 2,630, while Franklin now ranks as the smallest with 1,507. The two schools, now fellow members of the KLAA Gold in football only, are located 64 miles apart.

"It looked odd to see Grand Blanc in that one division with Wayne and John Glenn," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "It doesn't make a lot of sense to me, but ... that's how they broke it up. My theory has always been line up whoever you've got in front of us and let's play them."

Schools departing

The shake-up within the KLAA came after nine schools voted to form their own league, led by a group of administrators and coaches from Milford and White Lake Lakeland.

South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering also voted to leave the KLAA and join the new nine-team league (which has yet to be named) with Milford and Lakeland.

Pinckney, the other KLAA member school, is also leaving this fall to join the Southeastern Conference.

"I'm really disappointed that the league had to break up," Burnside said. "I personally think the MHSAA needs to take a look at every team making the (state) playoffs. Whether we have to shorten up and go eight weeks (regular season) and go a ninth week with the playoffs ... it's all driven by football, at least as far as breaking apart."

Six teams automatically qualifies a team into the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs. Last season, 13 of the 24 KLAA member schools made the football playoffs.

Meanwhile, the new KLAA for 2017-18 will have a distinct geographic look to it outside of football.

Division set-up

For other sports, one division will consist of Grand Blanc, Howell, Hartland, Brighton, Novi, Northville and Stevenson, while the other will include Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Franklin, Churchill, Wayne and John Glenn.

Meanwhile, the new KLAA also accepted applications through Jan. 31 from outside members for the 2018-19 school year.

Among the schools that reportedly expressed interest are Saline, Ann Arbor Skyline, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron, all from the Southeastern Conference, along with Belleville (Western Wayne Athletic Conference) and Lapeer (Saginaw Valley High School Association).

PREP GYMNASTICS

Canton wins share of division title

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The Canton Chiefs are still on the beam, with outstanding performances in this event leading the way Thursday to a 141.15-133.9 win over Huron Valley.

With the win, Canton (10-1 overall, 4-1 in the division) captured at least a share of the KLAA Kensington Division championship with Northville.

"There is one more dual meet next week at Grosse Pointe and then the real hurdles and goals are in sight," veteran Chiefs coach John Cunningham said. "Win regionals and then win states."

Cunningham said the win over Huron Valley was a positive for his team, considering it was battling "injuries and absence, so the scores reflect a good meet."

Missing her second consecutive meet for Canton was Kelsea Kernosek and she was not be available for Saturday's KLAA championship meet.

Canton took first on uneven parallel bars (Victoria Faber, 9.75), balance beam (Jana Hilditch, 9.5) and floor exercise (a tie at 9.175 between Faber and Katie Dickson).

"Beam was the major difference," Cunningham said.

In addition to Hilditch, the Chiefs took places two through five — Rachel Socha, 9.474; Katherine Najduk, 8.75;

Dickson, 8.725 and Annika Wang, 8.6.

Plymouth edged by Livonia Red

In a closely contested KLAA meet Thursday at Plymouth, Livonia Red earned a 139.475-139.150 victory over the Wildcats.

For Livonia Red (4-6-1 overall, 2-2-1 in the Kensington Division), a 1-2-3 finish on floor exercise turned out to be key.

Winning the event with 9.35 was Mikaela Hille, with teammate Olivia Dillon tallying a 9.25 score. In third was Saydee Via (8.95).

Other 9.0 performances for Livonia Red were turned in by Hille on vault (9.05) and Dillon on beam (9.40 for second place). Registering 8.9 scores on vault were Mackenzie Boorman and Megan Waters.

Plymouth earned a narrow win on vault (35.650 to 35.6), led by Emily Caragay's first-place finish of 9.45.

The Wildcats also won beam (36.8 to 35.1) behind strong performances from Caragay (first, 9.55), Ava Eiola (third, 9.35), Adriana Tao (9.05) and Sara Hosmer (8.85).

Caragay tallied three nines in the meet, chalking up 9.275 on bars. Just missing 9.0 on vault was Jaya Dhande (8.85).

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WRESTLING

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The 2017 team finals are Feb. 24-25 at McGuirk Arena on the campus of Central Michigan University. The pairings for the quarterfinal round will be released at MHSAA.com by 6 p.m. Sunday.

"To be honest, it doesn't matter who we wrestle," Polk said. "We know the other teams that will be there. We've beaten some and lost to others. But we will be ready. Anyone can beat anyone in the final eight."

No surprise

Polk said it has been a special season so far, but he's not surprised by the strong results.

"We feel we have a shot every year," he said. "We thought we would get (to the quarterfinals) last year and it was kind of a bitter ending. The kids were hungry to work and get back here and worked very hard during the off-season."

Bedford opened with a pin at 189 before Glenn's JaWuan Peete (215) won 6-4 to make it 6-3. Bedford won 14-4 at 285 to give the Kicking Mules a 10-3



Westland John Glenn's Mikey Mars gets the upper hand over Wyandotte's Dylan Neal during Wednesday's team regional.

lead, which jumped to 16-3 with a pin at 103.

But at 112, Kyle Borthwell gave Glenn six points with a pin at 3:34. The Rockets then got quick back-to-back pins from Caleb Meekins (119, 0:19) and two-time state champion Mikey Mars (125, 0:29) to take a 21-16 lead.

At 130 pounds, Isaac Lefler won 6-4

to push the lead to 24-16. Brandon McCollum pinned his way to a win at 135 pounds (4:32) to make it 30-16. An 11-0 win by Anthony Gibson at 140 gave the Rockets a commanding 34-16 lead. A 9-0 win by John Siemasz (145), a state runner-up last season, made it 38-16 as Glenn secured the victory.

Glenn had few problems in its semi-

final match with Wyandotte Roosevelt.

After losing the first match (171 pounds) 6-2, the Rockets won the next three on pins over the Bears in the semifinal match-up. And after falling 5-0 at 103 pounds, the Rockets ran the table for a 69-6 win that included pins in the final six matches.

Wyandotte's Hiram Robinson defeated Kersten 6-2 in the opening match.

Lional Cornish (189), Peete (215) and Brandon Carreathers (285) all won on pins to give Glenn an 18-3 lead.

At 103 pounds, Wyandotte's Jake Campbell won 5-0 over Dezmund Blair to cut the lead to 18-6. It would be the Bears' final win of the night.

Borthwell won on a pin at 112 and Nick McPhall defeated Meekins 5-3 at 119 pounds as the Rockets took a 27-6 lead.

Lefler (125), Mars (130), McCollum (135), Gibson (140), Brenten Polk (152) and Genaro Acerrano (160) all won on pins for the Rockets, while Siemasz (145) won a void.

The Rockets advanced to the regional round by taking first place at team districts Feb. 8 at Wayne Memorial. The Rockets pinned Belleville 47-12 in the district final after drawing a bye in the first round. Belleville knocked off the Zebras 51-15 in the semifinal.

BURK

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since no one in school history has done it," Burk said. "But I definitely couldn't do it without my teammates, two of my best friends, Luke (Smith) and Kory (Barikmo)."

"Kory probably gave me about 400 points off his assists, so I definitely owe him a big one."

Burk also is a load for rivals around

the paint, too. "I had a 25-rebound game against Canton Prep," he said.

Although the help from teammates undoubtedly nudged Burk along, he also had to do his part to polish the rough edges of his overall game.

"I worked a lot with my reps this past summer," Burk said, "so I could drive left and right. I think I'm pretty good at finishing. ... I can shoot the ball when I have to."

He still loves the competition and being able to make things happen, too. "Stopping and popping is fun," Burk

said with a smile. "But taking it to the rack can be a lot easier sometimes."

No matter what he goes for a field-goal chance, he's had plenty of success — obviously.

He had a 44-point, 16-rebound game against Franklin Road Christian. It was the third time in 2016-17 he broke the Lutheran Westland record for points in a contest. "I beat the old record three times, (with three 40-point games)," he said. "I had a 40, 41 and 44."

Burk, who wants to play college basketball, then said it would be pretty

cool to reach the 50-point mark sometime before his outstanding career with the Warriors concludes.

That is, as long as that feat would come in a Lutheran Westland victory.

"I'd rather win than score 50 points," he said. "But I've had a lot of fun this year. I'm enjoying my last year here at Lutheran High. And I wouldn't want it any other way than with these guys here."

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5 post-retirement careers to consider

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Some workers picture retirement as a time to take that dream vacation, spend more time with family or pick up a new hobby. Others look at retirement as a time to pursue a second career. They may seek out a role that's a scaled back version of their current job, or they may choose to start fresh. Either way, many types of jobs are a good fit for mature workers and can provide fulfillment, enrichment – and a paycheck.

Here are five career options to consider for workers nearing retirement:



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can tell a good story can find an audience. "If you have some skills as a writer, [blogging] makes a great career option, as it allows you to make your own schedule and write about what you know and enjoy," suggests Susan Joyce, owner and operator of Job-Hunt.org, the guide for a smarter, safer job search. "If your blog is successful, this can even lead to writing or editing opportunities with other publications."

5. Entrepreneur

Entrepreneurship can seem risky for those just starting their career, but workers nearing retirement may be more comfortable taking a risk and following a passion. "It's never too late to pursue a business idea of your own," Joyce says. "Like blogging, being an entrepreneur allows you to work how and when you work best. This flexibility is great for retirees looking for a change. Whether your business idea leads you to 'Shark Tank' or Etsy, entrepreneurship can be a fun, rewarding option for mature workers."

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1. Résumé writer

Jessica Holbrook Hernandez, president and CEO of Great Résumés Fast, says mature workers who want to make an impact after retirement should consider becoming résumé writers. "The career experience that you've gained, years of leadership and industry expertise are a great combination for an executive résumé writer," she says. "If you love to write, you should consider looking into certification as a résumé writer. There are many different certification organizations and even online training programs that can turn good writers into great résumé writers. Help-

ing others pursue their own career dreams is a wonderful way to make an impact post-retirement."

2. Teacher

Another great way for mature workers to use their experience – and give back to the community – is through teaching or mentoring. "Sometimes, a person may teach or work at a university. In other cases, a person may actually teach in a prison, helping inmates to further their education," says Angela Copeland, a career

coach and owner of Copeland Coaching. While some additional schooling may be required, it's a meaningful and rewarding way to spend one's retirement.

3. Virtual assistant

Computer-savvy mature workers may want to consider a career in virtual assisting, or conducting administrative, clerical or other requested tasks for clients remotely. "They can work for an agency or can run their own virtual assistant practice if they wish

to go into business for themselves," says Holly Kile, author of "Virtual Team Builder for Coaches" and founder of HJK Global Solutions. "Virtual assisting offers flexibility in work hours and the ability to work from home or on the road for those who travel, making it an ideal choice for someone nearing traditional retirement age."

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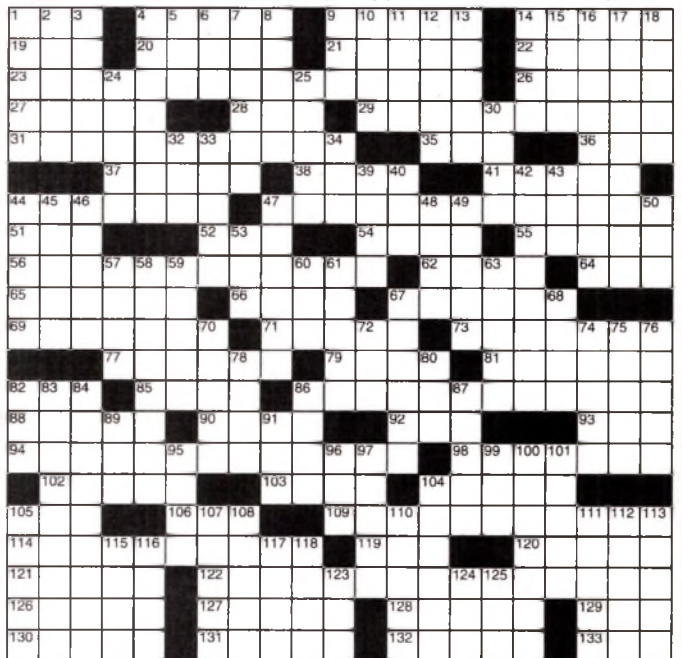
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Seer's "gift," for short
 - 4 Pig noise
 - 9 Tosses out
 - 14 Some choir women
 - 19 With 74-Down, "Such gall!"
 - 20 Tree-topping ax wielder
 - 21 Explate, with "or"
 - 22 Statue of Liberty feature
 - 23 African beast submerged?
 - 26 Ranch rope
 - 27 Unit of Time
 - 28 Park or Fifth: Abbr.
 - 29 Like partially spoiled oil?
 - 31 Five-alarm, for one?
 - 35 Mao — -tung
 - 36 British isle
 - 37 Slyly derisive
 - 38 Mocked by imitating
 - 41 Humdrum
 - 44 Amor or Eros
 - 47 Magic lamp owner's language?
 - 51 Purpose
 - 52 Property unit
 - 54 Hereditary unit
 - 55 Daphnis' lover
 - 56 Tan-colored door security feature?
 - 62 Banknotes
 - 64 Wichita-to-Akron dir.
 - 65 Fueled (up)
 - 66 Tannite or Braxton
 - 67 "Misty" crooner
 - 69 Hero of Sophocles "Electra"
 - 71 It's hidden in this puzzle's 10 longest answers
 - 73 Native of Cuba's capital
 - 77 Fall to do as promised
 - 79 Watson — "The Bing Ring"
 - 81 Texas border city
 - 82 "The Simpsons" clerk
 - 85 Q-V link
 - 86 Snap-on parts of a tot's tote?
 - 88 Friend of the Lone Ranger
 - 90 Tenderfoot
 - 92 Do injury to
 - 93 Jockey (for)
 - 94 "Farewell, Ms. Clooney!"?
 - 98 Wading birds
 - 102 Raccoon relative
 - 103 Israel's Eban
 - 104 Texas city near Dallas
 - 105 Dick — Dyke
 - 106 Washroom, informally
 - 109 Thoroughly clean some sour fruit?
 - 114 Tune about Houdini?
 - 119 Several eras
 - 120 Flat piece of microfilm
 - 121 Fiat, as pop
 - 122 Cause
 - 123 Reagan to digress?
 - 126 By itself
 - 127 Without — (worry-free) Ring?
 - 128 Sandbank
 - 129 Thigh's place city
 - 130 Fiery feeling
 - 131 Faked out, in ice hockey
 - 132 Utilized a keypad
 - 133 "What — the odds?"
 - 1 Set of values
 - 2 — kebab
 - 3 Giant in soda
- DOWN**
- 4 Providing with footwear
 - 5 Modern, in Munster
 - 6 Rent-to —
 - 7 Adjust on a timeline
 - 8 — Fountain (Rome landmark)
 - 9 Skull bone
 - 10 Great Salt Lake's state
 - 11 — moment too soon
 - 12 Honored a king, maybe
 - 13 Bondmen
 - 14 Razor name
 - 15 Pork cut
 - 16 Like phone calls and outlines
 - 17 1 followed by 27 zeros
 - 18 Like arbors
 - 24 Living proof?
 - 25 Relating to the kidneys
 - 30 McEntire of country
 - 32 — Grande
 - 33 Confound
 - 34 Scholastic meas.
 - 39 Sword part
 - 40 Pres. before JFK
 - 42 Of a large store of data
 - 43 Opposite of "yep"
 - 44 "Hasta —!" (Spanish "Later!")
 - 45 Often-quoted Wilde
 - 46 Sonnet, e.g.
 - 47 In one's own house
 - 48 Peruvian of yore
 - 49 Below, in a 46-Down
 - 50 "Meh" mark
 - 53 Decide
 - 57 Pre-'91 empire
 - 58 Fade away
 - 59 Xanadus
 - 60 Lover of Lennon
 - 61 Top part of some forms
 - 63 Intend to
 - 67 "Well, I declare!"
 - 68 Actress
 - 69 Mia
 - 70 Brawl
 - 72 Diplomat's bldg.
 - 74 See 19-Across
 - 75 Allow to enter
 - 76 Snoots
 - 78 Felias
 - 80 Toothpaste box org.
 - 82 — loss for words
 - 83 Many a Net radio host
 - 84 Teamster ID
 - 86 Utterly fail
 - 87 Toothbrush brand
 - 89 Peckoe, e.g.
 - 91 Irish actor
 - 95 Annoy
 - 96 Crunches them
 - 97 Slot car, say
 - 99 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
 - 100 Not divided into parts
 - 101 "— Thro' the Rye"
 - 104 Forceful
 - 105 Line of motor scooters
 - 107 President of Syria
 - 108 Verbalize
 - 110 Be
 - 111 City NNE of Tampa
 - 112 N.J. Devil, e.g.
 - 113 Swamp plant
 - 115 As well
 - 116 Look keenly
 - 117 Neighbor of Mont.
 - 118 Actor
 - 123 TV's Turner
 - 124 Keystone policeman
 - 125 Carly — Jepsen



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		4			5			1
3			9	8		2		

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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1	6	7	5	3	2	4	8	9
3	9	8	1	4	7	2	6	5
4	1	5	2	6	8	3	9	7
7	2	9	3	1	5	6	4	8
6	8	1	6	2	7	9	5	4
8	3	6	4	7	2	8	1	9
2	7	4	7	9	1	7	9	6
6	5	3	7	8	4	8	1	2

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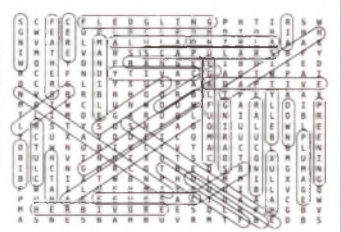
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- WINGS

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HIPP	POUNDER	WATER	RIOT
ISSUE	AWAY	HALFRANCIS	
CHIEF	HATTING	THE	SEELY
SNIDE	APED	BANAL	
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Chrysler's Pacifica minivan has fulfilled all expectations for the sharply designed new vehicle since it was introduced about a year ago.

By Dale Buss
With about 6,700 sales in January, the model began lapping year-ago sales (of just 39 vehicles) last month as Fiat Chrysler attempts to re-establish the kind of dominance that it enjoyed in minivans for a long time after the company created the segment in the mid-1980s, when Lee Iacocca climbed out of an early production model at the Windsor assembly plant.

I've always loved minivans as the ideal – if politically incorrect – balance of adequate fuel economy, decent handling, great front-row visibility, unequalled people-moving



A luxurious but clean interior characterizes Pacifica



Pacifica's roominess is enhanced by the huge sunroofs.

capacity and large and flexible cargo areas.

Then the 2017 Chrysler Pacifica reinvented the minivan segment with what the company called "an unprecedented level of functionality, versatility, technology and bold styling."

The company counted 37 separate "minivan firsts" when it unveiled the Pacifica family.

That's certainly what I found in the recent use of Pacifica as an incredibly capable and flexible platform for a family vacation, during which we were able to take advantage of everything from fantastic vistas available through the panoramic sunroofs, to the roomy front cabin, to the many configuration possibilities for cargo that are made possible by engineering in the rear compartment, to – well, using the onboard vacuum cleaner to take care of a little crumb problem.

The vacuum cleaner actually is only one of many comfort and convenience features, along with more than 100 available safety and security features, and an all-new UConnect Theater rear-seat entertainment system.

The ratification of Pacifica's great execution by American consumers via actual sales followed the rollout of a brilliant multipart marketing

campaign last year, shaped around a series of TV commercials that starred affable comic and father Jim Gaffigan and his real-life wife and five children – a perfect crew to demonstrate the capabilities of the new Pacifica.

Plus, Gaffigan helped establish the new model as one that dads actually could ogle un-self-consciously, despite minivans' hoary reputation as a vehicle only for soccer moms. It isn't clear yet to what extent Fiat Chrysler's appeal to the "father factor" is helping Pacifica's sales. And in the last few months, Pacifica also has gotten some product and technology validation as one of the most forward-looking vehicles in the Fiat Chrysler fleet because Chrysler introduced the first hybrid minivan in the United States.

Not only that, but Google selected the Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid – 100 of them, in fact – to serve as the platforms for testing the tech giant's first self-driving platforms. Google and Fiat Chrysler's experimentation with

these specially outfitted Pacificas has only begun, much like the development work that other combinations of automakers and digital-tech companies are performing. But Pacifica is what finally put Fiat Chrysler into the self-driving conversation.

In any event, not only consumers but also important third-party evaluators are beginning to notice. In early February alone, Pacifica was named Family Vehicle of the Year by the Midwest Media Association, an honor announced at the Chicago Auto Show; "Best Minivan" in the 2017 Drivers' Choice Awards by MotorWeek magazine; and the Best Car for the Money in its category by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

"Choosing a family vehicle is an important decision," Damon Bell, senior vice president of the Midwest Automotive Media Association, said about awarding Pacifica. "It should be versatile, reliable, efficient and reasonably priced ... and the Chrysler Pacifica came out on top."

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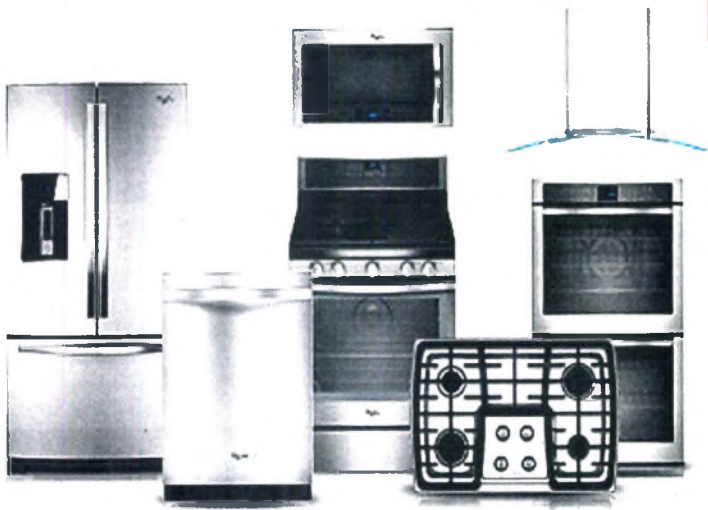
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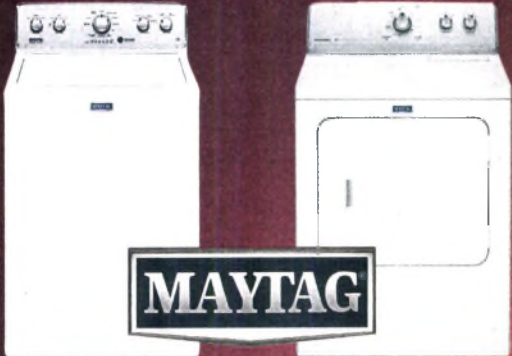


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