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Westland begins using new trash carts this week

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Due to the Labor Day holiday, trash collection will be delayed one day all week in most communities.

That's true in Westland where some residents saw a change in their weekly trash pickup in early August. But Westland residents will also begin using a new cart trash collection system starting the holiday week.

The biggest change is the use of 96-gallon wheeled carts for trash — similar to carts already in use for recycling. Since the carts are picked up



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Wild

It's to save money and it is a more aesthetically pleasing look," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "It gets all the trash off the ground. Other communities have seen less rodent problems."

New wheeled trash containers have been delivered to more than 25,000 single-family households. Some residents

with an automated arm on one-man garbage trucks, no hand pickup of trash will be offered.

"It all has to go into the cart.

have asked for the smaller 64-gallon carts.

Right-size containers

"It's going to take up to about 30 days to right-size the containers. It's not one-size-fits all with 25,000 households," Wild said. "I expect we will work it out."

For some residents, the concern is physically handling the 96-gallon carts and not needing the capacity. Wild said some condominium residents have one-car garages and have difficulty making room for the larger cart.

For residents with the opposite problem — a need for

more than 96 gallons of capacity for trash — the city is offering two possible solutions.

A second 96-gallon cart can be obtained for \$60 annually. Wild said the city is also offering a second cart for bi-weekly recycling collection at no charge.

"We want to encourage additional recycling," said Wild, noting it's environmentally friendly and also saves money with reduced landfill charges.

Special pickup fees

Along with the charge for an additional trash cart, other fees include \$10 for one to

three bulk items that do not fit into a can or \$25 for more than three bulk items. For a home move-out or clean-out, there is a minimum \$50 fee.

The bulk-item fee schedule also includes charges for appliances and carpet bundles.

The city is providing a list on its website providing information on organizations that will take furniture and other household items. Electronics can be recycled at the Department of Public Services yard.

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4th annual Blues, Brews, Barbecue moves to Central City Park

By LeAnne Rogers
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A new location in Central City Park and a Blues Brothers cover band will be featured in Westland's fourth annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue event, which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13.

The beer-and-food tent and stage will be located in Central City Park adjoining the new Farmers and Artisans Market Pavilion, which will provide the dining area.

There had been some question about whether Central City Park, which had to be cleared as part of contaminated soil remediation, could be used for tents since the ground can't be disturbed.

"We're using a weighted tent, so we'll be all out there with the stage and tents," Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said. "We will use the pavilion and have big tents for shade since there aren't any trees."

The Friday, Sept. 12, festivities get underway at 6 p.m. with music by the Randy Brock Group followed at 8 p.m. by the Blues Brothers cover band the Soul Men with the Paradise Band.

Bike Night

The opening night is also Bike Night with free parking offered for motorcycles in the new parking area off Carlson adjoining the pavilion. Reflections Custom Cycles will be on hand.

"They will debut a new bike and have other bikes on display. They will display a breast cancer motorcycle," Fodale said.

Ashley's Beer and Grill will provide beer again this year. Returning food vendors include Beaver Creek, Biggy Coffee, Famous Dave's, Hickory Barbecue, Longhorn Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse and Kona Ice. The vendors make

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Kelly Victor-Burke, a professor at Eastern Michigan University, has led student groups to several areas of Michigan to study geotourism.

Prof: geotourism catching on locally, statewide

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Eastern Michigan professor Kelly Victor-Burke is one of just a few in the country teaching a new concept: geotourism.

"It is a tourism approach that tries to

protect the geographic place and its assets," she said. "That means that its landscapes, its geology, its culture, its historic properties. And at the same time, it meets the needs of the local population."

Victor-Burke, a Livonia Franklin High School alumna, has worked with

students studying a wide array of Michigan areas and the effects of geotourism, just recently doing a session up near the Grand Traverse Bay. EMU is one of two colleges in the country that focuses on geotourism, a concept that's

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Westland man sent to prison for sexual assault

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man has been sentenced to nine to 30 years in prison for sexually assaulting a girl at a local apartment complex where both resided.

Zachary Jankowski, who will turn 18 on Sept. 24, was sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Vera Massey Jones after he entered a guilty plea to one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The guilty plea resulted in five charges against Jankow-



Jankowski

ski being dropped. Originally, Jankowski had been charged with an additional count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment and assault.

The charges were brought after a Sept. 1, 2013, incident at the Hines Park Apartments near Warren Road and Merri-

man. Police reported that the then-9-year-old girl and Jankowski were acquainted as neighbors at the apartment complex.

The girl was lured or grabbed and taken into a nearby changing room where she was raped and also choked, police said. The girl then reported the incident to her mother and police were contacted.

Jankowski was arrested the same evening. He was still 16 at that time and was initially taken into custody as a juvenile.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office obtained a court order that moved the charges against Jankowski from the Family Division Court to the Wayne County Circuit Court Criminal Division where he was charged as an adult.

Jankowski also underwent a psychological examination and was found competent to stand trial. He is currently being held in the Thumb Correctional Facility.

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State: LPS performing about the same as last year

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

As classes resume Tuesday for Livonia Public Schools, each building's school improvement team will continue to review its most recent assessment data from the Michigan Department of Education, which earlier this month assigned new color scorecards and Top-to-Bottom rankings to every school in the state.

Overall, the district received a School Accountability Scorecard of yellow, the same as last year. Yellow — the middle color of five colors that can be assigned — means Livonia Public Schools attained at least 60 percent but less than 70 percent of possible points in meeting or making improvement against individualized district and school goals.

Several individual schools did better than last year. Hayes, Kennedy, Randolph, Rosedale, Cleveland and Cass moved up from yellow to lime, while Churchill



Churchill High School moved up from orange to yellow on the state's School Accountability Scorecard.

moved up from orange to yellow.

Sheila Alles, director of academic services, said that is because the state removed one of the audit checks used to penalize schools last year that was not applied this year.

Just one school, Riley, did worse, moving down from yellow to orange. Riley's scorecard percentage fell just 0.7 percent under 60 percent,

the cutoff for a yellow scorecard.

Minute detail like that is what teachers and administrators look at as part of the district's Continuous Improvement Process to identify instructional strengths and challenges, Alles said: "This is an ongoing process that we use in all our schools and at the district level."

For example, the Franklin High staff ex-

amined their Michigan Merit Exam data Thursday to determine the effectiveness of its school improvement plans in meeting the areas of needed focus.

Franklin received a rank of 55 on the state's Top-to-Bottom list, which ranks schools on test scores, improvement in test scores and graduation rates in relationship to all schools in the state. That means Franklin did

better than 55 percent of other schools in the state.

Franklin placed it in the middle of LPS' three high schools. In comparison, Churchill had a rank of 34 and Stevenson an 80. All three high schools received yellow scorecards. Alles attributed the differences in how the high schools ranked to the differences in their demographics.

"The overall scorecard color is based on a number of factors," she said. "Most of the factors have to do with meeting individualized proficiency targets for each of the five content areas tested (reading, writing, math, science and social studies) for all students and for each subgroup of students a school has. The more homogeneous a school, the fewer the subgroups. The more subgroups, the more opportunities (there are) not to meet the proficiency targets the state assigned to each content area for that school."

Cooper and Garfield, which received ranks of

27 and 10 respectively, the lowest in the district, also have several subgroups, Alles said.

LPS has the same number of Focus Schools as last year. They are Cass, Garfield, Frost, Churchill and Franklin. Focus Schools consist of the 10 percent of schools on the Top-to-Bottom list with the largest achievement gaps between its top 30 percent of students and its bottom 30 percent.

It has one Reward School, Webster, for being in the top 5 percent of schools on the Top-to-Bottom list. Webster received a green scorecard, the top color, and a rank of 99. LPS has no Priority Schools, Michigan public schools identified in the bottom 5 percent of the state-wide Top-to-Bottom School Rankings.

Alles will present a summary of the scorecards and rankings as part of the Annual Education Report she will deliver to the school board Sept. 15.

GEOTOURISM

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only been around since the early 2000s, Victor-Burke said.

With the advent of tourism campaigns, such as Pure Michigan, the concept of geotourism has been something that has grown in popularity with some in the tourism industry working to incorporate its principals into their marketing.

The concept has evolved over the last several years and is seeing a fast adoption rate, she said.

"It is a game-changer," Victor-Burke said. "This concept is new, and it's exciting to see that there are businesses and pioneers in terms of entrepreneurs."

"We're starting to see a lot of evolution and people starting to use geotourism."

Some of those principles can be seen locally in western Wayne and Oakland counties, Victor-Burke said. One major location many Metro Detroit residents enjoy is in Dearborn: The Henry Ford. The village and museum work to conserve local history while serving local residents and those who travel a great distance to visit.

"The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village is one of the state's top tourism attractions," she said. "It is, without question, an excellent example of geotourism. They are pioneers in embracing this concept."

Other areas embracing this concept include Nankin Mills Nature Center in Westland and Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia, Victor-Burke said.

Food a big factor

Another big part of geotourism in southeast Michigan area is locally sourced food.

Victor-Burke said this concept of farm-to-table is growing in many areas, including Detroit and Birmingham.

"People are very interested. I think there's a lot of awareness of where your food comes from these days," she said. "It's very exciting."

One concept seeing more footing in geotourism includes farmer's markets, which supply many locally grown foods.

"I see so many communities that are not just having one-day farmer's markets, but they're becoming more innovative to where their markets are," she said.

One market embracing more local roots and

innovation is in Redford Township. The Market at the Marquee, held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Sunday through mid-October near Five Mile and Beech Daly, has a wide array of not only food but other items, such as soaps.

Melinda Graczyk, the market master in Redford, said she's seen an increase in the number of people coming from the neighborhoods surrounding the marquee as well as other communities.

The market has also hosted several children's concerts, which were moved from Saturdays the previous year to attract a more diverse audience, Graczyk said.

"Now we've moved it as a part of the market on Sundays," she said. "That brings the kids and their families in the whole thing."

And with fall fast approaching Victor-Burke said the state's cider mills have done a wonderful job of expanding their lineups to be more than just a place for cider and doughnuts.

"It's great because you're seeing it's not just the cider," she said.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Distinguished Young Woman

Attention Wayne-Westland high school senior women. Now is the time to get involved in the Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland program, formerly known as America's Junior Miss. Meet long-lasting friends and have the opportunity to gain scholarships for college. If you're interested, contact your high school counselor for details.

Orientation is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at 37955 Glenwood, Wayne. The Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland program will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. Practices will be from 5-8 p.m. Sundays, beginning Sept. 28.

Food donations

Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Community in Westland is conducting a "Simply Give" fundraiser for the John Bolde Food Depot in Wayne.

Simply purchase a \$10 Meijer gift card at the Meijer store at Newburgh and Warren Road between now and Sept. 6. Meijer will keep the card and add \$10 more, which gives the food bank \$20 worth of food buying power. Purchase a \$10 card from Sept. 4-6 and Meijer will increase that to \$30.

Rummage sale

The First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a fall rummage sale on Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 18-20, at the church, located at 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office.

The Thursday and Friday hours are from 9

a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is also bag day. A grocery bag is \$2 and a plastic lawn bag \$5. The plus room is exempt from Saturday bag day. Homemade baked goods and refreshments also will be available for sale.

The building is handicap accessible. For more information, call the church at 734-721-4801.

Fall Arts, Craft Show

St. Damian is looking for crafters for its annual arts and crafts show, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Community Room and Gym of the parish, located at 30055 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland.

Tables are \$25 each or \$40 for two tables. There are 70 tables available for the event. Call the parish center office at 734-421-6130 weekdays or download an application at www.stdamian.com/ under events, then "craft show."

Crafters wanted

St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show, which is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the Parish Social Halls, 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

There are 70 tables available for \$25 each. Call Mary at 734-425-4421 (vm #10) to obtain a table rental contact.

Heather's Legacy

Vendors are being sought for Heather's Legacy craft and vendor show slated for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Designer Duds and

Infant Treasures Children's Boutique, 815 N. Wayne Road, also in Westland.

Show space costs \$25 and vendors will need to bring their own table and/or tent and provide an item that will be raffled off.

To secure a space, vendors can send their payment via Paypal (as a gift) to taylorlorskkt@gmail.com.

Annual golf outing

Glenn Wrestling will hold its 17th annual Golf Outing Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Hilltop Golf Course. Cost is \$100 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and dinner after golf.

Contact Judy at jgwrestlingmom@gmail.com or 734-634-4595, if you have questions, need more information or want to make reservations. You can also obtain more information at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted. All donations are welcome.

Veterans dinner

World War II, Korean veterans and their spouses are invited to the fourth annual veterans' dinner, hosted by the Bova VFW Post in Westland.

The dinner is scheduled to be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the post, 6440 Hix, north of Ford Road in Westland. The program will be emceed by John Glenn High School history teacher Michele Anderson. Plans are to have music and possibly jitter bug dancers.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, call 734-334-0190 or send an email to abbysmom@gmail.com.

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some profit from food and beverage tickets sales as do non-profit groups based on volunteers hours worked.

"The non-profits have received over \$58,000 over the last three years," Fodale said. "We split the money (with the vendors), and every year Longhorn Steakhouse

gives all the money back to the event."

Show off area

Last year, the two-day Blues, Brews and Barbecue event attracted more than 4,000 people, Fodale said.

"It brings people from all over Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. It's a perfect opportunity to show off the area to people," Fodale said.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, the music, food and beer

kick off at noon and continue until 10 p.m. The musical lineup will include the Big Bill Harwell Band, the Chris Canas Band, the Alligators, the Boa Constrictors and headliners Big Ray and the Motor City Kings.

For more information, visit cityofwestland.com/play/blues-brews-and-bbq.

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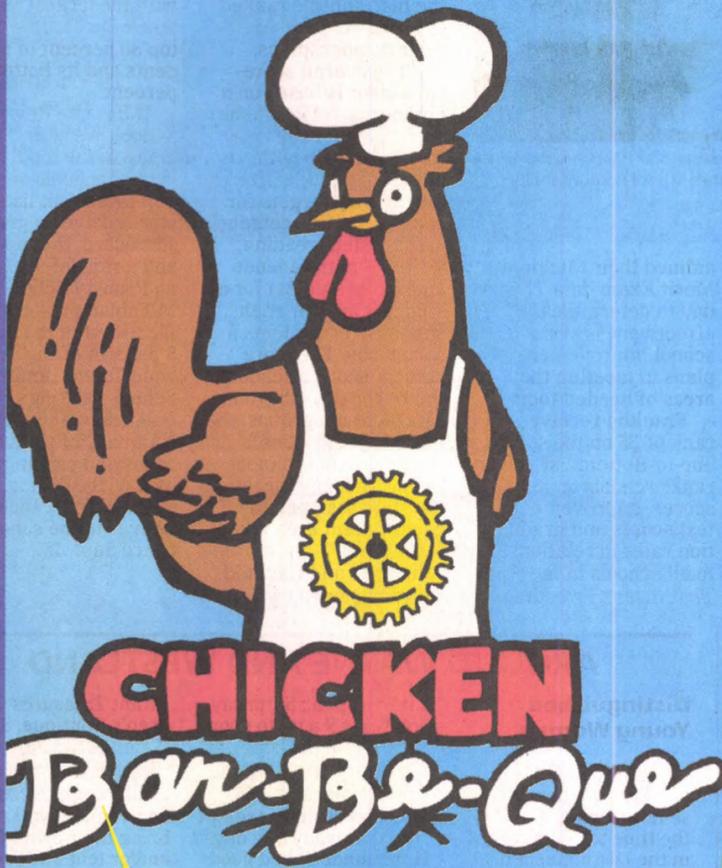
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Garden City Rotary Club packs backpacks

By Sue Buck
 Staff Writer

The Garden City Rotary Club has perfected its backpack packing skills after at least a decade doing it. On Thursday, members gathered at Cambridge High School in Garden City to fill the backpacks with school supplies donated by the community during the annual school supply drive. "We have been doing it as long as I have been in Rotary and that is close to 10 years," member Pat Storey said. Rotary wraps large donation boxes and then places them at strategic areas in the city — Garden City Hall, the Garden City Public Library and Cambridge High School. Storey reserves time on her

personal calendar for the packing day because she loves serving the community and the children and loves to see things run efficiently. Member Cathy Nitkowski, a preschool teacher at St. Linus School in Dearborn Heights, helped organize the event. Because the need has increased, the club packed 120 backpacks this year compared to 100 last year. Garden City Schools Superintendent Michelle Cline contacts the teachers to determine the need, Nitkowski said. All grade levels are represented. High school backpacks contain notebooks, binders, colored pencils, index cards, red checking pens, protractors and compasses. The younger students re-



JACK PELON
 Garden City Rotarians Pat Storey, Cathy Nitkowski, Jack Pelon, Rob McLachlan, Larry Tyrchniewicz, Cody Bailey and Anthony Nitkowski made simple work of filling backpacks at Cambridge High School Thursday.

ceive erasers, rulers, pens, pencils, glue, crayons, paper and folders. "Every member of the club

worked extremely hard to make sure this year's project was a success," said member Jack Pelon, a former Garden

City Public Schools administrator. sbuck@hometownlife.com

ACHIEVERS

Lauren Budnick of Garden City was awarded a Michigan Retailers Association college scholarship for the 2014-15 academic year. She is a graduate of Garden City High School and will be a freshman at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti in the fall. She is the daughter of Frances Budnick, an employee at Target Corp. in Dearborn Heights, an MRA-member business. Budnick received one of five Target Corporation Scholarships, funded by contributions from Target. The \$1,000 scholarship is one of 35 funded this year by the Michigan Retailers Foundation, a nonprofit organization established by MRA to benefit member businesses and their employees and families. Recipients were selected by an independent panel based on academic and extracurricular achievement.



Budnick

LPS families have a ball at 'Bounce Back to School'

Giant bouncers, a petting zoo, horseback rides, carnival games, pizza, cotton candy, sno-cones and more — the Livonia Public Schools' Bounce Back to School event had all the makings of a true end-of-summer bash. Families came from all around the school district Aug. 21 to celebrate the start of a new school year, in bounce style. Although rain showers moved in about halfway through the event, the kids had just as much fun splashing in the puddles as they did playing in the bouncers. Many took cover under the athletic pavilion at Stevenson High School, where Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot, posed for photos with students and their families. The annual event, held this year on the grounds of Stevenson High School, is presented by Livonia Public Schools and the LPS Education Foundation, with sponsorship from AlphaUSA, Allstate Insurance-Cheryl Bowker Agency, Bill Brown Ford, Bright House Networks, Parkside Credit Union, Rock Out Entertainment, St. Mary Mercy Hospital and Westland Shopping Center. All proceeds benefit the LPS Education Foundation's Competitive Edge College Savings Program that's made available to LPS kindergarteners each year. Diane Policelli, president of the LPS Education Foundation, said the support from the sponsors and the 100 volunteers



A petting farm area was set up for the kids to explore.

made this a true community event. "Livonia Public Schools and the LPS Education Foundation are very happy to welcome our students back to school and to celebrate with this Bounce Back to School party," Policelli said. "It's a terrific way to bring families together to share the enthusiasm for the start of a new school year. The LPS Education Foundation is proud to

be a part of this event! Thank you, to everyone who participated! The proceeds benefit our unique college savings program, which gives families a head start, a 'Competitive Edge' on saving for college." For more information about the start of the 2014-15 school year, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org. The first day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 2.

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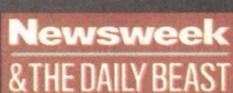
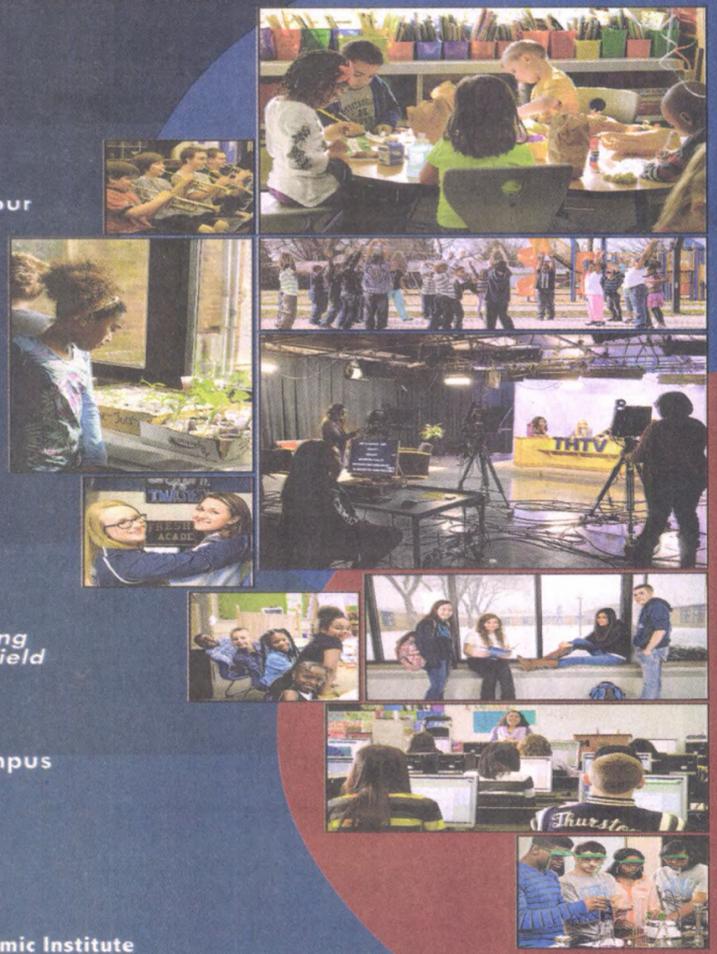


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Livonia skater to tour with Disney on Ice

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Madison DeLuca, 18, of Livonia is living a figure skater's dream.

The 2014 Stevenson High School graduate leaves today (Sunday) to perform with Disney on Ice.

"A lot of skaters, that's what they hope to do some day," said DeLuca, who has been ice skating since age 3. "I think it's very exciting and I can't wait to go and start it."

DeLuca auditioned for and received a role in "Worlds of Fantasy," a nine-month touring show that begins Sept. 18 in Florida. After practicing for three weeks, DeLuca and the other skaters on tour will travel all through the United States and Canada, performing up to three shows a day in some

cities.

DeLuca was a competitive skater whose accomplishments include being a three-time U.S. Figure Skating Junior National Championships competitor, Eastern Great Lakes Regional Novice Ladies Champion and U.S. Figure Skating Championship competitor. She is most proud of placing among the top 12 figure skaters nationally in her level in 2012.

While she loved competing, she also really liked performing in front of a crowd, her mother Kelly DeLuca said.

After graduating high school, DeLuca found herself at a crossroads. She could continue competing, start college – although she doesn't know yet what she wants to study – or take performing to the next level. "The Disney thing was

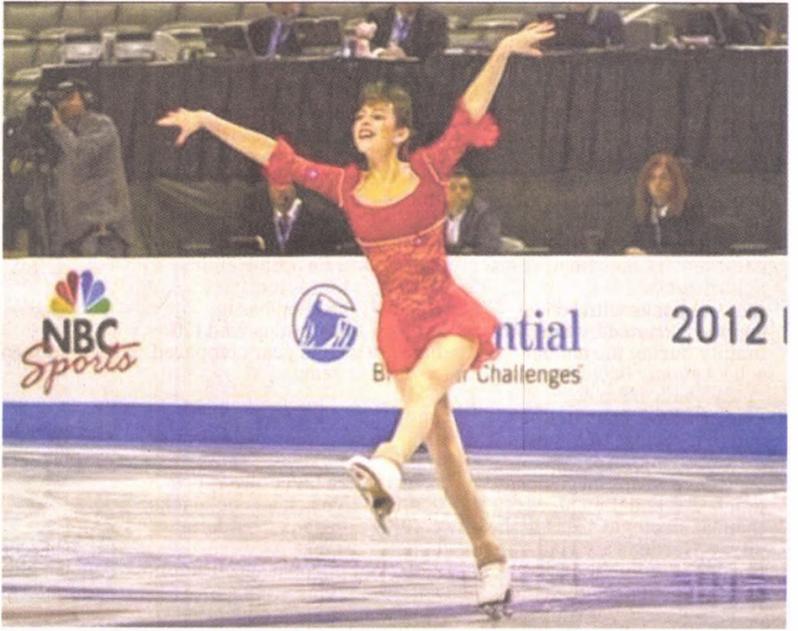
just a better option," she said, adding she decided to enroll in college after the tour is over.

Her coaches at Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton helped her put together an audition tape for Disney, which led to an invitation to have its casting director watch her skate in person the next time she visited Florida. That took place in June.

"She passed unanimously," said her grandfather John Elkins, a former Schoolcraft College trustee, who remembers taking DeLuca to learn to skate lessons at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, not far from the family's Livonia home.

"This is literally a dream come true for Maddy," he said.

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Madison DeLuca placed among the top 12 figure skaters nationally in her level in 2012.



Madison DeLuca, 18, with her many competition medals.

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Woman sentenced to prison in fatal accident

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer



Ponya Lee

death of Ypsilanti nurse Patricia Nwaneri, 55

Judge Megan Maher Brennan

also sentenced Lee to three to 10 years for vandalism and six to 15 years for reckless driving causing a death.

Those sentences will be concurrent to the sentence for manslaughter. Testimony in the case was that on the afternoon of Feb. 17, Lee was upset about her girlfriend ending their relationship.

Lee drove off in the girlfriend's 2014 Chevrolet Impala at a high rate of speed.

The girlfriend testified that Lee called on a

cell phone from the car to say she was going to deliberately wreck the car.

Lee reportedly disregarded a red light at the intersection of Wayne and Warren roads, broadsiding a vehicle driven by Patricia Nwaneri, who died at the hospital a short time after the collision.

A native of Nigeria, Nwaneri was the mother

of four children. Nwaneri was driving to her first day on a new job when she was killed.

Police had arrested Lee later the day of the accident on charges of assaulting her girlfriend and two other people, reportedly armed with a sword, and destroying property in the girlfriend's apartment.

Lee has been jailed since the day of the acci-

dent, having been arrested for the incidents at the apartment.

She was charged with three counts of felonious assault and vandalism over \$20,000. Guilty pleas were entered in that case.

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Westland Police warn of IRS phone scam

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

After a local woman was recently ripped off for \$5,000, Westland Police are warning residents to be aware of a telephone scam.

The caller claimed to be from the IRS and told the woman she owed \$5,000 based on a recent audit of her taxes, Westland Deputy Police Chief Todd Adams said.

"The caller told her she would be arrested if she didn't pay," Adams said. "She was told to buy Green Dot cards — they are prepaid debit cards."

Once the Green Dot cards had been purchased, Adams said the victim was told to read the numbers on the cards so the caller could retrieve the money.

At one point during this fraud, Adams said the victim received a phone call that appeared on her caller ID as coming from the Westland Police Department's phone number.

"She was familiar with the number and that raised her suspicions," Adams said. "He probably had made quick online purchases, so the money was gone."

The woman, 55, came to the Police Department to file a complaint.

"The Westland Department would like to make everyone aware of this type of fraud," Adams said. "Please know that the Westland Police Department does not solicit money over the phone with the threat of arrest."

This appears to be a variation on the type of fraud where someone calls an elderly person claiming to be a grandchild in need of bail money. That one often used Western Union to have funds wired.

If you receive such a call contact the Westland Police at 734-722-9600 and report it.

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Marcella Puia shows the trophies she won at the local competition.

Girl qualifies for pageant

Westland resident Marcella Puia, 6, recently qualified to participate in the National American Miss contest in Anaheim, Calif., in November.

Marcella earned eligibility for the upcoming contest after

competing locally at the Adoba Hotel in Dearborn on July 4.

A Wildwood Elementary School student, Marcella will compete in the princess contest for girls ages 4-6.

Romanowski VFW Post to host Big Time Wrestling

Big Time Wrestling returns to area with a show Saturday, Sept. 6, at Westland's Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and matches are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. The VFW Post is located at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt.

The All World Wrestling League, the new name for Big Time Wrestling, will be filming the show to broadcast on a number of national TV shows.

The shows will air on the Tuff TV network at 6 p.m. each Saturday, starting Sept. 23 and will be aired in more than 63 broadcast markets throughout the country, according to a press release. Replays of the broadcast are expected to air three times the same week.

The lineup at Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post includes AWWL World Champion Rastakhan taking on former four-time champion Blackjack Phoenix in the first time the two wrestlers have met.

Former JCW champion Rude Boy will be in a revenge match after being burned two weeks ago by "The Lunatic" Brutus Mac. This is scheduled to be "bloody towel hardcore match."

The show also will feature the massive 400-pound, 6-foot-5 "African Destroyer" Dima Wakazi vs. Big Country Stax, who's the hometown favorite.

"Prime Time" Tommy Johnson will take on his biggest rival, Cold Brother Loverman.

Matches featuring Lou Crank, Jerome "Do It" Pruitt, The Claw, Jontae Keith, "Krazy" Nick Pope and many more are planned, with wrestling scheduled for October, November and December 2014. Women wrestling stars also are scheduled to be in action.

Concessions and refreshments will be available.

Limited seating is available. Show tickets are available at Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 10 years and under. For more information, visit awwlbw.com.

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Wayne County Commission adopts county budget for 2014-15

With an eleventh-hour settlement reached between Wayne County and the Prosecutor's Office, the Wayne County Commission voted 13-0 Thursday to approve a \$1.68 billion budget for the county for the 2014-15 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. The 2013-14 adopted budget was approximately \$1.43 billion, meaning that the 2014-15 budget grew by about \$256 million, or 15 percent.

The county and Prosecutor's Office agreed late Monday to settle litigation in exchange for the Prosecutor's Office receiving about \$1.3 million more than the administration had recommended. The Prosecutor's Office had an adopted budget of about \$36.9 million for

2013-14 and was asking for nearly \$46.5 million. For 2014-15, it will receive close to \$40.7 million.

As part of the settlement, which the Commission approved Thursday by a 12-1 vote, the Prosecutor's Office, operating in deficit spending in 2013-14, agreed to spend within its budget, but can ask for budget increases from the Commission during the fiscal year. The roughly \$1.3 million will come from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund operated by the Treasurer's Office. The county plans to hire consultants to recommend efficiencies, along with a to-be-determined number of assistant prosecuting attorneys.

The Commission's Committee on Ways and

Means held hearings over the span of nearly a month to deliberate the budget on a department-by-department basis.

"I'm pleased with the hard work from our committee members and approving of a status quo budget that includes some meaningful changes for the county," said Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia), Ways and Means chairwoman.

During the departmental hearings, the Committee on Ways and Means also heard pleas from the Sheriff's Office for additional funding. The Sheriff's Office adopted budget for 2013-14 was about \$143 million, and it requested about \$181 million for 2014-15. The Sheriff's Office will receive about \$145.4 mil-

lion. The county will invest \$2 million in jail repairs and about \$225,000 in a three-month drug enforcement pilot program that the Sheriff's Office said will generate revenue.

The overall budget marked a continued reduction in the county's deficit.

The county had roughly a \$97.5 million budget deficit late in the 2013-14 fiscal year, down from about \$175 million at the end of 2012-13. A major factor in the reduction was the Treasurer's Office agreeing in May to transfer \$150 million from its Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund, much more than the original \$82 million that had been pledged as part of the deficit elimination plan.

County places charter amendment on Nov. 4 ballot

The Wayne County Commission has placed a proposed charter amendment on the Nov. 4 ballot that would allow the chairperson of the commission to appoint a designee on the Wayne County Retirement System board.

The retirement board consists of six elected members – four active employees and two retirees – as well as two ex-officio members. The ex-officio members are the Wayne County executive and the chairperson of the Wayne County Commission. Under the current charter, the

Wayne County executive is allowed to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the board. However, the commission chair is not afforded this same privilege.

The charter amendment is a minor technical change that would give this privilege to the chair. The rationale is to provide the chair with the option of appointing a board designee who has more expertise in retirement and investment matters. For instance, the Wayne County executive's current designee is the county's chief financial officer.

Seats available for Leadership Banquet

Individual seats are now available for those interested in joining a unique gathering of chief elected officials and business leaders from across 18 western Wayne County communities who will meet for an evening of networking and insights into the region.

The second annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet – presented by Bank of America and Winchester Consulting Group – will be Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. Individual seats are \$100 per person.

The inaugural event last year drew 350 people.

"This event not only provides valuable information, it is also serves as a catalyst for relationship building between business and

political leaders," said Tracey Schultz-Kobylarz, Redford Township's supervisor and chair for the Conference of Western Wayne Board. "As a result of events like this, we are able to work together, blend geographical lines and put our best collective proposals forward for the betterment of the region."

The Conference of Western Wayne, an advocacy organization serving the elected leaders of the region's 18 cities and townships, is partnering with several local chambers of commerce to coordinate this program designed to build stronger municipal-business relationships in a region that represents 700,000 residents and more than 54 percent of Wayne County's tax base.

The banquet emcee will be Mary Kramer,

publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business*, while the keynote speaker will be local economist David Sowerby, portfolio manager for Loomis, Sayles and Co. in Bloomfield Hills. Sowerby will speak about economic and business trends for western Wayne County and metro Detroit.

"It is an example for regionalizing and showcasing our attributes, talents and efforts for the good of state, western Wayne County and, of course, the local communities we each serve," Kobylarz said.

In addition to individual seats, corporate table packages are also available for companies interested in promotional consideration.

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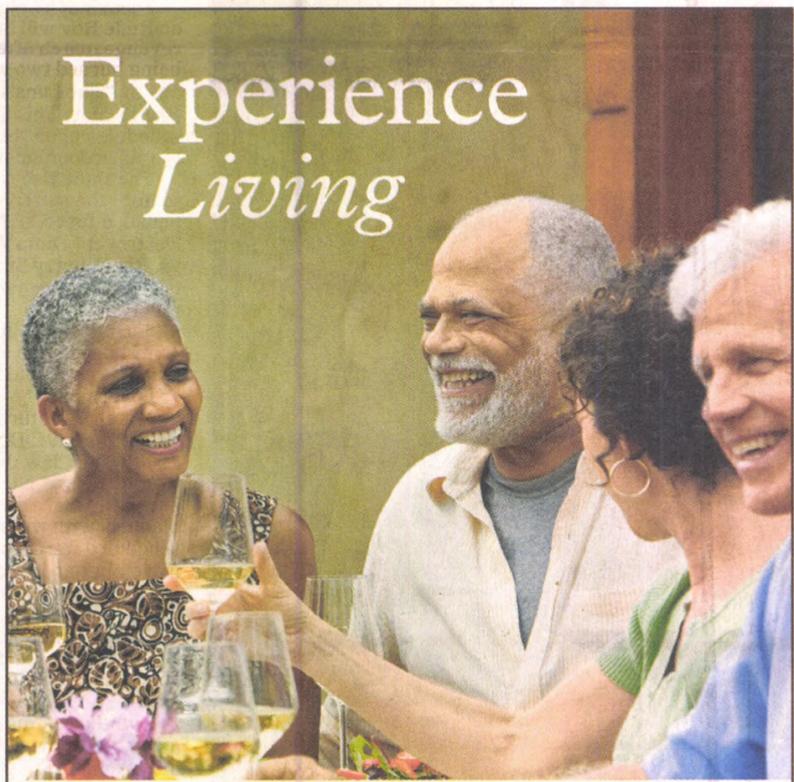
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Tony Hawk wows crowd at skateboard park

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Skateboard legend Tony Hawk wowed a huge crowd of fans and curious onlookers last Saturday, Aug. 23, in Farmington Hills, when he and other top skaters visited Riley Skate Park. Amid cheers and wild applause, Hawk took full advantage of the skate park's features, showing off his stuff and again proving why many consider him tops in his sport. He also took some time to mingle with the crowd and autograph skateboards.

"We had a big turnout — we weren't sure what to expect," said Alexa Snyder, marketing specialist for the Farmington Hills Special Services Department, which hosted the event. Snyder estimates upwards of 3,500 stopped by for the demonstrations.

"And based on feedback, everyone enjoyed it. It was a really good

day," she said.

It was also a great way to show off one of the city's jewels — and having a famed skateboarder to draw people in was a huge bonus.

"We're really fortunate Tony and his Birdhouse team decided to come here ... you always see this kind of thing happening in other places — you don't think it could happen right in our back yard," she said.

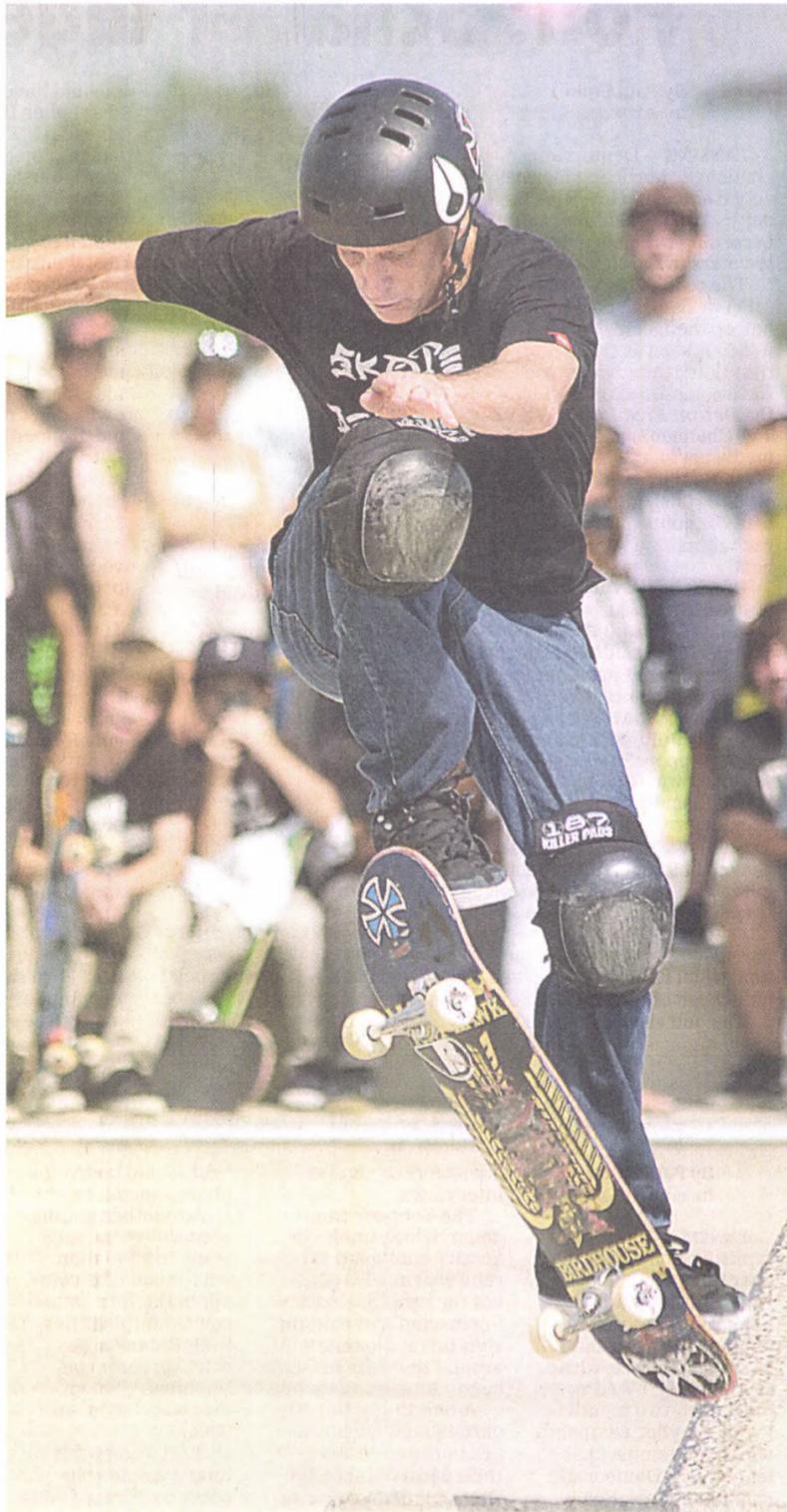
The free event was a local stop on the Birdhouse Tour's eight-city On the Road Summer 2014 Midwest Tour. Also

on hand Saturday were Birdhouse Skate Team members Aaron "Jaws" Homoki, Ben Raybourn, Clint Walker, David Loy, Kevin Staab, Willy Santos, Clive Dixon, Mike Davis, Shawn Hale and Shaun Gregoire.

Skateboarding fans can also check out the upcoming 2014 Fall Classic Skateboarding Competition on Sept. 13-14, starting at 10 a.m. each day. All skill levels are welcome. Admission fee is \$5. For registration information, call 248-426-0899.



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The crowd cheers as Tony Hawk takes to flight mid-air.



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Tony Hawk demonstrated his skateboarding abilities for more than an hour Saturday at George Riley Skate Park in Farmington Hills.



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(From left) Livonia residents Andrew Flood, 14, Brian McClermott, 15, and Nick Olvera, 14, watch in amazement as Tony Hawk demonstrates his skills in Farmington Hills.

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Poll: Schauer edges ahead of Snyder

By Paul Egan
Gannett Michigan

LANSING — Democratic challenger Mark Schauer has edged ahead of Gov. Rick Snyder by two percentage points, according to a new poll of likely voters in the Nov. 4 election.

The results from EPIC-MRA of Lansing come just before the Labor Day holiday, which is seen as the kickoff of the main campaign season and were released exclusively to the *Detroit Free Press*, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) and statewide media partners. A 2-point lead is within the poll's margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points, meaning the race remains a statistical dead heat.

Of 600 likely voters surveyed between Friday and Monday, 45% said they support Schauer, 43% said they support Snyder, and 12% were undecided or wouldn't say.

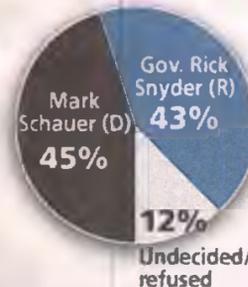
When EPIC-MRA last polled voters, in July, 46% said they would support Snyder, 43% said they would support Schauer, and 11% were undecided or wouldn't say.

Snyder's lead over Schauer peaked at 9 percentage points in May. Schauer has not had a lead since April 2013, soon after the passage of controversial right-to-work legislation, when EPIC-MRA showed him ahead of Snyder, 39-38.

The poll shows shifts in the

SCHAUER HAS A SLIGHT LEAD IN GOVERNOR'S RACE

QUESTION: If the election were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate Gov. Rick Snyder or the Democratic challenger Mark Schauer?



SOURCE: EPIC-MRA telephone poll of 600 likely voters from Aug. 22-25 with a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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last month that could be significant, said Bernie Porn, president of EPIC-MRA. Snyder's support among Republicans has softened slightly, Schauer's name recognition has improved sharply, and he has widened his lead over Snyder among female voters.

A bright spot for Snyder is that the poll shows he has expanded his lead among crucial Independent voters.

"I would have bet that Snyder

would have a significant lead at Labor Day," Porn said Wednesday. "The fact that Snyder is up by a couple of points against an incumbent ... probably spells that this is going to be a close race."

Schauer, who is airing statewide TV ads and has been boosted by millions of dollars sent by the Democratic Governors Association, made a significant dent in his low name recognition in a single month. The percentage of voters who don't recognize his name dropped 15 points since July, to 29% in August.

But Schauer's positive and native numbers have both increased along with the added recognition. Of those surveyed, 26% said they have a positive impression of Schauer a 21% negative one. In July, those numbers were 21% positive and 16% negative.

Schauer's support among Democrats — 83% — is now as strong as Snyder's support among Republicans — 82%. In July, Snyder had 88% support among Republicans, while Schauer's support among Democrats stood at 81%.

I have long said that if Snyder is able to perform among Democrats at the levels that Snyder is able to perform among Republicans, that would put Schauer in the lead, which it is," Porn said.

at Snyder, whose campaign is to begin airing its first

new TV ads since June on Tuesday, could have significantly more resources to bring to the campaign as it heats up after Labor Day, Porn said.

In one of the few positive takeaways for the governor, the poll shows Snyder has expanded his lead among Independent voters, to 43-32 in August from 38-31 in July.

Schauer expanded his lead among women voters to 52-37, from 47-41 in July. Snyder's lead among men has remained stable, at 50-38.

The Snyder campaign criticized the poll as an outlier.

"One out of every 10 polls is garbage and this is certainly an example," said Snyder spokeswoman Emily Benavides.

"Every poll in this race has shown the governor with an average lead of four points and the most recent one showed him with a nine-point advantage because Michigan is coming back and Gov. Snyder is leading the way."

Schauer spokeswoman Cathy Bacile Cunningham said Schauer has momentum.

"The fact that a universally known Republican incumbent is still stuck in the mid-40s and losing ground less than 10 weeks from Election Day is a really bad sign for Snyder," she said.

"We fully expect the governor's billionaire backers will spend big money to smear

Mark's record, but Snyder can't hide the fact that he raised taxes on seniors and gave his staff huge pay raises."

Higher taxes on pension income, which Snyder pushed through the GOP-controlled Legislature in 2011, have been a major talking point in Schauer campaign ads and speeches. The *Free Press* reported in November that 17 investment officials in the Treasury Department were quietly given double-digit pay hikes, with a few getting bumps of 80% to 90%, resulting in one salary as high as \$333,000.

Schauer's improved numbers coincide with a slight souring in the mood of Michigan voters. Of those surveyed, 46% said they think the state is on the right track and 41% said it's on the wrong track. In July, those numbers were 47% and 36%, respectively.

On the economy, 64% said they think the Michigan economy has bottomed out and is improving. That's down slightly from 67% in July.

Those dips are potentially significant because Snyder's campaign has touted Michigan's improved economic performance and reduced unemployment rate and the governor does better among voters who think the economy is improving and the state is following the correct path.

Governor's race spending could top \$40 million

By Paul Egan
Gannett Michigan

LANSING — Elections typically don't shift into gear until after Labor Day, and Gov. Rick Snyder's re-election campaign is set to hit the airwaves Tuesday with its first new TV ad in more than two months.

The Snyder campaign, which is facing a challenge from Democratic candidate Mark Schauer, has paid for more than \$2 million in statewide TV airtime from Labor Day through Election Day, based on Federal Communications Commission records and interviews.

The Schauer campaign, which unlike the Snyder campaign is currently airing TV ads, is not far behind, also having booked and paid for significant air time around the state in October.

A handful of third parties are also buying ads in the governor's race. Most notably, the Democratic Governors Association and the Republican Governors Association have together spent close to \$10 million — with the Democratic spending in the

lead — and bogroups plan to spend more.

Altogether, ending on the governor's race could top \$40 million, with much of it coming in the form of attack ads from third parties, Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, said Tuesday.

That's comparable to total spending in the governor's race of 2002 and 2010, Robinson said. But what's notable is that both of those earlier races featured competitive primaries at accounted for a good share

of the total spending. There were no primaries in the Michigan governor's race this year, so all the spending is either in support of Snyder or Schauer.

The 2006 race between Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Republican challenger Dick DeVos was an outlier because DeVos, a west Michigan billionaire, spent \$35.5 million of his own money in an unsuccessful bid to topple Granholm, pushing total spending in the

race to \$78.9 million.

The Snyder campaign, which so far has spent about \$1.5 million airing early TV ads, including a Super Bowl ad featuring Snyder emerging from a swimming pool wearing a wet suit and snorkel mask, last aired a TV ad in June and July. It featured praise for Snyder from Stacey Marsh, co-founder of a Saline flat bread company.

The new TV ad will focus on Snyder's accomplishments since taking office in 2011,

campaign spokeswoman Emily Benavides said.

The Schauer campaign, which spent about \$800,000 on TV ads in August, is airing an ad — the first one sponsored by the campaign — that features Schauer talking directly into the camera, saying Michigan needs an economy that works for "not just the wealthy," but for everyone.

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Northville to stage Tour de Ville for bicyclists

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

With three routes along Hines Drive highlighting the Tour de Ville, this new event expects to be a fun and healthy way for bicyclists of all ages and abilities to enjoy an early fall bike ride.

The event takes place at 7 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 14. The ride coincides with Northville's annual Victorian Festival weekend. Ages 8 and up are welcome to ride.

The Northville Rotary Club, in conjunction with the University of Michigan, Northville Health Center is presenting the "Tour de Ville Bicycle Ride." Organizers hope this can turn into an annual event.

"We want Tour de Ville (TdV) to appeal to everyone, from families to seasoned bicyclists," said co-organizer and Northville resident/Rotarian John Kelly, who is working with fellow Rotarians Patrick Gesa and DJ Boyd to make this happen.

The ride consists of 10-, 30- and 75-mile routes. All three will follow historical Hines Drive and begin at Northville Downs.

"The 10-mile and 30-mile routes are out-and-back rides along Hines

Drive. The 75-mile route will follow Hines Drive, Outer Drive and Jefferson Avenue, to Gross Isle and back," according to Kelly.

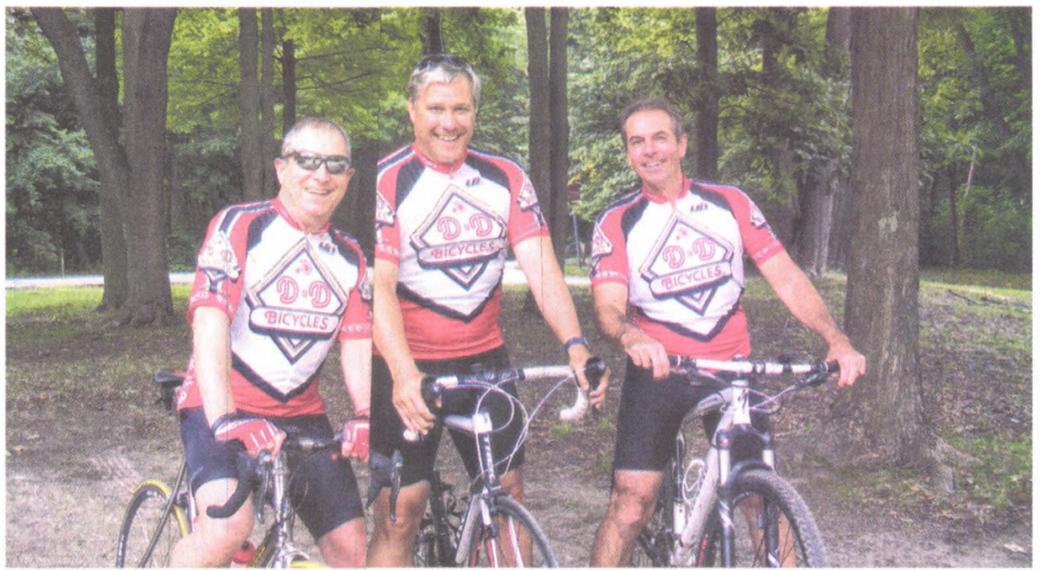
Planners said proceeds from this event will benefit Rotary efforts in the local community and around the world.

Rotary International (RI) is largely responsible for the near global eradication of polio and also works to provide clean water, improved education and fight hunger globally.

"Locally, we make significant, annual contributions to scholarships at Northville High School and to the local food bank, Civic Concern," Kelly said. "Northville Rotary Club also sponsors local exchange students both in and out of the country. Currently two Northville High students are studying abroad (in Brazil and Germany) and our club will be sponsoring an inbound student (from Germany) this August."

Event information

Planners said the east foyer of the Northville Downs Racetrack will house the TdV registration area, a food court and a TdV Expo Area for its sponsors. Parking is



The Northville Rotary Club, in conjunction with the University of Michigan-Northville Health Center is presenting the "Tour de Ville Bicycle Ride." Rotarians and residents Pick Gesa (from left) DJ Boyd and John Kelly are organizing the ride that will travel along Hines Drive.

also provided at the Downs. Two SAG wagons (food and equipment) will be on the course at all times.

The TdV course opens at 7:30 a.m. and starts at the northeast entrance to Northville Downs (intersection of Griswold and Beal streets). A light breakfast will be available at the start. Rest stops will be stationed every 12-16 miles.

Fruit, energy foods, water and sports drinks will be provided at the rest stops. A hearty pasta lunch will be served at the Downs to any rider with a numbered TdV bib packet (entry bibs are part of rider's pre-registered packet or by signing the day of the ride).

A TdV-shirt will be automatically included in each registered

packet. T-shirts and bike jerseys will be on sale the day of the event.

D & D Bicycles of Northville is donating a 2014 Trek 1.2 C road bike to be raffled off in their store at the end of the ride. The bicycle is on display at their Northville store. Raffle tickets, which cost \$10, can be purchased at any of the five D & D Bicycle stores throughout southeastern

Michigan.

Detailed ride information and online registration is available at www.tourdeville.org. Tour de Ville is on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/tourdevilleandquestions> and questions can be emailed to info@tourdeville.org.

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Online portal helps Wayne County schools report emergency drills

A new state law requiring schools to be more engaged in conducting and reporting emergency drills is getting a boost from Wayne County's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

DHSEM has launched the online reporting portal for Wayne County schools that allows them to file their emergency drill reports in a timely,

effective manner. Amendments to State Act No. 12 of Public Acts of 2014 created the opening for DHSEM to create the online tool.

The new law mandates that Michigan schools file their schedule of emergency drills for the 2014-15 school year with their county emergency manager by Sept. 15.

Local public safety agencies will have ac-

cess to the online reporting portal through Wayne County's website at www.waynecounty.com/hsem via the "School Drill Reporting Form" icon. The drills help enhance preparedness in the event of a fire, severe weather or school lockdown against an intruder.

The new state law also requires schools to perform 10 emergency drills a year, broken

down in the following manner:

- » Fire drills (three must occur before Dec. 1)
- » The lockdown drills

- » Two severe weather drills (to be held in March before severe weather season begins)

Schools cannot hold more than one drill a day and at least one drill must occur when students are not in a con-

trolled classroom setting. Public safety agencies may opt to participate in the school emergency drills.

"We believe the online reporting portal gives school leaders the opportunity to comply with state law and, in the long run, enhance the safety of students and teachers in the event of an emergency or unexpected situation," said Wayne County Executive Robert

Ficano.

"I commend DHSEM and our Department of Technology for creating this important tool."

For information on other DHSEM programs, including Flood Recovery information, go to the Wayne County website at www.waynecounty.com and click on the Homeland Security page under the Departments tab.

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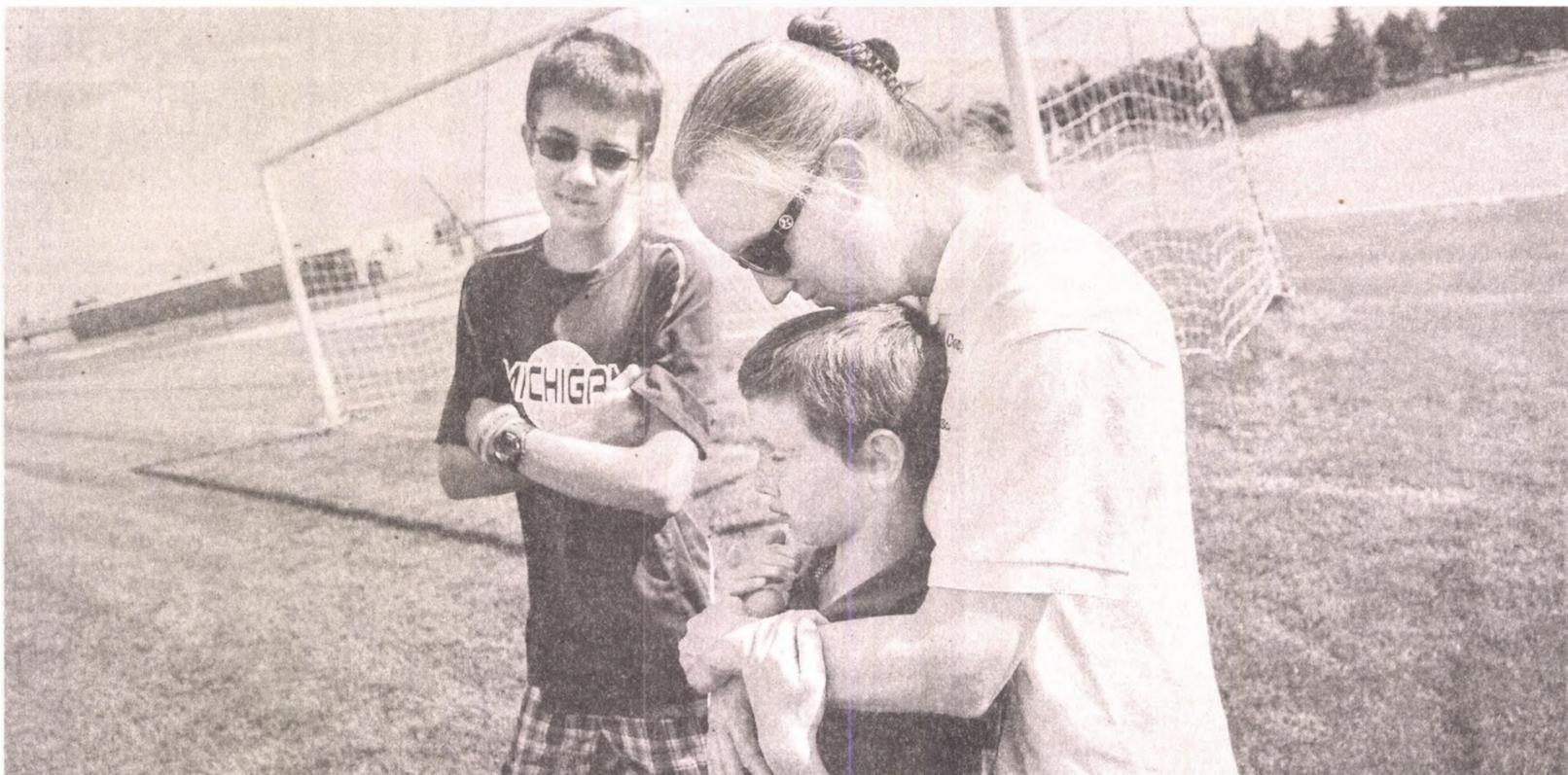
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Kris Bieniewicz of Westland, seen with her sons Josh Bieniewicz, 9, and Kyle Bieniewicz, 14, says of the incident that led to her husband's death: "We're not going to let the evilness that took place beat us. ... We're going to persevere through it."

After referee's death, his wife and sons persevere

By Elisha Anderson
Gannett Michigan

After his father's death, Kyle Bieniewicz began wearing his dad's running shoes.

His younger brother, Josh, started sporting his father's sunglasses.

And bracelets honoring the 44-year-old Westland husband and father, who was punched two months ago during an adult soccer game, have been permanent fixtures on both boys, ages 14 and 9, as well as their mother, Kris Bieniewicz.

"I want the kids to remember him and be proud of him as much as he was proud of them," she said.

John Bieniewicz died on July 1, days after witnesses said he was knocked unconscious while refereeing a game in Livonia by a 36-year-old player about to be ejected.

Kris Bieniewicz, 45, called the support her family has received since her husband's death overwhelming and said it shows there's "more good than bad in the world."

Donations totaling more than \$168,000 poured into a GoFundMe site, which she hopes to use to pay for college for her sons. Other fundraisers brought in thousands more, an anonymous donor paid Josh's fourth-grade tuition at a parochial school, and the family received messages from people throughout the world.

"The community as a whole was certainly touched by his commitment to his family and outraged in what oc-



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About 750 red-and-yellow bracelets that read "RESPECT THE GAME" on the outside and "John Bieniewicz (2/18/1970-7/1/2014)" on the inside have been sold, with proceeds going to the John Bieniewicz Foundation.

curred," Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said. "It was clear that they wanted to do something to help the family."

Hard to comprehend

The morning of June 29 started out like many others: John left the house to referee. He worked several games a week on top of his job at the pediatric chronic dialysis unit at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor to bring in extra money for his family.

When Kris Bieniewicz returned home from Hosanna-Labor Lutheran church in Redford Township that Sunday, she thought she may find her husband at home already, but he wasn't there.

Then the phone rang. The caller ID said Livonia Police Department.

An officer explained John had been seriously hurt at the soccer field and a helicopter would be transporting him to Detroit Receiving Hospital. "I couldn't breathe," his wife recalled.

She made it to the hospital before the helicopter. There, a detective told her that John had

been punched during the game, she said.

"How did this even happen ... it didn't make any sense," Kris Bieniewicz thought. "Who would get that upset in the middle of a game to haul off and slug a ref?"

Two months later, it's still hard to comprehend.

"It still doesn't make sense," she told the *Detroit Free Press* earlier this week from the living room of her home.

There are times — usually when Kris Bieniewicz is alone delivering *Detroit Free Press* and *Detroit News* newspapers on the route she once shared with her husband — that her mind starts to wander, and she worries about the situation she is suddenly facing, raising her two boys without their dad.

Sometimes when she starts to feel as if it's going to be too much, the song "How Sweet the Sound" by Citizen Way comes on unexpectedly.

It was sung at John Bieniewicz's funeral, and Kris Bieniewicz sees it as her husband telling her it's not going to be that bad.

She said she tries to remain strong to show her sons "we're not going to let the evilness that took place beat us. ... We're going to persevere through it."

A price 'he has to pay'

Bassel Saad of Dearborn has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with Bieniewicz's homicide. He remains behind bars on a \$1-million bond and is scheduled to go on trial in Wayne County Circuit

Court on Dec. 8.

"He's very sorry for his actions," said Ali Hammoud, Saad's attorney. "He never thought in a million years that he would kill anyone."

Saad, the owner of an area auto repair business with two young daughters, feels bad that Bieniewicz's two sons have to live without their father, Hammoud said.

"He's a father himself, and he understands how important a father figure is in a child's life," he said.

Kris Bieniewicz and several adult family members attended Saad's preliminary examination in Livonia last month. Saad kept his head facing down, occasionally wiping his eyes during it.

"I just didn't feel those tears were being sorry for what he did," Kris Bieniewicz said. "I think he's more sorry for the predicament that he's in."

She said her "jaw hit the floor" when Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Raj Prasad said Saad had punched a player numerous times in the back of the head in 2005. A judge did not allow the information to be included during the hearing.

Neither prosecutors nor the defense attorney elaborated on the previous incident. Hammoud said prosecutors want to include it during the trial, but the defense will argue it is unrelated to the current case and should be kept out. A motion hearing is scheduled on Sept. 12.

The defense contends that what happened was

involuntary manslaughter, not murder, Hammoud said. Prosecutors have argued the second-degree murder charge is correct and said Bieniewicz was sucker-punched.

Kris Bieniewicz said she thinks Saad should "go away for a long time" and said Saad should have known a horrible outcome could result from the punch.

"There should definitely be a price that he has to pay for what he did," she said.

A promise to husband

John and Kris Bieniewicz met in the mid '90s. She coached women's basketball at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and he drove the team to games on a bus.

The two talked during trips, married in 1998 and honeymooned at Disney World, returning to the theme park after the

births of their children.

Bieniewicz never regained consciousness after he was hit. His organs were donated, which was his wish in part because of what he saw working at the hospital.

"He saw kids that, until a kidney could be donated, they were on dialysis," Kris Bieniewicz said. "He always knew that that was something he was going to do."

In some of her final words to her husband, whose life revolved around his children, Kris Bieniewicz promised she would do everything she can to make him proud of his children.

"That's what I do," she said wiping tears from her eyes. "I will bend over backwards to raise those kids the best I can."

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The flare may resolve, but then the physician must determine when it is safe to start decreasing the dose and how fast to do it. The answer is made more difficult because the medical literature lacks studies that investigate the question in sufficient detail to give the doctor guidance. One physician may drop the drug at the rate of one mgm a week as long as the Lupus flare does not return. Another physician may decrease the prednisone at 5 mgm every 2 weeks. In almost every instance the decrease will end if the Lupus re-appears. Then the doctor faces another problem that neither textbook or literature reviews discuss. If the flare starts again, how high does the physician raise the prednisone dose? Some physicians would return the patient to the original 20 mgm dose, other physicians would go back to the dose that the patient took before the flare returned. There is insufficient evidence to support either approach.

Stopping an injectable drug like Enbrel presents an easier problem. A patient injects that medicine weekly. If the patient remains in a stable state for months then changing the dose to every 2 weeks is in order. If the patient decreases to once a month and feels no worse, then stopping the drug altogether is a consideration. The rule is not a sudden end but a gradual withdrawal. That approach works well with most rheumatic medications.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2593 that dogs, cats and all pets (with the exception of service animals) shall be prohibited on the land owned by the City of Livonia lying at the southwest corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile known as "Greenmead" on Sunday September 7, 2014 for the health, safety and welfare of persons attending the Flea Market.

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Property taxes captured:	\$ 169,236.32
Interest:	\$ 357.17
Marquee of Redford Township Revenue:	\$ 3,559.25
Total:	\$ 173,152.74
Bond Reserve	\$ 0
Expenditures	
Landscaping, maintenance, banners, consulting/engineering, capital improvements and facade improvements:	\$ 124,157.70
Outstanding note indebtedness	\$ 0.00
Initial Assessed Value	\$ 3,284,440.00
Captured Value	\$ 4,940,214.00
Tax Increment Revenue Received	
From Wayne County:	\$ 59,397.43
From Township and Library:	\$ 109,838.89
Total:	\$ 169,236.32
Number of Jobs Created	Unknown
Additional Information	Several businesses opened due to public and private capital improvements/investments.
If you have any questions pertaining to this report, please contact the Downtown Development Authority at 313-387-2771.	
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013	
Revenue	
Property taxes captured:	\$ 149,316.68
Interest:	\$ 461.05
Marquee of Redford Township Revenue:	\$ 4,672.25
Total:	\$ 154,449.98
Bond Reserve	\$ 0
Expenditures	
Landscaping, maintenance, banners, consulting/engineering, capital improvements and facade improvements:	\$ 123,007.31
Outstanding note indebtedness	\$ 0.00
Initial Assessed Value	\$ 3,284,440.00
Captured Value	\$ 4,824,821.00
Tax Increment Revenue Received	
From Wayne County:	\$ 52,430.65
From Township and Library:	\$ 96,886.03
Total:	\$ 149,316.68
Number of Jobs Created	Unknown
Additional Information	Several businesses opened due to public and private capital improvements/investments.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

LIVONIA FARMERS MARKETS

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 11.
Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago St., Livonia.
Details: Local vendors, local produce and crafts.
Contact: www.wilsonbarn.us.

WESTLAND FARMERS MARKET

Time/Date: 3-7 p.m. Thursdays.
Location: Central City Park Pavilion, 1901 Carlson, between Ford Road and Marquette Ave.
Details: Shoppers will find fresh produce and plants, baked breads and desserts, honey, jams and jellies, cake pops, sausage and jerky, soaps, candles, jewelry, sun catchers and more. The market also features weekly entertainment.
Contact: For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222.

WAYNE FARMERS MARKET

Time/Date: 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays.
Location: Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall on Wayne Road, north of Michigan Avenue.
Details: More than 25 vendors provide Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products and live music.
Contact: Christine at 734-786-8401 or market@growing-hope.net.

FAMILY FUN FAIR

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Friday,

Sept. 5.

Location: Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark Road.
Details: Join the Y for family fun, with games, food and prizes. This fun-filled day is free and open to the community.
Contact: 734-261-2161.

SERVSAFE TRAINING

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 4 and Sept. 25.
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: Michigan State University Extension is offering "ServSafe Training." The 16-hour certification class was developed by the National Restaurant Association. Participants must attend both classes. The fee of \$145 includes review and test. The book is not included. To order the book online, go to www.bookstore.msue.msu.edu. The review will cover the updated changes to the 2009 FDA Food Code plus: purchasing and receiving from approved services; storage; preventing food borne illnesses; employee personal hygiene; and HACCP. To register for the class, go to www.event.anr.msu.edu and search by date for the event you wish to attend.

HEATHER'S LEGACY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.
Location: Designer Duds and Infant Treasures Children's Boutique, 815 N. Wayne Road, Westland.
Details: Vendors are being sought for the Heather's Legacy craft and vendor show to benefit the children of Heather Lilley. Show space costs \$25 and vendors will need to bring their own table and/or tent and provide an item that will be raffled off.
Contact: To secure a space, vendors can send their payment

via Paypal (as a gift) to taylorskkt@gmail.com.

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.
Details: Adult admission, \$2; children under 12 free. Food and refreshments available. Village open for tours from noon to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Livonia Historical Commission. Proceeds used to preserve Greenmead.
Contact: 248-477-7375.

MT. HOPE RALLY DAY PICNIC

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7.
Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Details: Mt. Hope Congregational Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary with a Rally Day service followed by a picnic featuring food, games, bounce house, music and entertainment.
Contact: mthope.com; 734-425-7280.

LIVONIA HISTORIC CEMETERY WALK

Time/Date: 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30, 5 and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.
Location: Briggs (Union) Cemetery, Six Mile Road, west of Newburgh Road, Livonia.
Details: Meet some of the Livonia area's "liveliest" characters featured at the Briggs Cemetery. Held rain or shine, this event raises money to benefit Livonia's historic cemetery. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Space is limited. Parking is available at the north parking lot of Schoolcraft College; then board the free shuttle.
Contact: 248-477-7375.

Be cautious when moving money to new annuity



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Q: Dear Rick: I attended one of your library talks about six months and discussed my variable annuity. The annuity was worth \$85,000 and was paying about 2 percent. You recommended that, since it was only six months until the penalty period ended, I wait and then cash the policy out and use that to pay off my mortgage. My mortgage is at 6 1/2 percent and because of some issues in the past, I wouldn't be able to refinance. When I went to cash out the policy, my agent advised me not to because I would have to pay too much in taxes. I have had this annuity for 10 years and I have not taken anything out of it. I originally invested \$90,000 in the policy and today it is worth a little over \$85,000. My agent says I will be taxed on the full \$85,000. He recommends transferring the money into a different annuity. Currently, I lose about one-quarter of my money in income taxes. Does it make sense to move the money into another annuity? This is not an IRA and I don't have enough in my 401(k) plan to borrow. Help.

A: My advice to you six months ago is the same today. It is in your best interest to cash out the annuity and use the proceeds to pay off your mortgage.

Think about it this way. Consider the money that you have invested in your annuity as a loan. You're loaning the annuity company money and it is giving you a return on

that investment. The return that you are getting pre-taxed is 2 percent.

When it comes to your mortgage, you are borrowing money. Your cost to borrow money pre-taxed is 6 1/2 percent. So when you think about it logically, if you're lending money and only receiving 2 percent and at the same time you're borrowing at 6 1/2 percent, it makes good economic sense to pay off your loan.

When it comes to annuities and life insurance policies, many people are confused when it comes to the taxes. In this situation, your annuity agent is either confused, clueless or out and out lying to you. Because this money is not IRA money or any other type of qualified account, it means that you have a basis.

It is no different than if you bought a stock for \$10,000 and sold it for \$12,000; you are not taxed on the \$12,000. You are taxed on the sales price less your cost basis, which would be \$2,000.

The same concept applies to your annuity. You paid \$90,000 for it, so that is your basis. When you liquidate and get \$85,000, there is no gain because your basis is more than the sales price. You will not pay tax on the \$85,000. In fact, even though you have a loss, you cannot deduct that loss for tax purposes. That is one downside of annuities.

If the annuity was in a qualified account like an IRA and you cashed that money out and did not roll it into another IRA, there would be tax consequences.

However, in your situation, the money was not an IRA so when you cash out the annuity, there is no tax consequences.

I've seen annuity salespeople trying to push people to roll their annuity into another many times during my career. In some situations, there's a good economic reason to do so. However, in many situations the agents are recommending moving money from one annuity to another because they can generate more commissions.

If you have an annuity that is maturing, you don't automatically have to transfer it into another annuity. There are other options to explore. Remember, when you move the money from one annuity to another, typically, the annuity penalty period starts again. Therefore, proceed with caution.

One last note: Remember not all annuities have high fees and back-end penalties. Companies like Fidelity and Vanguard (to name a few) have commission-free, low-cost, no-penalty annuities.

When annuities have low costs and no penalties, that means that more money ends up in an investor's pocket - exactly where it belongs.

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

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2815-T. Parson-33028 Alamo Ct.

Req. for a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the City Code to install a 6' high privacy fence in the north side yard and south street side yd.; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

Petition #2816-P. Simakas-8581 N. Inkster Rd.

Req. for a 186 sq. ft. front yd. coverage variance from Ord. 248 in order to pave an additional 186 sq. ft. over the maximum 33% allowed; whereas Sec. 16:2.1(b) states that driveways cannot exceed 33% of the required front yd.

Petition #2817-M & P Chocolates, 204 S. Wayne Rd.

Req. for a non-conforming sign variance from Ord. 248 in order to make a one-time change to an existing free-standing sign located at the east side of the site; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b) (5) states that a non-conforming sign cannot be changed to any extent without being brought into conformance with current Zoning Ordinance standards.

Petition #2818-E. Waldecker-7790 Louise Ct.

Req. for a side yd. fence location & 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code as a result of the installation of a 6' high privacy fence in the east side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

Petition #2819-Ford Rd. Self Storage-39205 Ford Rd.

Req. for a 2.8' front yd. setback variance from Ord. 248 as a result of the construction of a self-storage building that was constructed 72.2' from the front lot line; whereas Sec. 10:4.5(a) requires a minimum front yd. setback of 75'.

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools Westland, Michigan 48185 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Wayne-Westland Community Schools', Bid Package #3 consisting of:
Adams Upper Elementary School Walk-in Freezer & Refrigerator Project And

District Wide Elementary School Cafeteria Pocket Table Replacement Project 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 Thursday, September 11, 2014 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:
104 Concrete Foundations
105 Concrete Flatwork
106 Masonry
120 Painting
137 Food Service Equipment
140 Plumbing
143 Electrical
149 Fencing
151 Cafeteria Folding Pocket Tables

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 via the following:

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a refundable \$50.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Deposit checks should be payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Deposit will be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.** no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the bid opening.

Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at the Adams Upper Elementary School Media Center, located at 33475 Palmer, Westland, MI 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 building 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.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the prevailing wage rate.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **September 16th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Automatic Door Operators

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

Devin J. Adams
Controller

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MEDICARE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Accessible Home Care, 13365 Michigan Avenue, Suite 201, Dearborn, MI 48126, will no longer participate in the Medicare program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act) effective July 31, 2013. The agreement between Accessible Home Care and the Secretary of Health and Human Services was terminated on July 31, 2013 in accordance with the provisions of the Social Security Act.

No payment will be made by the Medicare program under this agreement for covered services furnished to patients who are admitted on or after July 31, 2013.

Pam L. Thomas
Branch Manager
Non-Long Term Care Certification
& Enforcement Branch

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Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 1-14. A request to rezone the following property from R-1 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial):

Lots 305 to 308 inclusive, also the west 1/2 of adjacent vacated Alley, B.E. Taylors Golf and Country Club Subdivision, T.1S., R10E., L58 P27, 28 WCR

Property more commonly known as 15112 Inkster Road (parcel #79-022-01-0305-000)

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING. THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.

It is further required that a copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business September 4, 2014 to be considered.

**Erin Kreis, Chairman
Planning Commission
Charter Township of Redford**

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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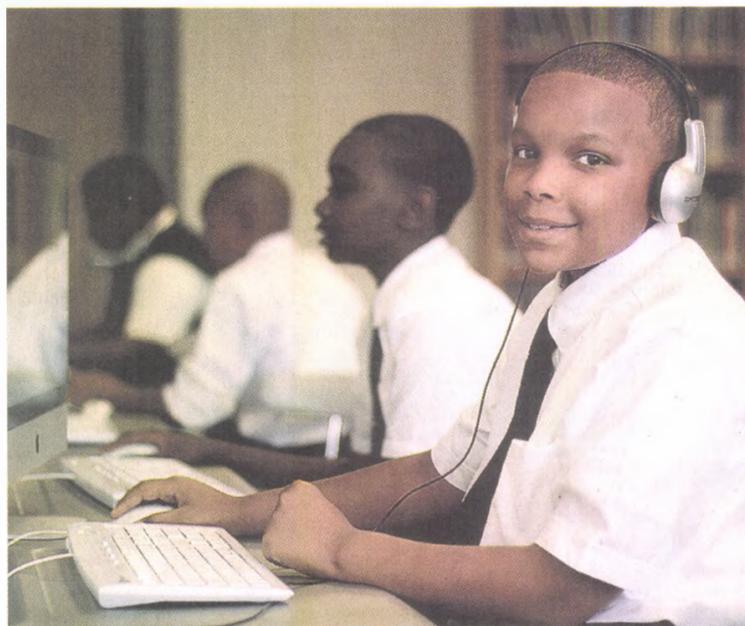
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Award Winning School Comes to Redford

If you are looking for a new school home this Fall then look no further! Redford Service Learning Academy (RSLA), a Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade school located at 25940 Grand River at Beech Rd. in Redford, is now enrolling students. The Academy will open its doors to all surrounding area students on September 2nd. RSLA is the second location of Detroit Service Learning Academy also a kindergarten through eighth grade school currently located at 21605 West 7 mile Road in Detroit. DSLA is an award winning Academy and has received many accolades since their inception in 1999 including the Michigan's First School of Excellence by the Michigan Department of Education. They are former Skillman Grant Recipients, 1 of 7 Beating the Odds Schools and they earned an A on the MDE report card for 2 years.

"It all begins with a strong foundation. If students do not get what they need academically in the first few years they will not have the skills to succeed", says Maurice Evans, CEO of Elite School Management and the driving force behind many of the school's accomplishments. Elite is Michigan's premier education service provider and Management Company for both the Detroit and Redford school locations. The schools boast a rigorous curriculum, highly qualified staff, stellar achievement and community based learning.

Amelia Norwood Principal of Redford Service Learning Academy says, "Teaching today's youth has it's own unique challenges. Building character, responsibility and integrity can help bridge the gap between our behavioral

expectations and outcomes". Mrs. Norwood, a 15-year education veteran, further states that it takes a partnership between both the parents and the staff. "Schools belong to the parents, community, students and teachers. The school community serves as a common ground allowing students and teachers to form partnerships, which help foster learning and achievement in a positive and caring environment". RSLA has several instructional support programs such as Study Island, Read/Math 180 and Response to Intervention (RTI). RTI is a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning, and behavior needs. Norwood believes high expectations for achievement, resources and support is the main ingredient for creating a culture of students who will excel in any situation. She also states that test scores alone do not define achievement and that what is learned in the classroom should also benefit the community at large.

Redford Service Learning Academy's best practice initiatives include character development, discipline, service learning and achievement. The Academy's learn, lead, serve motto is in alignment with the schools mission to prepare students for academic success, lifelong learning, leadership and meaningful service to the community. All students are expected to complete service learning projects that are built into the curriculum. Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy integrating meaningful service with academic



study and reflective practice to enrich learning, build public engagement and strengthen communities. These projects all involve community partnerships, which help students learn civic responsibility, social skills and pride for their neighborhood.

The new Redford Service Learning Academy's 62,000 square foot newly renovated, air-conditioned facility is the former home of the YWCA. The school's 2 atriums, panoramic windows and a full gym provide the perfect atmosphere for programs, activities, services and special events to expose students to opportunities beyond their everyday experience. The administrators of RSLA collectively believe that small class sizes and an environment conducive to learning paired with innovative teaching strategies and technological resources form the foundation for academic success.

Redford Service Learning Academy is now taking applications for Pre-K through 8th Grade for the Fall semester.

Please call (313) 539-4115 visit our website, www.redfordsla.org for more information or stop by 25940 Grand River Avenue at Beech Rd. in Redford.
-Verna Felder, Freelance Writer

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PREP FOOTBALL

Weiss's TD trifecta leads Spartans

Senior scores three different ways in rout over Franklin

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The feat Livonia Stevenson senior football player C.J. Weiss pulled off Thursday night is difficult to accomplish even with a PlayStation controller in your hands.

Weiss scored almost every way imaginable in the Spartans' thorough 35-0 triumph over visiting Livonia Franklin, running for a 40-yard touchdown, throwing a 92-yard six-pointer to Austin Petrie and hauling in a 14-yard TD from Chris Tanderys.

"It's weird how that worked out," a grinning Weiss said of his variety of scores. "We have

a lot of formations this year – the wildcat, stuff like that – and I'm just grateful that our coach was putting me in a position to succeed.

"We've been working really hard on our fast-paced offense. I know we have the athletes to do it. We lost all five of our offensive linemen from last year, so we have a young line, but they all stepped up and played huge. We wouldn't have scored any points without those big guys in the trenches."

Stevenson only ran one play out of the wildcat, but it turned out to *purrr*-fect – and a tide-

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Livonia Stevenson senior C.J. Weiss accounted for three touchdowns Thursday night during the Spartans' emphatic victory over Livonia Franklin.

PREP FOOTBALL

FALSE START



Garden City's Micahl Trimble fights for extra yardage during a first-quarter run Friday night.

ED WRIGHT

Penalties, Riverview stymie Garden City in first gridiron game of season

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's season-opening football game Friday night was trimmed in penalty-flag yellow – a color that can make even the most mild-mannered coach see red.

The Cougars were flagged 12 times for 97 yards while Riverview committed 11 infractions totaling 110 yards, but the Pirates managed to overcome their miscues more efficiently while sailing away with a 41-15 bounty.

"It got embarrassing at times how we stopped ourselves on drives with penalties," Garden City head coach

Scott Murray said. "We shot ourselves in the foot time and time again and you can't do that if you want to win against a really good team like Riverview."

"I mean, we were clicking our first drive. We go right down the field and score, but after that it turned into a penalty-fest. Don't get me wrong; they were all legit penalties. We just have to get more disciplined and play football. I still think we're a very good team with a ton of potential."

The first indication that flags would be flying around thicker than mosquitoes came

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Garden City senior linebacker Cody Johnson hauls down Riverview's Eric Gant during a first-quarter run Friday night.

ED WRIGHT

GIRLS GOLF PREVIEW

Linksters aim to make fairways their home

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A solid nucleus of six returning seniors give Livonia Churchill's girls golf team reason for optimism this fall.

Playing in the tough Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division, the Chargers finished 3-2 last season and 3-7 overall.

"This year's squad will be led by senior co-captains Alyssa Mazur and Marin McGowan," said seventh-year coach Paul Worley. "Our six seniors all have a lot of varsity experience to carry the team."

"Even though the freshmen haven't played much golf until this year, they have made great strides and will be looked upon to make contributions."

"As a team, we will be trying to improve each week, so by the end of the year the girls can see their improvement by their lower scores. The goal is to have fun and still be competitive."

In addition to Mazur and McGowan, the strong senior class includes Megan Crocker, Jackie Haddad, Kristin McLean and Kaila Howard.

Promising newcomers, Worley added, include freshmen Paige Peterson, Kelsie Nowicki, Zoe Pargoff and Jessi Howard.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Improvement is the operative word this season for the Patriots, who lost just one contributing player (Katera Rincon) to graduation.

"Our goal this year is to change last year's record in dual matches," said second-year head coach Jason Rammeler. "We have two captains – Kendall Payne and Jaquelyn Hansen – who will help lead the team in achieving this goal."

Franklin went 2-3 in the rugged KLAAs South in 2013.

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Churchill obliterates Milford, 59-21, in season opener

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's football team was so dominant in its season-opening game at Milford Thursday night that it triggered a rarely-used MHSAA mercy rule. When Chargers running back Armande Yetts busted into the end zone from six yards out with 5:52 left in the second quarter, he expanded his team's lead to 52-0 and initiated a running clock, which is mandated once a team se-



Tim Dulin

cures a 50-point lead in the first half. Churchill racked up an astounding 38-0 lead after one quarter before eventually putting the wraps on a 59-21 triumph. The Chargers will host Brighton (1-0) at 7 p.m. Friday in what promises to be an entertaining KLAACross-over clash. Churchill senior quarterback/kicker Brian Alsobrooks enjoyed a dazzling 2014 debut as he completed 5 of 9 passes for 143 yards and three touchdowns. He also booted a 28-yard field

goal and nailed seven of his team's eight extra points (Janal Allen made the final conversion kick). Alsobrooks' favorite target was Tim Dulin, who finished with four receptions for 85 yards and two TDs. The Alsobrooks-Dulin combo broke the scoring ice on the visitors' opening drive with a 47-yard pass play. An Alsobrooks-to-Dulin 8-yard scoring strike closed the first-quarter scoring, which also included a 35-yard TD reception by Paul Romain and a 1-yard TD plunge by Romain. DeMarco McKinney set up the short run with a 25-yard interception return. The Chargers' special teams registered their first score of the season mid-way through the first quarter when Tyler Melow blocked a Milford punt in the end zone and Shakur Lockett recovered it. Romain, who churned out 76 yards on eight carries, added his third TD of the night from 4 yards out in the second quarter. Tyler Booker tallied the winners' final six-pointer when he sprinted into the end zone from 33 yards out.

GOLF

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"We have a lot of players back and added some new players, so we should be even stronger than last year," Rammiller added. "I believe with the talent we have we can reach our goal this year. We just need everyone to keep working hard on aspects of their game, and then bringing it together in matches and tournaments."

Key returners for Franklin include seniors Carly Cuip, Ki-Jana Malone and Hansen; juniors Payne, Jennifer Tripp and Angelina Diponio; and sophomores Katie Evans, Jamie Whitney and Brenna Campau.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Spartans opened the 2014 strong by winning last week's Livonia City Tournament at Whispering Willows.

"We're a young team," noted head coach Dave Higham, but we have good leadership. We have a lot of girls who are capable of stepping up and competing well in every tournament. We have a deep team."

Leading the Spartans will be senior co-captains Danielle Marzec and Jess Crachiola. "Their leadership skills are great," High-



Livonia Churchill senior Megan Crocker tees off on the seventh hole at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

ED WRIGHT

am said. "They've played most of the courses we'll see this year, so they can help the younger girls out with that."

Sophomores Megan Gronau and Kristen Szabelski are expected to go low on a regular basis for the Spartans. "Megan hits the ball a long way and she has great scoring potential,"

Higham indicated. "Kristen has a very steady game and she is consistent with her swing."

Other notable contributors this season are expected to be Madison Maurier, Jackie Green, Callie Kimble, Rachel Crachiola, and Anna Vento.

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<p>PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 5 Brighton at Churchill, 7 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Milford at Franklin, 7 p.m. Howell at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Garden at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Grand Blanc at Wayne, 7 p.m. Robichaud at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Thuston at Tecumseh, 7 p.m.</p> <p>BOYS SOCCER Tuesday, Sept. 2 Franklin at Garden City, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Franklin Road at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>HVL at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3 Mumford at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Riverside Academy at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at HVL, 4 p.m. Stevenson vs. Northville, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5 Franklin at Garden City, 4 p.m. Churchill at Dearborn, 7 p.m.</p> <p>PREP VOLLEYBALL Wednesday, Sept. 3 Fenton at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 Novi Invitational, 9 a.m. U of M Dearborn Invite, 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Saline Invite, 8 a.m. Walled Lake Invite, 8 a.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday, Sept. 2 Wayne at Belleville, 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 Fordson at Garden City, 5:30 p.m. Dearborn at Thurston, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 Crestwood Invite, 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 Clarenceville at Everest Academy, 6 p.m.</p> <p>BOYS TENNIS Wednesday, Sept. 3 Wayne at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Stevenson vs. Novi, 4 p.m. Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m. GIRLS GOLF Wednesday, Sept. 3 Stevenson at Northville, 3 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 Franklin at John Glenn, 3 p.m. Stevenson at S.L. East, 3 p.m. Ladywood at Notre Dame, TBA Plymouth at Churchill, 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5 Farmington Invite, 9 a.m. John Glenn at Belleville, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Wednesday, Sept. 3 Livonia City Meet at Cass Benton, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 Tommy Titan Invite, TBA Rambin' Rock Invite, 9:40 a.m. Bath Invite, 8:30 a.m.</p>
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PREP FOOTBALL

Yellow Jackets roll over Redford Union, 46-8

Robinson, Akins play well in Panthers' setback

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Redford Union football program's repaving project ran into a few monster-sized pot holes Thursday night in Auburn Hills.

Playing for the first time since the 2009 season under head coach Miles Tomasaitis,

the Panthers were grounded by host Avondale, 46-8, in the season-opener for both teams.

The Panthers, who are trying to rebound from a 1-8 season in 2013, were plagued by numerous issues from the get-go, Tomasaitis lamented.

"We lacked urgency and tempo, which is my fault," he said. "We had missed assignments, missed alignments, we lacked discipline - you name it."

After Avondale jumped



Charles Akins

ahead 6-0 on its opening drive, the Panthers displayed some feistiness by replying with a 63-yard touchdown run by Tyrone Robinson.

"Tyrone stayed in the hole, he found some space, he made a move and he was gone," said Tomasaitis. "He's a very good athlete. Tyrone has been a nice surprise for us."

The Panthers seized a short-lived 8-6 lead when Aerhmoni Harrison burst into the end zone for the two-point conversion.

But the rest of the night was monopolized by the Yellow Jackets, who led 28-8 at the half and 40-8 with 12 minutes to play.

First-year RU senior quarterback Jason Crowe played better than his 0-for-5 passing stats would indicate, Tomasaitis emphasized.

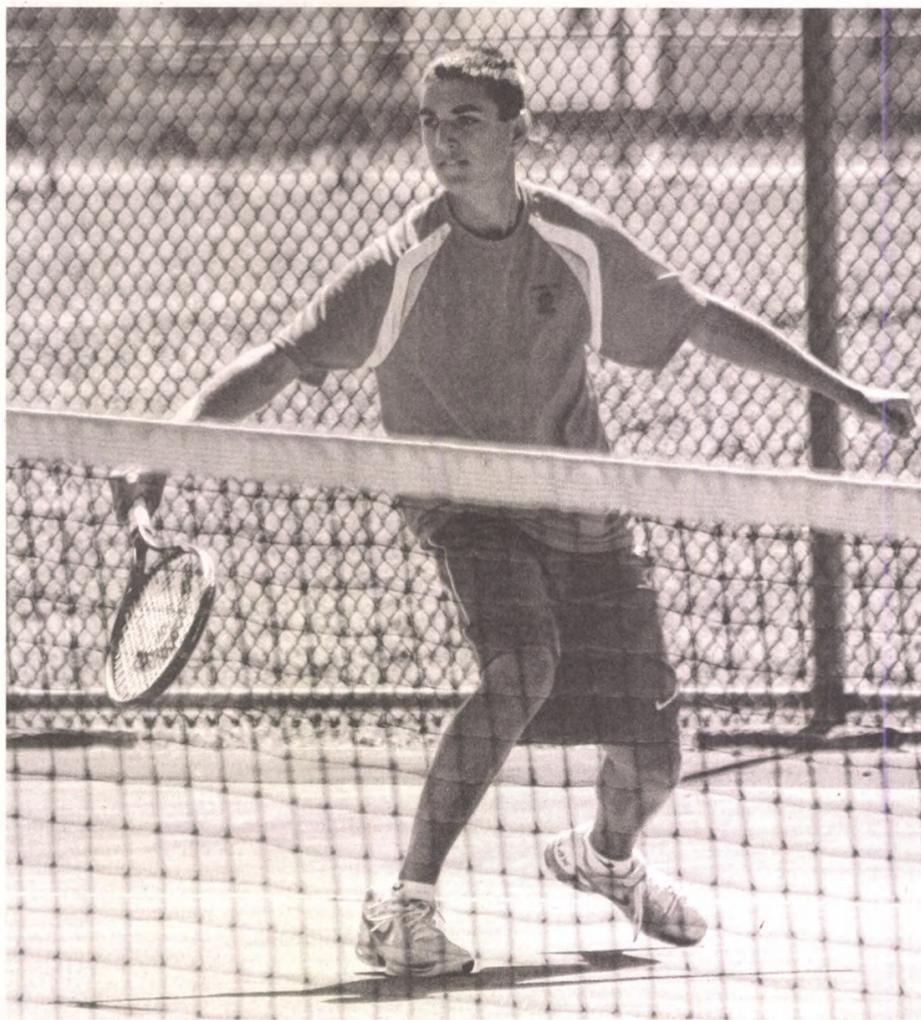
"He hit one receiver in the chest with the ball, he hit another on the hands and two other times his receivers cut off their routes on him," said Tomasaitis. "He easily could have thrown for four touchdown passes."

Tomasaitis praised the play of captain Charles Akins, who started at center but evolved into the Panthers' most productive defensive lineman.

Avondale piled up 486 offensive yards against the Panthers.

Robinson had a nice night, picking up 77 yards on eight carries. Taz-Don Moore ran 13 times for 41 yards while Harrison accounted for 27 yards on five hauls.

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Garden City junior Robbie Moyers makes the leap from doubles to No. 2 singles this season.

ED WRIGHT

PREP TENNIS PREVIEW

Experienced Cougars locked in and loaded

Eleven returning contributors make Garden City dangerous

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's run as a force in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference looks to continue at least one more season - and probably a lot longer - thanks to the return of 11 contributors from its 2013 team that went 8-3.

"Our strength this season is definitely the depth of our team," said veteran coach Ron Pummill. "Of the 11 guys we have back, most played a lot last year. I'm looking forward to a good season. I know the boys have been playing a lot over the summer, so they're ready."

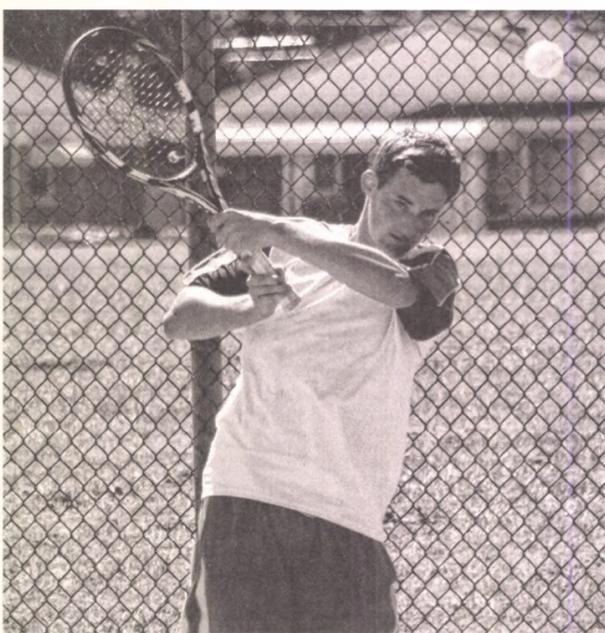
Leading the Cougars' charge will be senior Joe Pummill, who is primed for his third consecutive season as the team's No. 1 singles player. Pummill has not lost a WWAC match during his two-year reign as the Cougars' top player.

"Joe's back-hand is his bread and butter," said Ron Pummill, Joe's father. "But his fore-hand has gotten a lot better. One of his strengths is his knowledge of the game. Joe's willing and able to make adjustments during a match."

"Everybody in the league will be aiming for him this season, so he can't be off at all."

Junior Robbie Moyers will make the jump from No. 1 doubles to No. 2 singles. The climb shouldn't be a problem for the athletic righty, Pummill said.

"Robbie's biggest asset is his athleticism," said Pummill. "He's just a heady ath-



Garden City senior Joe Pummill is already off to a great start in his third season as the Cougars' No. 1 singles player.

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lete who knows how to play."

Senior Travis Kidd, who was Moyers' doubles partner in 2013, takes over the No. 3 singles slot.

"Travis uses his legs to run everything down," Pummill said, grinning. "He has a pretty hard first serve that he gets in on a consistent basis. He's a tough kid; fun to watch."

Filling out the singles lineup will be junior Tyler Kelly, a second-year varsity player who has been promoted from the No. 2 doubles team.

"Tyler has probably learned the game as quickly as anyone I've coached," said Pummill. "I had him in a techniques class last year and he really picked up how to play

the game."

GC's No. 1 doubles team will consist of seniors Zack Quartz and Aaron Wilson.

"Zack and Aaron played against one another a lot this summer, so they know each other's game," Pummill said. "They complement each other well."

Seniors Trent Wallace and Jake Beasley will excel at No. 2 doubles while Jassen Matuscak and Nick Bennett are inked in as the No. 3 tandem.

Brothers Tony and Derek Van Dooren make up the fourth and final doubles team for GC, with Tim Tapper and Justin Perrin waiting in the wings.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Eagles soar to easy victory over Trojans

Ferndale racks up nearly 400 yards in total offense

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

In simplest terms, the football game Friday night at Livonia Clarenceville High School boiled down to the play of the two offensive lines.

Ferndale had the muscle up front and everything going its way, rolling to a 56-20 victory and mercying the host Trojans in the season opener.

The Eagles, who won the yardage battle, 392-210, did most of their damage on the ground as they rushed for 299 yards.

"A lot of credit goes to the offensive line," Ferndale coach Eric Royal said. "We got in the classroom and studied our assignments. We got in the weight room and got our legs stronger. We got our upper bodies stronger."

"A lot of focus went into that by those guys and the proof is in the pudding. We rushed the ball very well and protected our quarterback. Kudos to our offensive linemen; they did a great job."

Tailback Darius Sinclair rushed for 161 yards, including touchdown runs of 63 and 61 yards, on just 10 carries.

Ronald Gohagon, a fireplug of a running back who was tough to bring down, had 98 yards and one TD on a dozen attempts, while quarterback Markell McCoy added 40 yards on the ground.

McCoy also rushed for a pair of touchdowns from 3 and 5 yards and passed for two more. He was 5-of-9 passing for 93 yards.

Clarenceville, having lost a majority of players, not just starters, from last year's 11-1 team, had trouble rushing the ball and ended the game with a net total of zero yards.

The Trojans had to resort to the passing game, especially when they got behind by three scores in the first half. Senior quarterback Jake Kubiak was 11-of-27 for 210 yards and three touchdowns.

Senior Elijah Bean caught passes of 31 and 80 yards for touchdowns, while first-year senior Jermell Johnson had the other TD catch covering 15 yards. Bean finished with four catches for 138 yards, Johnson three for 34.

"More than anything, a lot of it was the weather (warm and humid) and I just don't have the numbers I thought I'd have," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "When people started to go down on that first and second play, I really didn't have the people to substitute for them."

"The offensive line is where it really hurt. I lost two linemen and I only had five to start with. I was constantly switching jerseys with the tight end. I have the skill players, but not the linemen and you can't win games without linemen."

The teams traded touchdowns to start the game, but the Eagles scored the next four and were ahead at halftime, 35-7.

McCoy threw TD passes of 15 and 35 yards to Danny Collins and Tommy Young, respectively, to make it 21-7.

Ferndale didn't need any gifts, but the Trojans gave them one. Instead of a punting the ball away at their 16-yard line, a bobbled snap gave the Eagles the ball at the 8. Gohagon scored on first down.

The Trojans opened the third quarter with Kubiak's 80-yarder to Bean on first down, but Ferndale answered with two more scores and a 49-14 lead.

"The biggest thing I told them is they have to keep their heads up and realize where they're at," Fry said of his players. "I think some of them were stuck on last year's glory."

"We talked about the work ethic and how they need to stay with it. Maybe they'll put in a little bit more. This is a test for the kids. This is about character; this is a character builder."

"There's a lot of football to play yet. The kids just have to come together. Like I said, everybody we played last year - they have that big bull's-eye (out for the Trojans) and they're coming."

PREP FOOTBALL

Rockets endure penalties to blast through Skyline

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

There's a good chance that the video from Friday night's Westland John Glenn-Ann Arbor Skyline football game will be shown at a football officials' convention before it appears on ESPN Classic.

The men in stripes probably had to ice their arms after flinging their flags 29 times (for a total of 296 yards) during the Rockets' 35-10 season-opening victory over the Cougars.

"We won, but I wasn't pleased at all with my team," said John Glenn head coach Tim Hardin, whose squad was penalized 13 times for 120 yards. "We had two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties, which are inexcusable. We had two delay of game penalties, which are unacceptable."

"I think some of it had to do with the fact that it was the first game of the season, but we have to become more disciplined."

On the bright side, the Rock-

ets' defense was lights out, limiting the hosts to minus-57 yards rushing thanks to six sacks.

John Glenn also picked off three passes. The most significant interception came when Tyrikh Hunter stepped in front of a post pattern early in the second quarter and returned it 25 yards to give his team a 7-0 lead (following Stephen Hege-nauer's first of five extra points).

Javaughn Burns and Andre Brown also recorded interceptions for John Glenn.

The Rockets' offensive stars were receiver Jaron Flournoy, who scored one touchdown on the ground and another on a 6-yard pass from quarterback Brendan Wetmore (5-for-16, 41 yards); and Jamie Melchor, who rushed for 114 yards and a TD on 15 carries.

"Our entire defensive unit played well tonight," said Hardin. "Our offense wasn't in sync, but that's not unusual for a 'first game."

PREP FOOTBALL

Mott hands Zebras 40th straight loss

Brooks' blocked-punt return TD lone bright spot for Wayne

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

For a few minutes Thursday night, it appeared as if Wayne Memorial's 39-game losing streak was in danger of being mercifully snapped.

When the Zebras' Kyle Brooks returned a blocked punt 52 yards to paydirt midway through the first quarter of his team's season-opening game at Warren Mott, Wayne led 6-2. However, the Marauders

showed little mercy the rest of the way as they rolled to a 57-6 triumph.

In new Wayne coach Tim Finnerty's debut, Mott racked up 310 total yards on offense (in addition to 194 return yards) compared to just 62 for Wayne.

The Zebras rushed for a minus-15 yards with junior quarterback Joe Bob Walker leading the way with 1 yard on

16 carries.

Walker completed 7 of 23 passes for 77 yards and two interceptions. Juan Wise caught a pair of aeriels for 53 yards.

Mott seized a 2-0 lead on the second play of the game when the Marauders sacked Walker in the end zone.

After Brooks gave the Zebras a short-lived lead, Mott seized the advantage for good

on its next drive when quarterback Dakota Cupp ran in a keeper from 20 yards out.

Mott led 37-6 at the half and ignited a running clock when Randy Bicknell returned the opening kick-off of the second half 94 yards for a TD.

Wayne hosts Grand Blanc Friday at 7 p.m.

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turner for the winners.

Lined up as the sole back with the Spartans starting a second-quarter drive at their own eight and clinging to a perilous 7-0 lead, Weiss secured a shot-gun snap, rolled to his right and lofted an on-target spiral to Petrie, who caught the ball over his left shoulder at about the 40 before out-sprinting the Patriots' secondary to the end zone.

"At first, [Franklin] knew what was coming; they knew I was going to run a quarterback keeper up the middle," recalled Weiss. "They called a time-out and we checked out of the keeper because we knew they'd motion down their free safety hard. We saw it and dumped it over the top of them. Once Austin caught it, he used his speed to run away from them."

The back-breaking bomb was book-ended by Weiss's 40-yard dash to paydirt on the Spartans' opening drive and his 14-yard scoreboard-changing catch when he out-jumped a pair of Patriot defensive backs with 32 ticks left in the first half.

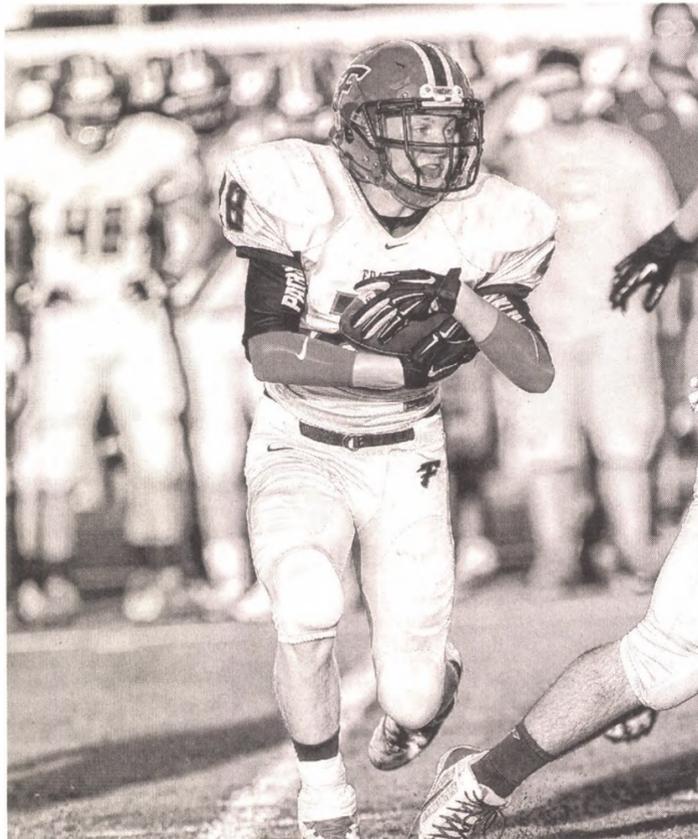
"I was disappointed in our lack of execution tonight," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert. "At times we got guys together and did some good things, but we fell apart every time we got something going."

Petrie had a big night, too, for the hosts, running for 123 yards on 10 carries in addition to registering the length-of-the-field pass play.

Despite touching the ball just eight times, Weiss accounted for 170 yards in total offense.

"C.J. is a special player," said Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef. "He could play quarterback for most teams, but he moved to running back and slot to help make us a better team."

Thanks in part to Stevenson fumbles on back-to-back first-quarter possessions, the Patriots owned the ball in Spartan territory four straight first-half drives. However, the hosts' defense stiffened behind strong play from



Livonia Franklin running back Nate Binkiewicz looks to turn the corner during a first-quarter run Thursday night against Livonia Stevenson.

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senior defensive ends Connor Vaughan and Brad Scott, and junior Tyler Hudson.

"Connor and Brad did a nice job on the edges while Huddy came in the middle," said Micallef. "He's not real big, but he quick and hard to block."

Franklin junior quarterback Denzel Adams replaced starter Robert Comini to start the second quarter and he played well in stretches, completing two of five passes for 61 yards to Charles Keith, and running for 38 yards.

"Robert and Denzel have been battling for the starting job," Kelbert said. "We got a little flow going when we put Denzel in so we stayed with him, but it didn't work

out."

Tanderys was solid in his first varsity start, going 5-for-8 for 84 yards and a touchdown.

The Patriots drove to the Stevenson 25 on their opening possession of the second half, but Adams was hauled to the turf by Hudson three yards short of a first down on a fourth-and-6 keeper.

On the ensuing play Petrie busted loose for a 78-yard TD sprint to widen the gap to 28-0.

Stevenson's final TD was scored by Frank Carlin, who plunged in from the 1 with 5:39 left. One play earlier Carlin hauled in a 42-yard pass from Tanderys.

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PREP SOCCER

Patriots drop third straight match, 4-2

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Labor Day Weekend has arrived at an ideal time for Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team, which has been unable to find the win column in its first three matches.

On Wednesday the Patriots dropped a 4-2 decision to host Dearborn Edsel Ford, which was playing in its opening game of the season.

The Thunderbirds bolted to a 2-0 halftime lead and never trailed thereafter.

"Honestly, I can't pinpoint why we're struggling so bad," said Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos. "Our fundamentals just haven't been sound and our touches are off. We create opportunities to score, but we can't finish."

Trailing 3-0 in the second half, Franklin's Nathan Iacoban found the net with a bending corner kick. After Edsel Ford pushed its lead to 4-1, Ryan Bieth scored for the Patriots.

Zebras triumph

Wayne Memorial improved its record to 2-1 on Wednesday by throttling visiting Livonia Clarenceville, 3-1, in a non-conference battle.

"It's the first time we've played on grass this season, so it took us a while to get used to the slower pace," said Wayne head coach Jason Dean. "We did a better job speeding up the tempo in the second half than we did in the first. Our passes were more firm."

The Zebras broke a scoreless draw eight minutes before halftime when Jeff Barrett one-timed Jimmy Herdon's corner kick into the twine.

Wayne doubled its advantage to 2-0 nine minutes into the second half when Jimmy Herdon scored off an assist from his younger brother Liam Herdon.

Jake Devos-Roy scored Clarenceville's lone goal a short time later to bring the Trojans (1-2) to within one, but the hosts regained their two-goal cushion seven minutes later thanks to Andy Julien's goal off Joey Way's corner kick.

Carter Parendo earned the win between the pipes. Dean praised the play of mid-fielder David Lakatos.

Spartans still perfect

Livonia Stevenson improved to 3-0 Wednesday night with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Saline.

"The play of our back four was solid from start to finish," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "This was a big test for us. We're looking forward to league play next week."

Sam Landefeld ripped home a penalty kick in the game's 12th minute to give the Spartans the lead for good after Dom Rea was fouled in the box.

Max Hoover pushed the winners' lead to 2-0 30 minutes later when he finished a Landefeld cross.

Austin Kaczmarek notched three saves for Stevenson while Noah Taritas stopped one shot for Saline.

CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Franklin girls take 4th at S. Lyon Invite

Led by Natalie Douglas's fourth-place finish, the Livonia Franklin girls cross country team galloped to a fourth-place showing in their season-opening action at the South Lyon Invitational held Aug. 23 at Island Lake State Park.

Clay (Ohio) won the invite with 58 points followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer (72 points), Pinckney (86) and Franklin (87).

Ann Arbor Pioneer's Jacalyn Overdier was the overall race winner, posting a time of 19 minutes, 20.7 seconds. Douglas crossed the line in 20:55.8, just ahead of sixth-place teammate Ellary Marano (21:03.3).

Also running for the Patriots were Mandy Pokryfky (14th place in 21:48.5), Julie Wonch (29th in 22:42.4), Riley Shine (34th in 23:16.7), Camryn Zurawski (37th in 23:18.0) and Paityn Santi, who was 53rd in 24:02.1.

"We raced pretty well for an early-season invite in hot, muggy conditions, and ended up one point out of third place," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "Clay is an excellent team, and I feel good about us being close to Pioneer and Pinckney, who are both excellent programs."

Patriot boys 5th

Led by Keenan Jones' eighth-place finish (17:18), Franklin's boys team placed fifth in the same invitational. Novi won with 30 points followed by Pinckney (62) and Temperance Bedford (94). The Patriots amassed 117 points.

Also competing for the Patriots were Tony Floyd (10th in 17:30), Nathan McCall (30th in 18:32), Matt Lepper (33rd in 18:41), Gage Wheeler (36th in 18:50), Jacob Forgacs (38th in 19:13) and Kyle Perelli (44th in 19:50).

By Ed Wright

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Crusaders hope to make up for key loss

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There is already one missing piece to the puzzle as the Madonna University women's soccer team embarks on its 2014 season beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday at home against Huntington University (Ind.).

The Crusaders, under fifth-year coach Jeff Hodgson, return nine players off last year's squad which finished 10-9-1 overall and 5-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

But the Crusaders' second leading point producer, junior forward-midfielder Kelly Capoccia (Livonia Ladywood), has been lost for the season after injuring her knee this summer. The Grand Valley State University transfer, who will rehab and redshirt this season, was third for MU in scoring with nine goals and five assists.

MU, which was eliminated 1-0 by No. 10-ranked Davenport University in last year's WHAC semi-



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finals, lost five players to graduation and will certainly miss midfielder Amanda Ferrick, a four-time all-conference pick who earned NAIA honorable mention All-America honors as a senior.

The team's leading scorer, Katelyn Krysiak (Madison Heights Lamphere), who had a team-best 10 goals and four assists, returns along with All-WHAC senior forward Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario), who added six goals and five assists.

Junior Blaire Schmalenberg (Warren Cousino), the only goalkeeper on the roster, also returns after posting a 1.44 goals-against average while starting 18 of 20 games.

Experienced defenders include senior Mo DeBrandis (LaSalle, Ontario), who started all 20 games; junior Dayna Meloche (Amherst-

burg, Ontario), who got 17 starts; and sophomore Taylor Kelly (Lamphere), who played in 18 games (starting seven).

Among the forwards and midfielders returning for MU include junior Morgan Himanek (Utica Eisenhower), who scored six goals; junior Jennifer Jurcak (Eisenhower); and senior Kayla Szado (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College).

Senior midfielder Annette Somercik (Plymouth Christian), a transfer from Indiana Wesleyan, is among the promising newcomers. She had four goals and one assist in 17 games last season.

Also new to the fold are freshman Hannah Alston (Utica Ford), a midfielder-defender; Allie May (Brownstown Woodhaven), a midfielder; Jessica Witt (St. Claire Shores Lakeview), a midfielder-forward; Megan Roth (Farmington N.M.), a midfielder; Monica Brydges (Windsor, Ontario), a midfielder-forward and Caitlyn Lefebvre (Allen Park Cabrini), a midfielder-defender.

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before the opening kickoff, when the Pirates were pushed back 5 yards by an illegal-formation call.

Riverview kicker Tyler Chase then booted the ball out of bounds, which resulted in another 5-yard penalty that gave the Cougars the ball on their own 40.

Eleven plays later, GC running back Micahl Trimble burst into the end zone from 10 yards out to stake the hosts to a 7-0 lead following Nick Schroeder's extra point. The key play in the drive unfolded moments earlier, when Tommy Segars snatched a Kyler Hubbs pass in the left flat and gained 10 yards on a fourth-and-four play. Riverview countered swiftly,

driving to the GC 1 before a 15-yard personal foul penalty made it third-and-goal from 16. Two incompletions later, the Cougars had dodged a bullet - but only temporarily.

Following a Cougars three-and-out and an 18-yard wind-pushed punt, the Pirates settled in at the GC 30 and scored four plays later on a 1-yard plunge by Chase. Austin Ostrowski kicked the extra point and Riverview would never trail again.

The Pirates seized the lead for good with 2:53 left in the first half, when quarterback Drew Kroll connected with Nikolas Frasier on a 45-yard touchdown pass. The one-play drive was set up by a penalty against the Cougars for roughing the kicker.

Back-to-back illegal-procedure calls on the Pirates' extra-point try

resulted in a wide-left kick, leaving the score 13-7.

The Pirates scored touchdowns on their first four possessions of the second half to stretch their advantage to 41-7.

The Cougars' final points came when Hubbs hit Dylan Rayburn with a 35-yard TD strike with 4:42 left. Hubbs bulled into the end zone on the two-point conversion try.

Eric Gant led the winners with 76 yards on 14 carries. Kroll was stellar as well, running for 69 yards on five carries while completing 5-of-9 passes for 90 yards and two scores.

Hubbs completed 9-of-16 aeriels for 88 yards. His favorite receiver was Segars, who grabbed five passes for 42 yards.

Hubbs ran 22 times for 82 yards, while Trimble picked up 36 yards on eight carries.

'Let your light shine' at local prayer service

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Unity of Livonia will add a new twist to its annual prayer day activities in September.

In addition to a worship service and individual prayer, members and guests will get a chance to walk the church's outdoor labyrinth with lit candles at dusk.

"It's not a maze. It's a very ancient tradition and the walk is a walking meditation," said the Rev. Eileen Patra, senior minister. "The idea is that as you're walking in, to concentrate on your prayer intention. When you get to the center you take a few moments to listen and you listen on the way out. Prayer is talking to God, meditation is listening."

Prayer chaplains will be available for individual prayer from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. and the labyrinth walk at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

The activities are a part of the 21st annual Unity World Day of Prayer, a 24-hour prayer event held the second Thursday in September by Unity churches and Silent Unity, an international 24/7 prayer ministry. This year's theme is "We Are the Light of the World: Let Your Light Shine." At Unity's world headquarters in Missouri, the prayer vigil begins with a service with author and poet Mark Nepo, followed by a candle-light walk. The opening service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, and the closing service with singer/songwriter Karl Anthony at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, will stream live at www.worlddayofprayer.org.

Organizers also added a virtual candle lighting this year to symbolize the power of united prayers. To participate, go to www.worlddayofprayer.org and click on the "light a virtual candle" link. The website includes a map showing where and how many candles are lit throughout the world. Individuals in more than 85 countries had lit candles by Aug. 29. The virtual candles will be available through Sept. 11.

"Unity was founded on the power of positive prayer. It was founded by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, two people who experienced incredible health healing through prayer," said Patra, a Royal Oak resident. "When people are together in prayer there is a beautiful energy that touches



Cheryl Goddard, office assistant and bookstore manager at Unity of Livonia, meditates at the center of the labyrinth.

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them."

Everyone welcome

She said that although the prayer day originated with Unity, it's intended to be an ecumenical event. When she was pastor of a Unity church in West Branch, a local Methodist congregation participated in Unity's prayer activities.

"I'm really excited about adding the labyrinth. We have some musicians that have vol-

unteered their time. There will be a large candle burning in the center of the labyrinth. It should be sufficiently dark by then," Patra said. Labyrinths are circular and generally consist of a circuitous path that starts at the outer edge and weaves its way to the center.

"They'll walk to the center and light a candle, walk out and form a circle. And I will have a closing prayer."

Patra noted that the walk occurs less than two weeks before the autumnal equinox on Sept. 23, which signals the start of fall.

"I thought it would be cool to have a ceremony where you walk the labyrinth and recognize that the our days are getting shorter," Patra said, "but the light within us is always bright."

Other area Unity World Day of Prayer services:

» 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 at Friends of Unity, held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; friendsofunity.org

» Prayer vigil starting at 7 a.m. with prayer sessions every hour; interfaith service runs 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Detroit Unity Temple, 17505 Second Blvd. Detroit; 313-345-4848

Stretch at yoga event, benefit nonprofits

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Yoga changed Kerrie Trahan's life.

And she says it could change yours.

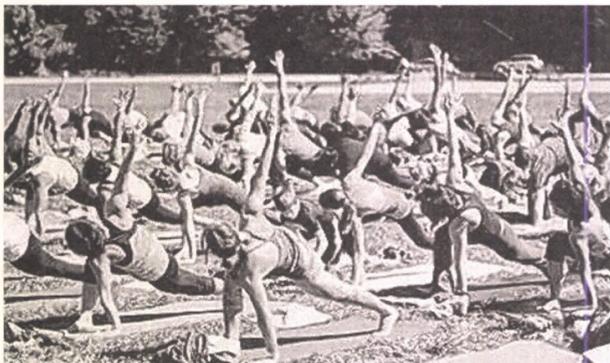
"A lot of people have experienced life-changing results from practicing yoga," said Trahan, who teaches yoga at Lifetime Fitness in Canton and Novi. "Students have told me it changes their outlook and makes them feel more positive."

Trahan, co-founder of YogaFlow, an organization that teaches yoga throughout Detroit, will join other yoga instructors from Southeast Michigan to lead a two-hour class at YogaLove 2014, a celebration of all things yoga Sunday, Sept. 7, at Kensington Metropark, 2240 Buno, Milford. The class will start at 1 p.m. and will include music by DJ Baksheesh of Dance Meditation Technique. Admission is by donations of either \$10, \$20 or \$30, payable online at yogalovedetroit.org. Walk-ins also are welcome.

Proceeds will benefit Danialle Karmanos' Work It Out, which has teamed with DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan to promote health through yoga and nutrition in Detroit-area schools, and Mentors Plus, a program of Oakland County Youth Assistance. Mentors Plus matches adults with young persons who need a positive influence in their lives.

A yoga lifestyle expo, with vendors, nutrition experts and yoga studio representatives, will be open before and after the class.

YogaLove's 2013 event was



Yoga practitioners stretch outdoors.

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held at the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan Warehouse in Detroit. It raised \$4,300 for Gleaners. YogaLove Detroit was formed in 2012 to benefit the Detroit area through yoga and service.

Trahan said the yoga class at Kensington is open to all levels.

"The practice will start with breathing," said Trahan, adding that the routine will include postures and a cool down. "There is no age minimum, however it is a two-hour yoga practice, so it's probably not recommended that kids take it, although they are more than welcome to come with their parents."

Yoga in school

In addition to teaching yoga classes, Trahan is the program and volunteer coordinator for Danialle Karmanos' Work It Out. The organization was founded nine years ago.

"It's awesome. We go into

schools for 10 weeks in the fall and winter. We teach yoga and nutrition. The kids love it," she said.

Trahan tried yoga in 2005 but didn't pursue it until after moving to South Korea in 2007 to teach and save money for law school.

"I was reading about things to do to deal with stress and yoga was one. I gave it another chance," she said. "and I got hooked." She returned to the United States and began pre-law school classes at Cornell University.

"I loved it, but it took me away from my yoga practice because I had to study so much," she said. "I realized it wasn't for me. It took me away from what made me feel so amazing. I moved back to Michigan and I became a (yoga) teacher."

For more about Danialle Karmanos' Work It Out, visit dkwio.org. For Mentors Plus, visit oakgov.com and click on circuit court and then volunteer.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Meet critters

See some of the animals, such as turtles and snakes, that make the Kensington Metropark Nature Center their home, 2 p.m. every Sunday. The program is free. To register or for more information, call 810-227-8917

Edible plants hike

Friends of Maybury State Park will hike through the park and identify edible wild plants — some that can be eaten raw and some that need to be cooked — from 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 6. Participants also will learn to identify plants they should avoid. Meets at the concession building in the park. friendsofmaybury.org for more information.

Butterflies

Brenda Dzedzic, author and co-founder of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will talk about winter garden maintenance and overwintering of butterflies, 7 p.m. Sept. 17, at Nankin Mills Interpretive

Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Nonmembers pay \$3. Annual memberships are \$15. www.sembabutterfly.org.

English Gardens

» Get the basics on landscape design in a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at all stores.

» Get information on designing, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in outdoor containers at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Free.

» Learn the basics of designing a bulb garden at a free presentation 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

Bug hunters

Train to become a leader for the Friends of the Rouge River fall bug hunt, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty. www.therouge.org.



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Mental health first aid helps battle stress, trauma

One of the standard questions in a children's psychological evaluation is "What should you do if you cut your finger while playing?" This question attempts to solicit issues about the child's awareness of safety and the use of judgment.



Len McCulloch
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Medical CPR and first aid classes are more prevalently available now than ever before. Often sponsored by the American Red Cross, these trainings continue to be seen in medical and health facilities, high schools, day care centers, public and private businesses, athletic facilities and more. AED's and CPR directions, and first aid kits are readily available.

But what about first aid for mental health? Mental health first aid as defined by the Michigan Department of Mental Health is a course dedicated to providing individuals with the basic tools required to assist

others in case of a developing mental illness or a mental health situation.

My first interest in this area of response to mental health issues was more than 20 years ago when I trained with the Red Cross and obtained membership on the American Red Cross Mental Health Disaster Team.

Our role was to provide first responders, such as police, firefighters, and EMS personnel, with support and onsite counseling and debriefings. The "venues" included hurricanes, floods, forest fires, tornadoes, mass murder school shootings, terrorist attacks, like 9/11, and so forth. We were trained to be an onsite team of mental health providers available to these emer-

gency personnel who are at high risk for acquiring post-traumatic stress and associated mental health problems.

Recently, I came across information about local mental health first aid programs. These trainings are largely developed and offered free of charge by local Red Cross chapters and associated programs.

Examples of situations in need of mental health first aid include violence in the workplace, school shootings, terrorist threats, suicide threats, domestic violence, concerns about child abuse, prevention workshops, resiliency training and so forth.

Applying first aid

Techniques of rendering mental health first aid may include supportive listening with gentle, purposeful questioning in order to help absorb, digest and process emotional shock of being part of or witnessing horrific

events. Another is to debrief the victims/survivors of trauma right at the scene in order to attempt to prevent what could later be a post-traumatic stress disorder. Yet another might be to counsel school children who have just received news of a death or kidnapping, or rape of a school chum.

Since the tragic Columbine School mass murders on April 20, 1999, and Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting on Dec. 14, 2012, our news media, civic leaders, and even our president of the United States, have publicly raised the question, "When are we going to start talking about mental health issues?"

I strongly support the awareness and use of services in our community geared toward mental health first aid. This column "Our Mental Health" is offered as a resource.

Feel free to contact us

to pursue join-up program possibilities as did our prior Call to Action Coalition in the past. Feel free to use our 200-plus archived articles at the Farmington Hills Library (www.farmlib.org) to disseminate mental health and mental illness resources. "Our Mental Health" column is a subsidiary of the nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, The Therapy Choirs of Michigan. TCM has been headquartered in Farmington Hills for 17 years and continues to champion the cause of suicide prevention and mental health awareness and related issues.

The stigma remains, evidenced by, "When are we going to talk about mental health?" Dare we say, "Talk about mental illness?"

Perhaps, a correlate question to the original question within the child mental status exam, "What should you do if you cut your finger?" would be the application

of mental health first aid, asking "What do you feel about having cut your finger and would you like some help to talk about it?"

Resources

- » Macomb Oakland Regional Center (MORC), 866-807-6940
- » Community Mental Health of Livingston County, 800-615-1245
- » Common Ground, 800-231-1127
- » American Red Cross, www.redcross.org

L. J. McCulloch has been a monthly guest columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Media for 15 years. McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association and holds credentials in mental health, addictions, traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, and social work. He can be reached for consultation at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22.

Classes to begin at Inspire Theatre

Inspire School of Theatre Arts in Westland offers two classes for students during the fall semester.

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Len Fisher

urday, for 10 weeks beginning Sept. 13. Theatre 101 is the advanced class for students who have had previous training. This course will build on the skills previously learned. The class will use the text, *Everything About Theatre*. Class assignments will include memorizing monologues and scenes, learning about costume and makeup, as well as set design, emotion, character development, lighting, sets, makeup, method acting, immer-

sion, finding truth, and picking the part. The class project will be a script written by the students and O. Henry's *Gift of the Magi*. The class, for ages 12-18, is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, beginning Sept. 13. Acceptance into class is by interview. There will be a \$10 book fee.

Each class costs \$20. Or a 10-week series is \$165 if paid at registration.

Registration is 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at Inspire Theatre, 5767 Executive Drive, Westland. For more information, contact Len Fiksher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or call 734-751-7057.

Call for artists: Ofrendas wanted

Sugar skulls, flowers, favorite foods and mementos are traditional ingredients for annual Dia de los Muertos — Day of the Dead — altar displays called ofrendas.

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An ofrenda is a collection of objects and



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An ofrenda from last year's display at the DIA by Gabrielle and Juan Javier Pescador of Ann Arbor

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Five generations come together to applaud their family's patriarch

George DuVall's 92nd birthday brought together a dozen family members in May for a celebration lunch at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center of Plymouth. Five family members also posed for a photo.

"My dad has been a resident of Redford Township since 1950," said his daughter, Joyce DuVall, 60. "He is a long-time resident. He was an insurance adjuster. He's very active in the VFW in Redford Township."

DuVall's birthday was May 26. During the brunch celebration on May 25, Joyce DuVall, her son, Wayne Yates of Warren, her granddaughter, Alisha Yates of Westland, and great-grandson, Charles Paviloff, posed for a photo with the family patriarch.

DuVall describes her family as "very close-knit." Both she and Al-



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George DuVall, (left), 92, of Redford Township celebrated his birthday and posed for a five-generation photo in May. With him are his daughter, Joyce DuVall, 60, also of Redford, his grandson, Wayne Yates, 39, of Warren, great-granddaughter Alisha Yates, 19, of Westland, and great-great-grandson Charles Paviloff, 6 months.

isha Yates work for Wayne Yates's heating and cooling business, Yates Service, in Warren. DuVall also lives with her father.

"I left to raise my children and then came

back to the family home," she said. "In 1995 we thought it was stupid to have two households with all the expenses for two households. I moved in."

— By Sharon Dargay

Plymouth couple marks their 50th wedding anniversary with family



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Elizabeth and William O'Mara of Plymouth

William and Elizabeth (Stephens) O'Mara were married Aug. 27, 1964, at Cherry Hill Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights.

William is a retired marketing associate and a Vietnam veteran. Elizabeth is a retired teach-

er. They enjoy retirement life with family and friends in Plymouth, where they've lived for 38 years.

They have three daughters, Mary Beth (Jeffrey) Frank, Kelly Tonkovich, and Melanie (Jonathan) Stone, along

with four grandchildren, Kayla, Isabella, Liam and Keira.

The O'Maras celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a special dinner given by family.

CLASS REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

DEARBORN EDEL FORD CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion is planned 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Andiamo, 21400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Email Judy (Berry) Buck at jarcbuck@sbcglobal.net for more details.

DEARBORN FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1952

62nd reunion set for both January and June classes, Saturday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Orloff at orloffal@aol.com or 734-432-9308; or Marvin Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or 313-562-4378 for more information.

CLASSES OF 1965

50th reunion is set for Aug. 7, 2015, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, east of Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$60 each. Deadline is April 11, 2015. Contact Virginia (Mariani) Koch at 734-981-4763, ginny6491@att.net; Rochell May-Bridge at 734-675-2680, wildchild48138@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS HASTON CLASSES OF 1963-64

Reunion organizers seek alumni, teachers and staff from 1963-64 and also friends from Brainard Elementary and Haston Jr. High who may have left school before the classes graduated at Haston. The main event is a dinner party Saturday, Sept. 20, at Andiamo Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills. Advance tickets are required. Email Diane Jones at dianejones816@gmail.com or by phone at 610-436-4915.

DETROIT CENTRAL HIGH CLASS OF 1954

60th reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Knollwood Country Club, 5050 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Includes dinner and entertainment. For more information, call Elaine Cohen Bass, 248-626-0146, Marion Carol Kantor, 248-661-0507, or Sandra Rogers Brenner, 248-200-7783.

DETROIT CODY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerby666bam@msn.com.

DETROIT EASTERN HIGH ALL CLASSES

Annual reunion set for 1-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes a meal. Reservations deadline is Sept. 26. For more information call Judy Elias Thun at 586-296-2949 or Nancy Germain Linhard at nancylinhard@comcast.net.



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Students traditionally toss their hats at the end of graduation ceremonies. Reunions are equally as traditional.

DETROIT MACKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1950S, '60S

Fourth annual picnic set for noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Westland. Bring your own picnic or buy Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream on site. Seating available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. Questions? Call Janet Cable at 734-377-4009 or email mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com. Or check out www.classcreator.com/ Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960

DETROIT REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at St. Aidan's Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Ticket purchase deadline is Sept. 1. Contact Tom Shaw at tomshaw7@aol.com, or call 734-524-0698.

GARDEN CITY EAST CLASS OF 1964

50th reunion is planned for Sept. 13 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Contact Carol Hill at cph064@aol.com, Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Judy "O" at judeeeo@aol.com.

LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1984

30-year reunion, 7 p.m. Sept. 27, White Lake Inn, 3955 Ormond Road, White Lake. No need to RSVP for this casual night of conversation and catching up. For information, email heyboxman@wideopenwest.com.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL CLASS OF 1989

Gathering planned for 7 p.m. Sept. 20 in the bar area at One Under Bar & Grill, 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Cash bar. For more information, email tsteel37@yahoo.com or nedoff@yahoo.com.

LIVONIA STEVENSON CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Geiger and Jack Karbowski, 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 29, Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, disc jockey, pizza. Reservations and payment with Karbowski, 313-530-9634; karblitski@yahoo.com.

PLYMOUTH CANTON AND SALEM CLASS OF 1984

30-year class reunion is set for Saturday, Sept. 13. For details, visit PlymouthCantonSalem1984.com.

REDFORD THURSTON CLASS OF 1969

45th reunion is set for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 10, at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive, Northville. Tickets are \$45 and include dinner, dancing and cash bar. RSVP by Sept. 1. Contact Jill Serbay at jjserbay@gmail.com for more information.

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD CLASS OF 1964

A 50-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. Sept. 13, at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Call Pat Marunich at 313-690-4480.

CLASS OF 1969

45th reunion planned for Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Contact Mark Coulter at 734-453-5423; mcoulter@gr-lakes.com.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN CLASS OF 1979

35th reunion starts with an informal get-together, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Doc's Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and disc jockey. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of '79 and send to JGHS Class of '79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.

CLASS OF 1994

20-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at One Under Banquet Center, Livonia. Additional details are available at Eventbrite.com.

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BELLAIRE, JOANNE MARIE

71, of Northville, went up to the "Spirit in the Sky" on August 26, 2014. She was born in Flint, Michigan to John and Anna Elston on November 2, 1942. Joanne grew up in Detroit and attended Visitation High School. She put up with her husband, Gord, for 50 years and 100 days. She is survived by their eight children, Jim (Maryanne), Margaret (Charlie) Harris, Gayle (Mike) Killingbeck, Tim (Andrea), Ellen (Joe) Elliott, Ed (Lissa), Mike, and Helen (Rich) Pianowski; and 15 grandchildren, Annemarie, Katie, Elizabeth, Joanne, Paige, Abby, Michael, Nate, Zach, Phil, Jackson, Melanie, Sarah, Stephen, and Mark. She also leaves behind one brother, Dick (Cindy) Elston; one brother-in-law, Michael (Sue) Bellaire; three nephews and one niece. Joanne held a Doctorate in Ministry, served as a chaplain at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township and was an Associate of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. She will be remembered for her abundant kindness and quiet compassion; always giving never taking. Her award-winning talents included painting, drawing, puppetry. She also enjoyed reading, going to the movies, playing euchre and volunteering for various charitable organizations. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the charity of your choice are suggested. As per Joanne's wishes, no funeral will take place. A card party will be held in her memory at a later date. To leave a condolence www.schrader-howell.com.



COTE, DEANNA

August 29, 2014, age 54 of Canton. Cherished wife of Serge. Loving mother of Nicholas, Ben and Chantel. Dear sister of Janice Menter, and the late; Robert (Kathy), Louise and Kenneth (Arlene) Menter. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tues 1-8 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Wed 10 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Memorials may be made to the Cancer Support Community of Ann Arbor. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



DAILY, MICHAEL "JERRY"

August 16, 2014. Age 76. A long time resident of Plymouth, MI passed away peacefully under Hospice care in Walnut Creek, CA. He was 76 years old. Born in Detroit, MI, to George and Mae Daily, Michael attended St. Mary's Catholic HS in Wayne, MI, honorably served in the US Army and received his BS and MBA from Michigan State University. He married Linda McKinley in April, 1966 and settled in Plymouth, MI, where they raised their family. Michael taught English and History for 35 years in Livonia, MI, first at Whitman Junior High then Stevenson High School where he retired in 2000. He was active in the community as a member of Plymouth Civitans and supporting Special Olympics. As a big Spartan fan, Michael attended and enjoyed many Michigan State Football games. He also loved to travel, sail and ski. Michael is survived by his wife of 30 years, Linda Daily, of Walnut Creek, CA; children, Bridget (Daily) and Gary Coonce of Walnut Creek, CA and Kellie (Daily) and Rich Turkisher of Portland, OR; grandchildren, Sean, Alexandra and McKenzie Coonce and Cameron and Reese Turkisher; brothers, Thomas Daily and wife Maryanne of Wayne, MI and Stan Daily and wife Susan of Stockbridge, MI; numerous special cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral service and burial with military honors will take place on Friday, September 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Skylawn Memorial Park, 10600 Skyline Blvd., San Mateo, CA. A Celebration of Life and Christian Service will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014, 11:00 a.m. (family and friends will be received at 10:00 a.m.) at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. Donations can be made in his honor to Vitas, CA East Bay at vitas.com/about-us.

MOSES, JANE

Age 88, wife of the late Don Moses; loving mother of Cathleen Costello, Jake Costello, Shaun Gorman, Lindsay DeBoer, and sister of Joan Karsten, passed away August 1, in hospice, in her home, in Dana Point, California, with her family around her. She was the cherished grandmother of Collin Costello, Conor, Katie, Haley Gorman, and Jake DeBoer. Her family and friends drew inspiration from her and loved her dearly. Her family will remember her and celebrate her life by scattering her ashes in the Pacific Ocean, per her wishes.

PETERS, ELEANOR

August 18, 2014, age "classified". Resided in Beverly Hills. Loving wife of James F. Peters for 67 years. Mother of James (Judith) Peters, Carolyn (Jerry) Hemphill, John (Donna) Peters and Lawrence (Nancy) Peters. Grandmother of Erika, Carey, James, Michael, Nicole, Jaclyn, Daniel, Julie, Ellis, Owen, John, Anthony and Matthew, great grandmother of Skyler, David, Anja and Naia, Our matriarch. Proud, elegant, strong of will, devoted, loving and witty. Small of stature, but large of presence - a presence which will be missed by all. Memorial Mass Saturday, September 27, 2014, 10:00 am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 32340 Pierce St., Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 with a luncheon in her honor to follow. In lieu of flowers please contribute to a charity of your choice in Eleanor's honor. Memories or notes of condolences may be sent to the family at www.pixleyfuneral.com



SCHMIDT, WILLIAM T.

Of Birmingham, Michigan, born in Highland Park, MI, on September 24, 1931, passed away on August 25. He is survived by his son, Hans Christian of Portland, Oregon; and grandchildren Trevor and Elderkin Schmidt; brother Robert (Trudy) Schmidt of Arwheiler, Germany; and sister Ellen O'Donnell Anderson (Richard) of Nashville, Tennessee. Predeceased by his parents Hans and Esther Schmidt of Clinton, MI., and wives Anna Marie and Patricia. Bill served with distinction in the U.S. Marines in the Korean War and then graduated from Michigan State. He taught Math at Derby Middle School, Barnum Middle School and Seaholm High School where he also coached the girls' softball team. Bill enjoyed serving as a board member of the Birmingham Credit Union for several years, also frequent trips to the family cabin where he rebuilt vintage tractors, his "victory" garden and Saturdays at Eastern Market. Celebration of Life Service will be held by the family at a later date. Donations may be made to Bill's favorite charity, the Salvation Army.

WILLIAMS, ROSE M.

Aug. 18, 2014 Age 83 Visitation Sept 3, 4-8pm; Funeral Sept 4 6:30pm Swanson Funeral Home 14751 W. McNichols in Detroit.



Hospitals win awards for improving stroke treatment

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Garden City Hospital recently received its third award in three consecutive years for following guidelines and procedures that improve outcomes for stroke patients.

It's one of eight hospitals in southeastern Michigan that earned recognition from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association for complying at least 85 percent of the time with the organizations' treatment guidelines, an improvement program called Get With The Guidelines.

Garden City Hospital earned a Stroke Gold Plus Award, signifying that it complied with the guidelines for two years and took additional steps to improve patient care.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia earned a Stroke Silver Plus Award, which marked a



Garden City Hospital staffers are proud of the recognition they received.

year of compliance with the guidelines.

Other award winners were Detroit Receiving Hospital, Henry Ford Hospital and Health Network, Detroit, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, McLaren Oakland Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, and University of Michigan Health System.

"We received the Gold Plus for achievement for

2013 and I believe in 2012, the Silver," said Elaina Tsikaris, marketing communications specialist for Garden City Hospital.

Stroke center

Garden City Hospital became a certified primary stroke center a little over two years ago.

"We're identifying more people. Anyone who comes into our emergency room show-

ing certain (stroke) symptoms, we do a stroke alert," said Barbara Coldren, director of the emergency department at Garden City Hospital. "They go through triage, they're sent directly to CAT scan to see if they have a stroke and we bring them to the emergency department to give them TPA (medication to dissolve clots). It happens in 17

minutes from the time they come to our door to TPA."

Garden City Hospital sends stroke patients in need of more comprehensive care to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac, which is certified as a comprehensive stroke center. Garden City Hospital also uses a stroke robot to help diagnose and determine the severity of a stroke. A neurologist at St. Joseph Mercy serves as the "eyes and ears" of the robot as it examines the patient.

Coldren said she's proud of the emergency department team at Garden City Hospital and that the award underscores the "good work we do."

"We're here for the community," she said.

Recognizing stroke

Coldren said strokes can occur at any age and that the best way to prevent them is by maintaining a "good weight,"

avoiding smoking, by exercising and knowing your blood pressure.

"We had a person who was 17 years old. Her mother said she isn't normal. We had neurology come in and they diagnosed a stroke," Coldren said. "It can happen at any age. We have to be aware of facial problems, speech problems and arm deviation."

The acronym, F.A.S.T., helps recall symptoms of stroke — drooping face, slurred speech. The last letter stands for "time," indicating that 9-1-1 should be called immediately.

Both Garden City Hospital and St. Mary Mercy Hospital offer classes to help individuals maintain a healthy weight, stop smoking and follow a healthy diet. They also run support groups for stroke patients. For more information, visit gch.org and stmarymercy.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

American Red Cross

Upcoming blood drives:
Redford — 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Aug. 31, Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, 17116 Olympia St.
Southfield — 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile.
Call 800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

Back pain

A panel of Oakwood Hospital orthopedic spine specialists will present a free class on back pain, its causes, and treatments 6-8 p.m. Sept. 2 at Oakwood Hospital - Southshore, 5450 Fort St. in Trenton. Register at oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355.

Breather's Club

The Oakwood Cardiac Rehab Center - Dearborn offers the Breather's Club program as an educational resource and support system for anyone who has been touched by COPD. This month's free program runs 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 2 at the center, 22060 Beech St. in Dearborn. For more information, visit oakwood.org or call 313-562-4132.

Desserts

Learn ways to make desserts and still stay on track with your health goals in an interactive workshop with Botsford Hospital dietician Denise Cykiert, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Busch's Fresh Foods Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5 and includes a \$5 Busch's coupon, recipes, and samples. Seating is limited. Register by calling or visiting the Guest Service Counter in the store; 248-427-7400.

Diabetes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a free six-week workshop for adults with diabetes, 2-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 2. Diabetes PATH (Personal Approach Toward Health) will teach participants to handle with the challenges of diabetes, manage symptoms and communicate more effectively with physicians and family members. Register by calling 734-655-8950 or at stmarymercy.org.

Grilling

Botsford Hospital dietician Denise Cykiert will give tips on how to keep grilled recipes healthy and nutritious. 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Busch's Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Busch's chef Rebecca Wauldron will demonstrate grilled dishes. Cost is \$15 and includes a \$5-off-of-\$50 coupon, recipes, samples

and more. Register by calling the store or visiting the Guest Service Counter. 248-539-4581.

Hearing support

Hearing Loss Association of America will hold an "open mic" for sharing and learning 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297, aferack@comcast.net

NAMI Walks

The 11th annual Walk of the Minds starts with registration at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Heritage Park, 46202 Heritage Park Road, Canton. The 5K walk will start at noon. NAMI Walks is a nationwide fundraising and mental health awareness program that is being held in nearly 100 communities around the country. For more information, call Shelene Hahn, Walk manager, at 800-331-4264; shahn@namimi.org.

Women's health

Paul Makela, M.D., medical director of gynecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, will present information about bladder dysfunction and overactive bladder 6-7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile, Northville. Register by Sept. 19 at 734-655-1980.

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The program helps those with eating and exercise disorders find recovery. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the

second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at

Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

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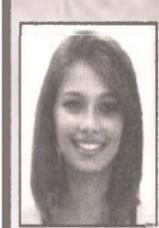
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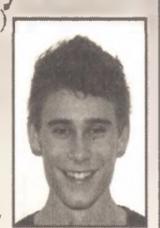
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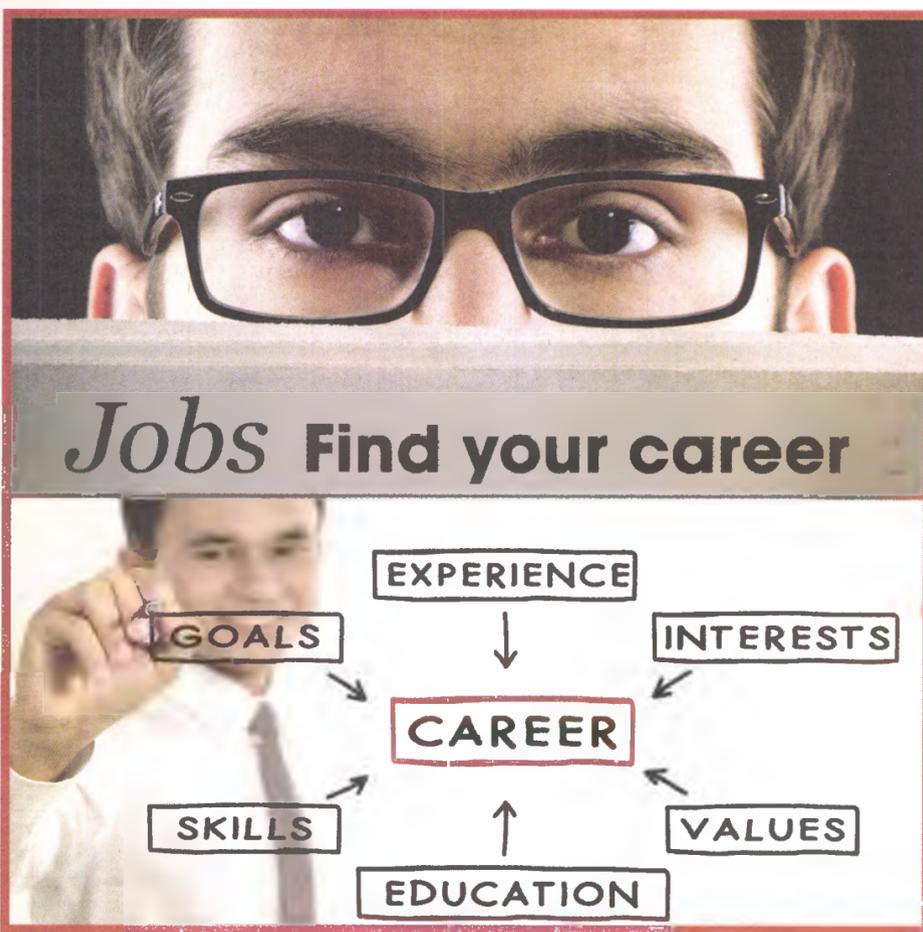
In today's ultra-competitive job market, it can sometimes help to make yourself stand out from other job seekers through a bold gesture or nontraditional résumé. After all, if you or your résumé don't stand out in some way, you run the risk of being overlooked for what could be your dream job. So why not be bold and take a risk? I'll tell you why -- because there can be a very fine line between being innovative and being overbearing and even a little scary.

The key to success is to carefully consider the atmosphere of the company you are applying to (a staid accounting firm may not appreciate your dressing up in a gorilla suit to deliver your résumé), and learn what you can about the hiring manager before making first contact. When trying to separate yourself from your competition, consider these moves made by fearless -- or frightening -- job seekers. Sometimes they pay off, and sometimes they fall flat.

The good

Be innovative: A laid-off sales manager targeted his dream company by creating a website that was devoted to his job search at that company. The site included photographs of himself, his résumé and even a blog detailing his job quest. It got the attention he wanted, and it paid off with a phone interview and meeting with company recruiters. In this case, putting himself out there was a good way to get noticed.

Go where the decision-makers go: You don't want to come off as a stalker, but you do want to find out where influencers meet and join the club, like one job seeker did in New York. This entertainment industry executive joined an exclusive gym frequented by ce-



lebrities and media moguls in order to increase his visibility, and it paid off. In essence, this is like taking networking to the extreme, and we all know that networking is one of the best ways to land a job.

The bad

Don't be childish: One job seeker got a bit too cutesy with his cover letter in his application to a company in Florida. He used the letters of his first name to high-

light his strengths, sort of like an elementary school writing project. (For example: D is for Determined; A is for Attentive; N is for Nice). N must also be for "No way!" He didn't get the interview.

Always be professional, and don't resort to gimmicks or toys. Another job seeker brought a Rubik's Cube to her interview to illustrate her problem-solving skills. It was distracting and socially awkward. Remember that you're an adult and a professional.

Don't bring food:

Although most office workers appreciate those home-baked goodies their co-workers bring in, it's not a good practice for a job seeker to employ. You may be a great baker, but delivering cookies (or candy or even office plants) to a potential employer smacks of desperation and perhaps a bit of bribery.

Your merits should stand on their own; plus, many people are wary of eating items brought by strangers.

The ugly

Don't be a stalker:

Sure, you want to get your name out there; you may even want to hand-deliver your résumé. Just don't do what this desperate Boston job seeker did. She visited the company every day for several weeks, each time asking to speak to a different company representative. She then sat in the reception area for hours, waiting for that person. It came across as creepy, and no one ended up meeting with her.

Don't go bananas: That gorilla-suit example mentioned previously really did happen. A man delivered his résumé in costume to a construction company and then sang about the qualifications he had that made him the perfect candidate. He even brought balloons. The company CEO was not amused, and the man was escorted from the building.

When trying to stand out during a job hunt, it's still best to stick with traditional means: Express your qualifications in your cover letter and résumé and shine in that coveted job interview. If you want to do more, make sure your gesture is appropriate for your industry and for the particular company to which you are applying. Sometimes, taking a risk can really pay off, like the MIT graduate who stood on a busy New York street corner handing out résumés. He ended up landing a job at an accounting firm.

Sometimes with risk comes great rewards.

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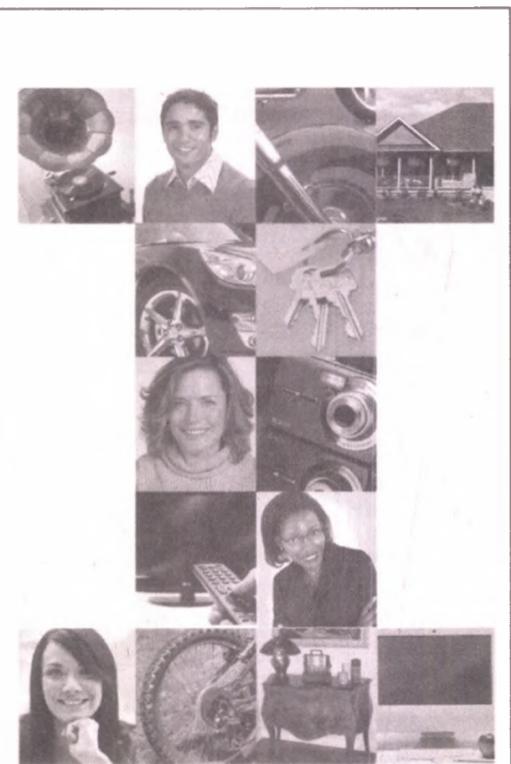
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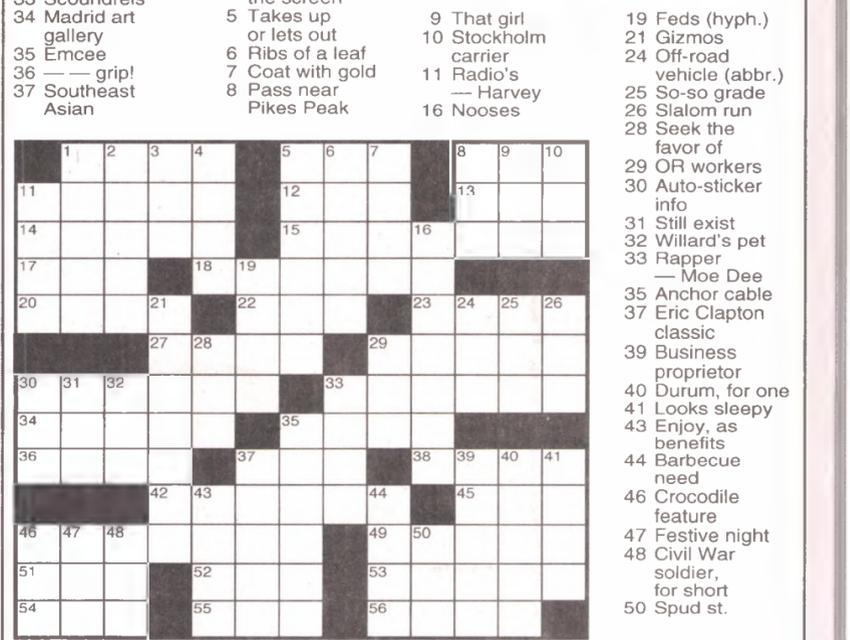
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- Nooses
- Feds (hyph.)
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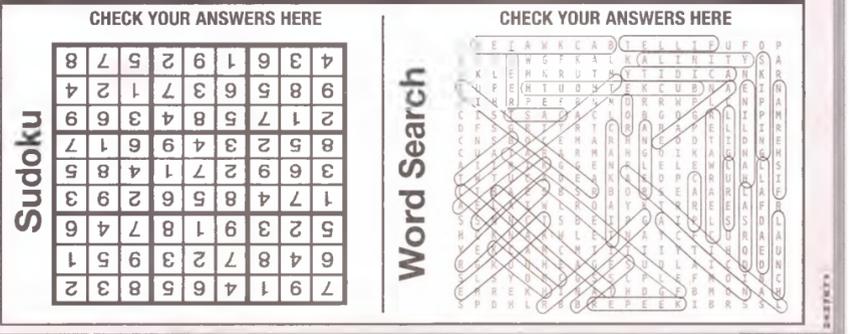
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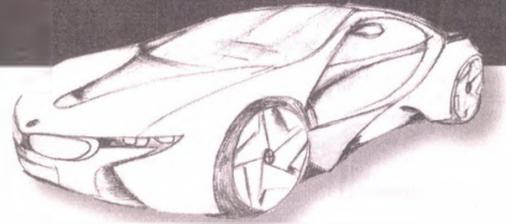
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Car Report

Toyota Boosts Michigan Vehicle-Development Capabilities, Adds Jobs Here



By Dale Buss

Mainly lost amid the uproar in California over the planned move of Toyota's headquarters operations to Texas has been news of the other big state beneficiary in the reorganization of the company's U.S. operations: Michigan.

Toyota also is moving 250 direct-procurement jobs from its Erlanger, Ky., operations to its Toyota Technical Center research-and-development complex near Ann Arbor, Mich., as part of the restructuring under which Toyota will uproot about 4,000 sales, marketing and administrative jobs from Torrance, Calif., and set them down in Plano, Texas, over the next few years. It just formalized the Michigan move after receiving guarantees of \$4 million in state incentives.

"To have everyone under one roof and working together - suppliers and engineers and purchasing people - allows for greater efficiency and better communications and ultimately a

much stronger R&D activity," Bruce Brownlee, general manager of external affairs for Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing in Ann Arbor, told me.

Toyota will invest \$32.5 million to construct a new office building on its 690-acre engineering and testing campus, where it already employs 1,100 people, mostly engineers and designers. Toyota houses five chief global engineers in the facility, where it oversees engineering worldwide for important vehicles including the Camry, Sienna, Avalon and Tundra.

Brownlee explained that with Toyota's engineering managers in Michigan and its supply-chain chiefs in Kentucky, where Toyota has had a manufacturing operation for three decades, "often there was miscommunication between the engineering and purchasing sides in terms of direction. It was important to bring all the parties that are engaged in this activity onto one

campus. And the portion that was missing was our purchasing and procurement folks in Erlanger. They work closely with suppliers, and so do engineers."

The plan to move the 250 procurement jobs to Michigan is just the latest augmentation of the massive base of white-collar automotive activity in southeastern Michigan, the biggest such brain trust in the world - and a crucial economic asset that is often overlooked in the focus on actual vehicle-manufacturing activity in the state.

In addition to the thousands of researchers and product developers employed by each of the Detroit Three automakers in the area, and other foreign-owned automakers such as Hyundai and Kia have established R&D operations in Michigan as well.

Also, major suppliers house their own technical centers; Robert Bosch, for instance, just broke ground on an expansion of its technical center in Plymouth Township, Mich., that will nearly double its size and add as many as 200 jobs in the next three years. The 220,500-square-foot expansion and total investment of \$40 million at the site will allow Bosch to consolidate and add to its Michigan operations and help accelerate growth in automotive electronics, start-stop motors, electrical drives and other technologies.

Toyota has had research-and-development operations in



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Michigan for more than 30 years. "The synergy we already have in Michigan is unique around the world," Brownlee said. "No other place in the world has such a high concentration of engineering talent. It's not easily duplicated; things don't work that way. It makes a whole lot of sense for us to be moving these jobs here too."

Brownlee also praised the improving business climate in Michigan that has occurred under Gov. Rick Snyder, former CEO of Gateway Computer, since his election in 2010. It has included elimination of an omnibus tax on companies that vexed nearly every business chief in the state, as well as a recognition that fostering its unique edge in automotive engineering is important for the economic future of the state.

"Michigan now is a very excellent place to do business," Brownlee said. "The administration has been very positive in terms

of some of its policies related to business. Those are all pieces of the puzzle."

The potential hangup for Michigan's continued growth in this area is a lack of qualified college graduates in engineering and related disciplines, which is blamed on many factors including a lack of focus in lower education on science, technology and math. Michigan isn't alone in facing this challenge -- but because of the importance of the auto industry to the state, the challenge is more important to Michigan than to most other states.

"It's an issue we're all contending with," Brownlee said, "and we've appreciated the direction the state is taking in trying to address this as an important issue. A lot of very intentional efforts are being made, and it's a huge area of concentration for all of us."



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