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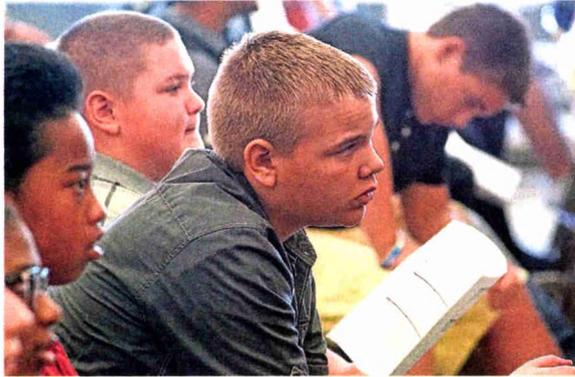
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W-W students get close look at court



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Students learn the consequences of late-night Pokemon Go in Goudy Park.

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In honor of Constitution Day, Franklin Middle School students got a close look at how the courts operate that included watching a group of defendants appear on tickets for being in a Wayne park after hours playing Pokemon Go.

Over the course of three sessions held in the school cafeteria, about 425 eighth-graders and some advanced class seventh-graders — all American history class students — watched actual court proceedings. Westland 18th District Court Judges Sandra Cicirelli and Mark McConnell,

along with Wayne 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack, each presided over a session with the students.

"The first 10 amendments to the Constitution provide protection to people charged with crimes," Mack told the students. Among those rights — a right to a speedy trial, a right not to be deprived of liberty or property without due process and a right not to be subjected to double jeopardy — effectively being tried a second time after being acquitted of charges.

"There won't be any trials today — there isn't time. We will be conducting arraignments, accepting pleas and

holding sentencing," Mack said.

Mack's docket included 10 defendants ranging in age from 17-36. All were ticketed for being in Wayne's Goudy Park — a WiFi and Pokemon Go hot spot — for being in the park after dark in violation of city ordinance. There is a large sign at the park entrance alerting visitors that the park closes at dark.

"A lot of you are familiar with Pokemon Go. A lot of these defendants were in the park after dark playing Pokemon Go. This might be instructive for students," Mack

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BILL WOULD ALLOW DOGS ON RESTAURANT PATIOS

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Dining al fresco may soon become dining al Fido in Michigan.

A bill passed by the Michigan Senate earlier this month would cut red tape for restaurant owners who want to allow patrons to bring their dogs onto patio and sidewalk seating areas, a practice some area restaurateurs already allow.

The move is generally getting the thumbs-up from people who work at area restaurants where outdoor seating is popular.

"I'm all for it. I love animals," said Jennifer Kirby, a manager at Toast on Pierce Street in Birmingham.

"From our experience, downtown Farmington is a very dog-friendly city, so it would make sense for us," said Suzy Silvestre, owner of Chive Kitchen, a new vegan restaurant on Grand River.

Senate Bill 727's primary sponsor is Sen. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage, who said she was looking for a way to accommodate people who travel with their dogs and want to bring them along when they go out to eat while on trips.

O'Brien, who is in her first Senate term, said she'd been working on the legislation since she was in the state House of Representatives. It was reintroduced as a Senate bill earlier this year.

"We took a very slow approach," O'Brien said. "We did a lot of research about what other states have done, what kind of problems they've had." O'Brien said she consulted with the Michigan Restaurant Association as part of the research process.

O'Brien pointed out that provisions have been made for dogs when it comes to other facets of travel, such as at campgrounds and motels that accept dogs, but that the pooches are generally left out when it comes to eating out.

Restrictions apply

Her bill would allow restaurateurs to decide whether or not they'd allow dogs at their establishments and would also



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A new law will allow diners to bring their pet dogs with them if the restaurant owner allows.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joanne McShane and Phoebe, her 10-week-old Labradoodle.

allow local communities to ban dogs from patios and sidewalk dining or establish a more restrictive set of rules. Restaurants that opt in could also set restrictions on the sizes and types of dogs allowed. Restaurateurs would have to notify the local health department at least 30 days in advance of allowing dogs on patios and sidewalk seating.

A dog would have to be leashed and in control of a person 18 or older, could not sit on restaurant furniture or on a diner's lap, and restaurant personnel would have to follow specific cleanup procedures in case of accidents.

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Rest stop gun case heads to trial

Darrell Clem
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A Garden City man accused of brandishing a gun during a dispute with a maintenance worker at the Interstate 275 rest stop in Canton has been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Tony James Wielkopolan, 28, is facing trial on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, felony firearm, a concealed weapon violation and a misdemeanor marijuana offense after he appeared Friday in Plymouth 35th District Court for a preliminary hearing.

A second defendant, 25-year-old Cheyenne Rae Allard

of Westland, is no longer facing the same felony charges as Wielkopolan after she agreed to plead to misdemeanor marijuana and disorderly charges, a court clerk said. Allard has been placed on probation for one year. Authorities dismissed the more serious charges against her.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor has said the pair was charged after a tense situation unfolded about 8:40 a.m. Friday, July 29, at the rest area on I-275 near Cherry Hill. He said an argument between Wielkopolan and a maintenance worker escalated until a handgun was brandished, though no shots were fired and no one was injured.

Based on statements made to police, Traylor said Wielkopolan and the rest stop worker got into a fight and, as they fought, it was alleged that Allard got a gun from a vehicle and gave it to Wielkopolan.

"He ended up chasing after the maintenance guy," Traylor said, but the incident ended without gunfire.

Canton police happened to be near the rest stop when witnesses reported the incident. Officers spotted the alleged getaway vehicle, pulled it over without incident and arrested the suspects.



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Apologizing for actions

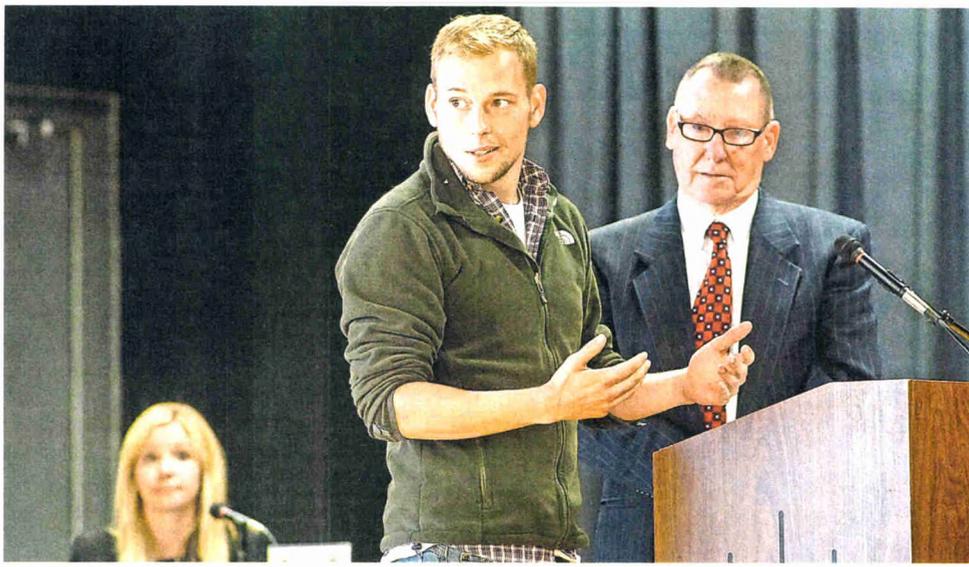
Most of the Pokemon Go defendants, who received community service credits and a fine reduction for agreeing to appear at the school court session, were apologetic. Some were former Franklin students who greeted teachers.

"The police were just doing their job. You need to be aware of your surroundings and be respectful. Don't just do whatever others are doing," one defendant told the students.

Along with explaining the difference between criminal and civil cases and the criminal charge process beginning with arraignment, Mack offered advice to the students.

"If you get a notice to appear in court, it's not a suggestion. If you don't appear, a bench warrant will be issued. The police will be ordered to pick you up," Mack said. "It's not good to have a bench warrant. It's always way better to come into court than to let the police pick you up. It's not just money — it's your liberty."

Should the issue be a



Defendant Cody Coleman speaks to the audience of middle school students. At left, Assistant Prosecutor Melissa Cox. At right, defense attorney Chuck Clos.

matter of overdue fines or costs that someone can't pay, Mack said the court will work with people on a payment plan. That's cheaper than letting issues slide and fines/costs being added.

The dockets before Cicirelli and McConnell included cases ranging from driving with a suspended license, marijuana possession and shoplifting to a variety of larcenies and check

fraud. "We had a variety of cases. I explained our first-offender program and reminded students that at 17, they are adults for court purposes," Cicirelli said. "My group (of students) was incredibly attentive."

The school court sessions, in conjunction with what was formerly called Law Day, were earlier held at Westland John Glenn High School. When

Glenn Assistant Principal Stacy Williamson took over as principal at Franklin Middle School, she brought the program with her.

"We made it bigger in the process. When we were in Westland, it was just the Westland court. Now, we also have the Wayne court," she said. "We have kids in our school from Westland, Wayne, Inkster and Romulus."

This is what we do

During the court session, Williamson said she appreciated legal terms and processes being explained to students. In Mack's session, city prosecutor Melissa Cox and defense attorney Charles Clos also explained their roles.

"What I like about this program is that these are misdemeanor offenses that our kids could com-

mit," Williamson said. "They could be at the wrong place at the wrong time. The kids will also believe it when the judge tells them something rather than us or their parents."

Court isn't just a free hour for students to watch. Williamson said it's a reflective activity for students who will reflect on the cases they heard and write about them once they return to their classrooms.

"There will be questions like 'What was your favorite thing?' that brings it back into the classroom. There will be questions on the Constitution," Williamson said. "It's eye-opening for students. The assault cases — that you can't just hit people. If a student gets into a fight, they receive a ticket and referral to Youth Assistance. We hope it is a deterrent for when they get older."

At the end of her session, Mack took questions and asked students to guess the most frequent crime in district court. One student guessed carjacking — very rare — and others offered other crimes. The answer: driving with a suspended license.

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Diners would be responsible for any damage or injury caused by their dogs.

Patios and sidewalk dining areas that allow dogs would have to be accessible from outside the restaurant, as dogs would not be allowed to pass through the building to get to outdoor seating.

The latter requirement would pose a problem at three of downtown Plymouth's more popular restaurants for al fresco dining: Compari's on the Park, Fiamma Grille and the Sardine Room.

"We don't have direct

patio access," said Ryan Yaquinto, operations manager at the restaurants, which are on Main Street. Changes in the fenced sidewalk seating area would have to be made to allow dogs, he said.

Yaquinto said management would have to review the provisions carefully, weighing the additional employee training and the potential for dining disruptions that allowing dogs would bring against the opportunity to increase the customer base, before deciding whether to opt in.

"We're certainly not opposed to it," he said. "It would require a little more thought."



Ten-week-old Phoebe sits on the patio of Peterlin's in Farmington with her owner, Joanne McShane.

He said the three restaurants already accommodate diners with dogs by allowing them to sit near the patio rail, with their dogs outside the rail.

At Simply Fresh on Penniman, co-owner Sam Warra takes it a step further. The restaurant has a few tables at an unfenced area on the sidewalk. "Already, I don't stop them from sitting there if they have a dog," he said.

Warra said he'd heard about O'Brien's proposal on the radio and would have "no problem" should it become law.

Steven Tominna, an owner at One Under Craft Beer and Eats on Five Mile in Livonia, said they've had some dogs at the patio in the past and it typically hasn't caused problems.

In fact, they sometimes get the same service their owners do.

"When I see dogs out there, I usually bring them a bowl of water," he said. "Some people are afraid of dogs, but I haven't had anyone complain before."

Dog-lovers 'have money, too'

At Toast, Kirby, the manager, said it's become more common over the past couple of years for patrons to bring their dogs. Like the Fiamma Grille, Sardine Room and Compari's, Toast also allows dogs to sit just outside its fenced patio area while their owners eat.

Kirby endorsed O'Brien's legislation. "People with dogs have money, too," Kirby said. "As long as it doesn't offend the guest sitting next to them."

At Chive Kitchen, the patio is accessible from the outside, so no changes would have to be made. Owner Silvestre is all for having the option.

"I can understand a restaurant not being able to accommodate based on their staff, etc., so everyone will have to make their own decision," she said.

The law already allows service dogs, such as those trained to guide blind people, at restaur-

rants, and Oakland County allows dogs onto patio and sidewalk seating areas under a special waiver for which restaurants can apply. Kathleen Forzley, a health officer with the county's health division, said applicants for the waiver must show how the establishment would deal with the health concerns that could be posed by mixing dining and dogs.

Oakland County's rules for restaurants with the variance are similar to those in O'Brien's proposal, which is now in the regulatory reform committee of the Michigan House.

As for O'Brien, she has two dogs, Daisy, a miniature schnauzer, and Honey, a shih tzu, that she would likely leave at home. Although Honey is well-behaved, Daisy is "very food-motivated," O'Brien said.

"She's not beyond stealing your food," she said.

Staff writer David Veselenak contributed to this story.

Westland police seek armed robber

Westland police are attempting to identify a suspect wanted for an armed robbery at a medical facility, which released photos of the man.

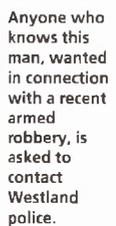
The robbery was reported Sept. 9 at the Wayne Medical Center, 1207 S. Wayne Road. Police said the suspect entered the location armed with a handgun demanding money and narcotics.

Security camera photographs of the suspect were obtained, along with a video that shows him covering his face with a white sweat shirt prior to entering the business.

The suspect is described as a black male, thin build, medium complexion, black hair/brown eyes with a beard. He also has multiple tattoos on his arms.

After committing the robbery, police said the suspect possibly left the location in an older model white Chevrolet Camaro.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Westland police at 734-722-9600 or 734-467-3250.



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Compliments to city of Wayne

I am writing to compliment and take note of the actions of City Manager Nocerini, Police Chief Alan Maciag, fire captain (nautical) of WWFA and lieutenant at city of Wayne Fred Gilstorff and those other city of Wayne employees I came in contact with while collecting or forwarding information in regard to the traffic light at the intersection of Merriman and Van Born.

According to records provided by the Michigan State Police over the period of Jan. 7, 2006, to May 2016, there were 362 accidents recorded at Merriman and Van Born. At least one fatality occurred.

The city manager, police chief, fire captain and others were very helpful in providing information or graciously accepting what was offered to correct the situation.

Wayne County technicians recently replaced and augmented the traffic signal at Merriman and Van Born. I credit this to the cooperation and professionalism of the administration and staff of the city of Wayne, the staff and administration of Wayne County's Traffic Division and the Michigan State Police, as well as the interest and action of the citizens of the city of Wayne.

Thank you so very much for your hard work.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Stop the fireworks

My subdivision is composed of small residential lots, and nowhere is it legal there to shoot off fireworks because they have to be at least 70 feet away from any building per local Canton Township ordinance.

The night before the Labor Day observance holiday, it sounded like a war zone in my neighborhood after dusk and so I called Canton Public Safety to come investigate the fireworks.

The responding police officer informed me and my wife that the 70-foot restriction was waived for the three-day fireworks allowance, per the state. That is ridiculous! For the state to su-

perse an ordinance that is designed to protect property from needless exposure to wayward explosive displays and potential fires is a disaster waiting to happen!

All for what, the potential tax revenue obtained from fireworks manufacturers, vendors and users? Give me a break.

That needs to be corrected.

Greg Greene
Canton

Go traditional with fountain

I recently learned about the Kellogg Park/Fountain Renovation Project and was hoping to offer some ideas for this project in the town I love so much. When I went to the DDA website, I realized that the plan is well underway. If you go to the website and click on the link for Kellogg Park/Fountain, you will see renderings of the proposed plan.

The fountain is very similar to one you would see in front of a hotel, shopping mall or casino. It will have colored lights and shooting water. It is glitzy.

I had envisioned something more traditional, such as a fountain you would see in Central Park or a town square. Since Plymouth's city buildings are traditional architecture, it seems like Kellogg Park should echo that feeling. I am guessing that Jack Wilcox might agree. My suggestion would be to use a large cast-iron tiered fountain with cascading water. There are companies in the United States that make these. This would last for the next 100 years and would be low maintenance. It would also be beautiful and in character with the city.

If you care about Kellogg Park, please check out the DDA website and let them know your thoughts. As the saying goes, "Speak now, or forever hold your peace." Its phone number is 734-455-1453, option 1.

Janet Dersey
Plymouth

Why so many radios?

I just watched the Garden City council meeting. I understand the fact that the 10 radios

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they bought a couple of meetings ago were on last year's budget and the ones they voted on (that night) are on this year's budget.

I wish somebody would explain why they come to \$3,621.95 each. When I go on Motorola's website, I can't even find that model number. Of the ones that I do find, there is nothing even close to that price. I also wonder why they need so many. They have radios and dash cams in the cars. Don't they also have some sort of radio pinned to their shirt? If that many officers are on duty at the same time, wouldn't they be doubled up in the patrol cars?

It wasn't that many years ago that they had to replace all the radios to get them all on special frequency with other cities. It just seems to me that anything the police chief wants, the city manager goes along with it. Oh wait, they are the same person. Mayor Walker has said several times that the city manager doesn't have a vote at the council table. That may be true, but ask yourself one question: Has he or any council member ever disagreed with any suggestion that the city manager has made? Another thing that gets me: at the last meeting, I was amazed at all the comments about how much less garbage they put out after signing up for the curbside recycling. You mean to tell me that none of those council members ever used the recycling center in all the years that it was there?

George Luckwald

Garden City

Pokemon infringes on others

I thought I had seen it all as regard the stupidity of my fellow man, but then they go one step further in their outlandishness. I'm referring to the latest bizarre cultural craze Pokemon Go.

It's really unbelievable that this stupid game was even invented in the first place or that there would be so many morons who would gobble it up like Pac Men. Pokemon is a cartoonish character meant for 5-year-olds and the current online game is based on kids stuff, which shouldn't appeal to adults.

The whole concept of the game is dumb and it's planned out poorly in that it doesn't take into account the private property rights of businesses, homes and public areas, like cemeteries. This instant nuisance has now produced zombie armies who blindly march around and illegally trespass while their brain-dead faces are shoved into their iPhones. You even have people driving now while playing this silly kiddie game.

This foolishness must end! The designers of the game should be sued and forced to shut down the game. Laws should be passed to keep "the walking dead" out of such places as cemeteries. People were already disconnected enough from each other as it was, isolated inside their tech bubbles of talking and texting on cells, wearing earbuds to avoid an in-person human voice and now we have this!

It's imperative to understand that life on this Earth is composed of precious few short years and that our life can affect others and improve the quality of the planet before we "shuffle off this mortal coil," but modern society demonstrates a truly shallow nature of what T.S. Eliot described as Hollow Men when they can waste their time and lives away in frivolous pursuits like Pokemon rather than doing volunteer work or doing anything of a constructive or redeeming nature.

Since some of these idiots are so beyond hope, an apt solution would be

to round them all up, put them on a huge boat on a one-way cruise and drop them off on a deserted island where they can merrily and obliviously stumble around in circles seeking their cyber creatures, where they'd be far enough away that they won't be able to bother the rest of us!

Leo Weber
Livonia

A Trump question

Q: How can you tell when Donald Trump is telling a lie?

A: His lips move.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

Glad for Meijer

I was at the meeting of the Northville Township Board of Trustees Sept. 15, but did not have an opportunity to speak. Had I spoken, I would have shared these thoughts.

I have been a resident of Northville Township for 31½ years. In that time, tremendous change has taken place.

Most of the speakers at the Sept. 15 meeting were, probably unbeknownst to them, following a longstanding tradition in our community: Now that my house is built and I live here, close the door behind me and don't allow any more development.

I can remember resistance to the paving of Six Mile west of Sheldon, resistance to the Meijer at Haggerty and Eight Mile, resistance to numerous subdivisions built west of Northville Road, etc. The argument has always been the same: increased traffic, loss of open green areas, increased need for police, fire protection, schools.

Traffic will increase at the intersection of Five Mile and Beck, regardless of how the northwest corner is developed. Plymouth Township continues to develop the south side of the road and subdivisions continue to be built west of Beck. To halt development based on potential traffic problems is inconsistent with the township's reactions to development concerns of the past. Were we to halt development based on traffic, there would be no subdivisions west of Sheldon Road.

I was surprised by the extremely negative reac-

tion to the placement of a Meijer in the development. Born and raised in Grand Rapids, I have been shopping at Meijer since I was literally in the womb. The Grand Rapids area supports numerous Meijer locations and, to the best of my knowledge, Meijer has been a very cooperative and supportive member of their community.

The west side of our township is underserved by shopping; have the occupants west of Sheldon given any thought to the relief of traffic to those of us residing in the east part of the township?

Furthermore, it is apparent that Meijer is interested in having a store near Five Mile and Beck. If they are shut out of the Northville side of the street, what would stop them from building on the south side of Five Mile? Plymouth Township may be happy to have the tax revenue, while we would have only the benefit of shopping located in close proximity to those living on the west side of Northville Township with no control over traffic patterns, size of the store or green space.

I was happy to hear the board passed the development with the inclusion of greater green space. In general, I am in support of the proposed development, although I look forward to some tweaks. I thank the Northville Township Board of Trustees for their fine representation of our entire community.

Robin Schleh
Northville

Citizens furious

I was in attendance and in opposition of the planned development at Five Mile and Beck. While your body copy touched on the outrage, I think your headline was not in keeping with the feeling of Northville. Board may have OK'd, but citizens are furious.

And the "well-oiled machine" is laughable. Makes me sad that when citizens engage in their civic duty to hold representatives accountable for keeping the wishes of citizens in mind, that they defer to a "machine" argument.

The whole thing was just sad.

Kim Dunne
Northville



Joyce Kapp plays euchre to raise money for P-CCS radio station 88.1 The Park.

Euchre tourney to benefit P-CCS radio

An evening of playing euchre, making new friends and supporting the community will be in the cards when radio station WSDP-FM, 88.1 The Park, hosts its fifth annual euchre tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 8, at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The tournament was created by 88.1 alum Denny Kapp of Westland. "I've enjoyed playing in tournaments and decided to share the idea with WSDP's Alumni Committee. They

thought this might be something we could do on an annual basis and we're excited to bring it back for a fifth year."

The tournament costs \$20 per player if registered before Oct. 3 and \$25 at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 percent of the field. Players will enjoy pizza, snacks and a cash bar.

"We hope to have an even bigger turnout this year because it helps a really great program," Kapp said. "The (station) gave me a head start into a career work-

ing in sports media. I learned how to cover a team through my broadcasts of Canton and Salem games. I'm glad to be able to still help the station.

You can sign up by emailing wsdpuchre@gmail.com or by calling 248-WSDPEUCHRE (248-973-7382).

WSDP-FM is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. The station is staffed by students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Get rid of unwanted stuff Saturday

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Following two permit-free garage sale weekends, Westland residents have an opportunity to get rid of unwanted bulk items for no charge.

The Westland Department of Public Services will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday so residents can drop off large items for disposal. Those items can include furniture, mattresses, appliances and similar items.

"This is for Westland residents only, so you will need proof of residency. We won't accept commercial or building materials," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

The permit-free garage sales and bulk drop-off day were set up to help address concerns about changes in the city trash hauler services that began charging residents for collection of bulk items. One concern had been the large number of bulk items brought from other communities for the then-free collection and disposal in Westland.

Along with its single-

stream curbside recycling, Westland also participates in Simple Recycling, which provides free collection of clothing and small household appliances.

About 100 people participated in the permit-free garage sale weekends. Councilman Adam Hammons commented

that he would like to see the city continue to issue permits for garage sales but to eliminate the fees.

"We still need to have permits. There are people who use garage sales like a business," he said.

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Eat your veggies: Area mom launches 'Nosh Pit' food truck

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Karen Kahn Schultz was between jobs, a single mom temporarily relying on food stamps to make ends meet, when she began cooking vegetarian meals from scratch at home.

"You know how you eat well on 50 bucks a week? You cut out the cheese, do nothing from boxes. If you do vegetables, greens, you can live well on 50 bucks a week. That was my cooking transition, at a time when I had no money. That's when I started making my own sauce, my own breads."

Six years later, Schultz has parlayed her cooking and baking skills, her graduate business school knowledge of strategic management, a knack for problem-solving and a whole lot of research and persistence into one of the area's newest food trucks, Nosh Pit Detroit, whose tagline promises "no bologna sandwiches."

She and her business partner, Stefan Kudek of Redford, serve vegan and vegetarian soups, sandwiches and desserts, with some gluten-free options, from the bright green food truck that, since its grand opening late last month, has been booked at numerous events throughout southeast Michigan, from a bat festival in Clinton Township to South Lyon's Pumpkinfest to a horse farm celebration in Plymouth.

Nosh Pit Detroit has entered the food service industry at a time when the popularity of food trucks has exploded.

"I was in Columbus (Ohio) for the sixth annual food truck festival. There were over 80 trucks," said Chris Ramos, founder and CEO of Detroit Custom Coach, an Oak Park company that designs and builds only food trucks. "Southeast Michigan is opening up and a lot of cities want to be on board. A lot of corporations are inviting trucks in. They see the value of having a different kind of lunch."

More licenses

In Oakland County, where Nosh Pit Detroit is licensed, a total 59 food truck plans was submitted to the county's health and human services department in the past nine months, compared to 43 in 2015.

"You can see how much it has increased in the last two years. We're

already doing more than we did in all of 2015," said Tony Drautv, Oakland County environmental health administrator. He said the county has issued annual licenses for a total 215 food trucks.

"It's very popular right now and a lot of people try to pursue it," he said.

He's not sure how many try and fail, how many submit plans but don't follow through, how many buy a truck but run short of cash.

Schultz and Kudek were determined to avoid those pitfalls, although they encountered a few speed bumps along the way. It took them more than two years to get Nosh Pit Detroit on the road after Schultz floated the idea in early 2014 during a monthly potluck cooking club they both attend. By that time, Kudek was working as a baker, after being laid off from his job in the music industry. Schultz had bounced back from unemployment and had been working for Waste Management for a couple of years. She had married and currently lives in Troy with her husband Eric, her two teenage children and her grandmother.

"Time after time the best food was from Stefan. He does the cooking at home and took cooking classes in France," Schultz said. "We were sitting in his kitchen and I said, would you ever start a food truck? And he said, I'd love to start a food truck. I said let's find out how we can do that."

She quickly discovered there was "no single resource" to find all of the answers.

Getting started

Almost as soon as they began research, her husband's work took the family to Israel for several months. Before she left, they talked about a menu and came up with a business name. Kudek took a course at FoodLab Detroit and, when Schultz returned home, she went to food truck rallies, approached food truck owners, watched television shows about food trucks and read food truck-related books. She quit her job to work on the food truck concept full time and wrote a proposal to Hebrew Free Loan, hoping for \$30,000 to \$50,000. Members of Snacktics, the potluck cooking club, co-signed for the loan. Meanwhile,



Karen Kahn Schultz talks with customers during the grand opening of Nosh Pit Detroit food truck.

SHARON DARGAY



Karen Kahn Schultz is in the driver's seat of her new food truck.

she sold her house in Royal Oak, where she had lived as a single mom for several years.

She wishes more food truck owners had been willing to talk with her. She and a handful of other industry insiders are talking about starting a group to communicate with each other and to answer questions from startups.

"It needs to happen. You can't have a whole bunch of restaurant owners reinventing the wheel every single time and that's what's happening," she said. "I'm lucky to have so many friends helping me. I ran into one of my professors from business school, who went through my business plan and all my numbers. Another blessing is Hebrew Free Loan hooked me up with a mentor. I've been emailing and meeting with Eric Ersher, the owner of Zoup! He has been awesome."

Catering

Kudek, the chef, mostly is responsible for the sandwiches and soups and Schultz, the CEO, bakes desserts and has handled licensing and financial requirements. She took food safety classes and earned her food safety manager certification, a requirement for the food truck, and they began catering private events last year while awaiting word on the loan. When it came through in April, Nosh Pit Detroit was ready for a truck and licensing.

Schultz found a vehicle through Craigslist. It had been stored in a barn in Howell.

"I got it from a guy who got it from another guy who was going to turn it into a food truck, so it came with a sink," she said.

After its engine was repaired, Schultz headed for Detroit Custom Coach. The company builds new food trucks,

upgrades existing trucks — as it did for Nosh Pit Detroit — and facilitates customers with plans and interior layouts that are submitted to health departments.

"Requirements are pretty specific. They (the county) want to know who your food sources are, how you're cooking each item, what equipment you're using. They need spec sheets on every single piece of equipment," Schultz said. "We're different from other food trucks, because all we're doing is grilling. Other food trucks have fryers and burners. We're keeping it simple."

STFU vs. mobile unit

She applied for a mobile food unit license, meaning that Nosh Pit Detroit's truck must return to a kitchen every day. The other kind of license, a special transitional food unit (STFU), allows a food truck to operate independently, like a restaurant on wheels.

"I really rely on that kitchen for the mobile unit, but I don't have to have everything inside the truck. As long as I can have enough tongs and soup ladles to last the whole trip, I don't have to be constantly washing. The STFUs need 10 times as much water, because they are going to wash their own dishes."

Schultz and Kudek cook their soups, prep ingredients for sandwiches and bake desserts in the off-site kitchen they rent. They reheat soups such as their spicy tomato "Shakshuka," in

crook pots on the truck. They assemble sandwiches as customers order them and currently offer six selections, including lentil sloppy joes and a grilled cheese made with marinated mushrooms and banana jam. Desserts — beet cupcakes, macarons and three varieties of Schultz's vegan cookies — round out the menu.

Schultz had hoped to become the first kosher vegan/vegetarian food truck in southeast Michigan, but after meeting with rabbis, calling synagogues and touring several kitchens, hasn't found exactly what she needs to serve items from her truck that are prepped in her commissary.

In the meantime, Nosh Pit Detroit is concentrating on serving customers "good food, good healthy food," Kudek said.

"We're refining the menu as we go along. We're doing the Pumpkinfest in South Lyon and I've got a pumpkin soup I make. I'm going to try that," Kudek said. "I like cooking new things. I don't want to get too set on the menu."

For a list of upcoming events, go to noshpittetroit.com or go to its page on Facebook.

Planning to start a food truck business? Check out foodlabdetroit.com and detroitcustomcoach.com. Get a planner packet from Oakland County at oakgov.com/health or for Wayne County, go to waynecounty.com/hhs/foodlicensing.htm.

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'Sexy vegans' featured in calendar to aid Sasha Farm

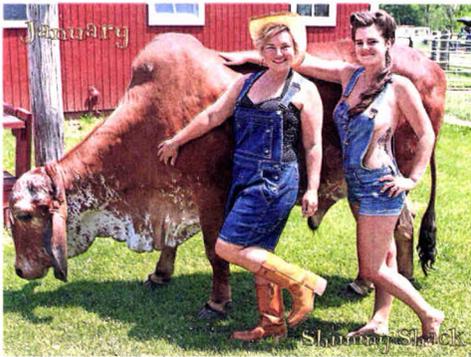
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According to Debra Levantrosser's calendar, 2017 will be the year of the sexy vegan and rescued farm animal.

Levantrosser, owner of Shimmy Shack food truck, recently launched the "2017 Sexiest Vegans in Michigan" wall calendar. Sold through Shimmy Shack's website and at the truck, the calendar includes photographs of vegans, both men and women, with farm animals at Sasha Farm, an animal sanctuary in Manchester.

Shimmy Shack released its own calendar in 2015 and 2016, but this is the first time it has partnered with Sasha Farm. Fifty percent of profits from the sale of the 2017 calendar will go to the animal sanctuary and another 10 percent will be donated to the Jim Ward Scholarship at the Center for Creative Studies. Ward, who died last year, was a partner in the food truck, which is based in South Lyon.

"Sasha Farm's values match our values. We



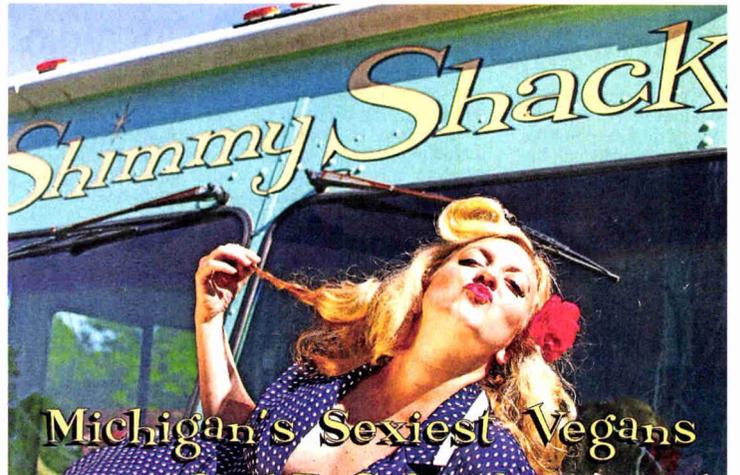
Vegans and their four-legged friend model for the 2017 calendar at Sasha Farm.

believe animals have personalities and deserve love. To us, eating a pig is the equivalent of eating a dog. If people got to know pigs, they'd see pigs have personalities, just like dogs, and the same with cows," Levantrosser said. "We like what Sasha Farm does and how they do it."

Levantrosser also hopes the calendar also puts a face on veganism. Vegans follow a plant-based diet that excludes animal products such as

dairy foods. They also may refrain from using items, such as leather shoes or purses, that contain animal products.

"We believe veganism is often misunderstood and misinterpreted," Levantrosser said. "We're trying a multitude of ways to reach people, to show that vegans are fun, sexy, smart and we thought the calendar was an additional way to reach people, to visually show and highlight great people we



The cover of the 2017 Michigan's Sexiest Vegans Calendar

have in southeast Michigan who are vegans.

"I think vegans are often seen as strange, hippies, liberal and, while some vegans may be those things, not all of us are. We're very diverse. There have been stereotypes attached to vegans and those are the stereotypes we're trying to break."

Vegans were selected for the calendar through an application process via social media. Applicants indicated how long they have been vegan, explained why they wanted to be in the calendar and identified their favorite Shimmy Shack menu item. Levantrosser said the models ranged in age from 18 to

50-plus.

"We even have a centerfold of nudes — just their backs — but it's a very cool photo of seven women on a big baler."

The calendars cost \$18. Find a list of Shimmy Shack events and buy the calendar at shimmyshack.com.

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Mariner headlines rock show for animal rescue

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Rock and roll meets cats and dogs when Mariner plays a rare live concert to benefit homeless animals this weekend.

The 1980s-era rockers will donate half the proceeds from their concert Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Token Lounge in Westland to Guardian Angel Animal Rescue in Livonia.

Sandy Mezza, GAAR founder couldn't be happier.

The Westland resident says she has been bugging the group — particularly its bassist and lead singer Pat Mezza, her husband — about performing for her rescue since she founded it 12 years ago.

"He finally said, 'We'd better shut her up and play,'" she said with a laugh. "Two years ago, they did a reunion show and sold out. This year, we have people flying in from out of state to see them. Guardian Angel gets half the door. It's a huge event."

Her goal is to raise approximately \$4,000 to help pay vet bills. The rescue is facing nearly \$2,000 in surgery costs alone for one cat with a dislocated joint. She suspects the cat caught its limb in a trap. It's the second cat she has dealt with that has had that particular problem.

She and Pat own cats



Mariner members takes a break from rehearsing for their upcoming show that will benefit Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

and dogs, mostly those that "nobody wanted." She said the animals enjoy her husband's music.

"They're used to it. One lays next to his (Pat's) feet. Our terrier will dance with you," Sandy said, adding that all of the Mariner band members have rescue animals.

Film, TV

Mariner was formed by a group of friends who graduated in 1972 from Annapolis High School in Dearborn Heights. After high school, the band played clubs and toured, including in Japan.

"We had a long, real



While performing live in the 1970s and 1980s, Mariner included (from left) Gordie Roedding, Jim Henterly, Bob Okonowski, Charlie Block, Mike Smyt and Pat Mezza.

successful career, 24 years" Pat Mezza said. "After we disbanded was

when we had the most success. Our music was in 'The Fighter' with



Guardian Angel Animal Rescue hopes to find a home for Cleo and her son Dexter.

Mark Wahlberg, 'Love Guru' with Mike Myers. "It's on 'Shameless,' the series on Showtime.

We've had eight to 10 different songs placed in films. We've had songs placed in commercials. We disbanded in 1994

and we're still getting people asking for our music."

Mariner's original music has been in demand for film, television and commercial projects over the past 15 years. The band stopped playing live concerts as its members traded life on the road for marriage, families and day jobs.

"We were getting older. You can't make a living on it without traveling," Mezza said.

Coming out of retirement two years ago for a reunion show was "a big step," because Mariner hadn't performed on a regular basis in years.

"When we were playing for 24 years, we were a machine," he said. "That's all we did. We had a crew, a truck to carry the equipment. We don't play live anymore."

He said the reunion show two years ago drew 550 fans. Another 200 were turned away after tickets sold out.

The upcoming show starts at 7 p.m. and features performances by Sweet Crystal, The Great Mystery, Kenny Hill Group and SRP, along with Mariner. Tickets are \$15 in advance at ticketweb.com (search Mariner) and \$20 at the door. The Token Lounge is located at 28949 Joy, Westland; 734-513-5030.

Check out GAAR's website at gaarmichigan.org.

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WAYNE COUNTY HAPPENINGS

Learning lab grand opening

Jefferson Barns Learning Lab, funded by the Michigan State Police, will host a grand opening at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey St., Westland.

The programs serve students within the Norway Community and Wayne-Westland Community Schools and surrounding areas. Open to youth in grades 3-12. New partnerships, technology and toys will be shown off at the grand opening.

Free shredding Saturday

Catholic Vantage Financial will host a free document shredding day for the community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. The public is invited to bring personal papers and documents for shredding at the credit union's Livonia branch, 36111 Five Mile Road, just east of Levan Road. Iron Mountain is provider of the shredding services. Credit union staff will be on hand to greet visitors.

Turkey Trot

Register now for the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department's annual Turkey Trot 5K fun walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Bicentennial Park (Seven Mile and Wayne Road). Registration takes place at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The \$15-per-person fee includes a Turkey Trot T-shirt if registered by Oct. 24.

Proceeds and canned food donations will benefit the Livonia Goodfellows, which provides holiday meals for local families. New this year, visit the food truck rally to satisfy your post Turkey Trot appetite.

The Kirksey Recreation Center will offer Turkey Trot conditioning. Certified personal trainer Deb Vinitzki will create a customized and adaptive science-based training program for now and for the long run. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Documentary screening

The Livonia Civic Center Library hosts a screening of "The Great Detroit," a documentary that examines the positive aspects of Detroit, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept.



Cosmic Groove will perform Oct. 1 at the Taste of the Arts in Livonia.

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The screening will be followed by a discussion with director Anthony Brogdon. The Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile.

Taste of the Arts

The Livonia Arts Commission hosts a Taste of the Arts fundraising event from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft (1-96 west of Inkster Road).

Music/dancing will be featured by the Cosmic Groove Band. An array of culinary samples will be provided by local restaurants. A cash bar is available and casual attire is suggested.

Tickets are \$15 (\$20 at the door) and are available on the fifth floor of city hall. Recreation center members may also order on its website. Checks should be made out to the city of Livonia and can be mailed to city of Livonia c/o Taste Fest, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia MI 48154. Tickets ordered by mail will be held at the "will call" desk at Burton Manor the night of the event.

The commission currently supports the Music From the Heart concert series, monthly exhibits in the Civic Center Library second-floor gallery and the city hall lobby. It also presents scholarships to Livonia students who plan to enter college in art related programs. The commission supports the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and the Noontime Concerts scheduled in the library atrium.

Halloween costume swap

A partnership with the Garden City Public Library and the Garden City Harvest Market, family friendly website Macaroni Kid Garden City-Dearborn, Drop off your swappable costumes at the

Garden City Public Library during business hours between Oct. 3-12. In exchange for your costume(s), you will be given a Swap Ticket to be brought back for the event (hosted by the Garden City Harvest Market) 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14. Non-ticket holders can shop for a costume during the last hour 6-7 p.m. for a nominal fee that will benefit the Garden City Public Library. Expect a couple of goodies from Macaroni Kid, too!

Infant massage class

The Westland Public Library hosts a five-week series of infant massage classes beginning Wednesday, Oct. 12. The series is presented by a certified infant massage educator in cooperation with Starfish Family Services. This is being offered for pre-crawling infants and their caregivers. Expectant parents are welcome to join as well. Parents will learn gentle and loving ways to comfort, relieve gas, deepen sleep and stimulate brain development in their infants. For more information or to register, email Claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org or call Claire Mueller at 734-326-6123.

Chili-Cook-Off 'Afterburn'

The Garden City Chili Cook-off "Afterburn" takes place from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, featuring music by Bonnie and the Working Girls.

The event is sponsored by the Garden City Business Alliance. For more information, visit www.gardencitybusinessalliance.org or email Renee at reneemorton-servpro@gmail.com

Trunk or treat

The second annual Spooktacular Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the Garden City Business Alliance and the DDA, takes place from 5:30-7

p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Kroger plaza parking lot on the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in Garden City.

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

Used instruments

Do you have an old musical instrument laying around the house collecting dust? Donate it to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Now in the second year, the LSO Community Outreach program collects and refurbishes instruments for Livonia schools.

Last year, 20 instruments were donated to the Livonia Symphony for this program. With a grant from the Worthington Foundation, the LSO refurbished these instruments with a value of \$6,900. In addition, new instruments were donated, valued at \$6,050, for a total of \$12,950 value of instruments that were given to the Livonia Public Schools. Help the LSO continue this community involvement project by either donating an old musical instrument or making a donation to refurbish the instruments. Contact Janice Newsome, LSO Outreach chair, at 313-658-0263 or email jnewsome@al-phausa.com. All donations are tax-deductible.

'Believe' series

Clarenceville United Methodist Church begins its "Believe" series beginning Oct. 2. This unique spiritual growth experience for all ages takes participants on a journey toward becoming more like Jesus. Unpack core teachings of the Bible; 10 key beliefs, 10 key practices and 10 key virtues of Christianity.

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

Craft show

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts its fall festi-

val and craft show from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. The craft show runs until 3 p.m. The event will feature a bounce house, beer tent, food, bake sale and silent auction, with live entertainment 3-9 p.m.

The church is at 555 S. Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, call 734-721-5023.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library sponsors a Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30 Oct. 1, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2. There will be many books, including fiction, history, mystery, religious and cook books, as well as special books. On Oct. 2, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries.

The Livonia Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call 734-466-2495.

Farmers market

Wilson Barn hosts a farmers market each Saturday through Oct. 8 at 29350 W. Chicago in Livonia. The market features local vendors, produce, crafts and baked goods and breads. For more information, call 734-261-3602 or visit wilsonbarn.com.

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Willy the Pig contest, Harvest Festival debut

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People who attended the first Harvest Festival in Garden City were seeing red.

Crimson-colored pigs were on display during the judging of the Willy the Pig dress-up contest Sept. 16. The statues were dressed in everything from sports shirts to Olympians in honor of the city's mascot, Willy the Pig on Ford Road and Middlebelt. The first-time statue dress-up contest that gave residents, businesses and city officials a chance to show their community pride caught like wild fire when it was announced about a month ago. Willy look-a-likes were popping up everywhere.

There were more than 71 entries from 21 different Garden City streets.

"We've already had requests for the contest next year," said Stacy Karafotis who dreamed up the Willy the Pig event.

The winners are Kayla Jakel, who gave her porker a Garden City theme; Agnieszka Kowalska Masunas, with Scarlet who was adorned in a skirt and pom poms; and third place went to Kim Dold, Garden City Downtown Development Authority director, who dressed her hoofed statue in a Garden City theme. Caitlin Bueller won for best costume.

Other prize winners and honorable mention awards went to Garden City Presbyterian Church, with its sign entry "Pigs Fly;" the Garden City Police Department with a picture of a real lost pig they found and returned to its Garden City resident owner; the McComb family's Olympic pig with a gold medal; and Remy the Lab and his girlfriend piggy owned by Donna Canzoneri.



Three-year-old Bryson Brothers checks out some of the contest entries.

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Six-year-old Maja Masunas is runner-up, with help from brother Tristan Masunas and mom Agnieszka Masunas.

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Pooky the clown paints a cool design on 9-year-old Brendon Whitlow's arm.

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There were trophies, ribbons and gift certificates donated by local businesses, including Villa Bakery, Garden City Cafe, The Wild Iris Flower Shop, Boland Florist, Sport Venue Bar & Grill and Lucky Dog.

Jakel said she entered a pig, because "it seemed like fun and I like Willy."

School Board member Sarah Roffi, who is running for re-election in

November and was a Willy the Pig contest judge, said she loved the community spirit the Willy the Pig contest generated.

"They're adorable," she said. "I love to see how involved all the residents are."

First of seven

The Willy the Pig contest was showcased during the first in a series of

seven Harvest Festivals, which is the resurrection of the defunct Farmer's Market. Michelle Nixon, who is Harvest Festival co-chairperson with Melissa Pauly-Geimer, said: "We are thankful for the outpouring of support from the community and volunteers. We are so excited for the remaining six weeks and expect it to be bigger and better as we progress."

There has been discussion about bringing back Farmers Market back to Garden City next year if there's adequate support for the Harvest Market. The market ran May through October from 2008-2012.

Nan Young, who grew up in Garden City and is now a Westland resident, said she hopes the Farmers Market will return on a larger scale next year.

"We definitely want the Farmers Market back with more vegetables and home-grown things," she said as she entered the cordoned off area of the Harvest Festival at Ford and Middlebelt roads.

"We're here to cheer on the Willy the Pig contest," Domenic Herron, owner of the recently opened Westland business GrowBar, sold essential oil mixes. The Harvest Festival area was "spacious," which is a luxury that isn't always provided at Farmers Markets, he said.

Rayna Burkhart, who sold air plant globes at the Harvest Market, is a 34-year Garden City resident who recently moved to Romulus. She said sales were "pretty good so far. We would definitely be part of a future Farmers Market."

Contact Nixon or Pauly-Geimer at gardencityfarmersmarket@gmail.com with questions about Harvest Festival.

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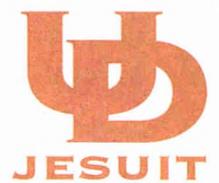
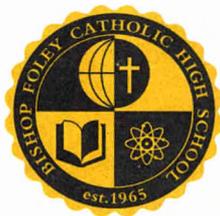
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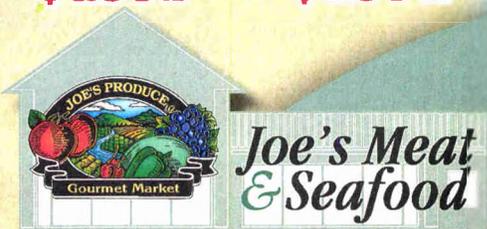
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PREP TENNIS

Churchill netters' reign delayed

Rainy weather can't stop Chargers from winning Brighton Quad

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It turns out Saturday's rain only delayed the Livonia Churchill boys tennis team's reign at the Brighton Quad, which wrapped up Monday due to the wet conditions over the weekend.

The Chargers amassed 26 points to out-distance Salem (15), Brighton (9) and Walled

Lake Central (8). To expedite Monday's make-up, an eight- and 10-game pro set scoring system was used. "It was a long night, but a lot of fun," Churchill head coach Denise Berg-Grant said. Three Chargers captured singles championships — Sean Mulka at No. 2, Jonathan Zhou at No. 3 and Tim Ohtake at No.

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Churchill's tennis team is pictured following Monday's championship performance in Brighton.

Senior golf

Several Observerland-area golfers performed well in the Michigan Publix Seniors Golf Association's 41st Annual Men's State Seniors Open played Aug. 29-31 at the Polo Fields and Washtenaw golf clubs.

Westland's Matt Wiley was the overall low gross Senior Flight (age 50-64) champion after carding scores of 72, 71 and 72.

Redford's Dave McTear was the Super Senior Flight (age 65-69) winner with scores of 82, 77 and 77.

Among the Super Senior net standouts was Farmington Hills' Dennis Skupa, who won his division's crown with a three-round score of 209.

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY



Kyle Becker received support from his teammates before getting wheeled into the back of an ambulance.

ED WRIGHT

Cummins is Athlete of Week

Livonia Churchill senior quarterback Even Cummins' near 300-yard passing performance against Howell earned him the hometownlife.com "Athlete of the Week" accolades for Week 3.

Cummins received 7,168 votes, more than double the votes cast for runner-up Callum Ashmore, a Farmington soccer player.

Stevenson homecoming

Tickets sales for the Livonia Stevenson football team's Oct. 7 homecoming game will commence on game day from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. during all three lunch periods near the north cafeteria.

Fans planning to attend the game are encouraged to buy their tickets early to avoid long lines.

The main ticket booth will open on game day at 5 p.m.

Stevenson staff may use their staff ID to enter the game. All Stevenson family and students passes will be honored.

Students cannot bring backpacks or open containers into the stadium. Balls cannot be brought into the stadium. Smoking is not allowed on school grounds.

Auxiliary parking is available behind the visitors bleachers through the "Learning Tree" parking lot, which is located on Curtis west of Farmington between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. The Learning Tree will be at the end of Curtis on the left-hand side. Continue past the Learning Tree to the west side of the building and turn onto the black top parking lot and continue to the back of the lot. Proceed through the open gate onto the grass, and park orderly behind the visitor bleachers. Entering and exiting from this area will be through the Learning Tree gate only.

There is also parking at the front of the school and the west school parking lot off of Six Mile.

Spectators are encouraged to carpool.

A WAVE OF SUPPORT

Garden City QB Becker's spirits bolstered after season-ending injury

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The final play of Kyle Becker's high school football career started as benignly as hundreds of others the Garden City senior quarterback has orchestrated during 11 autumns of playing his favorite sport.

On Sept. 9, with the Cougars just minutes away from potentially defeating Redford Thurston for the first time since 1984, Becker dropped back to throw a pass when he did what he does best: improvise.

"I saw an opening and their linebackers dropped, so I took off," Becker said, recounting the infamous play that will forever be etched in his memory. "I remember



University of Michigan tight end Jake Butt was one of the visitors to Kyle Becker's University of Michigan Hospital room in the wake of his season-ending injury.

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breaking a couple of tackles and then I got brought down from behind.

"I've been tackled just like that a lot over the years, but for some reason I didn't land right on this one. I knew right away it was bad."

A few minutes later, Becker was carefully placed onto a stretcher and into the back of an ambulance that was parked just inside the gridiron's south red zone.

Before the paramedics could wheel Becker into the emergency vehicle, the entire Garden City football team jogged over and told their leader how much they loved him.

"I was crying," Becker said, "but not because of the

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Regardless of record, Spartans forge ahead

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There are good vibes coming from the Livonia Stevenson volleyball team's practices — and that's a step in the right direction, emphasized first-year head coach Julian Wargo.

Although the Spartans have opened the season with just one victory in 12 matches, their desire to compete at the highest level has never been stronger.

"I like the competitive spirit that my players have shown me," Wargo said. "The players are unselfish and come to practice looking to improve every day."

"I am inspired by Jim Harbaugh's motto: 'Better today than yesterday, better tomorrow than today.'"

"We are focusing on taking

"The players are unselfish and come to practice looking to improve every day."

JULIAN WARGO
Stevenson coach

the small steps that are needed to become successful."

If the returning Spartans are weary of playing for their fourth coach in as many years, they're not showing it.

"The players have been very accepting of me," Wargo said. "I know that it isn't easy to adopt new systems, but they have been trying very hard to learn our new defensive and offensive systems. We are not the biggest team in the KLAAs,

so we are working hard on ball control and first-ball attack."

Stevenson's contingent of captains includes senior setter Emily Ehrheart, senior defensive specialist Lexi Jenkins and senior middle hitter Beth Scupholm.

"They are enthusiastic and loyal to the team," Wargo said. "Each captain brings a balance of experience, passion and fun to the gym."

Wargo said he has received contributions from every player on the roster.

"We have adopted a 'team-first' mentality, so every player is important to our success," he said. "On any given night, I feel that one of my 12 players can step up and take over the game for us."

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Emily Ehrheart floats a soft set to a teammate.

TOM BEAUDOIN

PREP CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Local harriers scaling hills, dropping times

Franklin, Stevenson compete in MSU meet

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The season-long progression of the Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Franklin girls cross country teams was reflected in the final results of Friday's MSU Spartan Invitational in East Lansing.

The Spartans placed 10th in the Varsity Green Division with 397 points while the Patriots came in 18th with 492.

Troy won the event after compiling just 79 points. Rounding out the top five were Holland West Ottawa (93), Cadillac (131), Livonia Churchill (190) and Novi (365).

Several Stevenson runners turned in either personal or season best times in the talent-rich race.

Emily Lauzon led the Spartans with a 48th-place finish in a season-best 20 minutes and 36 seconds. Also scoring for Stevenson were freshman Cassie McDougall (52nd in 20:42), Gracie Droz (67th in 21:06), Julia Cercone (88th in 21:32) and Kayla Senczysyn, who placed 156th in 22:33.

Also competing for the Spartans were Abigail and Emily Zwicker, who placed 196th and 220nd, respectively.

Led by Delaney Harris's 62nd-place showing in 23:53, the Stevenson junior-varsity team placed 16th in the White Division. Erin Fitzgerald (96th in 24:21) also was among the top 100 JV girls to cross the finish line.

Erin Seibert led Franklin's contingent or runners over the 5-kilometer course with a 37th-place time of 20:27. Additional scorers for the Patriots were Hailey Kutrukis (73rd in 21:13), Camryn Zurawski (82nd in 21:21), Allyson Stabler (149th in 22:27) and Hannah Turner, who placed 167th in 22:43.

Also representing Franklin were Ashley deGuise (182nd in 22:50) and Kaylee English, who finished 186th in 22:55.



Livonia Churchill cross country runners hit their stride early in Tuesday's meet against John Glenn.

"Our varsity girls ran very well last Saturday at the Ramblin' Rock Invite, and raced extremely hard on Tuesday in our dual meet victory over Plymouth," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said.

"This was our third race in seven days, and it looked like we didn't have much left in the tank.

"Now it's time to rest up and get back to work as we prepare for the next phase of our season."

Patriot boys out-stride Zebras

Livonia Franklin's boys cross country team posted a 24-33 victory over Wayne Memorial on Tuesday afternoon at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Powering the Patriots' triumphant afternoon were Grant Rudd, who placed second in 17:39, and Jackson Nordbeck, whose 18:00 clocking put him in fourth place.

Also scoring for the victors were Logan Evanchuk (fifth in 18:16), Joe Nichol (sixth in 18:18) and Russell Rusnell (seventh in 18:29).

"We knew that Wayne was a much-improved team from last year and that

we needed to get a pack of guys in the mix with their top three," Franklin head coach Pat Koelzer said.

"Grant split the top two, then eventually our next four moved up and finished between their two and three runners. The guys ran well as a team today."

Wayne senior Blake Barber won the race in 17:17, just five seconds off his overall best time. Also scoring for the Zebras were John Gatton (third in 17:54), Jakob Kalaf (eighth in 18:37), Jon Boland (10th in 18:42) and Trent Griffith (11th in 18:52).

"I was happy with the way we ran today," Wayne head coach Tom Gibson said. "The boys are showing improvement every week."

Patriot boys at MSU

Franklin's boys team placed 25th in the Green Race at Friday's MSU Invitational.

Rudd was the Patriots' front-runner, placing 78th in 17:37.

Also competing for Franklin were Nordbeck (124th in 17:59), Evanchuk (127th in 18:01), Rusnell (153rd in 18:18)



Churchill's Christina Murphy and Shelbi Jasin blaze the trail at Cass Benton.

and Logan Highfield, who crossed the finish line in 179th place with a time of 18:33.

Churchill boys stampede Rockets

Putting forth their maximum effort earned the members of the Livonia Churchill boys cross country team the maximum, er, minimum point total Tuesday afternoon against Westland John Glenn.

The Chargers rolled to a 15-50 victory, which evened their record to 1-1.

Led by race winner Tyler Opdycke (16:36), Churchill runners took the top five spots.

Also performing well for the Chargers were Josh Mussen (17:25), Dash Dobar (17:58), Frank LaFave (18:03) and Eric Pensari (18:14).

Trevor Kornaga (sixth in 18:21) and Noah Hagood (seventh in 18:26) also ran well for the winners, but did not count in the scoring.

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PREP SOCCER

Pioneers clip Cougars in pivotal WWAC match, 3-1

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In a showdown featuring Western Wayne Athletic Conference boys soccer front-runners, Garden City battled toe-to-toe with visiting Dearborn on Monday night before dropping a 3-1 decision.

The result dropped the Cougars' record to 3-7 overall and 2-1 in the WWAC while the Pioneers improved to 2-1 in the conference.

"I'm proud of our kids; they played with a lot of intensity," GC head coach Jeff Szygula said. "The final 20 minutes of the game were as entertaining as you're going to see in a high school soccer game."

Sixty-some minutes into the scoreless encounter, the Pioneers delivered some lightning and thunder when they scored twice within a 90-second stretch to go up 2-0.

"After the first goal, we switched to a 4-4-2 offense and we were able to put more pressure on their defense," Szygula said.

The increased pressure paid dividends with 10 minutes left when Austin Lang scored off a pass from Tommy Fisher to cut the hosts' deficit to 2-1.

Dearborn extended its lead to 3-1 with five minutes left, but the Cougars kept battling.

Fisher came within a foot or two of scoring the Cougars' second goal, however, his low shot that eluded the Pioneers' keeper was cleared off the goal line by an alert Dearborn defender.

Although the loss momentarily halted the Cougars' recent winning streak, they still



Garden City soccer players (from left) Mitchel Falk (20), Ian Tesarz and Hunter Childress (11) made scoring tough for Dearborn during the first half of Monday's game.

have a chance to claim at least a share of the WWAC title if they win all of their remaining conference contests.

Szygula commended the play of defenders Austin Pena and Jacob Sadowski.

Dearborn out-shot GC, 9-4.

Spartans sharp in 3-0 win

A retooled starting lineup paid immediate dividends Tuesday night for Livonia Stevenson, which dominated South Lyon, 3-0.

The result left the Spartans with a 4-3-1 overall mark and 2-2-1 record in the KLAA Central Division.

The Lions slipped to 5-4-1 and 0-4-1, respectively.

Stevenson, which out-shot South Lyon 14-5, scored all of its goals during the first 40 min-

utes.

Recently promoted starter Ryan Cox netted the first two goals, thanks to assists from Christian Zapata and Conrad Kean.

Joe Nicolas ripped home the cake-icer off a helper from Zapata.

Stevenson keeper Dylan Jesmore registered one save.

"We inserted Ryan Cox into the starting line up tonight and he really responded," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingle-decker. "All three of our starting forwards contributed on the score sheet for us. After scoring zero goals last week against Novi and Northville it was nice to finally see the ball go in the back of the net."

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PREP TENNIS

Garden City netters squash Robichaud

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The Garden City boys tennis team's annual "WWAC Attack" was in full swing, so to speak, Monday afternoon against host Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

A perennial title contender in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, Garden City steamrolled the Bulldogs, 8-0, to improve to 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

Robichaud slipped to 0-1 in the WWAC.

The Cougars won every set in the seven matches played (Robichaud forfeited No. 4 doubles) and dropped only eight games altogether against their overmatched opponents.

No. 1 singles player Avery

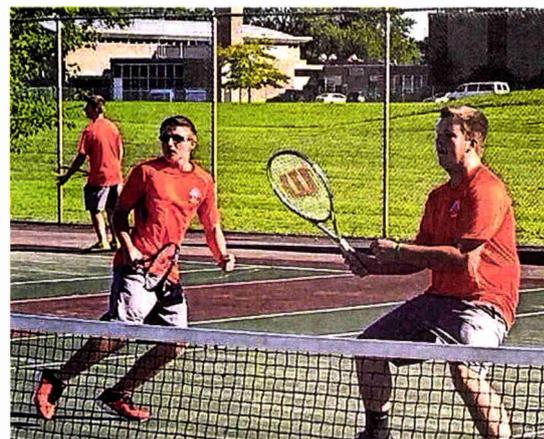
Emerson got the ball rolling with an emphatic 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Jaylen Favor.

Other singles winners were Derek Van Dooren (6-0, 6-0 over Shannon Woods), Justin Perrin (6-0, 6-0 over Francisco Tellaz) and Colin McHugh (6-3, 6-2 over Keyshawn Bell).

The Cougars' No. 1 doubles team of Tony King and Tanner Davis defeated David Newsome and Lashawn Terrance, 6-0, 6-0, while the No. 2 pairing of Jacob Grant and Kevin Widmer prevailed, 6-0, 6-1, against Tyler Robinson and Darrius Atkinson.

GC's No. 3 doubles duo of Thomas Catton and Logan McMaster finished things off with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Tyler Spencer and Ahmed Roberts.

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The No. 2 doubles team of Jacob Grant and Kevin Widmer won handily.

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pain. I was crying because I knew it was over. I knew my high school football career was over. I told the guys to not worry about me. I told them to win the game."

Tests later revealed what Becker had feared: He had dislocated his right hip, as well as suffered broken bones in the joint.

Silver lining

On a the-sun's-going-to-come-up-tomorrow note, there was a silver lining to one of the worst night's of Becker's

life: Within an hour after the Cougars' game against Thurston had ended, the Garden City Hospital waiting room was jam-packed with Cougars football players, family and friends.

"I heard it smelled pretty bad out there," Becker said with a laugh, referring to his not-yet-showered teammates. "The support I've received from throughout the community has been great. I had visitors every day I was in the hospital. I can't even tell you how many texts and phone calls I received, encouraging me to keep my head up."

Just a few hours after his injury, Becker was transported to the University of Michigan Hospital due to the severity of the wounds.

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, he underwent a

comprehensive surgery that included the insertion of four screws into his injured hip.

During his post-surgery stay at U-M, Becker's favorite collegiate football player — Michigan tight end Jake Butt — visited him and provided an uplifting 20-minute conversation with the injured Cougar.

"They told me that an athlete was going to stop by, but they didn't say who it was," Becker said. "Jake Butt was my favorite player even before all this happened to me. It meant a lot that he took the time to stop and talk to me."

"He told me how he tore his ACL his sophomore year at Michigan and how hard he worked to get back to where he is now."

Doctors told Becker that his injury was similar to the one suffered by Michigan State University player Jalen Watts-Jackson during his game-winning blocked punt return for a TD against the Wolverines last fall.

"He's back playing now, which gives me a lot of hope," Becker said.

Wheelchair-bound for at least a month and unable to put weight on his right leg for six to eight weeks, Becker is determined to return to his old, pre-injury self.

"I know my high school football career is over, but I'm going to play college football some day," he said. "That's what's pushing me — and knowing there are a lot of people pulling for me."

GARDEN CITY PREP SPORTS

Simpson brings fresh perspective to AD job

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Within the span of 30 minutes Monday night, Garrett Simpson was delivering bottles of cold Gatorade to soccer officials, helping sell tickets at the entrance to the Garden City athletic stadium and getting updates on the Cougars football team from head coach Jim Baker.

Although the responsibilities of high school athletic directors these days are countless, Simpson proved that no detail is too small to ignore.

Simpson, a graduate of Dearborn High School and a letter winner in four sports for the Pioneers, was hired as Garden City's fourth-ever athletic director on July 1. He succeeds Rob Phillips, who retired following the 2015-16 sports season.

Simpson has followed a compelling career path that has taken him from a hospital administration position to the operating room, so to speak, of a high school athletics program.

"Maybe the most important thing I've learned the past couple of years is that the job of athletic director isn't just one thing, it's 50 things, so you have to remember to stay flexible and accommodating," said Simpson, who resides in



Garrett Simpson was hired as the Garden City athletic director July 1.

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West Bloomfield with his wife Carey, 2-year-old son Alexander and infant daughter Aubrey.

"It's not about me; it's about putting the kids in a position to succeed and allowing the coaches an opportunity to coach. Everything else is secondary."

Not long after his 10th year as an administrator for the Detroit Medical Center, Simpson made the decision to make a 180-degree career change that was fueled by several factors.

"The No. 1 thing was that I was unhappy at my previous job," Simpson

said. "I coached for eight years at Dearborn High, but I had to give that up for work's sake."

"I finally did some soul searching and after some discussions with coaches and teachers, I learned that there were positions like this (the athletic director position at Garden City) available."

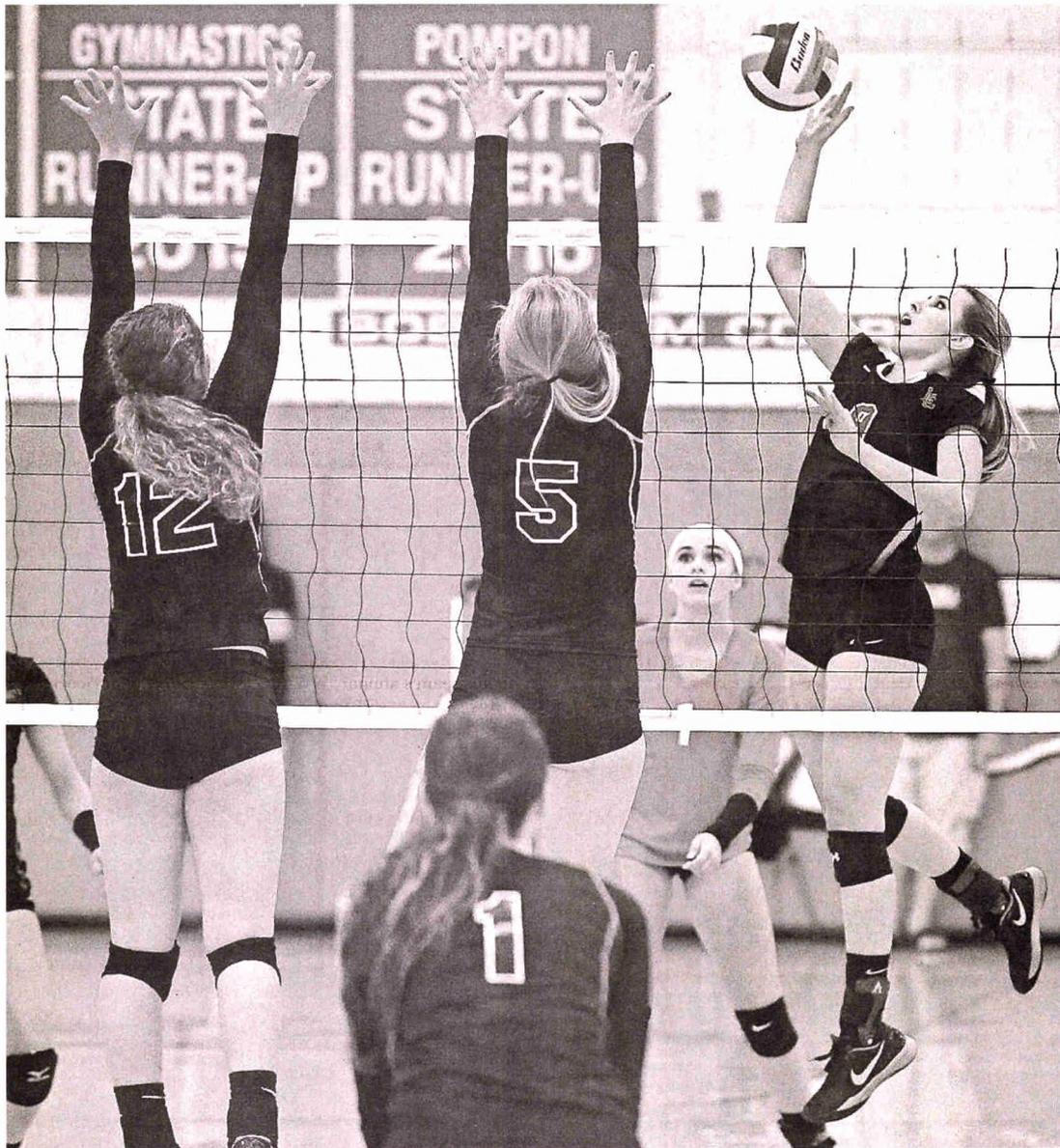
"I got my master's degree in sports administration and worked a couple of internships at Walled Lake Northern and Bloomfield Hills high schools, then worked one year as the athletic director at Hamtramck before coming here."

"Being a Dearborn High graduate, I was already familiar with Garden City as I grew up playing against Garden City teams (he played football, basketball, baseball and threw the discus for the Pioneers' track-and-field team). The reception I've received couldn't have been better, from the administration, to the parents and right on down to the athletes."

After graduating from Dearborn High in 1998, Simpson attended Adrian College, where he played basketball for one year. He earned a bachelor's degree at Harding University in Searcy, Ark., before earning a master's degree at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL



Churchill's Sam Zonca knocks down a kill during last week's win over Canton.

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PREP TENNIS

Patriots netters 'double' up Crestwood

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Trailing 3-1 following Monday's singles matches, Livonia Franklin's boys tennis team doubled down against visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Patriots' doubles teams came up big in the clutch, sweeping the Chargers, 5-0, to help Franklin pull out a 6-3 victory.

Franklin's lone singles point came at No. 4, where Eric Liberati had few problems with Ankur Patel, winning 6-0, 6-1.

Patriots No. 1 player Adam Alger gave Chargers counterpart Jo Jo Wagner Payne fits before dropping a 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 thriller.

Senior Jon Montie also played well in a 7-5, 7-6 setback to Jarron Hsu at No. 2, while No. 3 man Justin Crawford was just a few breaks away from upending Alex Nastev, who survived with a 6-4, 7-5 win.

Franklin's doubles pairings dropped just one of 11 sets to Crestwood.

The No. 1 duo of Reo Tang and Kyle McCullach aced their test against Yousef Mardini and Robert Stingu, 6-3, 6-3.

Franklin's Graham Schuerman and David Fitch didn't lose a game against Mo Midani and Mike Kabra, while the Patriots' No. 3 contingent of Bobby Mason and Stephen Lai conquered Brian Stingu and Daniel Felecan, 6-2, 6-0.

Putting an exclamation point on the victory were the No. 4 team of Michael Bagazinsky and John Pokryfky, who out-dued Hady Saad and Rami Shams, 6-0, 6-1; and the No. 5 tandem of Adam Klaus and Joshua Spaman, who won 3-6, 6-2, 10-4.

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Livonia Churchill remains unbeaten in KLAA South Division standings

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Livonia Churchill's volleyball team improved to 17-7 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA South Division Tuesday night by hammering home a 25-10, 25-4, 25-12 victory over Wayne Memorial.

Spearheading the Chargers' attack were Megan Gendjar, Katlyn Seger, Kendra Juliette, Mary Kinney and Colleen McGowan.

The Chargers return to action at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Livonia Franklin.

Patriots outlast Rockets

Livonia Franklin's volleyball team improved to 2-1 in the KLAA South Division last Thursday thanks to a stirring five-set victory over Westland John Glenn.

The Rockets took the first and third sets, 25-23 and 25-19 while the Patriots won sets two and four, 25-23 and 25-19.

Franklin surged to a quick 8-0 lead in the match-deciding fifth set before winning 15-5.

Paige Brothers was brilliant for the winners, piling up nine kills and



Franklin's Hannah Strasser goes all out for a dig during a match earlier this season.

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11 digs.

Also shining were Hannah Nordstrom and Hannah Strasser (six kills each), Bella Facione (35 digs and three aces), Joanie Evans (22

digs) and Melissa Ferrier, who served four aces.

Mustangs topple Spartans

Host Northville proved to be a tough match-up for Livonia Stevenson Tuesday night as it handed the Spartans a 25-10, 25-10, 25-15 setback.

Several Spartans excelled in the loss, including sophomore Abby Cormier (10 digs), senior Lexi Jenkins, who passed at a rate of 2.40, and junior Claire Beaudoin, who led the Spartans with five kills.

St. Catherine shines against Shrine

St. Catherine's volleyball team posted an impressive 25-18, 25-21, 25-23 victory over Royal Oak Shrine on Sept. 15.

The Stars were led by sophomore Maryann Alexander, who delivered five aces, five kills, seven digs, three solo blocks and three block assists.

Sophomore Payton Porter, junior Jenna Laporte and senior Arlie Merucci also played well for the Stars.

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4 — while No. 1 player Matt Smith also excelled with a second-place showing.

Mulka defeated Central's Vivek Hanasoge, 10-8, Brighton's Matt Fanning, 10-0, and Salem's Mauricia Barrera, 10-2, to take gold in his flight.

Zhou was triumphant against Brighton's Devin Macritchie (10-3), Salem's Ajay Bharathan (10-2) and Central's Vib Das (10-4).

Ohtake swept his way to the title by upending Salem's Jason Zheng (8-2), Central's Ethan Reider (10-0) and Brighton's Kevin Carmichael (10-4).

Led by Gabe Garfinkel and Mick Ohtake's conquest at No. 1 doubles, four of the Chargers' six doubles duos placed first.

Also taking gold were the No. 3 team of Max McMaken and Conner Riley, the No. 4 team of Logan King and Peyton Elkins and the No. 5 pairing of Diego Rodriguez and Jack Yaquinto.

Churchill's other two doubles teams of Billy Rose and Matt Rodeman (No. 2) and Zach Bond and Joe Spielman (No. 6) played well while earning second-place points.

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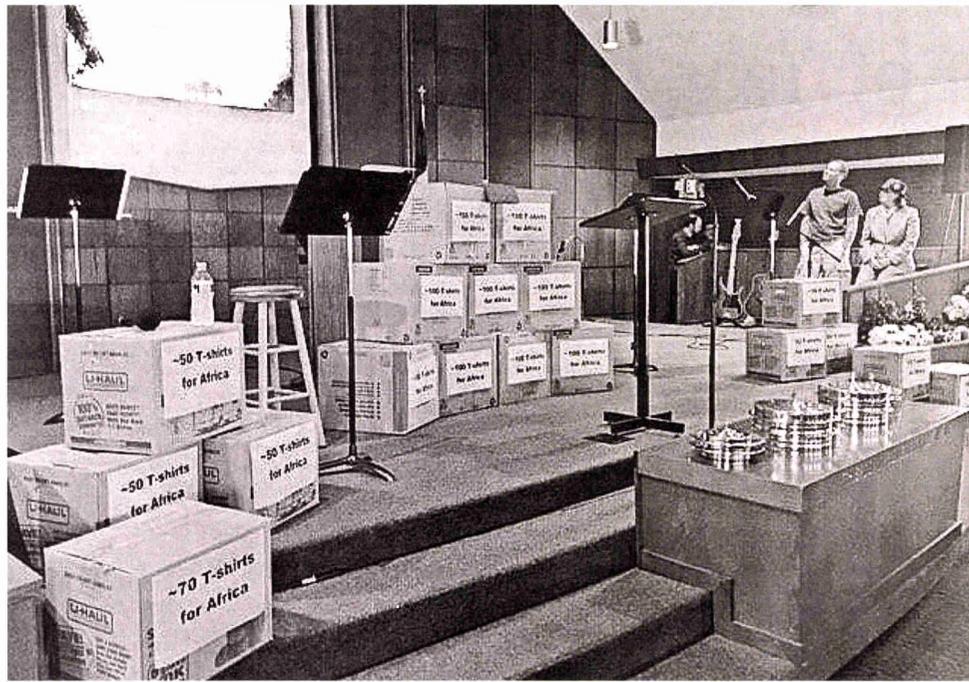
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Contact: 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org
Bible study
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 22
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom," a 24-part video Bible series, features Catholic apologist Jeff Cavins. Registration is required for this course and there is a \$35 charge for the study workbooks
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org
Celebrating new location
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25
Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Details: Worship service celebrates the church's move from the Comfort Inn in Belleville to Tyler Elementary School in Belleville
Contact: 734-740-4230
Faith formation
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: St. Priscilla Parish activity center, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: "Prayer: The Faith Prayed - Making Room For God," is the first of the parish's "Growing in Faith Together - Intergenerational Sessions" for 2016-17. A light meal will be provided. Free will donations will be accepted. RSVP by Sept. 16
Contact: faithformation@saint-priscilla.org; 248-476-4700
Grief support workshop
Time/Date: Wednesday evenings, Sept. 28-Oct. 26
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. John Riccardo, and John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Visit www.goodmourningministry.net for more details. Register at olgparish.net. The fee is \$20.
Contact: 734-453-0326
Mom2Mom sale
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., free at noon; strollers welcome
Contact: newburg-mom2mom@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/Newburg-Mom2Mom
Parents Night Out
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30
Location: Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Parents can enjoy a night out while the church watches their children, ages 4-10 for two hours. Adults and teens will provide games, snacks and a movie for youngsters.
Contact: 734-338-5149; info@crossroadsnow.org
Rummage sale
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29; 9 a.m.-noon, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Livonia
Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale
Contact: 734-422-0149; www.facebook.com/NUM-CHURCH
Study series
Time/Date: 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday, beginning Sept. 25; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 28



Boxes of T-shirts will be sent to African villages through Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills charity. Kenwood Church in Livonia collected more than 1,500 T-shirts in one month.

Location: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Six-week series, "Jesus in His Jewish Context" will focus on Jesus as seen through the eyes and minds of first century Jews and pagans
Contact: 248-626-2515
Why Be Catholic?
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Deacon Andrew Dawson, the son and grandson of Anglican priests, talks about why he became a Catholic
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

October

Concert
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15
Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Location: Dave Bennett and his jazz trio perform
Contact: 248-788-9338 or 248-661-1348; vivaceseries.org
Festival
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: More than 40 vendors will display their products at the Body Mind Spirit Festival. Presentations will focus on self-massage techniques, balancing hormones naturally, meditation, chiropractic medicine and more. Admission is \$5
Contact: 734-421-1760
Hearts and Hands Sunday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30
Location: Salem UCC, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington
Details: The fifth Sunday of the month is dedicated to mission and outreach projects. The project for October is a shoe box filled with pancake and muffin mixes for Neighborhood House community families. A potluck brunch will be held during the outreach project
Contact: 248-474-6880
Ladies craft night
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7
Location: Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Participants will assemble feminine hygiene kits for impoverished girls around the world. For girls and women of all ages. \$5 if registered by Oct. 5; \$6 at the door
Contact: crossroadsnow.org; 734-338-5149
Octoberfest
Time/Date: 5 p.m. vespers, 5:30 p.m. bratwurst dinner, 6:30 p.m. Luther lecture, Sunday, Oct. 5
Location: Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 41415 W. Nine Mile, Novi
Details: The lecture will be

"What Does This Mean? Confession and Catechesis (1526-1529)." Donations will be accepted. RSVP should include number in your party
Contact: 248-349-0565; welsno-vi@aol.com
Parade of Parties
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Shop in-home vendors and local crafters. Lunch available. Prize drawings. Admission \$1
Contact: Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233
Rosary Rally
Time/Date: Noon, Saturday, Oct. 15
Location: Madonna University, located at Levan and Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: The Rev. Gary Michalik will lead the Rosary
Contact: 734-432-9744
Rummage sale
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14
Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington
Details: \$7 bag day on Thursday, \$4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately
Contact: 248-474-6573
Rummage sale
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11
Location: Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Clothes, books, toys, crafts, collectibles, DVDs, shoes, tools, furniture
Contact: 248-476-8860
Trunk or treat
Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23
Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia
Details: Costumed kids, accompanied by their parents, trick or treat in the parking lot at the church. Event includes snacks and bounce house
Contact: 734-425-7280

Ongoing
Classes/study
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancy-ellen879@att.net
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org
Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome.
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476
St. Innocent Orthodox Church
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township
Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386
Contact: facebook.com/stinno-centredford
EXERCISE
Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364
FAMILY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12
HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Olfactory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463
Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767
PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911

Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting.
Contact: 313-563-0162
PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223
Contact: 734-464-1223
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information
Recycling
Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dw.org
Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

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KOKONES **PAULUS**

MARCIA ANNE passed away September 15, 2016 at the age of 84. Loving wife of George Kokones. Beloved mother of Darrell (Donna) Johnson, the late Gary Ray Johnson, and the late Kevin Alan Johnson. Step-mother of Nicholas Kokones. Loving grandmother of Stacey Griffin, Sherise Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Jacobi Johnson, and Autumn Johnson. Marcia is also survived by her sister DonaGene Gorsuch. A Memorial Gathering will be held Friday, September 23 from 3-8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, September 24 at 12 p.m., with a gathering beginning at 11 a.m. at the Funeral Home. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

DOROTHY M. Age 76 of Lewiston, passed away at home on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Born in River Rouge. Dorothy was the daughter of Jack and Marie (Straub) Waters. She grew up in Lincoln Park and was a 1957 graduate of Lincoln Park High School. In 1958 she met John R. Paulus and they were married on September 12, 1959. After living briefly in Westland, Dorothy and John lived in Farmington Hills for many years before moving to Lewiston in 1993. Dorothy worked as a secretary for many years and she found great enjoyment in volunteering by helping seniors. Her family will remember her love of baking. Surviving are her husband, John R. Paulus; her son, Mark (Debbie) Paulus of Livonia; her daughter, Sandra Kincer of Woodhaven; grandchildren, Brandon, Ryan, Allison, Angela, Derek, Danielle and Nicole; great grandchildren, Matthew, Alivia and Paisley; brothers, Lewis (Lorrie) Harris of Wixom and Lawrence (Bea) Harris of Maumee, OH; several nieces and nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and by a sister, Sharon Waddle. Dorothy's family will remember her with a private family gathering and no other services are planned. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to Munson Hospice. Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

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Realtor of Year Zalewski lauded

Realtor of the Year Debbie Zalewski was recently recognized by the Southfield-based Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.



Zalewski

"I get great joy from seeing my colleagues grow, succeed, and prosper. This industry has given a tremendous amount to me and I love being able to give back," said Zalewski.

The GMAR Realtor of the Year award honors a Realtor for civic and association activity, business and educational experience, and professional competence/faithfulness to the principles of real estate.

The Realtor of the Year is also honored for adhering to the State and National Code of Ethics.

Zalewski, the 2016 Realtor of the Year, is with Real Living Kee Realty of Troy. She is heard on "Money Matters" on CKWW, AM 580. She can also be seen on the premiere episode of "Keeping It Real Estate" on WBRW out of Romeo.

Zalewski is a member of the Sunrise Network Group (SNG) Circle of Senior Services Networking Group (COSS), and has been a member of the Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Steering Committee for the past three years. She has assisted with park cleanups, helped seniors, and hosted Leader Dogs for the Blind events.

"She brings great passion, enthusiasm, and energy to everything she does," said Brenda Lee Szlachta, state president for the Michigan Women's Council of Realtors.

Zalewski has been a licensed Realtor for 24 years and holds an associate broker's license. Educational designations include the Performance Management Network (PMN), Short Sales & Foreclosure Resource (SFR), and Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES). In 2012, she was recognized nationally with a Diamond Elite Premier Service Award.

Zalewski is the 2016 GMAR president, and served as president elect and financial secretary previously. Other positions include: 2016 NAR direc-

tor, 2016 RPAC trustee, 2015 Michigan Realtors Big Data PAC, 2015 Realcomp II Board of Governors, 2016 Women's Council of Realtors (WCR) National Steering Committee, 2015 WCR Region 2 vice president, WCR National Nominating Committee, 2014 WCR president of the Michigan State Chapter, 2013 WCR president elect, 2012 WCR state governor, 2009-11 WCR president, Rochester Chapter.

GMAR CEO Duane Marsh said, "Debbie has proven her top-level status as a leader in the real estate profession time and again. We are proud to honor her as GMAR's Realtor of the Year."

Zalewski is a certified Real Estate Prelicense Instructor and teaches with NCI, LLC.

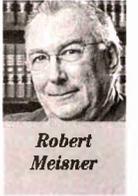
Appraisal: Can we sue?

Q: We are investors who purchased undeveloped lots in a planned residential community. Our lender was recommended by the developer and the bank secured the services of a local appraisal company. Do you think we have a cause of action because the mortgage company and the appraisers grossly inflated the value of the property?

A: Based upon a similar case out of North Carolina where the plaintiffs were pursuing the mortgage company under the Mortgage Lending Act of the State claiming that lender had a fiduciary duty of good faith and fair dealing and that the appraisers breached their duty when they allegedly prepared faulty reports for the bank, the court basically said that the plaintiffs in that case purchased the parcels without consulting any appraisers independent of the loan process such that any misrepresentation about the properties values would have been made by the developer and not the bank. In that particular case, the Mortgage Lending Act of the State did not apply because the properties were not purchased for personal family or household use but were investment properties and because the appraisers were employed by the lender, the court found they had no duty to the plaintiffs and that their information was not relied on. Obviously, this is a difficult legal matter which calls for you retaining a knowledgeable real estate attorney.

Q: Our condo project has just entered into a major project to repair the roofs, but won't give me a copy of the bids or contracts. The roofers that are being hired are using my deck to repair the roof and won't clean up the damage. They are also trying to get into my gas line and claim that I have to be there. I am without hot water, etc. What can I do?

A: Simply stated, you need a lawyer to assert your rights. The board must provide you with access to their contracts, they should not undermine your ability to obtain your utilities and cannot tear up your property without giving you adequate notice and compensation. The longer you let it go on without recourse, the more aggressive the association will probably be knowing that you are afraid to take action against it.



Robert Meisner

Realtor Libbett honored for political acumen

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors' Realtor Active in Politics award is presented to a Realtor who has encouraged, educated, identified and recruited individuals by their contribution, investment and efforts in all levels of the governmental and political arenas.



Libbett

GMAR's 2016 Realtor Active in Politics is E'toile L. Libbett of Real Estate One in Southfield.

"I am humbled to receive this honor for doing some-

thing for which I am passionate. My involvement has given me the opportunity to serve my profession and my community," E'toile said.

Libbett has been a federal political coordinator to Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick for 10 years, Hansen Clark for two years and Brenda Lawrence from 2014 to present.

Libbett is the delegate for Southfield's 12th District. As such, she attended the Democratic Convention and was a voting delegate.

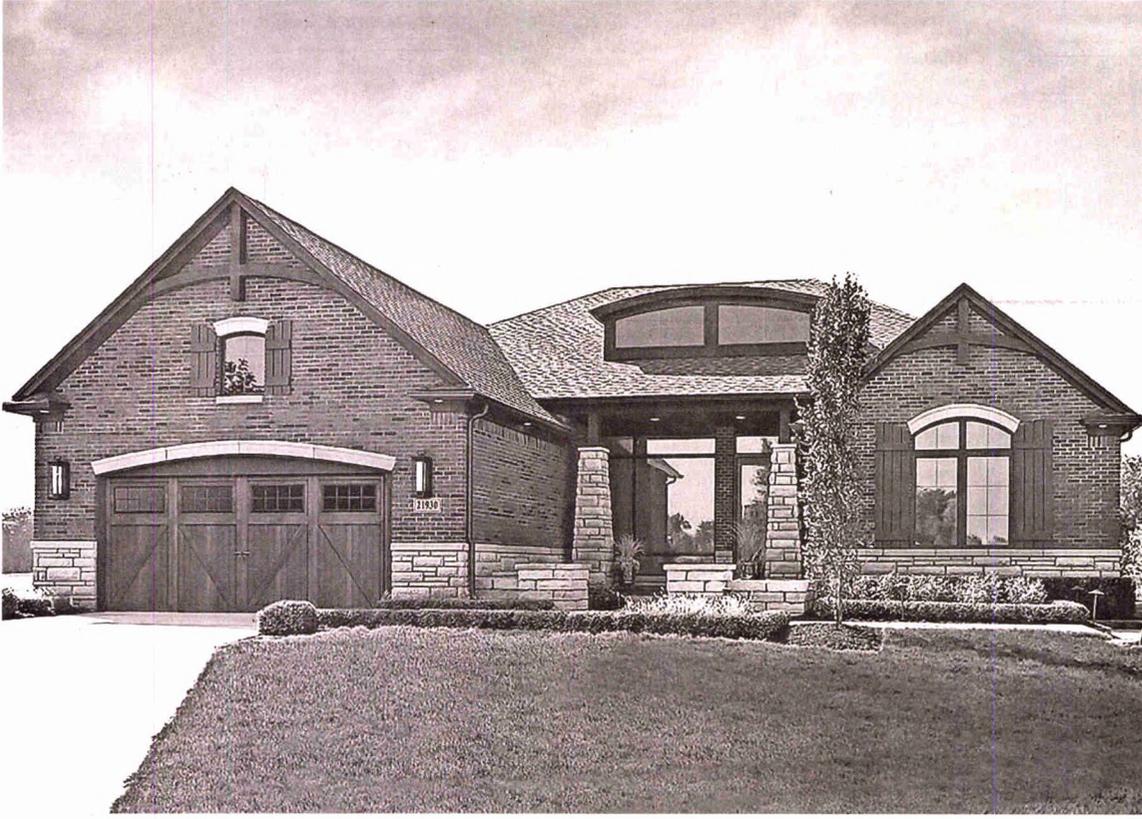
In 1997, Libbett spoke on behalf of the National Association of Realtors at the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference. When she first moved

to southeast Michigan, she worked on Brenda Lawrence's mayoral campaigns, 2001, 2005, 2009 and 2013, and continues to work on her congressional campaigns.

Libbett is a Silver Circle Realtor Political Action Committee investor. She has served on the GMAR Government Affairs Committee for one year, the Detroit Association of Realtors Government Affairs Committee for 12 years, Michigan Realtors Public Policy Committee for two years, Michigan Realtors Urban Reinvestment Task Force, National Political Affairs Committee, National Public Policy Committee, National Public Policy Coor-

inating Committee, National Public Policy Forum, National Federal Housing Policy Committee, National Issues Mobilization Committee, the Executive Board of the Oakland County Democratic Party, Southfield Non-Profit Corporation Board of Director, and Southfield Neighborhood Reinvestment Initiative LLC.

"E'toile sets the standard for political and legislative action," GMAR CEO Duane Marsh said, "She brings the right blend of knowledge and passion to the process and certainly understands and protects the environments in which her colleagues practice."



SUBMITTED

Eight custom-built homes will be featured in Homearama 2016 at Christenbury Creek in Macomb Township on Friday, Sept. 23.

HOMEARAMA OPENS DOORS FRIDAY

The eight custom-built new homes featured in Homearama 2016 at Christenbury Creek in Macomb Township will be open for public viewing beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23. Christenbury Creek, a new home community being developed by Arveva Homes, is located at 49758 Card Road, south of 23 Mile Road, in Macomb.

Homearama 2016 is a public service activity of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. The event's theme is "Bringing the Dream Home" and visitors will experience many affordable ideas that can be incorporated into their own homes. Guests will receive a Homearama Plan Book at the event featuring floor plans and other details on the homes.

"Homearama is a recognized symbol of excellence in the housing industry, show-

ing some of the most beautiful homes and communities in the area," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of HBA. "The event offers something for everyone. Many will come looking for the right builder or for fresh decorating and interior design ideas and some will also be looking to buy a home. Homearama is also a great event for those who just want an entertaining experience and the opportunity to see what their dream home might one day look like."

The homes feature the latest in building trends, technology and interior design. The developer, Arveva Homes, is also the builder of two of the Homearama showcase homes. Other builders, each featuring two homes, include Lassale Homes, Sunset Homes and Vitale Companies. The homes, as shown, range

in price from \$449,000 to \$749,500. They include ranch, colonial and split-level home styles.

Homearama 2016 will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Sept. 23-25, Thursday, Sept. 29, through Sunday, Oct. 2, and Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 6-9. The event features free on-site parking. Advance tickets for use on one day during the run of the program may be purchased online for \$10 per person or at the gate for \$12 per person. There is no charge for children 15 and under when accompanied by an adult. A portion of the proceeds from the public event will benefit HBA's Charitable & Educational Foundation, the American Red Cross and the Chipewala Valley Educational Foundation.

In addition, a charity pre-

view prior to the public opening of the event was held to benefit the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation pediatric cancer research.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.HomearamaHBA.com or call 248-737-4477.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan is a trade association representing more than 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single-family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 175,000 individuals and companies.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free; guests \$20, which will be applied to membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven near Trenton Road. Call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, South Lyon. Call 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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Events & Fairs

X-Mas Arts, Crafts, Gift Show
Livonia Elks Saturday, December 3rd, \$65 per table, 313-281-8001

Garage-Tag Sale

Birmingham-433 Vinewood Ave
September 22-25th, 10-3am. Furniture, kitchen, jewelry, china and MORE!!!

Canton - Five Family Sale of 7739-7753 RIDGE RD collectibles, clothing, hshld, crafts, tools, furn, decorative items. Sept 22-25 Thurs-Sun 10-5p

CANTON GARAGE/MOVING SALE
4732 Larchmont Dr., N. of Ford, E. of Beck, Sun/Thurs Sub. Sept 22-24th. Everything Must Go! Furniture, treadmill, selling all collectibles of reduced prices, men's tools w/craft items and patterns, holiday items, toys, puzzles, Beanie Babies, clothes.

Farmington Hills - Sale Sat. - Sun Oct 1st & 2nd 11a-5p 36879 Aspen Dr books vintage, baby, hshld, turn, & clothes

Highland FANTASTIC GARAGE SALE Sept 23-25 9am-5pm
1274 White Lake Rd. North off M59 East of Harvey Lake Rd. AS ALWAYS-GOOD STUFF, REASONABLE PRICES. Great "guy" treasures 1950 John Deere B Tractor, Kawasaki dirt bike, tools, sports, lawn & garden, clothing, furniture, seven rated Taxidermy Mounts, household, electronics, (24) bundles new shingles, stove, dryer, free stuff & a lot more... No greasies.

Highland Thurs. 9/22 Sat. 9/24 9a-4p
Kids & Adult sports gear, clothing, collectibles. 980 Waterbury Rd

Livonia-14470 Fairway, Sept 22-24th:
9-4pm. Antique furniture, coach purses, household, sports, clothes, jewelry

LIVONIA -32230 CAMBRIDGE lots of stuff! Furn, hshld, clothing, Thurs-Fri Sept 22-23 9-5am! Don't Miss!

Garage-Tag Sale

Livonia - 9275 FLORIDA St. Sale Fri-Sat, Sept 23-25 9-4p Antiques, Household, collectibles, clothes & misc.

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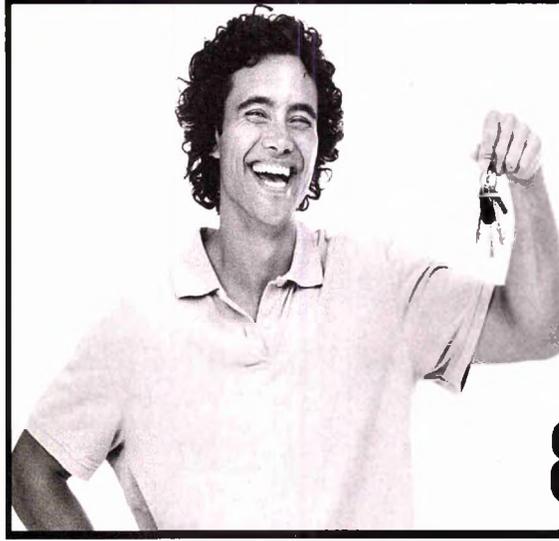
60th Anniversary

Stefan & Carol (Smith) Simkow of Westland will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 22, 2016. They were married in 1956 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Detroit and have lived in Westland for the last 59 years. The couple had 3 children: the late Cynthia & Tina Maria Simkow and son Mark (Mary) Simkow of Brighton. They are proud grandparents and Great grandparents. Carol has been retired from the nursing industry for 20 years. Stefan has been retired 23 years from Kroger. Stephan enjoys reading and Carol enjoys music and playing the organ. They both belong to the 39ers Club at their church and enjoy going up north to their home in Cheboygan, Mi. There will be a celebratory mass at 10am on Sunday, September 25th at St. Simon & Jude Catholic Church in Westland. Family and friends are welcome to join them.




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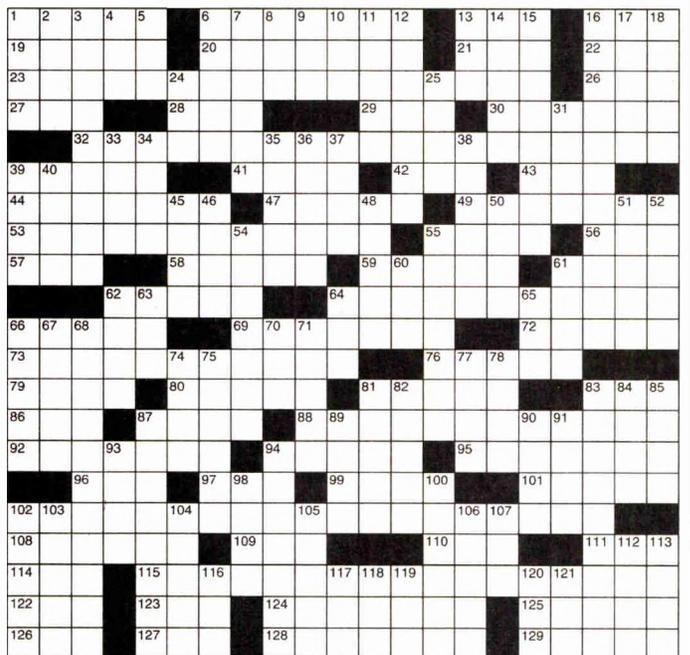
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Seinfeld" actor Alexander
 - 6 Per normal procedures
 - 13 Lemon drink
 - 16 "The Big Bang Theory" ainer
 - 19 Surfing site
 - 20 Actress Dillon
 - 21 24-hour time
 - 22 Pilot's fig.
 - 23 1998 film with Joseph Fiennes as the Bard
 - 26 Stew morsel
 - 27 That ship
 - 28 Tennis divider
 - 29 Poem form
 - 30 1987 Dustin Hoffman film
 - 32 Whom you might have had your first kiss with
 - 39 Pallid
 - 41 Beige shade
 - 42 Otherwise called, bnetly
 - 43 Magnate Onassis
 - 44 Dodged, as a duty
 - 47 "LJ" Al Capp character
 - 49 Gerbils, e.g.
 - 53 Friend of Peter Pan
 - 55 Pulitzer-winning William
 - 56 Guevara in "Evita"
 - 57 Work unit
 - 58 Lyle Lovett's "If I Had —"
 - 59 Wii or Xbox aficionado
 - 61 It's ere noon
 - 62 Spock player Leonard
 - 64 "Isn't that adorable!"
 - 66 Novelist Joyce Carol
 - 69 Bad pun
 - 72 Words on a help-desk sign
 - 73 Neonate
 - 76 Hit the roof
 - 79 Gucci nval
 - 80 — board (seance tool)
 - 81 Words after guilty or ugly
 - 83 First lady?
 - 86 Formal promise
 - 87 1976-81 skit series
 - 88 What the Promised Land is said to flow with
 - 92 Double nature
 - 94 Singer Griffith
 - 95 Fail, as a business
 - 96 Partner of
 - 97 Old name of Tokyo
 - 99 DeLuise and DiMaggio
 - 101 Discontinua
 - 102 Observing one's curfew, idiomatically
 - 108 Brown and simmer
 - 109 Italy's cont
 - 110 Beseech
 - 111 With British exporer
 - 114 Suffix with fact
 - 115 1983's Best Picture (and this puzzle's theme)
 - 122 China's Chou En- —
 - 123 Academic email ender
 - 124 Become flat
 - 125 Big blood line
 - 126 Albeit, bnetly
 - 127 Bread variety
 - 128 Backs out
 - 129 Stroll alicg
 - 130 "Fg —" ("Def")
 - 131 Joke around
 - 132 Sore feeling
 - 3 Hunting (for)
 - 4 Acorn maker
 - 5 Oklahoma-to-owa dir.
 - 6 Jazzed (up) as a guitar
 - 7 Rage silently
 - 8 Suffix with form
 - 9 Title for Churchhill
 - 10 Pansian "a"
 - 11 "Ta-ta!"
 - 12 Big battle on the ground
 - 13 Big whoop
 - 14 Boat hoist
 - 15 Visor
 - 16 18th-century
 - 17 Make dim, as with tears
 - 18 Commence
 - 24 Hit skit show, in brief
 - 25 Onion cousin
 - 31 See 113-Down
 - 33 Buffalo group
 - 34 Dark black
 - 35 City SSW of Jacksonville
 - 36 Asteroid path
 - 37 Comic Nora
 - 38 Moola maker
 - 39 " —" forgive those who ...
 - 40 "Fg —" ("Def")
 - 45 Mild yellow cheese
 - 46 Actress Olivia
 - 48 Instigate
 - 50 Grimm brute
 - 51 Play lazily, as a guitar
 - 52 Smell, e.g.
 - 54 Rainbow mnemonic
 - 55 Old-style emblem with a motto
 - 60 Wonderment
 - 61 Hazy stuff
 - 62 Neighbor of S. Dak.
 - 63 Alternative to "equi-"
 - 64 Baier input
 - 65 See 111
 - 66 Like many Netflix flicks
 - 67 Alphabet sequence
 - 68 Walkie-talkie, e.g.
 - 70 Old British rule in India
 - 71 U.S. leader #44
 - 74 Birds of myth
 - 75 Mulling spice
 - 77 Boxing place
 - 78 Cancel out
 - 81 Big name in lightweight metals
 - 82 Be too frugal
 - 83 Puts in peril
 - 84 Signs flashed by Churchill
 - 85 Brontë heroine Jane
 - 87 Darkly evil
 - 89 — Chinese Fictional Finn
 - 91 "That's — hadn't heard"
 - 93 TV's Anderson
 - 94 Abstaining individual
 - 98 "Carpe —!"
 - 100 Overcome
 - 102 Bit of hardware with a
 - 103 — Heap (Dickens villain)
 - 104 Strapped
 - 105 Hidden treasure
 - 106 Runs across
 - 107 Links letters
 - 112 Hand's cost
 - 113 With 31-Down, "Don't go anywhere"
 - 116 Deplore
 - 117 Marsha
 - 118 Duty ending
 - 119 Yule quaff
 - 120 Hit forcefully
 - 121 Cattle call



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Here's How It Works:

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

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| 8 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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