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Wild to serve on Municipal League board

Westland Mayor William R. Wild has been elected to serve on the Michigan Municipal League's Board of Trustees. Wild was one of six officials elected to the board from across the state of Michigan.

The Michigan Municipal League provides a variety of services to help its member communities sustain highly livable, desirable and unique places within the state. Its

services include state and federal advocacy, place-making techniques, legal and insurance services, executive search services, education on a multitude of topics relevant to municipal officials and more.

The Michigan Municipal League is supported by a strategic and passionate Board of Trustees who are a critical part of the league's organizational structure. The 18-member board guides the league's internal workings and public policy with support from five legislative committees. The league president appoints a nominating committee to review candidates and make recommendation for election at the league's annual meeting,

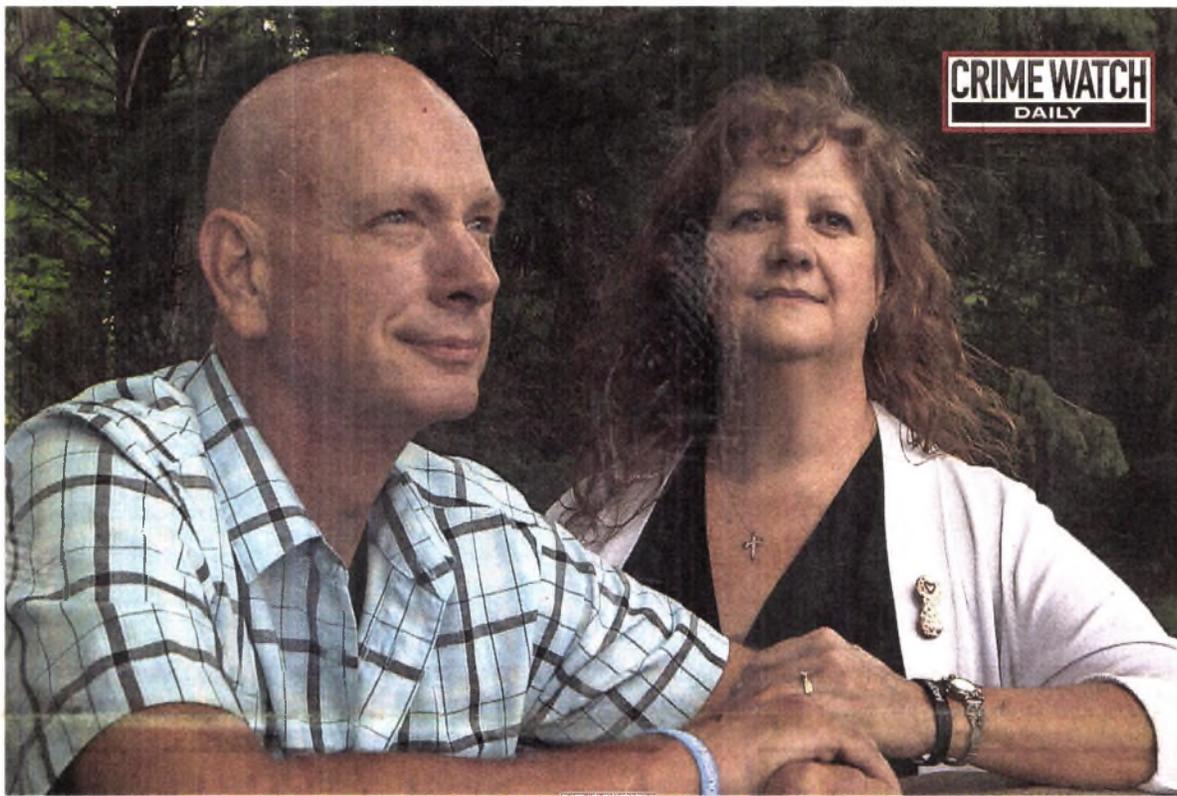


Wild

held at the annual convention. Trustees consideration are aimed to make up a representation from all geographic areas of the state. Preference is given during selection to those individuals who have shown a commitment to the league and its principles.

"It is my honor to be elected to serve on the Michigan Municipal League's Board of Trustees," Wild said. "MML aims to

improve Michigan communities through innovative programs, connecting ideas and people and providing resources and services to the communities they serve. As mayor of the city of Westland, I am excited to bring my unique perspective and experience to MML and I am looking forward to sharing ideas with the many talented individuals that comprise the board."



Ann and Richard Stislicki of Fowlerville agreed to talk to "Crime Watch Daily" to keep their daughter's name in the forefront. CRIME WATCH DAILY

Amazon beginning operations in Livonia

David Veselenak
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Amazon customers will soon start seeing "Livonia, MI" on their tracking orders.

That's because the 1 million-square-foot fulfillment center at Amrhein and Eckles began its operations last weekend, according to a company spokeswoman.

"The Livonia fulfillment center will be coming online this weekend as we greet our first cohort of new associates," Shevaun Brown, a public relations manager for Amazon, wrote in an email.

The company will begin sorting and shipping goods out of the facility, the first such in Michigan for the e-commerce giant.

The launch comes nearly nine months after it was revealed the company was coming to Livonia. It's opening at the site of the former GM Delco Chassis plant, which has been vacant since the 1990s. The company received \$7.5 million in Michigan Strategic Fund credits late last year, as well as a 12-year tax abatement from the city of Livonia earlier this spring.

The company hosted its first-ever media tour of one of its facilities back in July, when Amazon showed off its new facility to local press. The company expects to have about 1,000 permanent workers at the facility, as well as additional seasonal workers.

Those interested in jobs should inquire at amazon.com/livoniajobs, which Brown said is the best way for those interested to inquire.

She said there's no immediate benefits planned for area customers who use the retail giant on a regular basis, but said they could receive their packages faster if the item is in stock at the Livonia center.

"We can't promise any new

Stislicki case draws look from crime show

Brad Kadrich
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Since their daughter's disappearance in December, Ann and Richard Stislicki have worked to bring their daughter home, to no avail.

Their latest attempt to keep the case of missing 28-year-old Danielle Stislicki of Farmington Hills in the forefront — with hopes of shaking loose some piece of information that will lead them to their goal — came a few weeks ago, when the Fowlerville couple agreed to take a short, but incredibly painful, trip down memory lane.

Stislicki family members were among several principals in the puzzling case to sit down to talk with representatives from the syndicated crime show "Crime Watch Daily with Chris Hansen" to go over the case in an effort to keep people talking about it.

It wasn't easy. "It takes you back to the actual day and the call," Ann Stislicki said. "Having to go through that again and talk about that long drive from Fowlerville to Farmington Hills ... that was hard."

Bad memories

Danielle Stislicki disappeared Dec. 2, 2016, from the MetLife office where she worked in Southfield. She had been scheduled to meet a friend that evening, but didn't show. The next day, her car was discovered in the parking lot at Stislicki's Farmington Hills apartment complex. She hasn't been seen since.

The story originally drew the attention of Hansen during the show's second season. A Michigan native, Hansen keeps up with stories that are resonating here and the case of Stislicki caught his attention.

The show teamed with its Detroit affiliate, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7), to report on the story during season two. This new report, put together in the last couple of months, was scheduled to air Friday, Sept. 29, on WMYD-TV (Channel 20).

We have continued following it because we knew there was more to the story that people needed to know," "Crime Watch Daily" producer Scott Eldridge said. "We are hoping our cov-



Danielle Stislicki of Farmington Hills has been missing since Dec. 2. FILE PHOTO

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erage will bring more attention and answers as authorities work to bring justice and closure for Danielle's family."

Media frenzy

The national media attention is nothing new to the Farmington Hills Police Department, which has been investigating the case from its inception. Farmington Hills Police Chief Charles Nebus said the case drew national

media attention "from day one," with much of the focus on details police "couldn't release without jeopardizing our investigation."

The media attention waned — a little — until earlier this summer, when a 30-year-old Berkeley man, Floyd Galloway, was arrested in connection with an attempted sexual assault in Hines Park in Livonia in September 2016.

Police in Livonia and Farmington Hills compared notes — they've never released specifics — and, as a result, Galloway was labeled a "per-

son of interest" in Stislicki's disappearance. It's important to note Galloway, whose house was searched by Farmington Hills Police back in December, has not been charged with anything in the Stislicki case.

"We were executing daily search warrants and were doing 24-hour surveillances that could not be compromised," Nebus said. "Most national media backed off on coverage as a result. 'Crime Watch' reached out at a time more details of the case had been made public and they placed focus on reporting about Danielle's life and the Stislicki family." Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said he hesitated at first about taking part in the show, fearing the exposure might taint his case against Galloway. But the potential good the show could do the Stislicki case won him over. "The biggest reason I



Farmington Hills Police Assistant Chief Matt Koehn (left) and Livonia Police Chief Curt Caid talk to "Crime Watch Daily."

resonate with thousands across the nation and we are honored that her family is trusting us to share their story."

Family ties

The family's strength in participating helped convince Nebus, who has marveled at the family's resilience throughout the department should help with the show.

Department officials communicate with the Stislicki family on nearly a daily basis, Nebus pointed out, and try and follow their leads when the time is right to talk to the media.

"They have been an amazing family to work with," Nebus said. "They have a keen sense of when media is digging too deep and they know when to back off and what might jeopardize the case. 'Crime Watch' personnel gained the trust of the Stislicki family who wanted to do the story and we followed along."

The Stislickis were willing to talk to "Crime Watch Daily" because they know the story isn't finished. They know police are doing everything they can, there's a "person of interest" in custody and the investigation is ongoing.

But Danielle isn't home — "Our utmost responsibility as parents is to get Danielle home," Ann Stislicki said — and there's more story to tell.

"We don't have all of our story, because our case hasn't gone to court," Ann Stislicki said. "It's important for us to keep her name out in the public. (The show) was difficult, but it was something we needed to do and continue to do, until we have some sort of resolution."

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Wild appoints two to city boards

The Westland City Council has approved Mayor William R. Wild's appointments of Michael Williams to the planning commission and Nancy Leonhard to the Tax Increment Finance Authority.



Leonhard Williams

Williams is president and CEO of Orchards Children's Services, Michigan's largest foster care and adoption agency. Williams, the former mayor of Albion, has an extensive educational background, including a master's degree in guidance and counseling, a program at Harvard

University on strategic perspectives in nonprofit management and a neighborhood builders program for leadership. Williams is filling an unexpired term on the planning commission and his term will expire May 18, 2018.

Leonhard has lived in Westland for more than

20 years and has been a Westland business owner since 2006. Leonhard owns and operates Salon 210, located inside the Westland Shopping Center. Salon 210 was voted "Best Hair Salon" by "Vote for the Best" in metro Detroit. Leonhard has been appointed to TIFA for a four-year term, set to expire Sept. 18, 2021.

"These new members bring with them a wealth of experience with business backgrounds along with a desire to serve the community in which they live," Wild said.



Shelves in the distance at the Amazon fulfillment center in Livonia. Come this fall, those shelves will be stocked with merchandise. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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services, but depending on what they're ordering customers in the region could see faster shipping times - but this is depen-

dent on if the product they're ordering is housed in the new Livonia fulfillment center," she said.

The center will ship items all over the country.

In addition to the Livonia fulfillment center,

other fulfillment centers for Amazon are planned for metro Detroit, including in Romulus and Shelby Township.

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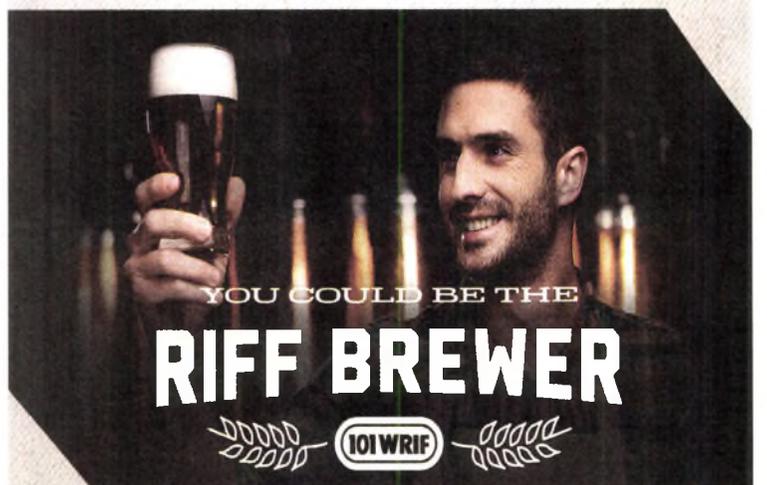
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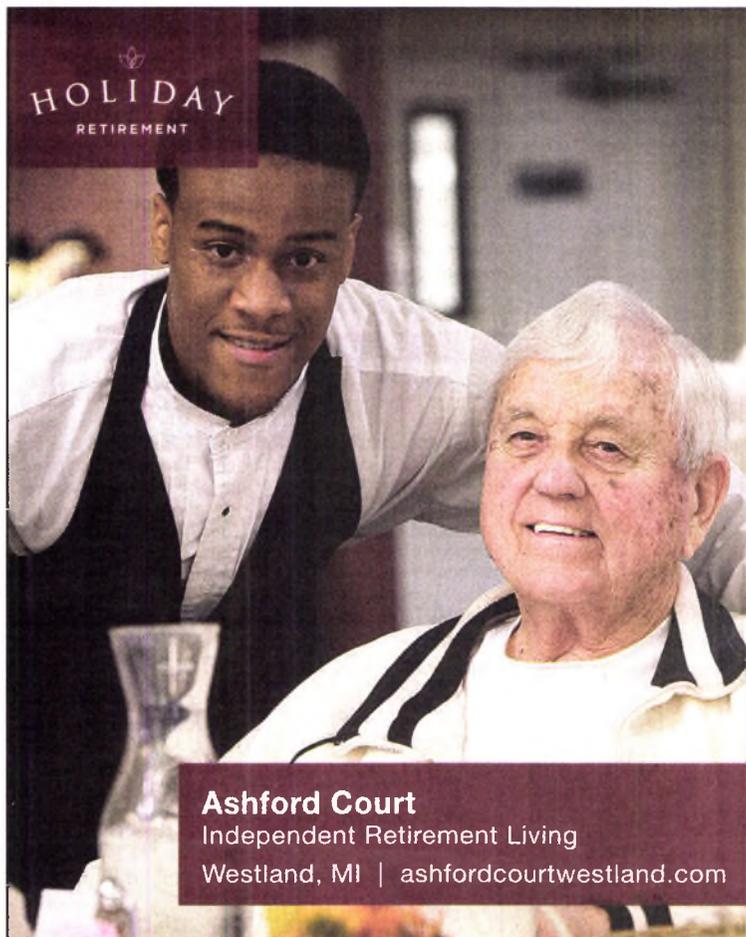
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Christian group serves as bridge for business

WDIV-TV (Channel 4) television personality Chuck Gaidica is the featured speaker for the first of a series of monthly meetings linking Christians with business opportunities.

The kickoff event of COMPASS Christian Business Alliance Western Wayne is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, at Dave & Buster's in Livonia.

The goal of the new group is to connect Christian business people through regular gatherings, inspirational speakers, networking opportunities and a chance to build relationships, according to the group's website, michigancompass.org/westernwayne.

"I am so pleased to be speaking to the group," Gaidica said. "Every person is called to be a minister. When you think about being a witness, in the marketplace is a powerful place to be."

Gaidica was formerly a WDIV weatherman and cohost of "Live in the D." He was recently named director of Hilltop Church of the Nazarene in Northville and he also serves as a community ambassador for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation.

Businessman launches group

Ken McMullen, business development specialist with Thrivent Financial for the Great Lakes region, is the force behind launching the western Wayne COMPASS group, which joins other Michigan chapters in Port Huron and Ma-



Gaidica

comb. "There is a need," said McMullen, who has lifelong roots in Plymouth. "This area seems to be highly faith-based with people going to church and going to work. There can be a disconnect and this can be a bridge."

The idea is to "equip, encourage and connect" people, he added.

McMullen is serving his 10th year as chairman for the board of directors of the Livonia Prayer Breakfast, which hosts one faith-based speaker and lunch annually.

He already has former Detroit Lions kicker Jason Hanson booked as the speaker for the November COMPASS meeting at Dave & Buster's. Hanson retired in 2012 from the Lions after completing one of the best careers in NFL history, spanning 21 seasons as one of the league's most productive kickers. He is an active speaker in the Christian community and helped establish Providence Youth Outreach, which helps at-risk youth in Pontiac.

Membership perks

Membership isn't required to attend any

COMPASS events, but it has benefits, like being listed in the COMPASS Business Directory, free lunch passes and a personalized name badge at lunch meetings.

The biggest benefit of becoming a COMPASS member, McMullen said, is "knowing that you are playing an important role in advancing biblical principles in the local business community."

A \$120 annual fee gives members a \$2 per meeting lunch discount, a permanent name badge, an updated COMPASS Business Directory and eligibility for a member spotlight profile on the COMPASS website.

A business membership is \$200 annually, which includes all the privileges of an individual membership for up to three people in an organization and four free lunch passes.

Make-a-Difference sponsors commit to a \$100 donation to keep lunch costs down. Sponsorship includes having a brief time during the lunch to speak about a business or organization, pass out literature and recognition as a sponsor on the COMPASS website.

COMPASS luncheons will be held the first Thursday of each month at a different location and the cost is \$20.

For more information about becoming a Make-A-Difference sponsor, call 810-966-8660. To sign up for luncheons, go to michigancompass.org/westernwayne or Facebook at compasswesternwayne.

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Car broken into

A resident who lives in the 8500 block of Wildwood came into the police station Sept. 19 to report a larceny from auto that had taken place.

He said he parked his vehicle at his residence overnight. He came out to it later and found it had been broken into. Missing were several items, including keys and loose change. He said it appeared someone tampered with the ignition, though there was no damage.

Sunglasses taken

A resident who lives in the 7000 block of Lakeview Boulevard came

into the police station Sept. 19 to report some sunglasses had been stolen from his vehicle.

He left the vehicle, which he believed was unlocked, parked outside overnight. He returned the next morning to find a pair of sunglasses missing from inside. No suspect information was available.

Attempted burglary reported

Westland police were called Sept. 20 to a home in the 30000 block of Beechnut Avenue on the report of an attempted burglary.

The caller said someone had attempted to break in through the

front window. She told police she noticed some damage to her interior front window. She looked closer and saw the piece of wood she uses for additional security was also damaged. She said she was gone for several hours the night before and that no one was home at that time. Nothing was reported missing.

Sign damaged

Police were called Sept. 20 to Featherston Chiropractic, 27527 Joy, on the report of damage done to the business's sign. The employee said someone had kicked his business street sign on both sides, which left several cracks.

Car window smashed

A resident who lives in the 7000 block of Donna came into the police station Sept. 21 to report some damage done to his vehicle.

He said the car was parked on the street during a period of time. When he came out to the car that morning, he found the passenger front window broken out. No suspect information was available.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Items stolen from vehicle

An online report filed with police Sept. 24 from a resident who lives in the 34500 block of Glover claims several items were taken from her vehicle.

She said she received a message from police in Dearborn Heights that some of her personal belongings were recovered from a stolen vehicle. After getting the message, she went out to her car and found her purse and wallet missing from inside her car, along with the items in her center console scattered about the car. She was able to recover most

of her belongings, though did not locate her or her children's social security cards.

Home broken into

Wayne police were called Sept. 24 to a home on Glover on the report of a burglary that had taken place.

Police arrived and spoke to the resident, who was standing outside the home and did not find anyone inside. The resident checked inside and noticed some items were missing, including an Xbox One, a watch as well as a gold ring with diamonds. The basement

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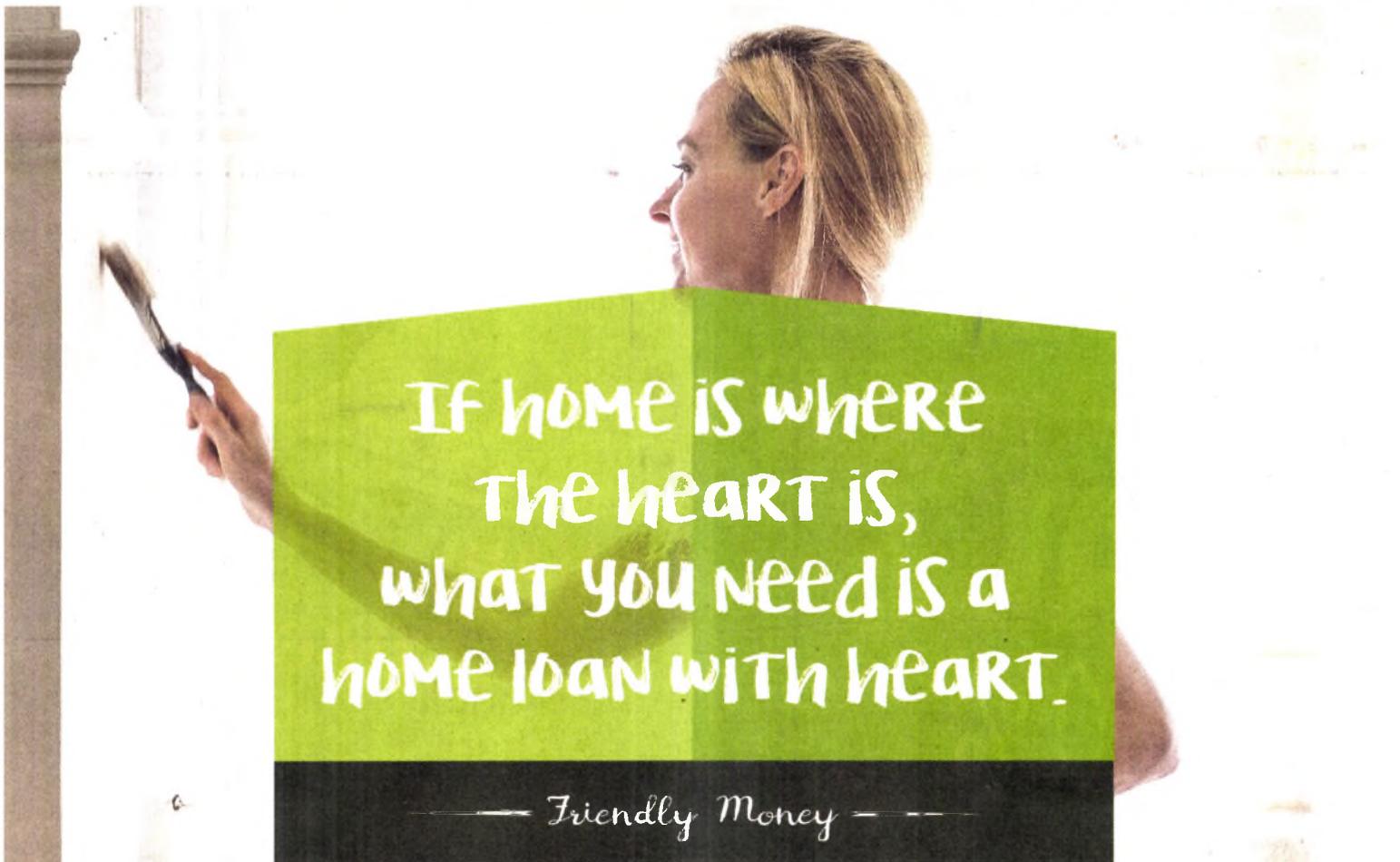
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was locked with a padlock, though that was broken off and access was granted. Downstairs was space for growing medical marijuana, though it appeared the plants were all dead. No suspect information was available.

Gun stolen from truck

Police were dispatched Sept. 24 to a residence in the 34600 block of Winslow on the report of a stolen gun. The victim said he parked his car in his driveway the night before and left the doors unlocked. He came out

the next morning and found the handgun and his debit card missing. He said the card had been used several times in Inkster since it had been taken.

Car damaged at assembly plant

An employee at the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant, 38303 Michigan Ave., filed a police report Sept. 20 to report some damage done to her vehicle.

The victim said she drove her car and parked it in her usual spot in a parking lot at the plant. When she came out several hours later after her shift, she found a front window cracked. She said it was intact when she pulled into the lot earlier. After discovering

the crack, she called plant security.

Hood dented, damaged

A student doing dental rotations at the Wayne County Department of Public Health building, 33030 Van Born, filed a police report Sept. 20 regarding some damage to his vehicle.

He came out after doing a rotation at the building that afternoon to find the hood vandalized. He said it appeared someone had jumped up and down on the hood, causing it to dent and be damaged. No witnesses saw the incident take place.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Toys, other items taken

Livonia police were called Monday evening to Target, 29451 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

When police arrived, they spoke to an employee, who said he saw the suspect in the toy section. She was seen placing several toys in her possession, as well as several items getting concealed in her purse. She went to another department and concealed other items in her purse and sleeve. She tried to leave without paying, but was stopped and detained by an employee. She was held until police arrived and arrested her. She was taken to the police station for

Tools taken from truck

A patron at the Fairfield Inn, 17350 Fox, called police the morning of Sept. 23 to report a larceny from auto that took place sometime overnight.

He said he was a guest at the hotel and parked his truck in the parking lot overnight. He came back that morning to find two tool bags missing. One had hand tools in it, the other had some battery-powered drills. He said the vehicle was locked and he did not know how it was accessed. No damage was observed on the outside of the truck door.

Movies, TV shows taken from store

Police were called Sept. 22 to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect who had fled the store.

Police could not locate the suspect, who had fled the store in a vehicle. Police spoke to an employee, who said they saw the suspect select several DVDs of movies and television shows and place them in a cart. He pushed the cart to the front of the store and tried to leave without paying. He was stopped, but fled the store without the merchandise.

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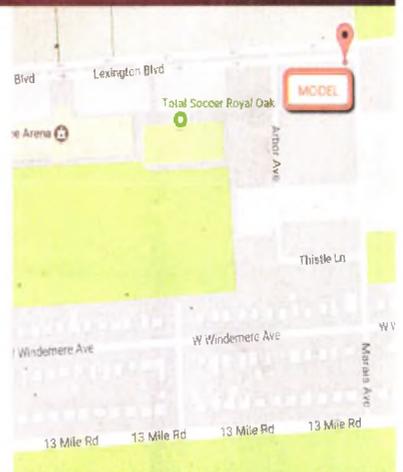
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Funny money passed during Livonia Craigslist transaction

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Livonia police are once again reminding those who buy and sell online to utilize the police station as a meeting place after some counterfeit cash was reportedly used in a transaction.

A 22-year-old Linden man came into the police station Monday evening to report some counterfeit bills he said he received in a transaction done through Craigslist. He said he put an iPhone for sale on the site and was contacted by an interested buyer. The two agreed on a price of \$580 and arranged to meet at a Tim Hortons on Five Mile.

The two met at the restaurant and made an

exchange of cash for the phone. The buyer then sprinted away through the parking lot back to his car after the transaction took place, according to the Linden man.

The man later deposited the money at a Chase Bank in Livonia, along with an additional \$20 he had in his wallet previously. He later got a notification from the bank that some or all of the bills were counterfeit.

When police inquired about why the additional \$20 could have been counterfeit as well, the man said he had sold a cellphone case for cash the day before. The man said he did not believe that bill was fake, saying the seller seemed "too genuine" to do such a thing. Police said the man

appeared nervous reporting the claim, though attributed it to having high anxiety and affirmed his story was true. He did not bring the disputed cash with him, since he had already deposited it in the bank.

Police advise those looking to do such transactions in the future attempt to do them at area police departments for safety reasons. The Livonia Police Department offers a service for Livonia residents that allows police to check a serial number of an item to determine whether it's stolen. This free service was launched in 2015.

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Teen injured in golf cart accident

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Livonia police are warning residents that golf carts cannot be used in the city after an accident involving one sent a teenager to the hospital with head injuries.

Sgt. Brian Leigh of the Livonia Police Department said a teenager was taken Sept. 23 to St. Mary Mercy Hospital after falling off of a skateboard he was riding while holding onto a golf cart.

Leigh said the boy was on a skateboard holding onto the back of the moving golf cart being driven by another boy near Curtis and Mayfield. He said the boy then shifted from holding onto the back of the cart to the side of the cart. The golf cart driver

then hit the brakes on the cart and the skateboarder let go, which is designed to send the skateboarder accelerating forward.

The boy on the skateboard, who was not wearing a helmet, then launched forward, but fell off.

"He loses his balance, falls down and hits his head," Leigh said.

The boy was taken to the local hospital before being airlifted to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor for further treatment. Leigh said the boy is expected to recover.

"(It) appears he will make a full recovery, which is good," Leigh said.

The incident prompted police to remind area residents that the private

operation of golf carts is forbidden in Livonia.

Despite the operation of golf carts on streets being illegal, Leigh said police still see it frequently. He said it was important to stress safety when skateboarding, especially after the most recent accident.

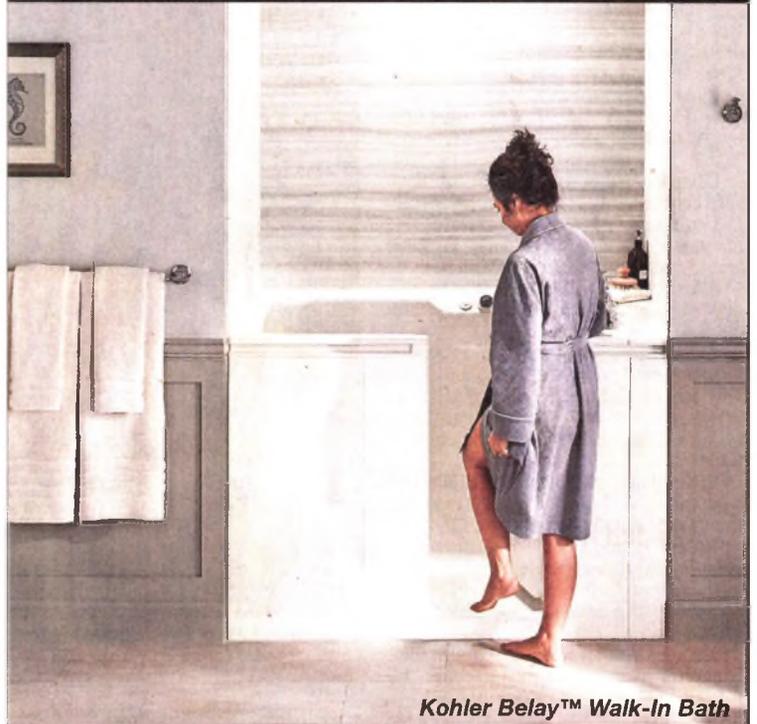
State law states villages and cities that have a population of less than 30,000 based on the most recent census are the only communities that are eligible to make golf carts legal within their communities.

"We don't even come close to fitting the criteria," Leigh said.

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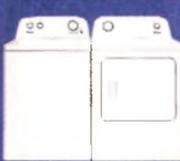
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FIGHTING TO SAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD

Man works to help SC city's black community overcome poverty, racism

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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onation.usatoday.com.

GREENVILLE, S.C. - Darian Blue said he would be walking through Winn-Dixie grocery stores in 1980s Florida and his great-grandmother, born in 1908, would suddenly pull him behind her.

She'd tug at him and tell him to look down at the ground whenever a white person passed in an aisle.

"The years I spent with her, I was seeing the world from her lens," said Blue, now a reverend at Nicholtown Missionary Baptist Church and the executive director of the Phillis Wheatley Center in Greenville.

"This went on through the '80s and '90s," he said. "I don't think she ever felt the type of equality she hoped for."

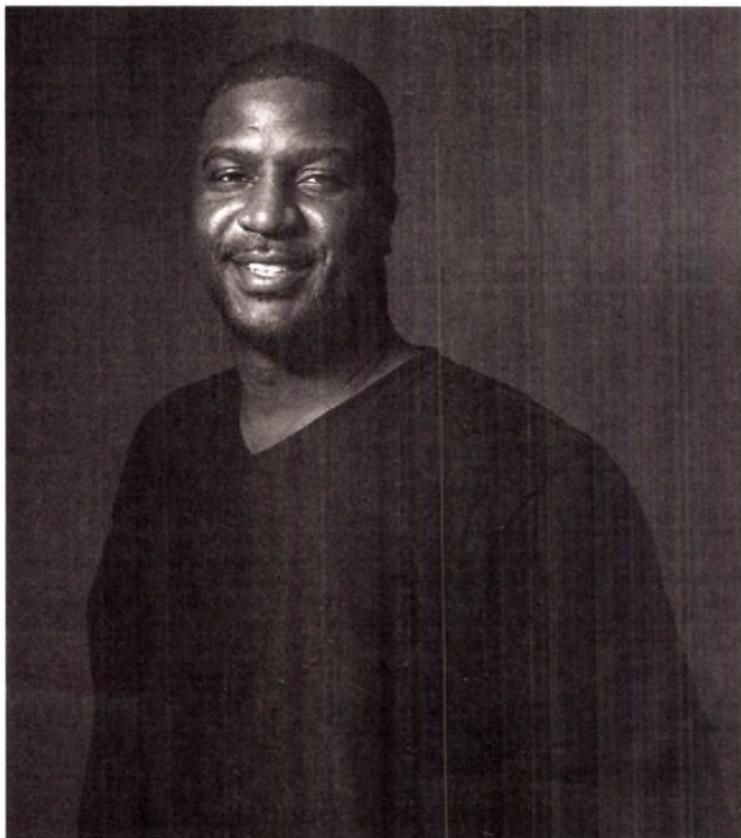
Blue, 37, said people like his great-grandmother went to the grave with racial scars so deep that they struggled to recognize the changes he saw while growing up.

He sees similar scars in Greenville's Nicholtown neighborhood, where he moved five years ago to run the Wheatley Center, a nonprofit that has been led by African Americans for nearly 100 years.

Poverty, Blue said, is the main problem in Nicholtown, Greenville's first black neighborhood established just before the Civil War. The community is about 1.5 miles from the booming downtown business district.

Blue expects downtown growth to push many longtime residents out of the neighborhood. To help them, he is working with developers so they'll get to know the homeowners. The hope is that developers can talk with homeowners and leverage their stories into bigger sales, meaning more money for those who are being priced out of the neighborhood.

But Blue and others also are working



Darian Blue, a pastor at Nicholtown Missionary Baptist Church and executive director of the Phillis Wheatley Center in Greenville, S.C., is fighting poverty. JOSH MORGAN/USA TODAY NETWORK

to keep people in Nicholtown.

The Wheatley Center is undergoing renovations to add a cooking school, which Blue hopes will train a generation of people to work at restaurants before owning their own.

Blue is troubled that he still has to have tough conversations about race with his children. He said the solution for racial tension in society is found through Christ: "Love one another."

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Darian Blue

Location: Nicholtown community in Greenville, South Carolina

Age: 37

Profession: Minister and executive director of the Phillis Wheatley Center

Mission: To bring his neighborhood out of poverty

Q&A WITH DARIAN BLUE

What does it mean to you to be an American?

My great-grandma raised me. She was born in a time that these United States were very segregated. Seeing the world from her lens was somewhat hard, because for her, looking a white person in the face was dangerous. You had to address all white people by "yes, sir" or "yes, ma'am." Growing up, I didn't understand that because I felt like ... everyone was equal, and I really didn't understand racism at that point. I am passing on to my kids that the only time you hold your head down is when you pray, when you pray to God out of reverence because there's no one human being greater than another. So when we pray, we bow our head in reverence to God.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

So poverty is what I hate. Poverty is what led me and still guides me to this day to put forth the effort and make sure everybody has a good living. I've been in poverty. I know what it smells like. What it tastes like. ... If more people would open their eyes and wouldn't turn a blind eye to poverty, what we'll see is that America can be better because there are great minds, but they're just diamonds in the rough. They need someone to reach down and pick them up.

What gives you hope or concerns you?

The rhetoric I hear now from the government, that really concerns me. We see a spike in these hate groups ... and it's just, at one point I thought we were getting better, but we're kind of going backwards, so that concerns me what I hear. ... I think white America has to stand up against white America. I tell all my friends, if you say you're really passionate and your heart is there, then you have a conversation with that racist family member, that racist co-worker. This is a battle for white America. White America has to heal white America. Black America can't heal white America. Hispanic America can't heal white America.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

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Garden City candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County will host a candidate forum 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Garden City City Hall. Seven candidates competing for the three seats on the Garden City City Council have been invited. The public is invited to attend the forum and submit questions for the candidates that will be asked by a moderator. The public can also submit questions in advance at lvwmail@yahoo.com. The forum will be taped and will appear on the League's website (LWVnorthwestwayne.org) within a week after the forum.

Body Mind Spirit Festival

Enjoy a day of exploration and fun at the Body Mind Spirit Festival set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

More than 40 vendors will be showcasing their products that help body, mind, and spirit: aura photography, massage, spiritual coaching, wellness, natural healing, holistic health, metaphysics, natural health products, Reiki, Reflexology, readers, and more. Presentations will be given on how to move through change, connect

with energy, heal with sound, and access pets' radiant health; in addition, there will be information on the energy of prayer, float therapy, Reiki, essential oils, chiropractic medicine and understanding product labels.

Refreshments will be available; there will also be an activity center for kids.

Admission is \$5; children under 12 free with an adult.

Citizens for Peace

"How to Prevent Gun Violence" is the topic of the 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, Citizens for Peace meeting at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. Scott Nichols, co-chair of the MI Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, and a retired state police trooper, will discuss the efforts of the MI Coalition.

All are welcome to help solve the problem of gun violence. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.michigancoalitiontopreventgunviolence.org or www.citizen4peace.com.

Who Should You Trust?

The State Bar of Michigan will be offering a free program titled "Who Should You Trust? Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes" at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

This informal seminar,



Darrin Owl will be one of the creatures at the Nakin Mills Halloween Forest Fun Hike, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 13.

hosted by the Wayne Senior Services, will offer important information for seniors by Michigan licensed lawyers. It will be approximately an hour. There will be a question and answer period. Attendees will also receive a free specially designed folder containing essential estate planning information, forms and other materials for effective estate planning.

No registration is required, but preferred. To register or for more information, call Nancy at Wayne Senior Services at 734-721-7460, ext. 7.

Church rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church's upcoming rummage sale is set for 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7. The church is located at

36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

Cost is \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; admission is free Friday and Saturday. Saturday will be a half-price sale. For more information, call the church office at 734-422-0149.

Friends of the Livonia Library book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Library will be holding their 90th book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

There will be a huge number of books such as history, mystery, religious, children's fiction, gardening, fiction and non-fiction available, as well as a collector's corner. On Sunday, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries.

The sale will be at the Robert and Janet Bennett's Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2495.

3D Photography Club meeting

The 3D Photography Club will hold the second meeting of its 2017-18 season 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

The program will be a presentation of the very best stereo images from the recent Ohio International Stereo Exhibition. After a refreshment break, there will be a 3D image competition among club members with the topic of "Flowers & Gardens."

For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Livonia Halloween open house

Join the fun from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Halloween open house, 15100 Hubbard. Enjoy the pool, climbing wall and a variety of gym activities. The gyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball, volleyball and basketball. Guests will also have a

chance to learn about organizations and business. As a special treat, youths are invited to trick-or-treat at participating organizations and businesses. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Admission is free for the day for residents and \$3 per person for non-residents. For more information, contact the Kirksey Recreation Center at 734-466-2900.

Halloween Forest Fun Hike

Head Friday, Oct. 13, to Nakin Mills Interpretive Center for a guided night hike to meet "not-so-scary" and "sort-of-silly" nature characters. These costumed creatures will tell you all about themselves and share some Halloween prizes and treats. The hike, which starts at 6 p.m. and each half-hour after until 7:30 p.m., is on the grounds of the Interpretive Center and lasts about 45 minutes. Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour time. Program is recommended for ages 4 to adult.

Pre-registration is required by calling the park office at 734-261-1990. You will only be pre-registered when payment is made. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult. Add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents. No charge for children 3 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

RU students have a chance to win Oct. 4

With the state of Michigan's Fall Count Day set for Wednesday, Oct. 4, the Redford Union School District is using the day as a way to engage students, staff and parents on the rewards of good attendance.

"As a district, we continually stress the importance of attending school every day," Superintendent Dr. Sarena Shivers said. "This year, we look

at the all-important statewide Count Day as an opportunity to create a festive and memorable day for our students, teachers and parents through the engagement of a variety of activities and by using the Oct. 4 attendance roll sheets from each of the schools in our district to raffle a variety of awards and prizes for coming to school."

Each school within the district will host its own activities related to Count Day, when 90 percent of state funding is determined by how many students attend school that day.

Redford Union High School students at school will participate in a raffle to win a 32 GB iPad provided by Comcast Cablevision. Hilbert Middle School, Beech Element-

ary and MacGowan Elementary students recorded on attendance sheets will be eligible to participate in the raffle for \$25 Visa gift cards.

Building administrators will have staff take attendance and provide a copy of the attendance log to administrators to be used for the drawing. To be eligible, students must be present and accounted for Oct. 4.

Consumers: It smells, but no gas leak in Wayne County

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

Consumers Energy sought to ease fears Wednesday morning after hundreds of western Wayne County residents reported what they believed could be a natural gas leak.

Company spokeswoman Debra Dodd said an investigation indicated too much of a chemical additive, mercaptan, apparently was added to one of the natural gas company's stations on Napier Road. It

creates the odor of rotten eggs so that people can detect natural gas, which is odorless.

"That's what we think happened," Dodd said.

Residents in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Livonia and other communities reported the odor.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said the city received so many calls that an extension was set up on the city's phone system to transfer calls to Consumers Energy.

"We're getting deluged with calls," he said Wednesday morning.

Steve Ott, fire chief of the Northville City Fire Department, which also serves Plymouth, also said numerous residents called amid concerns of a possible gas leak. He said it appears there is no danger.

"We are responding to people's calls and confirming that the structures are safe," he said.

Dodd said it could take some time for the

odor to dissipate. Meanwhile, anyone who ever suspects they may have a natural gas leak should call 800-477-5050.

"If people are still concerned and they are smelling gas, they can still call," she said.

Dodd said Consumers Energy was responding to calls as quickly as possible.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Local connection paying off for Crusaders

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

There is no denying Jerry Abraham's long and storied tenure as Madonna University women's volleyball coach has been resplendent with a bevy of outstanding teams and players wearing the blue and gold.

A big reason for the Crusaders' continuing excellence is being able to tap into an impressive pool of high school talent, much of it developing

not far away from the Madonna University campus in Livonia.

At the top of the list for the 2017 team are senior middle hitter Amanda Hawkins and freshman libero Aly Facione — who graduated from Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill, respectively.

"We always love the local players," said Abraham, who this summer brought in former

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Hawkins



Facione



Getting ready to hammer the ball is Madonna senior middle hitter Amanda Hawkins. MADONNA ATHLETICS

Rice cage camp

The fall 2017 Brother Rice Basketball Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 28-29.

The 11th annual camp, for players in grades 3-6, will be held at Brother Rice High School and will be directed by Warriors head coach Ed Shaffer and his staff.

Campers will learn the basic fundamentals of ball handling, shooting and team and individual drills. The camp will include competitive play and tournament action.

As part of the \$90 fee, each participant will receive a T-shirt. Directors suggest to sign up early as the camp usually fills up early.

For more information, call 248-833-2014 or email at shaffer@brrice.edu.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Teams take aim at helping feed hungry kids

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Livonia high school volleyball players might have a lot on their plates, what with athletics and academics demanding much of their time.

But through Blessings in a Backpack, they are making a worthy effort to make sure some children in the area have something on their plates.

On Tuesday, the volleyball teams from Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin and Northville high schools had the unique canned food drive — which was organized by the Churchill volleyball program.

Churchill's varsity faced Northville, Franklin and Livonia Stevenson, with players and spectators alike bringing in plastic bags filled with canned food.

Blessings in a Backpack also was the backdrop for junior varsity games at Northville and freshman games at Franklin (involving those four schools at each venue).

As of Wednesday, more than 400 canned goods and cash/gift cards worth about \$600 were donated.

"It means a lot," Churchill varsity player Elizabeth Profit said. "Just for us to be able to help out the needy and just be able to give back to the community feels amazing."

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Livonia Churchill varsity volleyball players (from left) Elizabeth Profit and Summer Clark both said it was a good feeling to help collect food for kids through Blessings in a Backpack. TIM SMITH

COLLEGE SWIMMING



Katie Minnich, Mercy's all-state swimmer, will continue her academic and athletic careers at the University of Michigan next fall. DAN DEAN

Mercy's Minnich makes commitment to Michigan

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Katie Minnich recently took a trip to the University of Michigan to check out the school and its swim program.

Farmington Hills Mercy's all-state swimmer was impressed enough that she decided Ann Arbor is where she wants to continue her education while developing her swim talents.

Minnich made a verbal commitment to attend Michigan last week and couldn't be happier with her decision. She has also taken official visits to the University of Virginia and University of Florida.

"I'm excited. Michigan just really stuck out. I loved the coaches and the team there," said Minnich, who plans to get into Michigan's pre-med program. "I felt like they are going to give me every opportunity to excel in both the classroom and the pool, so I didn't have to compromise on anything and that was really important to me."

Minnich did not have one specific college in mind over



Katie Minnich is a senior. DAN DEAN

the past few years. However, some family ties she had to Michigan did help her final decision.

"I never really had a dream school that I had in mind. I just wanted to see where life took me and where I would end up," Minnich said. "I've had my grandma, my great-grandpa and aunts and uncles who all went to Michigan, so it's definitely a family thing."

Under water power

Second-year Mercy head coach Mike Venos believes Minnich will fit in nicely with the Wolverines.

"Katie has some of the best under waters in the state. Her speed under water is amazing," Venos said. "And that's what drew the attention of a lot of college coaches to her and every coach talked about her under waters."

"And she trains. She is one of the hardest trainers we have in the pool. It's nice that she's going to be close to home and I think (Michigan's) style of training will suit her well. They do a lot of race pace. They don't necessarily do a lot of over yardage and I think that's the kind of training she's used to."

"I think she's really going to flourish there," he added. "I don't think she'll have any issue adapting to the college program."

Swimming is a sport Minnich enjoys thoroughly, despite a rigorous year-round training program.

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Harrison's Terrill Collins (right) makes a 40-yard TD catch against Seaholm during a recent junior varsity game. JACK MUMFORD-ZENFOLIO

Hawks JV grid team on a roll

Farmington Harrison's junior varsity football team dropped its season opener to East Grand Rapids, but has won five straight games since.

The Hawks JV's latest victory was a 36-7 decision over Rochester. Harrison has outscored its opponents by a whopping 168-37 margin during its winning streak. Harrison defeated Farmington's JV, 52-8.

Andrew Dooley (tight end), tri-captain Myles Hunt (defensive tackle), Terrill Collins (wide receiver/corner) and Sterling Solomon (linebacker/fullback) were a few of the top performers over Rochester.

Harrison's next JV game is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 5 against Ferndale.

MIHL Showcase teams set

The Michigan Inter-scholastic Hockey League selection committee announced the 42 teams that will play in the 2018 event, which takes place Feb. 1-3, 2018, at the Kennedy Ice Arena in Trenton.

Teams from the Observer/Eccentric/Hometownlife areas scheduled to participate are Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Salem.

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Amanda Hawkins (center-right) celebrates with Madonna teammates after a point. MADONNA ATHLETICS

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Chargers head coach Mark Grenier as an assistant. "And in the past, we've had a lot more local players than we currently have on our team. But we still have some key players that are local.

"And this is a real good conference (KLAA) in our surrounding area, a lot of good volleyball athletes. I think when we have an opportunity to go get them and we spot somebody that we want, we make an extra effort to get them."

Local impact

The feeling seems to be mutual, especially for players such as Hawkins (an All-American and co-captain) and the scrappy Facione.

"It's been really cool to kind of stay in my hometown, because everyone can watch me play and come to all the games," Hawkins said. "Going from high school, it was such a great experience there. I broke the school record for blocks. So I was really excited to go from that and be prepared for college volleyball.

"But when I came here, it was a whole different pace, it was so much faster. I definitely learned a lot as a freshman (at Madonna) and every year I've been growing and, hopefully, getting better."

Facione said it is "such a blessing" to be able to quickly segue from preps to college without missing a beat.

"Kids around this area are really blessed to be able to have a school so close to home that is so high-caliber, both educationally and athletically," said Facione, already the starter at libero.

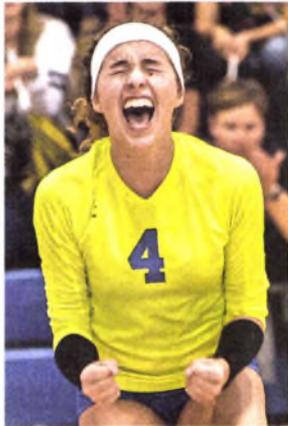
She added that youngsters such as herself know how to act and go about their business just by following the lead of All-America seniors Hawkins, Karlie Kelly and Nicole Oestrike (both outside hitters).

Muscle up front

Abraham's All-Americans up front undoubtedly have plenty to do with the Crusaders' early season hot streak.

The Crusaders (16-2, 5-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference) swept the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 3-0, on Sept. 20 to move into 20th place in the rankings.

"We came into this season



Reacting with emotion is Madonna University freshman libero Aly Facione. MADONNA ATHLETICS

knowing those three players (Hawkins, Kelly, Oestrike), along with our veteran setter, Lauren Korth, they're really the core of our team," Abraham said. "They have the most experience, they're the seasoned players. Nicole, Amanda and Karlie are all terminating kind of hitters and (Korth) ... she is playing much more relaxed, much more confident."

Hawkins said it is a thrill to be in the front row with two other All-Americans as the Crusaders continue to hammer opponents.

"It's definitely exciting, because it kind of makes us a force to be reckoned with, especially when we're all seniors and we're all front row," said Hawkins, a 2014 Stevenson grad. "So I definitely think other teams coming in, they know we're going to show up."

She describes her own style of play as fast and unpredictable.

"In the middle, anywhere you go you're going to have a blocker (on other side)," said the 6-0 Hawkins. "For quicks in the middle, I love cross-shots and I like to hit them fast."

A long postseason run is in their sights, said Hawkins, who really didn't turn serious about volleyball until middle school.

Good suggestion

But Hawkins' road to Madonna started several years ago, when she was spotted

playing volleyball in the neighborhood.

"To be honest, when I went into middle school, I didn't even know volleyball was a sport," Hawkins said with a chuckle. "I was soccer and basketball my whole life. There was this mom, Sally Freed from Stevenson, and she said, 'You're so tall, you should play volleyball.' I was, like, 'OK, what's that?'"

"So she's the one who got me to start playing in her front yard with her daughter. My parents (Chris and Jetonna Hawkins) then paid for me to go to all the clubs and the travel leagues, start high school and get recruited."

The rest, as they say, is history. First came an all-conference career with the Spartans, then she quickly made the transition to collegiate volleyball.

"I saw her in high school at Stevenson and I saw her progress," Abraham said. "I think, she made leaps and bounds from her junior year to her senior year and from her senior year to first year of college. She's got a volleyball body. She's lean, she's strong and fast. That's what we liked about her."

Like a family

Abraham also likes Facione at libero.

"She's a freshman libero that's absolutely taking charge," he said. "She's not playing like a freshman. She's confident, she's well-liked. She's kind of earned that starting job right off the bat. The players just love playing around her."

Whether the Crusaders take a serious run at a national championship or not, Hawkins will never forget her four years with the team.

"It's definitely going to be part of my life forever," said Hawkins, a psychology major with a 3.8 grade-point average. "You can always come back to those alumni games and see everyone. It's definitely like a family. It's kind of sad that this is my last year as part of this family."

"I've been playing volleyball since middle school. I don't know how I'm going to handle it after."

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Does your shoulder need a tuneup?

Here in the Motor City, we tend to talk about things in "car terms" and when I'm talking about body parts with my patients, I will often say things like, "Your shoulder just needs a tuneup" or "Your shoulder needs an engine overhaul," depending on the severity of the problem, of course.

Now we all know that the weather has been nice, but unfortunately summer is gone and the nice parts of fall will be fading fast very soon. I suspect that many of you have been nursing a sore shoulder through your summer golf, tennis and softball endeavors. It might be just the right time to get your shoulder checked out and "tuned up" so that you're not sidelined from those activities that you enjoy this winter or next spring.

Let's start by talking a little about the shoulder itself. The shoulder is actually an amazing joint. It allows motion in all sorts of directions and has the power to throw balls, swing rackets and drive golf balls hundreds of yards. However, there is a catch: the shoulder is quite prone to irritation and injury. The unique anatomy that allows us to do all of these amazing feats also makes the shoulder a bit vulnerable.

The rotator cuff is composed of four muscles and tendons that surround the top of the humeral head (the ball) and hold it centered in the shoulder joint (the socket). The rotator cuff also helps your deltoid muscle when it comes to lifting your arm over your head. A tear may result suddenly from an injury or develop gradually over time because of repetitive activities. The rotator cuff tendons and bursa can also get inflamed, resulting in tendonitis or bursitis.

Many patients develop a bone spur that rubs on the rotator cuff, causing pinching (impingement) with subsequent inflammation or tearing. The biceps tendon attaches to an "o-ring" that surrounds the socket of the shoulder joint. This o-ring can pull away, resulting in a SLAP tear, or the biceps tendon itself can tear or become inflamed.

The AC joint is the small joint in the top of the shoulder where the end of the collar bone meets the top of the scapula. It is a lightning rod for inflammation and arthritis, especially in young active individuals. Less commonly, arthritis can also affect the ball and socket of the shoulder joint.

Common signs, symptoms

» Recurrent pain in the shoulder and upper arm, particularly with overhead activities and movements like reaching quickly or throwing.

» Pain at night that prevents you from sleeping on the affected side.

» Muscle weakness, especially when attempting to lift the arm.

» Catching and grating or cracking sounds that hurt



Joe Guettler
DR. JOR

when the arm is moved.

» Shoulder stiffness and limitation of function

Treatment options

» Rest: If the problem is due in part to overuse, resting the shoulder may help. For those of you "addicted" to your athletic and recreational pursuits, this can often be the most challenging form of treatment.

» Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications, like ibuprofen, can often help control pain and reduce inflammation (I tell my patients that these medications work like pouring buckets of water on a campfire).

» Strengthening and stretching exercises, as part of a physical therapy program, are often very important in preventing symptoms from returning once the inflammation is under control.

» Corticosteroid injections can help reduce pain and inflammation, but cannot be repeated too many times because they can also weaken the tendon.

» Because corticosteroid injections have their limitations, we have actually been researching - and using - growth factors like platelet rich plasma (PRP) and stem cells that can be injected in the office or applied at the time of surgery to aid in tendon healing.

Minimally invasive tuneups

If you do have a shoulder problem that hasn't responded to conservative treatment, don't panic. We're doing a lot of minimally invasive procedures, which can "tune you up and get you back in the game." Many of these surgeries can be done arthroscopically through poke incisions.

We can repair rotator cuff and SLAP tears, clean up arthritis and smooth bone spurs using these new techniques. In more severe cases, open surgery through a formal incision is sometimes required to repair large tears or replace the shoulder joint itself.

And, by the way, shoulder replacements have come a long way - we are doing some very advanced shoulder replacements at Beaumont that can decrease pain and improve function in some of the most complex cases that involve massive rotator cuff tears and arthritis.

Dr. Joseph Guettler is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine, as well as surgery of the knee, shoulder, and elbow. His practice, Performance Orthopedics, is located in Bingham Farms. Guettler is active in teaching and research as a member of the medical staff at Beaumont Hospital and the OUWB Medical School.

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Concurring was Chargers teammate Summer Clark, noting that players "love giving back to other people. I could never imagine (going to school hungry). That would be so difficult."

Livonia resident Karleigh Stone brought canned goods to Churchill and then watched her cousin play for Franklin.

"I brought five cans of Chef Boyardee," Stone said. "I think it's really great. My aunt told me about the tournament today to come watch my cousin and I was real excited to come to this one."

"Also, it's to help a really great cause. I think it's great that they're getting the kids involved in community giving so young and showing them how important it is."

The concept of Blessings in a Backpack is pretty simple: Make sure kids don't go hungry over the weekend and thus are not distracted when the school



Volunteering Tuesday at Livonia Churchill for Blessings in a Backpack were (from left) Colleen Drake and Denise Murray. TIM SMITH

bell rings again Monday morning.

"Students in Livonia who are on free or reduced lunch qualified for our program," said Denise Murray, a Canton resident working the food drive at Churchill. "And then if they opt in and want to participate, we send them home with a bag of food on Fridays.

"I think it's very good. Kids need the food on the weekend, because otherwise they might not be eating enough."

Food for thought

According to a description in Tuesday's game program, Blessings in a Backpack endeavors to fill the void for millions of kids who might not

get enough to eat from the time the school week ends to the time the next one begins.

"Children that show up to school healthy and well-nourished learn better," the description noted. "The are more likely to attend school and take advantage of educational opportunities."

"Undernourished children are at a disadvantage from the moment they walk into school. Poor nutrition increases fatigue, shortens attention span and decreases work capacity."

As of 2011, there were more than 19.5 million children unable to eat enough or eat healthy, the description went on. "While it seems unlikely that children in Michigan children would go to bed hungry on weekends, in reality, between 5 and 90 percent of the children in school districts are at risk."

Livonia resident Colleen Drake, volunteering with Murray at Churchill, said the Blessings in a Backpack event augments a year-round initiative to make sure kids are fed.

"This canned drive is kind of a special scenario," Drake

said.

Meijer is key to the effort, providing food items at a discount.

Throughout the year, food is brought from Meijer every week by Livonia's Two Men and a Truck to The Way Church (on Middlebelt), where backpacks are filled, noted Suzanne Baker of the Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia steering committee.

The backpacks then are transported to the district's elementary schools and subsequently sent home each Friday with those children who qualify.

"I think it's a great idea," Stone said. "I work for a non-profit myself (Sweet Dreamzzz on Merriman Road in Livonia), so I think it's great anytime you can help kids and give them a better life."

"So many kids need the help and we don't notice it." Next up for Blessings in a Backpack is a vendor fair in October and bowling fundraiser in November.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Team compete to honor Rachael Maurer's memory

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The spirit of former Salem High School swimmer Rachael Maurer lives on every year, thanks to the Rock Maurer Invitational, which took place Sept. 23.

Because of renovations at the Salem pool, the 18th annual invite took place at Canton High School, where Saline topped a five-team field with 300 points.

Placing second with 174 points were the Rocks, followed by Canton (155), Plymouth (110) and Northville's 'B' team (73).

"It's very important," Salem girls swim coach Brandon Larkins said when asked about the memorial tourney. "Unfortunately, we lost Miss Maurer a long time ago. To have this meet in her honor is still great and I think it's representing a good part of this community and our school."

"I love to have this meet and my girls absolutely love it."

In her name

Maurer was killed in an August 1999 car crash. Soon after, Salem head coach Chuck Olson and that year's team decided to rename the Rock

Invitational "in honor of Rachael's infectious enthusiasm, competitive spirit and proven leadership skills," her parents, Mary and Ed Maurer, noted in the program handed out at the event.

The Maurers also thanked the current team "for their continuing remembrance of our daughter."

"(Olson) started it," Larkins said. "Rachael Maurer was his swimmer. I'm very happy that he made a meet that was in her honor."

According to Salem senior freestyler Jenna Chen, "it's an honor" for her and her teammates to compete in Maurer's honor.

"This meet is dedicated to our former teammate and her family always donates a lot of stuff for this meet," Chen said.

Salem junior Lauren Branford and Canton senior Caitlyn Marsac both said the Rock Maurer Invite is something they want to do well at, to honor Maurer but also to sharpen up for the conference and state meets down the road.

"It helps us prepare for what we need to do in each race," said Branford, who swims in the 50- and 500-yard freestyle events.



Chen



Branford



Marsac

Raises the stakes

According to Marsac, a Canton senior who competes in the 100-yard breast-stroke and 200 and 500 freestyle races, "It's fun to swim against our friends from other schools, always, and it's more exciting when there's more teams instead of just two teams."

"It's our invitational. We invite a lot of the really fast teams," Chen said.

That the Rocks squared off against the Chiefs for the second time in less than 48 hours (Canton won a Sept. 21 dual meet, 104-82) spiced things up just a bit.

"Our team is doing pretty good. We changed conferences this year," Chen said. "We were undefeated until the Canton meet. We did lose to Canton, unfortunately. It is healthy competition, though. We'll get better."

"It shows two sides. It pushes us more and more," Larkins said. "Unfortunately, we lost to them (Sept. 21), but I think it gives (the Rocks) more motivation to try a little bit harder."

Canton head coach Ed Weber said the Rock Maurer is a welcome challenge on the schedule because of the opponents and time of season it takes place.

"I like how it's placed in the year. We're ahead of all the championship meets that come in October," Weber said. "We have some big meets in that part of the year. Sometimes, it's difficult to get ourselves fired up when we come off some big wins that we've had over the past week, like (against Salem)."

"That was a great swim by both teams and I was very proud of the girls for how they swam that one. And to come in here (Rock Maurer), we swam pretty much all different events, just to give the girls a different focus, looking for a new race and a new purpose. Learning how to race something different."

Earning first

At the Rock Maurer, where multiple heats per event took place, first-place points were scored by Salem's Chen (50

free, 26.70), Serena Hao (200 IM, 2:15.59; 100 butterfly, 1:01.65) and Camille Burt (1-meter diving, 357.15 points).

For Canton, Jessica Clark placed first in the 500 free (5:23.71). Plymouth's Kelsey Peregrod prevailed in the 100 free (57.96).

"I think it's really nice for them to be able to get to a place where they can all swim in the same pool, have that Park camaraderie," Plymouth coach Emily Weiner said. "I think the nice thing I got to see at the beginning of the meet (was) they did those combined cheers."

"That really shows they are three teams, but there's still one Park."

CANTON 104, SALEM 82: On Sept. 21 in a KIAA Black match-up, the Chiefs were sparked to victory by multiple winners Jessica Clark, Ellie Caruso, Sophia Balow and Sadie Miller.

That quartet teamed to win the 200 medley relay (1:54.89). Clark, Balow and Miller, joined by Jenna Leppke, took first in the 400 free relay (3:50.66).

Balow (200 free, 2:02.91; 500 free, 5:33.90), Miller (50 free, 26.32; 100 free, 56.50) and Clark (100 fly, 1:01.35; 100 back, 1:00.98) each added two individual wins. Leppke chipped in a first-place finish in the 200 IM (2:14.08).

Salem was first in 1-meter diving (Camille Burt, 235 points) and the 200 yard free relay, in 1:45.19, behind Jenna Chen, Morgan Davis, Serena Hao and Sabine Branford.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

No. 1-ranked Mercy favored at annual Oakland County meet

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The Oakland County Girls Swimming and Diving Championships always features high-quality competition in a state-meet like atmosphere.

Swim fans can anticipate the same kind of excitement at the annual event scheduled for Oct. 6-7 at Lake Orion High School. Diving finals are slated to start at 6 p.m. Friday and swim finals are to begin at noon Saturday.

Farmington Hills Mercy enters the meet as 13-time defending champion. The Marlins, currently No. 1 in the Division 1 state rankings, will be favored to defend their title.

However, Birmingham Seaholm (No. 2 in Division 2) and Bloomfield Hills Marian (No. 1 in Division 3) should provide a spirited challenge. The Maples are the defending D-2 state champions, while Catholic League rivals Marian and Mercy were state runners-up last year.

Mercy defeated runner-up Marian at last year's county meet by 87 points.

"The mindset for us is going in and swimming the way we are capable of swimming," second-year Mercy head coach Mike Venos said. "We want to treat it as if it were the state meet. It's as much a mindset as it is anything else."

"Our girls have to race in a championship setting against, let's face it, some of the best swimmers in the Midwest, if not the nation," he added. "This meet has always been, for the 20-some years I've been at Oakland County, a great gauge for how we're going to do at states."

A fast meet expected

Seaholm head coach Karl Hodgson agrees that the meet is one of the fastest outside of the state championship meet.

"We live in a fast county and I expect this meet to reflect that," Hodgson said. "Mercy should be the favorite this year."

"We should have a few com-



Seaholm's Linnea Anderson figures to be one of the top freestylers at this year's Oakland County girls swimming championship meet. MARTY BUDNER

IN THE POOL

What: Oakland County Girls Swimming and Diving Championships

When: Oct. 6-7

Where: Lake Orion High School natatorium

Time: Diving finals 6 p.m. Oct. 6; Swim finals begin noon Oct. 7

Admission: \$5 (\$3 for programs)

Notable: Farmington Mercy is the 13-time defending meet champion; Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Marian, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Northville, Lakeland, Farmington/Harrison United and Birmingham Groves are the area's other state-ranked teams slated to participate.

petitive swims," he added. "Two swimmers to watch out for from Seaholm are seniors Haley Dolan and Linnea Anderson. Both should have a significant impact on our relays, as well as their individual events."

While Marian head coach Bill Thompson believes Mercy is the team to beat, he anticipates a colossal battle for the next few spots.

"I haven't seen all the teams yet, but my hunch is that Mercy has the talent and depth to take the team trophy," Thompson said. "But the next spots should be very competitive as



Coach Mike Venos keeps an eye on his swimmers at a recent Mercy practice. DAN DEAN

there are several solid teams, all with some upper-level athletes, so that will make the team competition tight."

Marian's six athletes with 'A' cuts who are expected to make some noise include seniors Lauren Biglin, Emily Schlabach and Gabby Granata, juniors Jane Nodland and Anika Fassett and sophomore Lauren Sielicki. Biglin is the county's defending 500 free champion and was also a member of the Mustangs' foursome that won the 200 and 400 free relays last year.

Mercy is again loaded with top-end talent after having lost

just one swimmer who scored at last year's Division 1 state meet.

The Marlins already have won the Fenton Relays and the Ann Arbor Skyline quad. They placed second of nine teams to the host and No. 1-ranked (Division 2) Pioneers at the East Grand Rapids Invitational. They've also registered dual-meet wins over Birmingham Seaholm and Grosse Pointe North.

"We really haven't had too many opportunities to step up and race so far this year, but when we have, we've taken advantage of it," Venos said.

"But we're really starting to get into our competition phase of the season."

Marlins rich in talent

Mercy is led by eight-time all-state star and four-year varsity veteran Katie Minnich, who recently committed to swim at the University of Michigan.

Minnich returns as the Oakland County meet's defending champion in both the 200-yard IM (2:05.70) and 100-yard backstroke (55.51, a new county record). The senior captain also was a member of Mercy's winning 200-yard medley relay team at last year's county meet.

Mercy's other standout is fellow senior captain Kendall Goit, who garnered three all-state swims at last year's state meet. The four-year varsity veteran is also Oakland County's defending 200-yard freestyle relay champion (1:52.60).

"Kendall is very driven and probably the most competitive girl we have on the team," Venos said. "She is another one who leaves it in the pool every day."

Mercy's third senior captain is Mya Loniewski, who scored in both the IM and backstroke at the 2016 state meet. Loniewski has a rich pedigree as both of her older sisters, Mara and Maddy, were also Marlins swimmers.

"I think she understands what this team is about more than anybody, because she grew up on this pool deck," Venos said. "She had two sisters who graduated from here, so she grew up a Mercy girl."

Junior Annette Dombkowski, a distance swimmer whose mom Sue also swam at Mercy, junior Francesca Schena and sophomores Julia Coffman, Kylie Goit and Sarah Puscas are also returning state-meet scorers.

"These girls train as hard, if not harder, than any group of kids I've ever coached," Venos said. "And I've had the opportunity to coach some pretty good teams. These girls leave it in the pool every day."

MINNICH

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Minnich began swimming at the tender age of 5 with her summer team at Red Run Golf Club. A couple of years later, she joined the popular Birmingham Blue Dolphins Swim Club, where she developed her talents.

"I got into swimming because all of my friends swam and, I think, because I enjoyed it and I liked going to practice

and I liked working hard and so many good things have happened," she said. "There is still a plenty of room to improve, but I still enjoyed it as much as I did when I was 7 years old. It's year-round, but I love every day of it."

Prepared for next level

Minnich demonstrated her pool prowess in her first year as a member of Mercy's swim team.

She captured the Division 1 100-yard backstroke individual state championship as a fresh-

man and will enter the state meet later this fall as the three-time defending 100 back state champion. The 17-year-old Royal Oak resident is an eight-time all-state swimmer who also excels in the 200 IM and as a lead-off member of the 200-yard medley relay team.

Minnich said she is grateful to be part of the rich Mercy swim program, which helped her prepare for her upcoming collegiate career.

"I ended up at Mercy for the swim team," Minnich said. "I knew that I wanted to go to a

private school in the area and my parents wanted me to and I met the older girls on the team here and I met the old coach, Shannon Dunworth, and I just knew this was going to be the right place for me."

"I think Mercy really prepared me well for my next step. I think Mercy is a lot like a college team. Our schedule is very similar to the schools that I looked at and the way that our team acts with each other ... we're all so close and it's just like a college team. It's like you're swimming with a bunch

of your sisters rather than just a pool full of other girls."

"It's like a family. So some days are harder than others, you have disagreements, but in the end you are able to come together and make something really special happen at practice every day," she added. "I've enjoyed every minute of it here. The girls here really have pushed me to keep improving to get to that next level."

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BOYS SOCCER

North Farmington wins OAA battle against Seaholm, 2-0

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North Farmington is certainly defensive about its quest for the Oakland Activities Association White Division boys soccer championship.

The Raiders on Tuesday blanked visiting Birmingham Seaholm, 2-0, to register their sixth straight shutout and ninth in 11 games. The victory lifted North Farmington to 4-1-1 to remain within striking distance of first-place Birmingham Groves (4-0-2). Seaholm and Lake Orion are tied for third (3-2-1).

Each team has one White Division game remaining.

The Raiders will host Royal Oak on Oct. 3, while Groves will host Oxford that same day.

"The boys know that all they can do is close out this week with two solid wins," second-year North head coach Erica Rust said. "They are just focused on that and ending on a high note. Whatever happens, happens in the league standings after that."

"I think the boys actually came out a little jittery because of that. You could tell they were nervous and they seemed like they were playing not to lose instead of to win. We talked about that at halftime and refocused and played our game."

"We kind of knew that if we play the way we know how to play, we should win," she added. "Thankfully, it ended up in the result."

Scoreless first half

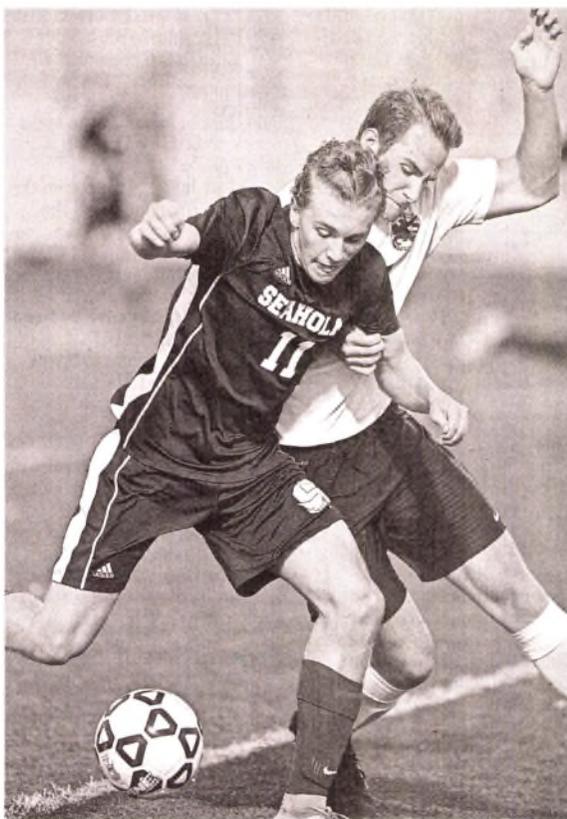
North Farmington and Seaholm played a scoreless first half. The Raiders had four total shots, two on goal, while the Maples countered with just one on the warm, humid evening at Holland Field.

The action picked up a bit in the second half.

North junior goalie Zachary Shuk made his first save on a Maples header five minutes after halftime.

Then, seven minutes into the second half, senior forward Matthew Swarthroat made a nice run up the middle and through a pair of Seaholm defenders. He was taken down inside the box and the Raiders were awarded a penalty kick.

Senior forward Andrew George took the PK and successfully booted it past diving Seaholm goalkeeper Zachary Martin, who has enjoyed success in stopping those shots this season, but couldn't track this one down.



Seaholm forward Hagen Cunningham (left) battles with North Farmington midfielder Anthony Damiani. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We've had another center midfielder, Easton Cummins, who's taken (PKs) before, but he's battling a little bit of a hamstring issue so he can't get enough power," Rust said. "And Andrew wanted it. He's had a few quality chances to score that he wished he would have finished, so I think he wanted to make up for that tonight."

North Farmington junior midfielder Cole Arnold banged in the insurance goal with five minutes remaining on a nice cross from senior midfielder Anthony Damiani.

The Maples turned on the heat in the game's final 10 minutes, eventually outshooting the Raiders by a 9-3 second-half margin, but they couldn't get the ball past Shuk.

It seemed as if every time Seaholm went on a nice run, the Raiders' defense stepped up to thwart each attack. Seniors Jake Selinsky, Jarryn Shin, Matthew George and Damiani, plus juniors Jiwon Kim, Nicholas Sinawi and Arnold all played stellar defense in front of Shuk.

"(Shuk) has just been outstanding this year, not just in

terms of coming up with timely saves, but simply directing the team," Rust said. "You could probably hear him all game long. He's a very vocal presence and the guys have a lot of confidence in him, so they can play a little more loose with that in mind."

"They trust playing him back. They trust taking a few more chances, because they know he's back there and I think that makes the team better overall."

Seaholm head coach Jared Vince said his team played hard, but just couldn't dent North Farmington's formidable 5-3-2 defensive front.

"It was disappointing. I thought we had some chances but just couldn't finish," Vince said. "I thought they played well, but North Farmington has a stellar keeper. That's soccer. It just didn't go our way."

"They had five back at all times and they clear out the box," he added. "They crowd the box and they get the ball forward and it works for them."

OAA ROUNDUP

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Boys tennis

SEAHOLM 5, ADAMS 4: The doubles teams came through Sept. 26 for Seaholm in this OAA Red Division victory. Seaholm senior Charlie Appleford and William Appleford defeated the Adams duo of Matt Heaphy and Alvin Chen in straight sets at No. 1 doubles, 6-1, 7-5. At No. 2 doubles, senior Owen Cross and sophomore Jonny Cross topped the Highlander team of Hunter Lambrecht and Thomas Yu, 6-2, 6-4. The other Maples doubles winners were the teams of Aiden O'Neill and Max Levitsky (No. 3), Ben Adams and Alex Acho (No. 4) and Pallido Lavigne and Brandon Alati (No. 5). The lone singles match that went three sets was No. 4, where Adams' Evan Chang went the distance against Seaholm's Owen Claar, winning 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Brennan Bull lost in a close match at No. 1 singles in straight sets to Julian Hyman.

LIGGETT INVITATIONAL: On Sept. 23, Birmingham Seaholm finished third in the 52nd Liggett Invitational held in Grosse Pointe. Ann Arbor Pioneer finished first, followed by host Liggett and Seaholm. Seaholm's No. 2 doubles team of junior Owen Cross and freshman Jonny Cross placed first by winning all three of its matches. They defeated teams from Utica Eisenhower and Ann Arbor Greenhills in straight sets, and needed three sets to get past the team of Sam Packer and Mickey Kichta from Grosse Pointe South, 4-6, 6-2, 10-7. In singles action, sophomore Cameron Lee (No. 3) and freshman Owen Claar (No. 4) each went 2-1 to place as a runner-up in their flights. At No. 1 singles, Seaholm senior Brennan Bull won the consolation draw.

NORTHVILLE 6, GROVES 3: On Sept. 25, host Northville doubled up Groves in non-league action. The teams split the four singles matches, but the Mustangs won four of the five singles matches. Northville's singles winners were juniors Ryan Gallagher (No. 3) and Samir Pajani (No. 4). Gallagher defeated Groves junior Jonah Liss in three sets, 7-5, 3-6, 10-6. The Groves singles winners were Gabe Liss (No. 1) and Gabe Vidinas (No. 2). Liss defeated Northville's Janek Makherji in three sets, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4. At No. 1 doubles, the Northville duo of Giuliano Daniel and Matt Freeman stopped the Groves team of Aerik Joe and Nick Haddad,

6-1, 6-3. The Mustangs team of Nishant Chava and Trevor Keltergorn won at straight sets at No. 2 doubles by identical 6-3 scores over Groves' Alex Nader and Yanis Bousarsar. The lone Groves doubles win was No. 3, where the team of Aidan Bauer and Ari Sherman needed three sets to get past Northville's Pranav Doppalapudi and Michael Ying, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Boys soccer

GROVES 2, LAKE ORION 0: Birmingham Groves remained in the hunt for the OAA White Division championship Tuesday. The Falcons goal scorers were senior captains Spencer Tredwell (assisted by senior captain Alberto Whitmer) and Isaac Thompson. Senior Christian Williams was in the nets for the shutout.

Boys cross country

JACKSON INVITATIONAL: On Sept. 23, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice placed fifth in Jackson with 224 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer won with 51 points and the Warriors placed behind fourth-place Northville, which scored 193 points. Rice's top runner was senior Mike Tremonti, who placed second overall with a time of 15:38. Teammates Grant Davey (ninth in 16:04) and Alec Miracle (14th in 16:15) both placed among the top 15. Jacob Hannawa (95th), Joe Berg (118th) and Dan Serra (140th) were Rice's other runners.

BROTHER RICE 19, DELA-SALLE 41: On Sept. 25 at Metro Beach Metropark, Rice raced past Warren DeLaSalle to remain undefeated (3-0) in Catholic League action.

Girls swimming

BLACK HAWK INVITATIONAL: Bloomfield Hills hosted the four-team meet Sept. 23 as South Lyon beat the three other teams while Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood went 2-1. The Black Hawks were 1-2 and North Farmington went 0-3. South Lyon won two of the three relays, while Cranbrook Kingswood won the 200 free relay (1:45.91) behind the efforts of Jordan Murrell, Sydney Allison, Hale Oal and Emily Prokop. The area's individual winners were junior Camille Misra (200 IM in 2:16.15 and 100 back in 1:00.27), North Farmington freshman Greta Gidley (50 free in 24.38), junior Julianna Petrak (500 free in 5:26.99) and Bloomfield Hills senior Michaela Peil (100 breast in 1:09.12).

Volleyball

BIRMINGHAM ROEPER 3, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 2: On Set. 25, the visiting Roughriders posted this victory, 25-21, 18-25, 25-20, 11-25, 15-12.

KLAA ROUNDUP

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Volleyball

NORTHVILLE SWEEPS: The Mustangs (24-5) rolled to a trio of three-set KLAA wins Sept. 26 over host Livonia Churchill (25-16, 25-17, 25-15), Franklin (25-14, 25-8, 25-15) and Stevenson (25-12, 25-17, 25-20). Northville kills leaders on the night included Clare McNamara (18), Izzy Guleff (16), Brianna Maccoux (14) and Christina Valentini (12). Setters Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fissette added 46 and 35, assists, respectively. Hannah Grant recorded a team-best 30 digs and seven service aces. Other digs leaders included Ally Zayan and Maccoux, 16 each; Holmes, 12; McNamara and Fissette, 11 each.

Girls cross country

JACKSON INVITATIONAL: Freshman Yamsine Mansi (career best 18:19.4) was runner-up and senior Ana Barrott took fourth (season best 18:29.3) as Northville (88 points) captured the Jackson Invitational Sept. 24 at Ella Sharp Park over Troy (92) and Wheaton (Ill.) Warrenville South (147). Birmingham Seaholm's Rachel McCardell took first in 18:13.4, while other finishers for the Mustangs included Olivia Harp (16th,

19:20.8); Emily Gordon (23rd, 19:32.0) and Olivia Maase (43rd, career best 20:04.7). In ninth place was Salem (186 points), led by Hallie Younglas (26th, 19:35.8).

MONROE INVITATIONAL:

Also Sept. 23, Salem sent a group to the Monroe Invitational at Sterling State Park, and the Rocks prevailed (39 points), edging Plymouth (51) and Livonia Churchill (94). For Salem, medal winners included Bridget Nelson (fifth, 20:26.8), Jessica Hughes (seventh, 20:35.4), Lizzy Lu (eighth, 20:48.8), Anna Kubinski (ninth, 20:52.8), Esha Bingi (10th, 20:56.1), Madison Grant (12th, 21:06.6) and Marnie Waggoner (15th, 21:16.7).

Boys cross country

JACKSON INVITATIONAL:

Northville (195 points) took fourth behind Ann Arbor Pioneer (51), Romeo (99) and White Lake Lakeland (104) at Ella Sharp Park. Junior Nicholas Couyoumjian (16:20.7) led the Mustangs with a 17th-place finish followed by followed by freshman Nathan Hayes, 30th (16:46.9); Raymond Jiang, 38th (17:06.6); Sean McKee, 54th (17:21.2); and Alex Jund, 56th (17:23.9).

Girls golf

NORTHVILLE 178, SALEM 210: On Sept. 26, the Mustangs defeated the Rocks despite a 49 score by Salem's Nicole Hahn.

SANDER MEMORIAL TOUR-

NEY: Freshman Nicole Whatley posted a season best even-par 72 as Northville (330) took runner-up honors Sept. 25 in the Jim Sander Memorial at Prestwick Village G.C. Brighton captured the team title with 306 with South Lyon (340) and Novi (351) taking third and fourth, respectively. Whatley, who carded four birdies, shared individual medalist honors with Novi's Abigail Livingston, along with Brighton's Annie Pietila and Heather Fortushniak. Other Northville scorers included Mariella Simoncini (78), Sufna Gill (87) and Paige Molloy (93). Novi's other three scorers included Leah Kiura (86), Hrishika Gogineni (96) and Despina Alexander (97).

Girls swimming

CLASH OF THE UNDER-CLASSWOMEN INVITATIONAL:

Novi scored a team-best 665 points to capture the Clash of the Underclasswomen Invitational on Sept. 23 at Waterford Mott over Harrison-Farmington (331), Hartland (316), Brighton (270), Howell (199) and Waterford United (99). Individual firsts for Novi came from Kyla Matthews, 50-yard freestyle (26.27); Anna Shinohara, 1-meter diving (188.50 points); Julia Katulski, 100 freestyle (54.58); Annick Gardon, 100 backstroke (1:00.57). Gardon, Katulski, Elise Fonda and Matthews also team up for a win in the 200 medley relay (1:54.24). The foursome of

Gardon, Fonda, Linda Weng and Katulski also took the 400 freestyle relay. The Wildcats' 200 freestyle relay team of Lia Munson, Katie Pierini, Evie Penner and Madeline Greaves was runner-up (1:45.44). Individual seconds went to Katulski, 200 freestyle (2:19.01); Sarah Kerbrat, diving (173.00); Fonda, 100 freestyle (1:02.77); and Gardon, 100 backstroke (1:00.57).

Boys soccer

PLYMOUTH 2, STEVENSON 0: Benjamin Tetlow and Justin Wojcik scored goals for Plymouth Sept. 26 as the Wildcats topped No. 2 ranked Livonia Stevenson.

CANTON 1, PIONEER 1: Canton earned a draw Sept. 23 against Ann Arbor Pioneer, with Avery Olson netting a penalty kick goal. Sharing goalkeeping duties for the Chiefs were David Sadonowicz and Sean O'Meara.

SALEM 2, PLYMOUTH 1: On Sept. 22, in the first game of the Soccer World Park Cup tournament involving Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams, the Rocks prevailed on a second half goal by Thomas Dono. Setting up the winner was Josh Stevens. Also scoring for Salem was Jason Warras. The tourney concludes with 7 p.m. games Oct. 3 (Plymouth vs. Canton) and Oct. 5 (Canton vs. Salem).

NORTHVILLE 3, BRIGHTON 1 (SUSPENDED): On Sept. 21, the Mustangs (8-2-1, 6-1) led the

host Bulldogs when the KLAA Gold Division match was suspended with 9:45 to go in the first half at Sloan Field because of lightning. The match will be made up Monday, Oct. 2 at Brighton.

Boys tennis

NORTHVILLE 9, SALEM 0: The Mustangs were in control Sept. 25 in this lopsided victory over the Rocks. Northville was sparked by No. 1 singles player Janak Mukherji, who won 6-1, 6-0 over Eric Liu (only his second loss of the season). Other Mustang wins were recorded by Arvind Kalyana (No. 2 singles), Ryan Gallagher (No. 3 singles), Samir Rajani (No. 4 singles), Matt Freeman/Cameron Mailley (No. 1 doubles), Trevor Kelterborn/Nishant Chava (No. 2 doubles), Michael Ying/Pranav Doppalapudi (No. 3 doubles), Joe Vig/Ilija Jaksic (No. 4 doubles) and Michail Boksha/Srikar Kesamneni (No. 5 doubles).

BRIGHTON 7, STEVENSON

2: Livonia Stevenson faced a tough opponent Sept. 26. The Spartans' wins were posted by Erik Schmidt at No. 4 singles (a tough, three-setter over Drake Harbrecht) and by the No. 1 doubles tandem of Kevin Dunne and Josh Maj, winning 7-5, 6-1 over Jack Simpson and Jack Gray.

GRAND BLANC 8, PLYMOUTH 1: The Wildcats finished their regular season Sept. 25 with this loss to the Bobcats.

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MARCO GENRICH

FOOTBALL JUNIOR
NOVI DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

WHAT HE DID: The 5-11, 175-pound junior quarterback was an efficient 9-of-12 passing for 221 yards and two touchdowns in the Shamrocks' 27-23 come-from-behind Boys Bowl victory over rival Birmingham Brother Rice. Trailing by two points, Genrich engineered an eight-play, 89-yard drive in the final 3:42 with four straight runs sandwiched in between hitting passes of 53 and 13 yards (including the game-winning TD with 47 seconds left).

WHAT HE SAID ABOUT BEING NAMED AOW: Genrich was more than modest about his late game heroics. "I was just following the script, just doing whatever they told me to do," he said. "I just went out there and made plays." Genrich played all last season behind sophomore starter Austin Brown. The only game action Genrich saw during the 2016 season was emergency duty in a 17-7 MHSAA Division 1 semifinal playoff win against Romeo after Brown had broken his leg.

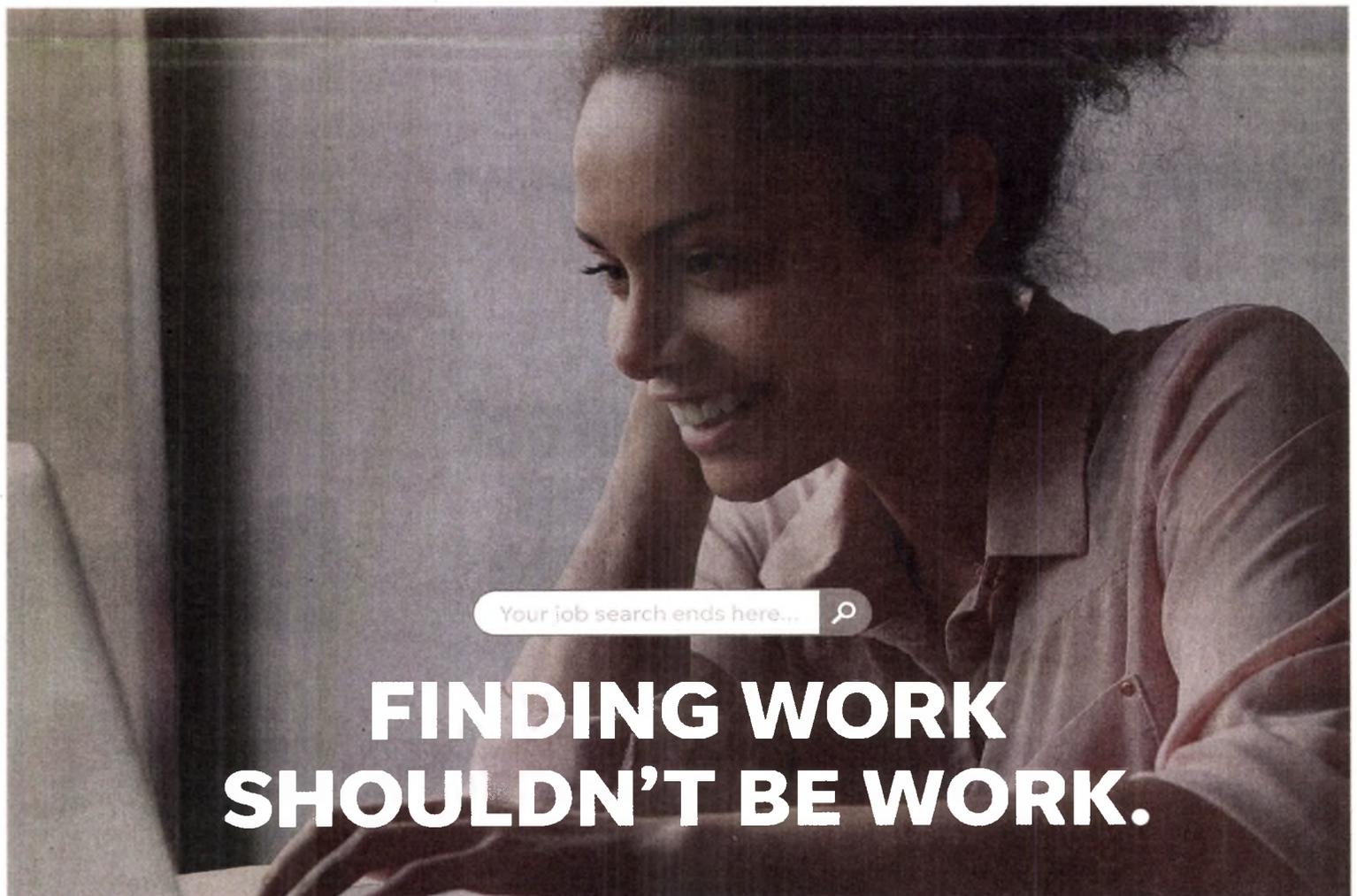
When Brown decided to transfer last January to Madison Heights Madison, Genrich stepped up and won the QB job full-time. And Sunday's performance was perhaps his finest to date as a Shamrock. Trailing by two points, Genrich engineered an eight-play, 89-yard drive during the final 3:42 with four straight runs sandwiched in between hitting passes of 53 and 13 yards (including the game-winning TD with 47 seconds left to tight end Mike Harding). "I made a statement to the coaches before the game

and I said, 'I just hope Marco comes into his own today,'" CC first-year coach Dan Anderson said. "And I felt like he really did. He's a junior, but he's young. It's his fifth game starting. And with the competition we play, you got to be on the ball at all times. And I thought he was on the ball and did a great job for us."

Genrich started playing football in the fourth grade and he has been a quarterback ever since. Genrich, who resides in Northville, went to grade school and played football at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington Hills. He is the second oldest among five children. His older brother Gio was a three-point shooting specialist last season for the Shamrocks' basketball team and now attends Grand Valley State. He also has two younger brothers and a younger sister. Genrich has worked closely on his craft this season with both Anderson, who also serves as CC's offensive coordinator, and David Sofran, the Shamrocks' new quarterbacks coach.



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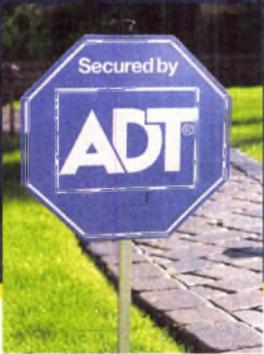
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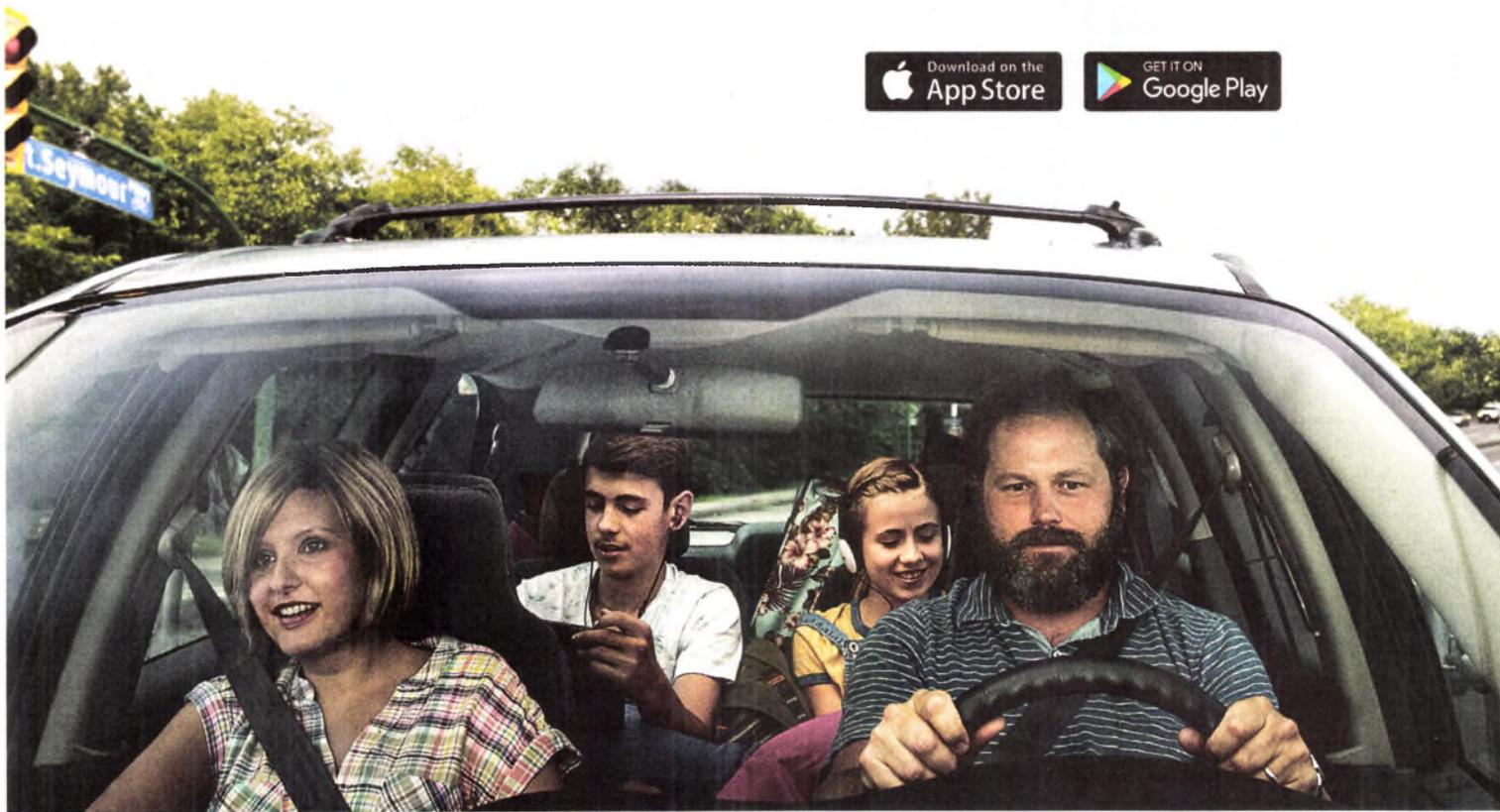
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**PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 02-17: **Omee Foundation, 26847 Grand River Ave., Redford, MI 48240** requests approval to re-zone the following property from C-1 (Local Business) to C-2 (General Commercial)

06F968 06F969 0691000 Lots 968, 969 and 1000 Chesterfield No. 3 SUB T1s R10E L59 P40 WCR

**Property more commonly known as 26847 Grand River Ave.
(79-004-02-0968-000)**

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

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business October 5, 2017 to be considered.

**David Allen, Chair
Planning Commission
Charter Township of Redford**

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

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**NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE
ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY,
MICHIGAN**

All voters are hereby given notice that the City of Livonia will hold a **City General Election** on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Registrations will be taken at the office of the City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during regular hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE STATUTORY DEADLINE for registering to vote will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, on which day the City Clerk will be in her office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors to vote.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE
CITY GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the City General Election is Tuesday, **October 10, 2017.**

Candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

- Mayor
- City Council
- City Council Partial-Term
- Library Board Member

The following proposals will be voted on:

- GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW
19.8320 MILLS FOR 5 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Garden City Public Schools, 1333 Radcliff Street, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1126, telephone: (734) 762-8300.

Garden City Street Improvement Bond Proposal

Shall the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance of each series, for the purpose of paying the cost to improve, replace, resurface, and reconstruct streets in the City, including sidewalk improvements, drainage improvements, and water and sewer improvements, together with necessary rights-of-way, appurtenances and attachments thereto?

- Yes
- No

The estimated millage to be levied in 2018 is 0.7495 mills (\$0.7495 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 6.2266 mills (\$6.2266 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

This notice is given by order of the Garden City Clerk Allyson Bettis.

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2017-09-02-11 submitted by 10th Planet Michigan, L.L.C. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 16.11(f) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a martial arts and yoga studio at 12924 Farmington Road within the Livonia Trade Center, located on the east side of Farmington Road between the CSX railroad right-of-way and Schoolcraft Road in the Northwest ¼ of Section 27.

Petition 2017-09-02-12 submitted by Tiseo Architects, Inc. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 16.11(d) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to develop and operate an outdoor storage yard for recreational equipment at 12350 Merriman Road, located on the east side of Merriman Road between Plymouth Road and the CSX Railroad right-of-way in the Southwest ¼ of Section 26.

Petition 2017-09-02-13 submitted by Tiseo Architects, Inc. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 16.11(b) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to develop and operate an outdoor storage yard for special trade contractors at 12350 Merriman Road, located on the east side of Merriman Road between Plymouth Road and the CSX Railroad right-of-way in the Southwest ¼ of Section 26.

Request to amend the plans of Petition 2017-06-02-08 which previously received approval by the City Council on July 24, 2017 (CR #268-17) to develop a Planned Residential Development under the Single-Family Clustering option (Bishop Estates) at 28200 Lyndon Avenue, located on the north side of Lyndon Avenue between Inkster Road and Harrison Avenue in the Northeast ¼ of Section 24.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

**Ian Wilshaw, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

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CITY OF LIVONIA - 09/06/2017 1,832ND REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Present: Jolly, White, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, and McIntyre.
Absent: Bahr.

Items were received and filed.

#296-17 Approving minutes of the 1,831st Regular Meeting of the Council – August 21, 2017.

President McIntyre announced two (2) upcoming Public Hearings.

#297-17 Approve request to close Parklane Street between Clarita and Margareta, for a block party Sept. 23rd with rain date Sept. 24th.

#298-17 Approve request to close 17200 to 17223 Louise Street, for a block party Sept. 9th.

#299-17 Waiving the sidewalk requirement in front of new home at 20290 Fremont.

#300-17 Waiving the sidewalk requirement in front of new home at 20290 Hugh.

#301-17 Approving Agreement between the City of Livonia and LLSA, for Dec. 1, 2017 – Nov. 30, 2020, and amendments to the Compensation Plan, the Insurance and Disability Plans and the Retirement Ordinance.

#302-17 Authorize purchase of (1) 2018 Ford F150 4x4 pick-up truck for Inspection Dept.

#303-17 Authorize purchase of (1) Skid Steer Loader (246D) for Roads Section.

#304-17 Authorize purchase of (1) Elgin Eagle street sweeper for Roads Section.

#305-17 Authorize purchase of (1) Vorteq Trailer & truck mounted attenuator for Roads Section.

#306-17 Authorize purchase of (1) Caterpillar Compactor & Towmaster Trailer for Roads Section.

#307-17 Authorize purchase of (1) 2017 Ford Transit 250 Cargo for Water Maintenance Section.

#308-17 Approve a 3-year extension of contract with Brendel's Septic Tank Service, LLC for providing portable toilet service through the 2020 season.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 110 of Title 12, Chapter 20, (Public Lands) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 040 of Title 6, Chapter 04, (Dogs) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances.

First Reading given to an ordinance amending section 9 of the Zoning Map. (P2017-05-01-02)

First Reading given to an ordinance amending section 9 of the Zoning Map. (P2017-05-01-03)

First Reading was given to an ordinance vacating the use of portions of street, alley and public ground. (Pet. 2017-04-03-01)

#309-17 Approving salary and fringe benefit adjustments for Police Command.

#310-17 Approving Elimination of wage steps 1-4 for police chief; allotting up to \$30,000 for legal representation for members of Police Command; and Administrative Increment Increases.

#311-17 Accepting bid for replacement and installation of a new irrigation system at Ford Field. #312-17 Accepting quit claim deed to obtain 27' right-of-way adjacent to 36905 Ann Arbor Trail.

#313-17 Accepting Grant of Easement for 12-foot wide public utility easement in connection with the water main for Cade Meadows Site Condominium (9397-9422 Annalia Drive).

#314-17 Accepting Grant of Easement for 12-foot wide public utility easement in connection with the sanitary sewer for Cade Meadows Site Condominium (9397-9422 Annalia Drive).

#315-17 Accepting Grant of Easement for 12-foot wide public utility easement for storm drain at 31800 Enterprise.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

**Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk**

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 9, 2017**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm. regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF GARDEN CITY

ORDINANCE NO: A17-xxx

TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY CONVEYANCE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY OF CITY COUNCIL TO CONVEY OR AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF TAX FORECLOSED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY, HAVING ACQUIRED THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY FROM WAYNE COUNTY PURSUANT TO MCL 211.78(M); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. AUTHORIZATION OF COUNCIL TO CONVEY PROPERTY

Garden City having considered a neighborhood stabilization program, having exercised its rights under MCL 211.78(M) in connection with the purchase of certain tax foreclosed parcels located within the city limits, in furtherance of the objective of neighborhood stabilization to restore blighted buildings and forestall future blight, the City Council of the City of Garden City is hereby authorized:

To convey or authorize the conveyance of the following parcels of real property it has acquired pursuant to its right of refusal under MCL 211.78(M), and to do so in accordance with existing contracts with JSR Funding LLC ("J") and Enterprising Real Estate LLC ("E"), executed on or about September 1, 2016, copies of which are available through the Clerk for the City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours:

E	35-010-03-0655-000	5939 Harrison, Garden City, MI
E	35-006-01-0001-000	VACANT Merriman, Garden City, MI
J	35-023-03-4173-000	VACANT Barton, Garden City, MI
J	35-021-02-2117-002	33058 Hennepin, Garden City, MI
J	35-009-03-0001-000	28401 Warren, Garden City, MI

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION III. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

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How to answer tough interview questions

BY PETER JONES
 THEJOBNETWORK.COM

We all know it's good to prepare answers to the standard interview questions, plus the not-so-standard ones that might come up in a particular interview at a particular company. But often, we are so prepared that we forget to edit our answers down to their most surgical and concise form.

Here are six standard, but tough, interview questions and the snappy sort of answers you should start rehearsing right now:

1. Why you left your last job

Maybe the answer is as simple as your company was downsizing, but if you left in order to challenge yourself further or pursue more meaningful work, try saying something that emphasizes some skill or experience you wanted to develop professionally.

Talk about how it wasn't possible to do this at your former job, and so you are committed to mastering it, and you see the perfect opportunity to do so at this company. Bonus points if you can prove you're already well on your way to developing this skill, whether by having taken a class or earned a certification.



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2. Your greatest weakness

Step one: Pick a trait that won't scare them off, and doesn't in any way affect your ability to perform this job. Don't humblebrag. "I'm just

too good at work!" But do try and pick something with a positive spin. Maybe you're too much of a perfectionist or you go flat out until a project's done without taking a break. Or choose a weakness

that you've since worked hard to convert into a strength. Formula for the latter: "Well, I was noticing that I was x, so I took step y in order to improve, and ended up in situation z," (which is infinitely better and makes you a stronger candidate for the job).

3. Why you seem overqualified

Rather than agree with them and say how much this job is beneath you, emphasize why (and pick three or so specifics) this job is perfect for you right now, and how it fits into your career growth plan. Your resume probably shows that you can do this job, so use this answer to prove that you want it.

4. Why you've changed jobs a lot

It can be a red flag to some employers who haven't gotten the memo that job-shifting isn't necessarily a red flag anymore. Try telling the truth. Either it's as simple as, "For reason x, we moved around a lot and so I was forced to..." or you have a unique opportunity to document your drive and your desire to learn new things and acquire new skills that make you such a stellar candidate with such passion for what you do. Emphasize how all this hopping has uniquely prepared you to land

on their precise lily pad, and why you'd want to stay put for a good long while.

5. Why you've been unemployed for ages

If you've been out of the workforce for a year or more, you're going to have to explain yourself. Either go for the "I took some time off to evaluate my career needs and wishes in order to come back refreshed and well-prepared and hungry to do this kind of work," or the "I've just completed x course or accreditation in order to make myself more valuable in my field." They'll eat either up.

6. Your age

It's illegal to discriminate in hiring decisions based on age, but not illegal to ask. If you're on the older end of the job market spectrum, use your answer to assuage their fears that you're just in it for the drudgery and the paycheck. Emphasize how much passion you still have and how much invaluable experience you bring to the table. You're not done yet!

Peter Jones is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com, where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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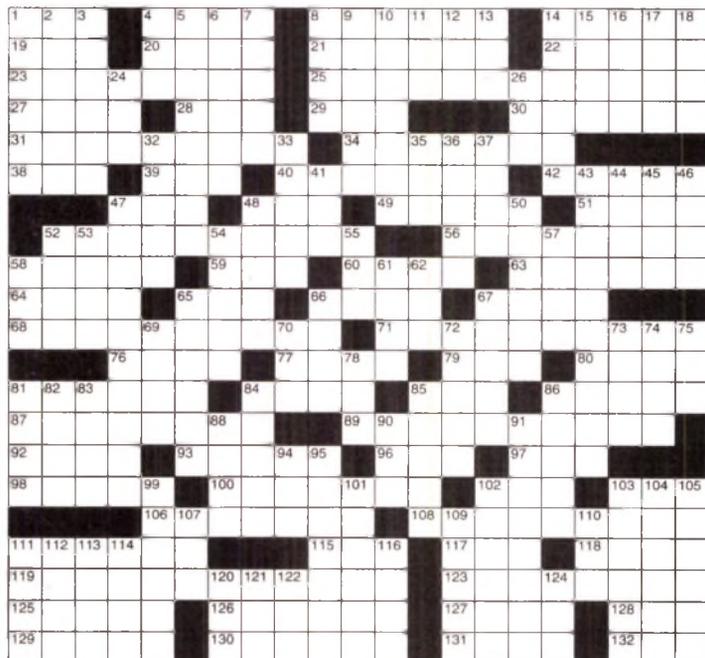
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 - 22 Berry of 'The Call'
 - 23 'Group for motorists
 - 25 'Turn a profit, say
 - 27 Jogging pace
 - 28 Scheming
 - 29 Drench
 - 30 On the other side of
 - 31 'La Vie en Rose' singer
 - 34 'Amass wealth
 - 38 Aug. hours
 - 39 Bonn 'one'
 - 40 Nail file materials
 - 42 As dry as —
 - 47 — Man defense
 - 48 'Rugrats' father
 - 49 Baddie's look
 - 51 Son of Eve
 - 52 '2009 R. Kelly song
 - 56 'Stay calm
 - 58 10,000,000 ergs
 - 59 Lend support
 - 60 Tip sheet statistics
 - 63 Compares
 - 64 Askew
 - 65 Guevara the guerrilla
 - 66 Greek diner menu item
 - 67 Lushes
 - 68 'Fulfill, as a promise
 - 71 'What you don't need a return ticket for
 - 76 Only
 - 77 Skew
 - 79 Cat paw part
 - 80 Speed test
 - 81 Crucial arteries
 - 84 — noire
 - 85 D.C. VIP
 - 86 Like
 - 87 'No noise allowed'
 - 89 'Kids' chemistry set, e.g.
 - 92 Fed. of Brezhnev
 - 93 Deliver an address
 - 96 Walk — (small parts)
 - 97 Chemical ending
 - 98 Nuclear trial for short
 - 100 Run-of-the-mill
 - 102 'Inc.' relative
 - 103 Start for marital
 - 106 ' — 13th-century pope
 - 108 'General Mills cereal
 - 111 Cascade Range peak
 - 115 — kwon do
 - 117 Squirmy fish
 - 118 With 104-Down, cure concocted by Mom
 - 119 'The mineral citrine, e.g.
 - 123 What the first and last letters of 13 answers in this puzzle proceed through
 - 125 Lowest point
 - 126 Lift
 - 127 Printer's unit
 - 128 Chemical ending
 - 129 Gives applause
 - 130 Capital of instrument
 - 131 Harper of Hollywood
 - 132 Seaport of Scotland
 - 45 Gas in lights
 - 46 Pipe elbows
 - 47 Leisure suit fabrics
 - 48 Recoiled (from)
 - 50 Add ammo
 - 52 Des Moines' state
 - 53 Wait secretly
 - 54 Western lake
 - 55 Happiness
 - 57 Fael for ingredient
 - 6 Cart off to the jailhouse
 - 7 Tripoli's land
 - 8 Quirky mannerisms
 - 9 Moe or Larry
 - 10 Impedes
 - 11 — du Diable
 - 12 — de Oro
 - 13 Frat letter of Famer
 - 14 Mambo relative
 - 15 Actor Bert
 - 16 Roll topper
 - 17 Sad cry
 - 18 Adidas rival
 - 24 Slugger Mel
 - 26 Tic: — -toe
 - 32 Fling
 - 33 Regaled
 - 35 Element #50
 - 36 Smells nasty
 - 37 'Ahh, OK'
 - 41 Post-rain dirt
 - 43 Swimming specialty
 - 44 Woodwind instrument
 - 85 Raw power
 - 86 George of 'Cheers'
 - 88 Saudi, e.g.
 - 89 Turning (from)
 - 91 Bean trees of India
 - 94 Fifth of fifty
 - 95 African country
 - 99 Teaches one-on-one
 - 101 2009 James Cameron film
 - 102 Sobieski of Hollywood
 - 103 Great fear
 - 104 See
 - 118-Across
 - 105 New Hampshire prep school
 - 107 Unedited
 - 109 Bodily pump
 - 110 '— chingli'
 - 111 Align, briefly
 - 112 Get well
 - 113 Alan of TV and film
 - 114 Tiny mistake
 - 116 Poet Pound
 - 120 Sine — non
 - 121 Increases
 - 122 Ulna's place
 - 124 Royal Navy dival'



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

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!

3	6	3	1	4	7	8	5	2	8
2	7	7	8	6	5	3	1	3	9
9	5	8	1	3	2	4	7	7	6
2	1	1	4	8	5	2	2	7	7
3	2	1	6	5	7	4	7	4	4
8	6	8	8	6	6	5	7	7	4
6	9	6	3	2	7	6	8	8	8
4	5	8	3	2	9	7	1	6	1
5	8	2	8	4	2	8	3	7	5
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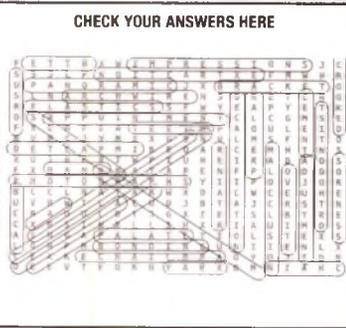
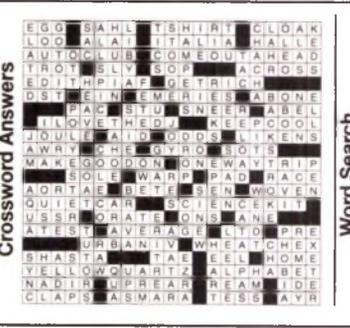
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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW ADDS B2B MATCHMAKING TO OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH AUTOMOBILI-D



By Dale Buss

Expect the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) to keep evolving into a broad business-to-business platform meant to tap ever more deeply into the technological direction being taken by the global auto industry, as the Detroit auto show keeps extending from its roots as the traditional premier American showplace for news and views about the latest in cars.

Last year, the exhibition run by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) each January took its first huge step toward capturing activity around self-driving by launching AutoMobili-D, which staged a big display area for suppliers, startups and others in the space and conducted dozens of seminars and panels that brought hundreds of people together to discuss the technological future of the industry.

Now NAIAS has announced that it is adding a business-to-business and business-to-industry connection platform with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which will be a first for an auto show.

The state's economic development organization, as well as NAIAS and Techstars

Mobility, will curate and create a series of vetted, pre-scheduled meetings at AutoMobili-D that will provide exhibitors with new business and industry connections.

The matchmaking will occur on Monday and Tuesday, January 15 and 16, during Press Days, as well as January 17, the first Industry Preview day. Through the platform, participating AutoMobili-D companies will be able to connect and meet with automakers, startups, suppliers and venture capitalists.

"This platform will accelerate the kinds of meetings that used to maybe just be happenstance," Rod Alberts, executive director of NAIAS, told me. "It's going to bring great value to everyone. It'll almost be like an eHarmony platform for people and companies in the industry and mobility technologies."

"We can create opportunity with this matchmaking idea. It represents quite an advance in our second year of AutoMobili-D. We're taking it to new heights."

Added Ryan LaFontaine, of the Detroit-area family that owns multiple dealerships, and chairman of 2018 NAIAS: "Companies and individuals participating in AutoMobili-D will be able to forge new connections and collaborations through these platforms the State of Michigan is launching."

LaFontaine said in a press release that AutoMobili-D



AutoMobili-D is adding a business-to-business meetings component

"provides the ideal platform to launch these auto show-first initiatives in front of tens of thousands of mobility-focused individuals."

NAIAS launched AutoMobili-D last year in large part as a counter-offensive against other exhibitions that had begun to use automated-driving technologies, and advances in the arena by tech giants such as Google, as a wedge to get more attention and exhibits by automakers, digital-tech companies, software startups and other enterprises that had begun clustering around technology that wasn't the exclusive domain of traditional automakers.

The International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona and, of course, other big auto shows around the globe

Also, Nissan-Renault CEO Carlos Ghosn keynoted, providing insights into the company's plans for a connected future and Julia Steyn of General Motors shared views on the outlook on urban mobility as a "service" by the startup company Maven. There were more than 40 hours of mobility-focused announcements and discussions.

In 2018, NAIAS plans to expand AutoMobili-D exhibit space to more than 150,000 square feet and to double the number of universities that are exhibiting at the show, among other improvements.

MEDC's role has been growing as well as that of PlanetM, the state's partnership-branding initiative to foster, retain and grow the mobility sector and position Michigan as the global epicenter for future transportation.

"AutoMobili-D isn't just about product," Alberts told me. "It's also about sharing knowledge, and bringing everyone together. Everyone wants to be around the next big idea."

To continue to be perceived as "a true global leader," Alberts said in the press release, "our show needs to bring dynamic, industry-leading opportunities to our partners and attendees. No other event in North America provides an international platform for this vast array of companies, organizations and thought leaders under one roof."

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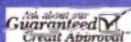
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