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Farmers Market pavilion under way

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The official groundbreaking for Westland's new Farmers Market Pavilion isn't until Wednesday, but construction fences are up and workers are on site.

"We're doing the project in three phases. They wanted to get started and do as much earth moving as they can this week," Westland Mayor Wil-

liam Wild said. "They want to remove the parking along Carlson."

The parking to be removed is the off-street parking space on the west side of Carlson facing Tattan Park and the H2O Zone sprayground. It would be replaced with screening landscaping and new parking areas west and south of the park.

The nearby parking for Central City Park and the park itself will be accessible during

the construction.

Fencing in place

A fence is up around Tattan Park, including the east side of the park along Carlson. The sidewalk is open on the west side of Carlson to Tattan Park.

The city installed some new sidewalks on the east side of Carlson so that pedestrians can cross over and complete their trip on that side of the street.

"We talked of closing the

street to pedestrian traffic, but the fence is going to be up for a long time," Wild said.

Of particular concern had been access to Westland John Glenn High School, less than half a mile south of the park on Marquette.

It's expected that construction of the Farmers Market Pavilion itself would take place in the spring. The Farmers Market Pavilion is to have glass doors that would roll up

like garage doors during warm weather use and would be located south of Tattan Park. There would be an adjoining plaza with outdoor seating and a large grassy area that could be utilized for concerts and other community events.

There would be a restroom with four toilets per gender and a concession stand situated to serve the Farmers Market

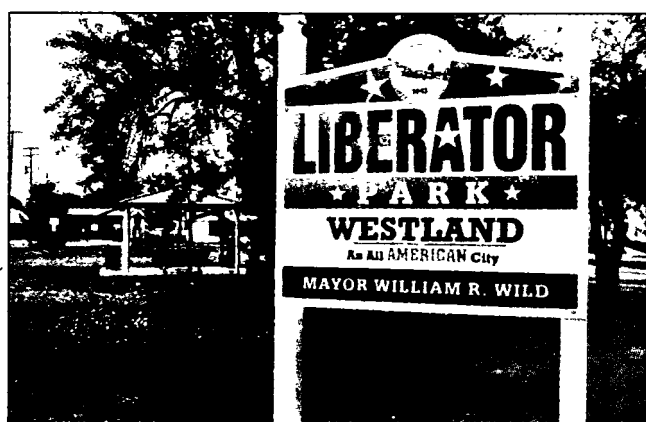
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It might have been the world's largest ribbon cutting as city, state and county officials and residents waited for Henry Johnson to count "three" and cut the ribbon at the Liberator Park dedication. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

All about community

Norwayne stars at Liberator Park's dedication



The city provided the sign for Liberator Park located behind Dorsey Community Center. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It was as much about the celebration of a community as a ribbon cutting ceremony when residents of Norwayne and city, county and state officials gathered Thursday to dedicate Liberator Park.

Renamed after the B-24 bomber that residents of Norwayne helped build during World War II, the park is located behind the Dorsey Community Center, where the ceremony was held due to inclement weather.

"This is a work in progress," said Joanne Campbell, the city's director of housing and community development who served as mistress of ceremonies. "When I came here five years ago, I didn't know about Norwayne. I've learned it has such a rich history that we want to pass it on and share it with the people in the community and the city."

The Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Color Guard presented the colors, while members of the Wayne Memorial High School marching band performed the National Anthem.

Their blue uniforms were indicative of Henry Johnson's favorite colors.

"Because of my experiences at Wayne High and Jefferson (Elementary), I love the colors of maize and blue," said Johnson, chairman of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, which spearheaded the park's name change and the successful quest for a historical designation by the National Register of Historical Places.

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JOANNE CAMPBELL,
director of housing and
community development

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Man faces competency evaluation in rape case

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A preliminary hearing had been adjourned for a Westland man charged with sexually assaulting a 9-year-old neighbor girl at a local apartment complex.

On Thursday, Westland District Judge Mark McConnell referred Zachary Jankowski, who turned 17 years old on Sept. 24, for a competency evaluation and adjourned his preliminary examination until Dec. 5.

Jankowski faces six felony charges, including two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment and assault.

The alleged incident occurred Sept. 1 at the River Bend Apartments at Warren and Merriman roads, where the defendant and the girl both live.

"They were acquainted. The girl was walking to the pool by herself," Westland Police Lt. Todd Adams said.

The girl was lured or grabbed and taken into a nearby changing room where she was raped and also choked, Adams said.

"She was able to leave after he was finished. Afterward, she went and told her mom what had happened," he said.

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

On Sept. 6, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office obtained a court order that moved the charges against Jankowski from the Family Division Court to the Wayne County Circuit Court Criminal Division where he is charged as an adult.

Jankowski is jailed en lieu of a \$100,000 cash or surety bond.

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Noodles 'N Neighbors event benefits veterans memorial garden

By Sue Mason
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Noodles 'N Neighbors started five years ago as a fundraiser for veterans. After an off year, it's returning to its roots by raising money for the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

The 2013 installment of Noodles 'N Neighbors will be 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. It will be hosted by State Rep.

Robert Kosowski, Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc — who started the annual fundraiser five years ago — State Sen. Glenn Anderson, State Rep. David Knezek and Westland Mayor William Wild.

"My office is handing it off to Bob and he asked if I would be willing to be a co-host," LeBlanc said. "Noodles 'N Neighbors was always meant to be my state rep project."

While there's noodles in the name, there won't be a noodle in the pot hall. Instead, the

meal will be all-you-can-eat pizza, bread sticks, salad and beverages. The post also will be serving beer for a donation.

There also will be live and silent auctions and door prizes. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children age 12 and under.

The event usually attracts more than 200 people. LeBlanc has been working on getting food from businesses at cost so more proceeds will go to the memorial garden.

The Westland Veterans

Association, under the leadership of Ken Mehl, has been spearheading fundraising for the memorial garden which is being built behind the William P. Faust Public Library. It will be dedicated on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

As a Wayne County commissioner, LeBlanc has a portion of the Wayne County Parks millage that can be distributed in his district. With the concurrence of Wild and the Westland City Council, the \$60,000 in parks money was put toward

the cost of the memorial, which LeBlanc estimates is in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

"Working together with the city, we were able to take a big chunk off the table for the committee," LeBlanc said.

The memorial also has gotten a boost from The Wayne Ford Civic League, which has donated \$1,000, LeBlanc said.

In addition to raising money for the memorial garden, organizers are also asking people to

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Salvation Army holds bell ringing hiring day

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The sound of bells ringing is only weeks away and the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is on the hunt for more people to serve as paid bell ringers.

According to Capt. Derek Rose, the corps is still in need of people to work during the 2013 Red Kettle campaign after a Hiring Day Oct. 11 failed to bring in enough applicants. As a result, a second Hiring

Day will be held 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23.

"We weren't as successful as we wanted to be," Rose said. "Roughly, we'll hire 60 people for full and part time. The more we start with, the better it will be when we finish. Some people will do a day and decide they don't like it. We have to have a pool of workers."

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will have 25 Red Kettle locations during the holiday season. They will be manned by both paid

bell ringers and volunteers who sign up for shifts online at ring-bell.org.

No musical ability is required for applicants wanting to work as bell ringers during the Red Kettle Campaign. Applicants need to bring two pieces of identification – most commonly ones used are a driver's license, Social Security card or birth certificate – to the corps headquarters, 2300 Venoy in Westland.

The position begins

Nov. 8 and runs Monday through Saturday until Dec. 25. Paid bell ringers receive \$7.40 per hour, with full- and part-time shifts of up to 50 per week for six weeks available, Rose said.

The Wayne-Westland Corps has set a goal of raising \$210,000 this holiday season – \$195,000 through bell ringing and an additional \$15,000 through its mail campaign. While the state's economy is improving, the need for assistance continues to

increase, Rose said.

"There are numbers that show the economy is getting better, but the people who tried to work through this are now coming in for assistance," he said. "We have people coming in from Garden City and Inkster. It's a whole new dynamic."

The Wayne-Westland Corps will use the money to expand its summer camp and after-school program and add another case worker to handle intakes and answer

phone.

"We know the poor will always be among us. We're just trying to figure out how to help them," Rose said.

For more information about bell ringing for the Red Kettle Campaign or other Salvation Army programs, call the Wayne-Westland Corps at 734-722-3660 or go online to www.salmich.org.

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Unique history

Echoing Campbell's comments about Norwayne's unique history, Johnson acknowledged that five mayors, a city clerk and a state representative have roots in Norwayne. He also acknowledged Mayor William Wild for his support in the revitalization of the community.

Under Wild's leadership, the city has used almost \$2 million in federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program money to buy homes, tear some down to open up green spaces and fight blight. Residents also have been involved with the citizens council, taking an active role in seeking the national designation for the community, creating a Neighborhood Watch program and fixing up what is now Liberator Park.

"This is one of my favorite things, to come back and celebrate as you turn Norwayne into a community of choice," said Wild, whose family lived on Alpena Court and had the late Justine Barnes, a city council member and state repre-



Norwayne Community Citizens Council chairman Henry Johnson talks about the community.

sentative, as their landlord.

"My first day with the city I said I wanted to focus on Norwayne. For some reason it hadn't been a priority of previous administrations," he said. "Last year the council designated this week to celebrate Norwayne and its 70th anniversary. Today, it's been put on the National Register of Historical Places and the dedication of the park is part of that historical designation. I congratulate the residents of Norwayne and the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. Thank you for what you are doing for this community."

Johnson said that seeking the historical designation wasn't cheap, but with help from former Norwayne resident and businessman Jeff Styers and the Wayne Ford Civic League, the \$6,500 recordation cost for the national designation and the \$5,000 for the sign were covered.

"Jeff Styers grew up in Norwayne, he came asking how he could help and brought his checkbook," Johnson said. "We acquired the money for the sign with a donation from the Wayne Ford Civic League."

Johnson had plaques for Styers, who couldn't attend the dedication,

and Vic Barra, president of the Wayne Ford Civic League.

"I'm so proud we were there to help the community," Barra said. "You guys are an inspiration."

'For my dad'

Johnson also honored Michael Cayley, who has given \$4,000 for improvement at Norwayne's two Cayley Parks, named for his father, Charles Cayley, who was a Nankin Township Trustee. In town from the Chicago area, Cayley planned to visit his former home while in town.

"I did it for my dad, he'd be proud of what they're doing," said Ca-

yey, whose family lived several doors down from Johnson's family on Ogemaw Court. "I knew Henry when he was 4 years old."

Wild admitted that Norwayne is "one of my favorite places to come back and celebrate as we turn it into a community of choice."

"Last year the council designated this week to celebrate in Norwayne," he said. "Today it is on the National Register of Historic Places and the state has approved the language for the marker."

Johnson told the crowd that he had made a list of what has been

done in Norwayne and has 20 items on it.

"Mayor, I'll tell you that we are going to make this Norwayne community a community of choice," Johnson said.

"This isn't about houses that need repairs," he said. "It's not about roads that need repairs. It's about a commitment to a community, a commitment to family and a commitment to a wider community. Mayor, I'll tell you we are going to make this Norwayne community a community of choice."

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Wayne Memorial JROTC member Rachel Hyams holds the flag for the dedication ceremony.

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Plaza and also the soccer fields located immediately west in Central City Park.

The full project, with improvements to the H20 Zone and the Morgan

Drain which runs through the park, will cost an estimated \$3 million. The project will partially be funded by the Downtown Development Authority, with a bond sale expected next month.

Long-term plan

The DDA is also expected to hire McKenna

Associates to develop a long-term plan for the current site of city hall, the former Bailey Recreation Center and Fire Station 1, along Ford Road adjoining Tattan and Central City parks.

"They're at the beginning stage. We want to start that process at the

DDA level," Wild said, adding McKenna Associates developed the Ford Road 2020 plan and the overlay plan for the area.

City hall will relocate next year to the renovated and retrofitted former Circuit City building on Warren Road east of Central City Parkway.

A new fire station is to be constructed on Nankin Boulevard on part of the former Service Merchandise property.

The city hall project grew out of work by the Tax Increment Finance Authority, which is funding it and the new fire station.

Other than demolishing the existing buildings, council hasn't approved any plans for the Ford Road property once it is vacated.

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bring brand new items for homeless veterans. The list includes toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, male and female clothing and shoes, bath soap, combs, razors and shaving cream, male underwear, face cloths, socks, twin-sized bed linens, bath towels, books, magazines, board games like checkers and dominoes and

playing cards.

Tickets are available at the door and from the host committee. Information is available on the Noodles 'N Neighbors Facebook page or by calling 734-335-7943, 734-367-0442 or 734-595-0697.

"It was a pleasure to be asked to help with this," LeBlanc said. "This is a veterans memorial that is really for the area."

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Monument honors 'ultimate sacrifice'

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A steady drizzle added to the somber mood Thursday afternoon as Wayne County officials and family members of public safety workers lost in the line of duty unveiled the county's First Responders Memorial in Plymouth Township.

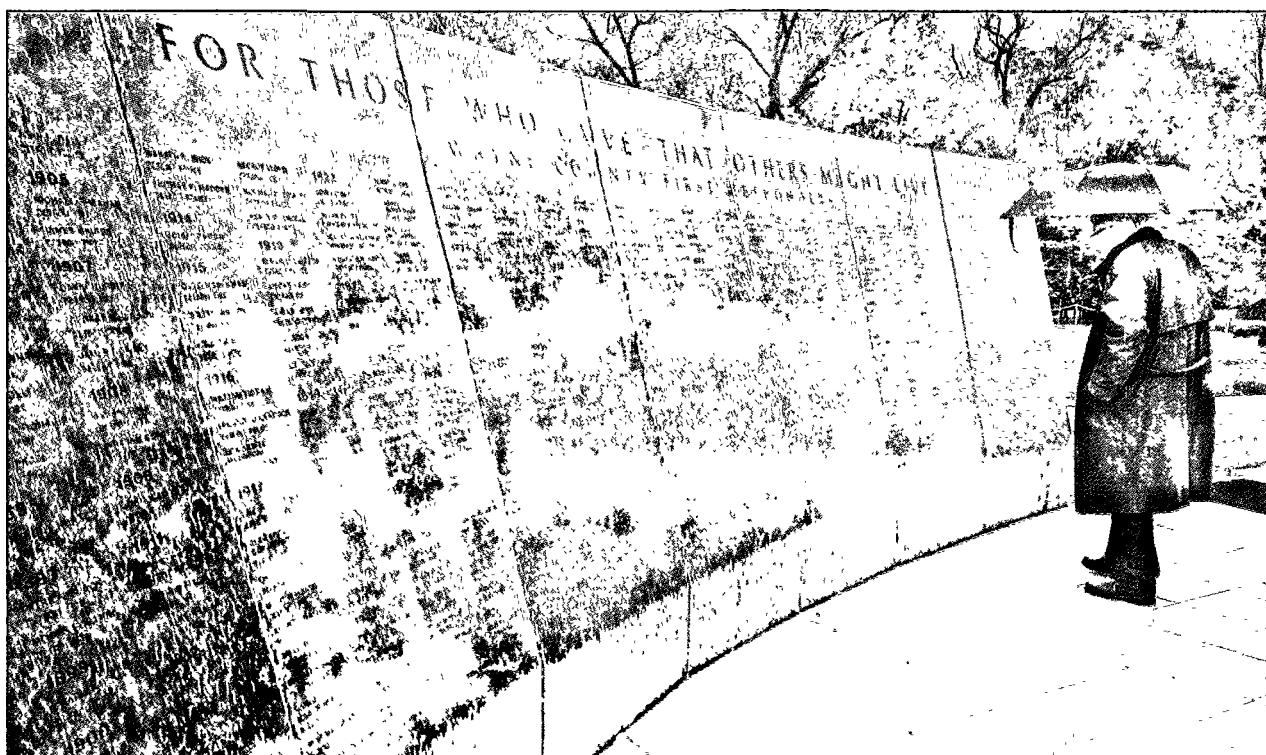
The \$400,000 memorial — granite pillars engraved with the names of 401 fallen, set in a semi-circular plaza at Hines Drive and Haggerty — was dedicated amid presentations from police and fire department honor guards and a performance by the Livonia Franklin High School choir. Police and fire departments from around the county were represented.

The Rev. Tom Belczak, pastor at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, referred to the rain as he offered an invocation. "Perhaps those are tears of our God for those who made the ultimate sacrifice," Belczak said.

County Executive Bob Ficano, the former Wayne County sheriff, said he was motivated to build such a memorial by a remark he heard, shortly after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, about photos and video of rescuers heading into the doomed World Trade Center towers while others rushed out. Ficano also remembered William Dickerson, a sergeant in the sheriff's department who was killed in an incident at the county jail while Ficano was sheriff, in his remarks.

Honor roll

The 401 names on the monument are of police officers, firefighters and medical rescuers who



The First Responders Memorial is dedicated on a rainy afternoon. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Bob Woehlke, brother of fallen Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke, hugs Diane Philpot, widow of Detroit Police Officer Jerry Philpot II, after placing a wreath during the dedication ceremony.

lost their lives while on duty for a Wayne County community, or whose on-duty injuries later caused their deaths.

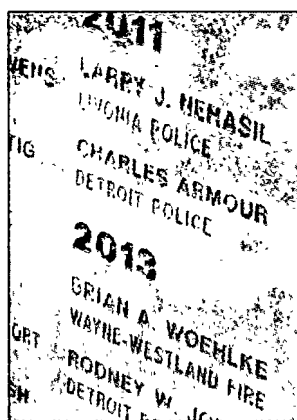
The first name on it is John Miller, a Detroit firefighter who died in 1867 of injuries suffered in a fall from a ladder; the last is Rodney W. Jones, a Detroit police officer who died this year of a medical condition while participating

in a motorcycle skills event.

"They may have lost their lives, but surely their memories will live on," Ficano said.

Family members of three of the men whose names are on the monument shared stories during the ceremony.

"We survivors remember that person every day," said Diane Philpot, whose husband, Jerry F.



The names of local heroes are carved into the granite of the memorial.

Philpot II, a Detroit police officer, was killed in a 1995 shooting. Philpot talked about working to overcome the loss. "It's not closure it's just — it's a journey that we're on," she said.

Todd Palgut of Plymouth Township told of his grandfather, Charles Srull, a Dearborn firefighter who was injured in a 1928 house fire, suffered declining health



Bob Woehlke, brother of fallen Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke, reacts while speaking about his brother.

and died in December 1929. At the outset of the Great Depression, Palgut said, the city gave Srull's widow, Ida, a pension to help her support her five young children, including Palgut's mother, who was just 2 at the time.

"If it weren't for that pension, Ida Srull would've had to split up her family," Palgut said.

Westland firefighter remembered

Bob Woehlke, brother of Brian A. Woehlke, a Wayne-Westland firefighter who died in May of injuries suffered when the roof of a burning building collapsed on him, fought tears after saying the rainy day reminded him of fall days spent on soccer fields with his younger brother. "Brian loved soccer," he said.

Woehlke said his late brother "did everything with enthusiasm and an amazing zest for life," was a rock of support for his wife, Jen, and a proud father to their daughter, Ava. At a Woehlke family outing to a college football game this season, he said, "there was a huge void without our fourth brother."

Jeffrey Collins, deputy county executive, was the master of ceremonies Thursday, and Ed Glomb, chief of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Police, also spoke briefly. The ceremony ended with a rifle salute by the Van Buren Township Police Department, a rendition of *Taps* by a lone bugler, a mournful bagpipe version of *Amazing Grace*, and a melody by the Franklin choir that included *My Country 'Tis of Thee*.

Revenue from the county's parks and recreation property tax was used to pay for the First Responders Memorial, and officials hope an annual Heroes on Hines run — 5-kilometer (3.1 miles) and half-marathon (13.1 miles) races — will raise enough money for ongoing maintenance. The inaugural Heroes on Hines on Oct. 5 drew more than 1,100 runners.

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Baker College students give back creatively

Cassandra Stockdale of Wayne was among a group of students at Baker College of Allen Park who received more than a grade in their spring-quarter design class. They also received the joy of giving back to their community because their work will help the Metropolitan Detroit/Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The class of 10 students designed marketing materials that help promote and solicit funds at four key fall fundraising events for the CFF. The materials include invitation packages, sponsorship brochures, event fliers, T-shirts, e-blasts and goody bags, among others.

"These materials have been an enormous help," said Adrian Laux, development manager at the Metro Detroit CFF. "They help communicate that these events are fun and that donations will be put to good use. Other designers – students and professionals – have helped create our marketing materials on a pro bono basis, but this is our first organized partnership and the results are fabulous. We are proud to have these materials represent our organization."

Laux and CFF Development Director Sue Collins-Schroeder met with the class several times and provided weekly feedback as the project progressed.

The connection between Baker College and the CFF was formed when Charlene Galloway, instructor for Baker's digital media design associate-degree program, reached out to Laux, inquiring about design opportunities for her class. They had worked together for a previous employer.

"The class is structured similar to a design firm in order to present the same challenges and rewards that students face as design professionals," Galloway said. "They work as a team to conceptualize, create and execute design schemes and marketing tools for real clients. Grades are dependent on weekly class reports of client

feedback and project advancement. Through this process, students learn about the industry and the importance of client interaction."

Baker's two-year digital media design program focuses on application of current concepts and technology relating to presentation of information in a creative, organized and effective manner. Graduates with these skills have career choices in areas such as web and graphic design, print production, marketing and communications.

Galloway has taught design classes for more than eight years and admits that the quality of the finished materials and the professionalism of the students assigned

to the CFF project surpassed her expectations.

The materials designed by Galloway's class promoted these CFF events:

- » 65 Roses Golf Outing, held Sept. 16 in Ann Arbor.
- » Cooking for a Cure, held Oct. 3 in Saginaw.
- » Lansing Wine Open, held Oct. 10 in Bath.
- » Run like Hell Halloween 5K to be held Oct. 26 in Ferndale.

Laux recognizes that the materials are now gifts that keep on giving. She and her staff can use them as templates for future recurring events.

The not-for-profit CFF is focused on the development of new drugs to fight cystic fibrosis, improving the quality of

life for those with cystic fibrosis and finding a cure for the disease. Cystic fibrosis affects approximately 30,000 people in the U.S.; 10 million more – or about one in 31 Americans – are carriers of the defective cystic fibrosis gene, but do not have the disease. For information about CFF events, contact the Detroit office at 248-269-8759, detroit@cff.org or www.cff.org/chapters/detroit.

For more information about Baker College of Allen Park's digital media design program and other programs, contact the admissions office at 313-425-3700 or steven.peterson@bak.edu.

Color Splash 5K raises money

What began as an effort to raise funds became much more at Randolph Elementary's first Leader in Me 5K Color Splash Dash last Saturday.

More than 250 people came out for the race, which wound through the neighborhood surrounding the Livonia school. Runners were splashed with vibrant color powder at four designated stations along the three-mile path. The fundraiser earned more than \$2,000 and benefited the efforts to implement the Leader in Me program at Randolph, which is based on Dr. Stephen Covey's book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*.

Tammy Spangler-Timm, principal at Randolph, was thrilled with the event.

"It was so fun seeing families come together to participate in this run," she said. "Everything came together so well



Randolph students run to raise funds for The Leader in Me program.

and we've received so much positive feedback from everyone, even neighborhood residents who didn't participate in the event."

Spangler-Timm said that the Color Splash Dash was truly a collaborative effort with the staff of Randolph.

"The organization and planning that went into this event exemplifies the effectiveness of knowing and applying Stephen Covey's *Seven Habits*," she said. "This run not only raised money for the Leader in Me program, it empowered, energized and united our

building. We are more focused than ever on our goal of getting the program going here at Randolph."

Randolph is required to contribute \$80,000 toward the implementation of the Leader in Me program. The school received a \$50,000 grant from the I Am a Leader Foundation in June, which was founded by Peggy and Andrew Cherng, owners of the Panda Express restaurants. The money raised from the run will be applied to the \$30,000 balance required from the school.

Livonia Public Schools wins physical education grant

Livonia Public Schools, in partnership with the Wayne State University Center for School Health, was awarded a \$1.395 million Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant from the U.S. Department of Education on Sept. 30.

The grant, designed to improve physical education curriculum and instruction, school-wide physical activity opportunities, and nutrition messaging for middle and high school students, will be distributed over three years.

The first year will focus on curriculum innovation in physical education. During this year, teachers will participate in professional

development and receive equipment to implement the prominent, standards-based SPARK curriculum. In addition, high school fitness centers will be updated.

The second and third years will focus on integrating modern methods and techniques into the physical education curriculum, implementing the Michigan Model Nutrition Curriculum, and incorporating technology into all activity instruction. Teachers will receive the equipment they need to introduce culturally relevant physical fitness methods such as yoga and CrossFit to their classes, as well as iPads and heart rate monitors

to facilitate instruction and assessment.

The grant will also allow implementation of the Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program (CSPAP), which allows students additional opportunities to be physically active before, during, and after school.

"The funding of this grant is an amazing opportunity for Livonia Public School students," health and physical education teacher leader Sheryl Archibald said.

"With the help of this funding, students will learn to live an active and healthy lifestyle, and in doing so improve their academic performance."

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Rep. Knezek seeks opinion on Inkster district dissolution

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Was the dissolution of the Inkster Public Schools district legal?

That's the question state Rep. David Knezek is asking Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette to answer.

Knezek, whose 11th District includes the city of Inkster, has sent a letter to Schuette asking for an expedited opinion on whether the arrangements to dissolve the Inkster school district and divide it up between four neighboring districts — Wayne-Westland, Westwood, Taylor and Romulus — violates the Michigan Constitution or any other state laws.

"Actually, it's being done at the request of Inkster city officials," Knezek said. "They had heard about a similar situation in Virginia that was ruled illegal."

Saying that "it's unfortunate that we've gotten to this point," Knezek pointed out that there "are school districts across this state in danger of becoming insolvent and we need to know now, before more districts are dissolved, whether or not this action was legal. If not, we need to have an immediate conversation as to how we can keep our district doors open."

Public Acts 96 and 97

Knezek's requests come almost three months after the district's dissolution. It was one of two — the other was the Buena Vista School District — which were dissolved following the passage of Public Acts 96 and 97 of 2013. The two acts made it through the Legislature in just 14 days and were signed into law July 3 by Gov. Rick Snyder.

Just 20 days later, state Superintendent Mike Flanagan and then-state Treasurer Andy Dillon determined that the Inkster and Buena Vista districts could not show they had the money to open their doors in the fall and should be dissolved.

The actual dissolution act was done by the Wayne County RESA Board of Education, which made the decision at a special meeting July 25.

Wayne RESA has been responsible for closing down the district's operations and the distribution of its assets among the four receiving school dis-

tricts. While the Inkster district has been officially dissolved, it remains intact for taxation purposes until its existing debt is paid off.

Wayne RESA Superintendent Christopher Wigent, who has been the lead person in the dissolution, is maintaining a wait-and-see attitude about Knezek's request. His days are so full he doesn't have the time "to spend on what ifs," he said.

"Certainly, we did what was required by law at the time," he said. "We didn't have an instruction manual. It was a difficult task, but it went as well as possible. The receiving districts' cooperation has been wonderful."

Challenging situation

Wigent added that the decision to dissolve the Inkster school district "still stands as the most difficult and emotional thing" he has ever had to do. It also has been a "phenomenal challenge."

"This is uncharted waters for me," he said. "I let them work it out. We'll abide by their decision; we always do."

Knezek hopes an attorney general's opinion will lend "some clarity to the situation."

"Regardless of Attorney General Schuette's official opinion, I still feel that this dissolution failed to take into account the needs of our students and our community," Knezek said. "We need to know if our students can once again call Inkster Public Schools their home."

In requesting the opinion, Knezek pointed to the consolidation of the Ypsilanti and Willow Run school districts as a framework for what could work in other districts across the state. The consolidation took place over two years and included a lot of public input.

"The process was aided by \$6 million from the state of Michigan," Knezek said. "The financial problems in districts like Inkster and Buena Vista happened over a period of many years, even decades. We can't possibly hope to solve those problems in a meaningful way over a period of weeks."

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Columbus Day observed at state Capitol



State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, (left) joined members of the Livonia Italian American Club and Club President Mary Galasso (center) as well as the Italian Consul of Detroit Maria Luisa Lapresa, on Galasso's left, during this week's Columbus Day celebration at the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing.

Events focus on bomber plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

In October 1943, a meeting took place in Detroit at which the U.S. government and the American auto industry began organizing for war production.

Seventy-three years later, the Yankee Air Museum is holding two events Saturday, Oct. 26, to explore the Motor City's role in World War and the bomber plant where the B-24 Bomber was built.

The first event, a conference, will be held at the Yankee Air Museum on the grounds of the Willow Run Airport and will look at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in its larger historical context as a critically important part of the Arsenal of Democracy.

Speakers will include Charles Hyde of Wayne State University, author of *The American Automobile Industry in World War II*, Michael Davis, author of *Detroit's Wartime Industry: Arsenal of Democracy*, and the Yankee Air Museum's own Randy Hotton, one of the authors of *Willow Run: Birthplace of Rosie the Riveter*.

The program begins with a light lunch at 11:45 a.m. and will conclude by 2:45 p.m. The conference will conclude with a brief presentation on the future of the Willow Run Bomber Plant site.

"We're encouraging history buffs, teachers and historical preservationist to come to the 11:45 event," said Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation which is working with the museum in securing a portion of the bomber plant for a permanent home for the Yankee Air Museum. "It's also for those people who are interested in the plant and want to come and look at it and see what's going to happen there."

Since April, the museum has been staging a SaveTheBomberPlant.org campaign to raise \$8 million to purchase 175,000 square feet of the former Willow Run bomber plant from RACER, or Revitalizing Automotive Communities Environmental Response, Trust. More than 8,600 B-24 Liberator bombers were built at Willow Run during World War II.

The trust was created to dispose of properties left after GM's 2009 bankruptcy. RACER has had little interest in the 5 million-square-foot former GM Powertrain plant and plans to tear it down to open up 300 acres for development.

"In terms of the Save the Bomber Plant campaign, the purpose of the program is simple — it will make it clear why we feel it so very important that a portion of the plant be

preserved and also begin to show the community the kinds of important stories that a site in the plant can help us tell," Montgomery said.

The second event will be at 3 p.m. and take place in Bay 8 of the airport's Hangar 1 on Kirk Profit Drive at the east end of the airport. According to Montgomery, people will get a chance to see the area of the bomber plant the museum plans to purchase as well as help the "community understand what's going to happen."

"It will give the public a last look at the Bomber Plant as it has been and a first look at plans for the future of the site," he said. "People will be able to get close to the plant for sure and look inside. The big doors are open and people will be able to get a sense of the size."

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required by calling the museum at 734-483-4030.

Montgomery added that there's still time to save a portion of the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant as a new home for the Yankee Air Museum. A donation of \$50 will save 1 square foot of the plant. Visit www.savethebomberplant.org to make a donation.

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Accusation passed off as the truth but is in fact false:

The letter states that Councilman Robinson received medical benefits from the city of Livonia after stating in his campaign that he would not accept medical benefits.

The real story and the truth:

We asked Councilman Robinson how he paid for his kidney trans-plant, if he received medical benefits or medical insurance from the city of Livonia. His nearly \$500,000 medical bill for his life saving kidney transplant was paid through a medical insurance plan that he pays for through his employer, one of the nation's largest financial service companies based in Virginia Beach. He does not have a medical care plan through the city of Livonia as he did not accept the plan upon his election to the council. Promise made. Promise kept.

Accusation passed off as the truth but is in fact false:

The letter states that Councilman Robinson is using the name of Council President Laura Toy as an endorsement when she has asked him to remove her name.

The real story and the truth:

Throughout the Spring and Summer and through the Fall Councilwoman Laura Toy has consistently told people in Livonia, including Tom Robinson that she is endorsing Susan Nash, Brian Meakin and Tom Robinson. Robinson confirmed with Toy her endorsement before her name was included on a letter mailed to women voters asking for their vote. In fact, Laura Toy was at the kick-off party for the announcement that Tom Robinson was running for re-election. Support earned. Support deserved.

Accusation passed off as the truth but is in fact false:

The letter states that Robinson's full time job is at a robo-call center and he will use this company to send out

phone calls denying these accusations.

The real story and the truth:

The company Robinson is an executive for is one of the nation's largest financial service centers in the nation and has 500 employees reporting to him as Director of his division. Neither his division nor his company does robo-calls in Michigan. This company has never done and could not have done any calls for Tom Robinson for any of his three victorious campaigns for Livonia City Council or for Julie Robinson's successful campaign for Livonia Board of Education.

Accusation passed off as the truth but is in fact false:

The letter states that Robinson voted "no" on the start of construction for the Nehasil Park resulting in a critical delay.

The real story and the truth:

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information was provided was cast by four members of the Livonia City Council including three past Presidents of the Council with a combined service to Livonia of over 30 years — Council President Laura Toy and former Council President's Maureen Miller Brosnan and Joe Laura. One week later with the information in hand the construction was approved.

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Muscle Beach Party celebrates end of summer

To celebrate the end of summer, Westland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center decided to hold a Muscle Beach Party for the residents, their families and staff.

The day was filled with goodies, games and plenty of laughs. The petting zoo drew a lot of attention, with ducks, rabbits, a llama, a cow and even pony rides.

Guests were served a barbecue lunch, complete with carnival-style popcorn, cotton candy and frozen drinks.

A select few staff members volunteered to sit in the dunk tank. For

\$1, guests had the opportunity to see their co-workers get soaking wet. For those guests who like to dance, the disc jockey Marqueda "Chip" Mayo, a therapy aide, had employees and residents shaking it on the front lawn.

According to organizers, everyone pitched in to make it a very special event for the center. It was so much fun that plans are in the works to do it again next year.

All proceeds from the event were donated to the Activities Department for the benefit of the residents.



Angie Brown of the Westland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Activities Department visits with resident Walter Mae Jackson.

Marqueda "Chip" Mayo (in the rear), a therapy aide, provided the music for dancing, serving as disc jockey for the Muscle Beach Party.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Open House

First Step's Children's Program will present an Art Show and Community Open House 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in the Great Room of the Karen Wilson-Smith-bauer Center, 4400 S. Venoy, Wayne.

Refreshments and light snacks will be available and a recognition of artwork created by children at First Step through the generosity of the Karen Colina Wilson Foundation Grant. For more information, call Desiree Herrick at 734-713-0658.

Coffee Hour

State Sen. Glenn Anderson will host district coffee hours on Monday, Oct. 21, in Westland and Redford. Citizens of the 6th Senate District are welcome to attend. This is a change from his usual month coffee hour due to a scheduling conflict. No appointment is necessary.

The District Coffee Hours will be 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Heming-

way, Redford.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at 866-262-7306 or by email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Rouge Brew

Get a taste of beer brewed within the Rouge River Watershed at Friends of the Rouge's fourth annual Rouge Brew at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3.

The event is hosted by Liberty Street Brewing Company in Plymouth and will include the release of a special Rouge beer brewed with locally grown hops. Rex Halfpenny of the Michigan Beer Guide will lead the tasting.

Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance at therouge.org/index.php?id=691357 and include the tasting, light refreshments and a FOTR pint glass. Space is limited so people are encouraged to sign up early. Any tickets left are an additional \$5 at the door.

Proceeds from the event go to support Friends of the Rouge and their work to promote restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River in metropolitan Detroit. For more information, visit www.therouge.org, email spetrela@therouge.org or call 313-792-9621.

Investigating Bigfoot

The William P. Faust Public Library will host "Investigating Bigfoot" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Join Bigfoot investigator Bob Daigle of the Michigan Sasquatch Studies Group for a look at Bigfoot sightings in Michigan and nearby states. Daigle will show video clips and other evidence, as well as bring fascinating materials for display.

For more information, call the library at 734-326-6123.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner of the fall from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment by The Waco Band, for just \$6.

Upcoming dates are Nov. 22 for the spaghetti dinner and Nov. 14 for game night. The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Trunk or Treats

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will hold an Angels Night Costume Party and Trunk or Treat from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, in the south parking lot of the church. Bring treats to give to the "angels" as the "parade" walks from trunk to trunk. There also will be crafts, activities and refreshments. The church is at 3 Town Square, Wayne.

The Norwayne Community Watch will be holding a Trunk or Treat from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, in the parking lot of the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey St., south of Venoy, West-

land. Bring your children to a safe environment and collect their treats. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Call Brenda at 734-729-3833 for information or to donate candy.

Wrestling Alumni Night

John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its second annual Alumni Night Wednesday, Dec. 11, at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland. Alumni will be recognized between matches.

Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at 734-634-4595 for more information or to let them know you'll be in attendance.

Wrestling Club

Westland Bottle Rocks is a wrestling club for ages 4-14. The club meets 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Wrestling Room of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland. Practice will begin Thursday, Nov. 21 and run through March 2014.

Registration will take place 6-7:30 p.m. Tues-

day, Nov. 12, outside the Wrestling Room. The membership fee for the season is \$50 and includes a T-shirt.

More information and/or a copy of the registration form can be obtained by visiting the club link at glennwrestling.com. Questions can be directed to the coaches at brclubwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at 734-634-4595.

Dinner Fundraiser

St. Richard's Catholic Church is hosting a benefit for one of their members, Joe Kelly, a long-time Westland resident and volunteer in the community.

He has had a liver transplant and has experienced some recent medical setups related to it with mounting medical bills.

There will be a pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 3. The cost is \$5 per person, \$4 for seniors for pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit. There also is a family discount.

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Michigan Reads! author visits library, school

Leslie Helakoski knows the power of positive thinking. An author of children's books, she didn't get discouraged in finding a publisher for her book.

"She went through 19 nos before the 20th publisher said they would publish her book," said Cari Fry, children's associate at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

The author of the 2013 Michigan Reads! book *Woolbur*, Helakoski was in Westland last week to inspire youngsters and share her tale of a lamb finding original ways to accomplish everyday tasks and sharing his ideas with others.

Fry was instrumental in getting Helakoski to the Westland library after answering an online survey about having her visit.

"I answered five questions," Fry said. "I asked about it and everyone said go for it. We lucked out and got her. She's visiting 12 libraries and, fortuitously, we're one of them. We've had other authors visit, but never a Michigan Reads! winner."

Two-time winner

This is the second time a book by Helakoski has been chosen by the Michigan Reads! program. Her *Big Chickens* was selected in 2007. Michigan Reads! was started in 2004 to highlight the importance of reading and sharing books with children, especially toddlers through early elementary age.

Each year a book is selected based on literary merit, readability and appeal to children. Preference is given to a Michigan or Great Lakes children's author. Helakoski lives in the Kalamazoo area.

The Library of Michigan also is providing a kit to all schools with K-2 classrooms, all public library locations, Head Starts and Great Start Readiness programs in the state that includes a hardcover copy of *Woolbur*, a programming resource guide developed specifically for the selected title with many activities directly linked to state education standards, stickers for young readers and a set of bookmarks highlighting early childhood literacy tips for parents.

A program of the Library of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Reads! is sponsored by Target.

Helakoski read both *Big Chickens* and *Woolbur* for more than 30 youngsters who came to the library in the morning for her visit. She also did finger play for the youngsters, who did a craft and got to feel what

raw and carded wool feels like.

Barnes & Noble also worked with the library to provide Helakoski's books to sell during her visit. What was nice, according to Fry, was youngsters could choose from five of her books, including *Woolbur*. They also had an opportunity to have their books signed by Helakoski.

School visit

In the afternoon, the author visited P.D. Graham Elementary School, where she met with kindergartners through second-graders. At the school, Helakoski talked about making mistakes as she writes, which is OK, Fry said.

"Her message was that writing is a process; from idea to story may take several tries," Fry said. "The message was appropriate for kids learning to read and write. It was really nice. She taught the students that it's OK to make mistakes. The students were just fantastic, they were great listeners."

The visit was so rewarding, Fry thinks she will answer the survey in hopes of landing another Michigan Reads! author for a visit.

Photographs of Helakoski's visit to the Westland Library and P.D. Graham have been sent to the Library of Michigan and will be posted on its website at www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan.

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As might be expected with toddlers, the crowd was a little fidgety, but most youngsters settled in to listen to author Leslie Helakoski read. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Helakoski reads from her book 'Big Chickens' during the library visit.

Mom Karen DeVries and son Braydon, 22 months old, listen to Helakoski read.

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Worker accused of stealing from dementia patients

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Westland woman has been charged following allegations she stole and sold jewelry belonging to two women with dementia while employed as a health care worker at Crystal Creek, an assisted living center on Lilley north of Warren.

Gail Lynn Good, 45, was arraigned Thursday morning in 35th District Court on two counts of larceny in a building. If convicted, she could face penalties ranging up to four years in prison.

A not-guilty plea was entered for her. Judge Michael Gerou set a \$30,000/10-percent bond and ordered her to return to court Oct. 25 for a preliminary examination to determine wheth-

er she should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said one of the incidents occurred Sept. 22 and the other early this month. Family members of the two elderly women realized



Good

necklaces were missing and notified the Crystal Creek administration, which contacted police.

Baugh said police recovered one 14-carat gold necklace from a Westland jewelry shop. He said police learned from a second jeweler in Westland that the other gold necklace already had been melted down, though a diamond family

heirloom was missing.

"We're still trying to recover the diamond from it," Baugh said.

Good was arrested about 4 p.m. Tuesday on the job. Baugh said information obtained from Crystal Creek and the suspect helped police in their investigation.

He said the jewelers and Crystal Creek were all cooperative during the police investigation. "The jewelry stores did everything according to state law. They were very cooperative," Baugh said. "Crystal Creek did a great job with their administration coming to us immediately and not handling it within their organization."

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Spaghetti dinner

Good Hope Lutheran Church will host its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 4-11 and free for children age 3 and under.

Good Hope Lutheran is at 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For more information, call the church office at 734-427-3660.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation 2014 is holding an Accurate Driving raffle with the lucky ticket holder winning a Segment One and Segment two from Accurate Driving, a \$289 value.

Tickets cost \$5. They will be available at Garden City High School during parent-teacher conferences. They also are available from Heidi Witt at hijowitt@yahoo.com.

The raffle is going on during the month of October.

Trunk or Treat

United Baptist Church are inviting families in the community to a Trunk or Treat from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at the church, 236 Middlebelt, north of Cherry Hill.

There will be free hot dogs, chips and drinks, bounce house and other activities for children as well as candy. Costumes are optional for the trunk or treating.

Football tickets

The Garden City Rotary Club is selling tickets for its UM-Ohio State Football Fund Raiser.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20. First prize is two tickets to the game Nov. 30, at UM Stadium and hotel accommodations for Nov. 29-30 at the Holiday Inn Express-Ann Arbor. There also is a second prize of \$500 cash and a

third prize of \$300.

Tickets are available from Rotary club members. The drawing will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 21 at Aman-tea Restaurant in Garden City.

Craft/Vendor Show

Garden City High School will hold its annual Fall Craft and Vendor Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

There will be more than 65 tables of direct sales companies including Pampered Chef, Avon, and Scentsy, and a variety of arts and crafts. There will be door prize raffles, 50/50 drawings, a bake sale and concessions available throughout the show.

Admission is \$1 which includes a free raffle ticket. Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt Road in between Ford and Warren Road, in Garden City.

For more information or for table availability, email Sheryll at vendor-show@gmail.com or call 734-277-0791 and leave a message.

All proceeds from this show will go to the GCHS PTSA.

Support Group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS support group meets 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road, Garden City. There are no dues.

For more information, call Ruthann at 734-981-2519.

Zumba class

Zumba fitness is back at Merriman Road Baptist Church, on Merriman just south of Ford, Garden City.

The class is for women age 18 and older. Class time is 8-9 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 24. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Girlfriends of Grace Minis-

try at Merriman Road Baptist Church, the class will be held Thursdays at the church. Donations will be taken at the door to cover the cost of the instructor.

For more information, call 734-421-0472.

Health Coach

The Garden City Hospital Health Coach — a mobile unit providing services to address health care needs for the community, including those who are low income, uninsured or underinsured — will be at the Maplewood Center the third Wednesday of the month.

Services offered include health screenings and assessments, health coaching and patient care follow-ups.

People must be 18 years or older to qualify for the program at no cost, regardless of their insurance status.

The mobile unit parks on the Maplewood side of the center from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Museum fundraising

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum are continuing their fundraising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlor for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items.

The museum is located in the Straight Farmhouse at 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road, Garden City.

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Lawyer: Same-sex parents 'every bit as good'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

For gays and lesbians fighting for the same rights to marry and adopt children that are afforded heterosexual couples, justice delayed isn't necessarily justice denied.

Dana Nessel is so convinced change is coming, in fact, she doesn't even mind waiting a few more months to see it happen.

Of course Nessel, the Plymouth attorney representing April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse in a federal lawsuit challenging the state's ban on same-sex marriage and adoption, was disappointed U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman declined to rule in the case Wednesday; Friedman instead set a February trial date for the case.

But since Nessel believes she already had a rock-solid case, a few more months to fine-tune it suits her just fine.

"We're disappointed we didn't have an immediate ruling in our favor and we look forward to a trial in this matter," Nessel said Thursday, the day after Friedman declined to rule. "We're very confident we have a myriad of experts who will be testifying to the fact gays and lesbians are every bit as good at parenting children as their heterosexual counterparts."

Instead of ruling on motions for summary judgment filed by both sides, Friedman held off, telling a courtroom packed with gay rights supporters there are "issues that have to be decided ... as a matter of law."

"I wish I could sit here today and give you a definitive ruling," Friedman said. "I'm a little nervous. I've never had a case like this before."

Hazel Park nurses DeBoer, 42, and Rowse, 48, are challenging the state's ban on same-sex marriage and same-sex adoption (Michigan is one of 35 states with such bans either by law or by constitutional amendment), arguing the bans unlawfully violate their right to get married and adopt each other's children.

The couple filed their lawsuit in January 2012. Rowse has two pre-school-aged boys; DeBoer has a 3-year-old girl. They argue the state has no "rational basis" for denying them the right to get married and adopt children together.

The case is a bit of déjà vu for Nessel, who argued a similar case in 2009 – initially won, but overturned by the Michigan Court of Appeals – involving a lesbian couple in Wayne County who lived together for 19 years and had three children before breaking up in 2008.

After the breakup, the birth mother refused to let her partner see their children. The partner



Jayne Rowse and April DeBoer addressed the media at a rally before Wednesday's hearing.

filed suit requesting parenting time. But the birth mother denied any parent-child relationship had existed and asked the suit be dismissed due to lack of legal standing. Wayne County Circuit Judge Kathleen McCarthy refused to dismiss the case, but the Michigan Court of Appeals dismissed it because the partner did not and cannot qualify as a parent under Michigan law.

In Nessel's opinion, more such cases should be filed, and when she met DeBoer and Rowse, she thought their case was a perfect one.

"I really wanted to challenge the adoption code in federal court," Nessel said. "When I met April and Jayne, I thought it would be a great case. They were basically about the same thing ... how do we protect our kids?"

Of course, not everyone supports the idea of getting rid of the ban, approved by Michigan voters in 2004. Lisa Dresser of Farmington Hills doesn't believe the law should be struck down.

"If it's voter-approved, it should be upheld," she said.

Fellow Farmington Hills resident Gerry Mato agreed.

"I don't understand how a judge could make that change," Mato said. "This is supposed to be a government of the people, by the people, for the people."

That 2004 election was the first in the voting life of Alanna Maguire of Plymouth, a member of the Plymouth Democratic Club. And even though Michigan voters approved the ban nine years ago, she believes "attitudes have changed."

"I don't think Michigan is like that anymore. ... It's time to have marriage equality in Michigan," Maguire said. "Michigan is better than this, better than the laws

we have with regard to marriage equality. It's an issue of fairness. Love is love."

Cindy Clardy of Southfield, who went through a marriage ceremony with her partner Jocelyn Walters that isn't legally binding, said she supports overturning the ban, not only for the four kids she and Walters have between them, but for the three children DeBoer and Rowse have.

"I think it's in the best interest of their kids," Clardy said. "Being a

grandmother myself, family is very important. Being able to marry would give their kids even more rights."

The state argues the voters of Michigan have already spoken on the issue and a federal court should not be allowed to drown out their will. In 2004, state voters approved a constitutional amendment that defined marriage as "the union of one man and one woman."

Nessel, who has fought the case alongside

fellow lawyers Carole Stanyar (a former Plymouth resident), Ken Mogill and Robert Sedler – "One of my best attributes as an attorney is knowing which lawyers are smarter than me and getting them on my side," she said with a laugh – said there are "hundreds of surveys" that show there's no drop-off in parenting skills between same-sex couples and heterosexual couples.

"The state will not be able to prove to the court

that gays and lesbians parent any worse than heterosexuals do," Nessel said. "The state has a better chance of digging up the body of Jimmy Hoffa than finding any credible experts to testify gays and lesbians make worse parents. It's a fallacy."

Staff writer Aileen Wingblad and Gannett Michigan contributed to this report.

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Actress Ann Jillian delivers positive message at Town Hall

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Hundreds of attendees had all eyes on Ann Jillian Wednesday morning as she sang *Wind Beneath My Wings* as a part of her presentation during the Livonia Town Hall lecture series.

Her message, both in song and speech, was something that captivated first-time attendee Debra Haffey.

"I'm so into positive people," the Bloomfield Hills resident said. "I loved it."

Jillian, a performer best known for her role as Cassie Cranston on the 1980s sitcom *It's a Living*, spoke before several hundred people Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman north of Six Mile. Her talk, the first in the series for this season, focused on several topics, including facing adversity, her family and her struggles with breast cancer, which she was diagnosed with in 1985. She even included a few musical numbers.

She said she didn't bring her husband with her to the doctor until it was all but confirmed she had cancer, and told the audience to keep those in their lives close by in times of need. She told a parable of a man who was drowning and denied the help of a man in a canoe, a motorboat and a helicopter, saying he believed God would save him. When the man died and got to heaven, he asked God why he didn't save him, and God pointed to the three men who offered their help as his intervention.

"Share your lives with the people you say you share your life with," she said. "We are all someone's canoe, motorboat or helicopter. It's up to us to



Ann Jillian talks about her breast cancer diagnosis almost 30 years ago. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

make use of them."

Highland resident Gail Perrin, who has attended the lecture series for many years, said Jillian was one of the best she had seen. She said she truly felt a connection to her words during the talk, especially as she spoke of her struggles with breast cancer.

"She was giving a lot of good information about getting checked early," Perrin said. "This is no fluff. She's just like one of us."

'Like one of us'

She spoke of her time performing overseas with Bob Hope, entertaining soldiers in places such as Beirut. She told of how she flew with Hope to a hospital ship, which her parents had always told her was the boat she was conceived on.

"You really had to work with him to be in this industry called show

business," she said. "Every time we did a skit or something together, I'd look and I'd try to see where did this happen?"

In addition to *It's a Living*, she was also featured in such works as *Babes in Toyland*, *Hazel*, and *The Ann Jillian Story*, a story based on her life and struggles with cancer. She received a Golden Globe for Best Actress for the television film.

Challenges are a routine occurrence in life, she said, and while they can be difficult to muster sometimes, Jillian said it's best to tackle them and enjoy life as much as possible.

Livonia Town Hall is celebrating its 50th season this year. Future speakers this season include: U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara McQuade on Nov. 20, DIA Director Graham Beal on Jan. 15 and literary lecturer Elliot Engel

on March 19.

All lectures include lunch. They begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road. Tickets are \$140 for the season, or \$170 for priority seating. Call 734-420-0383.

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'I'm Still Here' author to speak at conference

Care givers, students and health professionals will gather Tuesday, Nov. 5, for a conference on Alzheimer's at the Vista Tech Center at Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia.

The conference, "A Meaningful Life with Alzheimer's Disease," is being presented by the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter and the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m., with a continental breakfast provided. The opening presentation begins at 8:30 a.m., with lunch provided at noon. The conference will end at 3 p.m.

John Zeisel, author of *I'm Still Here*, will be the keynote speaker. He believes the person who is changed by the disease is still inside, waiting to be awakened and nurtured with love,

music, paintings and poems, as well as one-on-one communication and physical and mental exercises.

The conference, including meals, is free to caregivers and persons with memory loss. Professional registration is \$65. Senior and student rates are \$30.

The Alzheimer's Association is providing free respite care for those who need someone to watch their loved one while they attend this event. Respite will be available at both the Detroit and Southfield locations of the Alzheimer's Association. Advance registration for respite is required. Contact Theresa Russo at 248-996-1053 or trusso@alz.org for more information.

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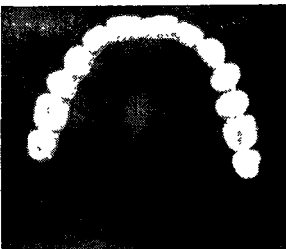
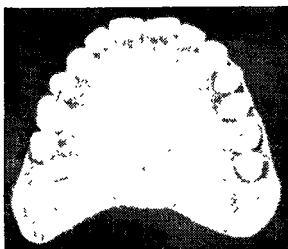
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'It's changed the quality of our lives'

Meningitis contracted through tainted injection

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Betty-Lou's story

Betty-Lou Neidigh wants her life back, and she's hoping to find someone who can relate.

Neidigh, 80, of Milford Township is among hundreds who received tainted steroid injections a year ago and were subsequently besieged by a deadly fungal meningitis outbreak that made national news as it sickened 750 people and left 64 dead across the country.

The outbreak began to unfold in late summer 2012 in when a doctor in Tennessee alerted the state's department of health after discovering fungus in the spinal fluid of a patient who previously received epidural steroid injections.

A nationwide investigation ensued and ultimately pointed back to the New England Compounding Center in Massachusetts, who had shipped 17,000 vials of the tainted steroid, preservative-free methylprednisolone acetate, to facilities in 23 states.

Michigan has been hardest hit in the outbreak, according to the most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — 264 people became ill and 19 died.

Neidigh, suffering from lower back pain, received the tainted injection Sept. 13, 2012, but had not yet been alerted to the problem when, in October, she broke her foot and landed in a rehab facility; while she was there, a letter arrived.

"It said I needed to get an MRI immediately," Neidigh said. "It didn't say why, just that I needed to come for an MRI."

Not sensing the emergency, Neidigh put the letter away until she got home from rehab from just as the Christmas season arrived.

In January, she got another call, urging her to go immediately for the MRI.

It was then she learned about the tainted steroids and the fungus growing inside her.

Side effects

After being told she was not a candidate for surgery, Neidigh was hospitalized at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and put on powerful antifungal medication.

"I was there for weeks," she said. "I hallucinated. I don't remember any of it, but the stories I hear about the things I did and saw are unbelievable. I don't remember any of it."



Betty-Lou Neidigh of Milford is recovering from fungal meningitis caused by a tainted injection. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

That was just the beginning. Neidigh has spent the last seven months on a drug called Voriconazole, which, she said, is causing a litany of side effects ranging from hair loss, increased back pain, memory loss, vision changes and equilibrium problems to whole-body tremors, vomiting, diarrhea, and weight loss.

"I'm down to 92 pounds from 120," she said. "Fatigue. I'm just exhausted all the time. And dry heaves. I never know when I'm going to have them."

She's making frequent trips to multiple doctors every month for blood work, MRIs and other appointments.

Last week, after a bone scan, the doctor told Neidigh she found fluoride deposits and wants to change the medication.

"I haven't agreed to it," Neidigh said. "Am I going to be trading in all these side effects for another set of side effects?"

Because, while she knows she needs to treat the fungus inside her, the side effects are causing

the biggest problem. She's already been on the current regimen seven months, and doctors are telling her it'll be 18 total, at least.

"It's changed the quality of our lives," said Neidigh, who's also had to cancel trips planned with her husband Merle. "I was real active in church. I belong to several groups, I sing with groups. I haven't done any of these things because I don't know when my symptoms are going to show up and I don't want to embarrass the

people around me. And I have a lot of pain. I've lived pain, you know, but this is extreme. I don't want to go somewhere feeling the way I'm feeling."

On top of it all, Neidigh sometimes feels alone in the plight.

"I know a lot of other people are going through the same thing," she said. "It would be nice to find some of them. Talk. Share stories and compare notes."

Mental strength

Still, she smiles. And jokes. She's determined to keep going, crediting her faith, and her church — St. George's in Milford — along with her family, friends and her and her sense of humor for seeing her through.

And Merle, of course.

"We still feel blessed, because we have each other," Neidigh said, noting she and Merle will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary next week — the same day Merle is scheduled to return home from a local rehabilitation facility, where he's recuperating from a broken shoulder.

"He's on the road to recovery, too," she said. "It's good. I got my man back."

Ann Zaniewski, Gannett
Michigan, contributed.

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Lake Erie, Lower Huron, Lake St. Clair, and Stony Creek. Permits can also be purchased at the administrative offices of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks located off Kensington Road on the west edge of Kensington Metropark.

Regular vehicle and

boat permits are available at www.metroparks.com. Vehicle entry permits are also sold at the Huron Meadows Metropark golf starter building and Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center.

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Clinton Metroparks and Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission are offering a 2014 vehicle permit valid at all parks within both park systems. The \$54 pass is valid throughout 2014, and can be purchased at Indian Springs, Kensington and Stony

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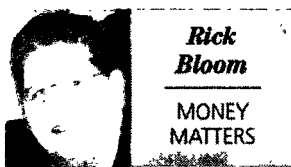
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A: The best course of action is to do nothing. Your annuity is giving you a guaranteed four percent return and in today's world, that is a very good rate of return. I see no benefit to tie your money up for a dozen years. You would be better off to keep your existing annuity until the guaranteed



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

period is up and at that point in time make a decision.

Unfortunately, seniors who own annuities all too often find that their agents constantly want them to move their money from one annuity to another. The enticement is these so-called bonuses that the annuity companies pay.

It is nice when they tell you you're going to get a five percent bonus. However, what they don't tell you is how the bonus works. Many people find that in effect it's really not a bonus the way that you and I would think of it.

If you invested \$100,000 and were told you would receive a five percent bonus, you should then have \$105,000. Unfortunately, in the annuity world it doesn't work that way. The bonus can be offset by returns, which in effect means, it's not a bonus at all.

What many annuity agents don't tell you is the reason they want you to move your money from one annuity to the next is so they can make more money on commissions.

In addition, the reason why many of these agents want you to lock

your money up for 12 years is that they receive higher commissions.

I cannot think of any reason in today's low-interest-rate environment why anyone would want to lock up into an annuity for 12 years. It makes no sense. The only one it makes sense for is the annuity agent who receives higher commissions.

In today's economic environment, the rates of return are very low, therefore it's best to keep the commitment period as short as possible. If I was going to buy a guaranteed fixed-income annuity, five years would be the maximum period of time that I would commit to.

One additional note, many people don't know that there are annuities that have no back-end penalties so you can get your money out whenever you choose. Companies like Fidelity, Vanguard and Charles Schwab all offer low-cost annuities without penalties. These annuities provide investors with much greater flexibility; and in today's economic world, flexibility is one of the keys to being a successful investor.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. Email him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Spotlight Players bring Hitchcock to stage

Spotlight Players present their first ever Radio Play show, just in time for Halloween, Oct. 25-26, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The production revisits the 1940s Radio Play tradition, remembering family nights spent around the radio, listening to the voices weaving stories of intrigue and entertainment. Theatergoers will be the "live studio audience" to Spotlight Players' latest production. In the spirit of Halloween, they present two suspense-filled, classic radio plays, *The Birds* and *Rebecca*, adapted from the classic Daphne du Maurier stories, and made famous by the master of suspense, Alfred Hitchcock.

Director Rebecca Winder said there's something "so endearing about the radio play tradition."

"Even when you're being scared out of your wits, you can't help but feel nostalgic for the style and time period it represents," Winder said. "This is a project our entire team has been thrilled about from the beginning. The focus on the vocal delivery permits the actors a certain level of freedom and melodrama that is not appropriate in a typical



Cast members Sarah Faix, John Henderson, Lindsay Frischmuth and Eric Donohue.

staged play."

A radio play presents certain logistical challenges, most notably the generation of live sound effects. When asked how they have approached this particular challenge, Winder said, "One of the things that draws people to see a live radio play is the chance to see the creative way individuals involved attempt to create the action sounds that establish the setting and atmosphere of any given play. The wind-maker we have is particularly impressive."

The wind-maker, a contraption made of wood and canvas, imitates the sound of wind and was built by the director's husband, Eric Winder.

"Our goal for this show was to create as many sound effects live as we could, and limit the

number of recorded sounds," he said. "The recorded sounds have the advantage of being more accurate, but there's an element of fun to the generation of live sound effects that cannot be denied."

Winder, a Livonia resident, will be directing actors Anne Cloutier, Eric Donohue, Lindsay Frischmuth of Plymouth; Sarah Faix of Ypsilanti; John Henderson of Belleville, Siamak Davarani of Ann Arbor; and Drex Morton of Canton.

Performances are at 8 p.m. both nights, with a run time of some 90 minutes. Tickets are \$15. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call the box office at 734-394-5300.

New Hope Center's fall workshop offers help for grieving adults

New Hope Center for Grief Support is presenting a half-day grief workshop this fall entitled "From Grief to New Hope," sponsored by and held at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. The workshop will run 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9.

The workshop, which is offered at no cost to participants and is open to anyone grieving after the death of a loved one, will be presented by New Hope Executive Director Karen Laing. The session will provide an overview of the grief process and give participants an opportunity to talk in small groups and one-on-one.

The goal of the workshop is to offer grievers tools they can use to bring hope and healing. Some participants of the half-day workshop will benefit by going on to attend one of New Hope's eight-week workshops,

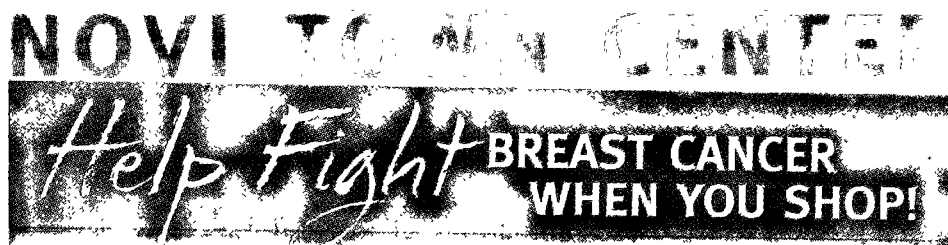
which deliver a more in-depth exploration of the grief process.

Newburg United Methodist Church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. No advance registration is required. For more information, call New Hope Center at 248-348-0115.

"From Grief to New Hope" eight-week workshops are offered in various locations in southeastern Michigan throughout the fall, winter and spring, including Northville, Plymouth, Troy, Livonia, Orchard Lake, Roseville and Howell. For a listing of up-

coming fall workshops, visit newhopecenter.net.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to providing grief support services to adults and children who are grieving after the death of a loved one.



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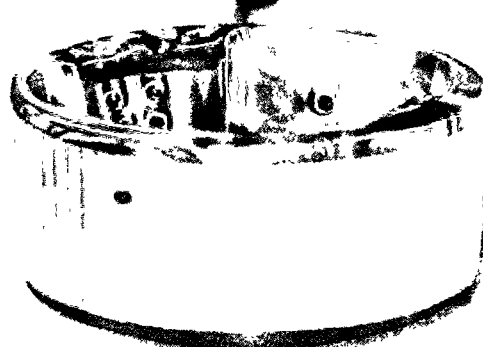
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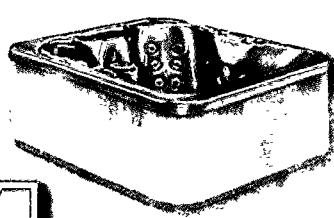
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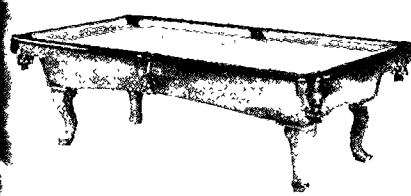
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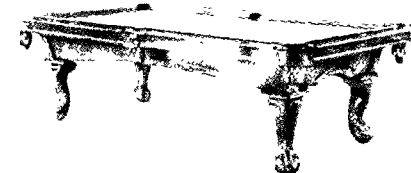
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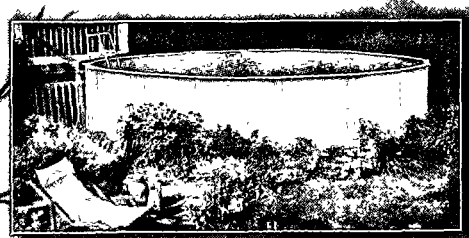
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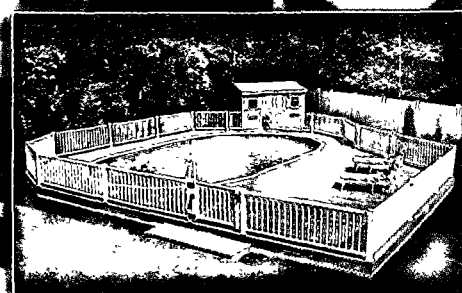
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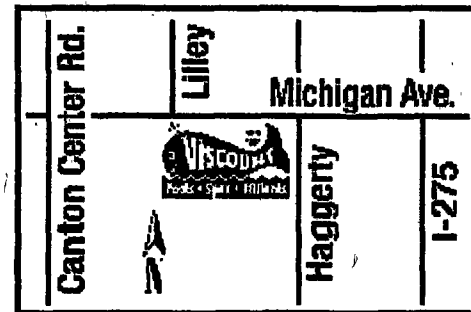


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BOYS SOCCER

Late goals stun Stevenson

Shamrocks pull out district win, 3-2

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was like pulling a rabbit out of a hat for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys soccer team.

The Shamrocks stunned Livonia Stevenson with a pair of goals in the final five minutes to earn a 3-2 Division 1 district semifinal win Wednesday at Northville's Tom Holzer Field.

The victory improves CC's record to 12-4-1 overall, while Stevenson ends its season at 10-8-2.

Brendan Paul's goal with only 3:39 left off an assist from Jacob Hackman proved to be the game-winner.

That came after Will Coffman scored the equalizer from Andrew Trombley off a nifty feed just 1:25 earlier.

"It was pretty much from the practice ground," said Paul, a junior midfielder. "Jacob threw it in, I was on the keeper and flicked it in."

Stevenson jumped out to a 2-0 first-half lead on goals by Ryan Schifano and Trevor Furkas.

Alex DeFlorio set up Schifano's goal with 13:02 left, while Valjon Qejvani and Hunter Mullett orchestrated a savvy three-on-one passing play which led to the Furkas tally.

But the Shamrocks got a

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Stevenson's Jess Culp goes high with the leg kick in Wednesday's district semifinal against Catholic Central. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Packers add Myles White

The Green Bay Packers have moved wide receiver Myles White (Livonia Stevenson) to the active roster for Sunday's NFL game against the host Cleveland Browns.

White played two years at Michigan State, one year at Northwestern Mississippi Community College and his final two seasons at Louisiana Tech.

Turkey Trot

The eighth annual Livonia Turkey Trot will be Saturday, Nov. 2, at Livonia's Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

The entry fee is \$10 per person (includes T-shirt, if registered by Oct. 23, snacks and refreshments).

All canned food donations will be given to the Livonia Goodfellows, which will provide needy families Christmas dinners.

Any participant that brings in a non-perishable food item will receive a ticket to be entered in a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Churchill 5K

The second annual Churchill Athletic Patriots Family 5K fun run is 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh.

Preregistration costs are \$12 (ages 13-18) and \$15 (adults). Race day fees are \$15 and \$20, respectively.

Each participant will receive a Dry Fit tech shirt. There will also be a fun run for those 10-and-under.

To register, visit chs-cap.com/fun-run.htm.

Men's hoops

A managers' meeting for new teams in the 2014 Livonia Parks and Recreation Men's Winter Basketball League will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

Returning teams must register by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. The fee is \$400 per team (plus nonresident and officials fee of \$28 per game).

The projected league starting date is week of Jan. 6, 2014. Among the leagues offered include Class B (Tuesday nights); Open (Wednesday nights); and Class C (Thursday nights).

For more information, call 734-466-2410.

PREP FOOTBALL

Clarencville is WWAC champion!

Trojans rout Annapolis to win in first year in league

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's been a season where the stars have been all aligned for the Livonia Clarenceville football team.

And under a full moon Friday night, the Trojans gave their enthusiastic and large homecoming crowd more than enough to cheer about as they seized their first-ever Western Wayne Athletic Red Division championship with a 49-8 victory over Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Eighteen players strong, the 8-0 Trojans have made quite an impression in their inaugural season in the WWAC after playing the past three years as an independent following the folding of the Metro Conference.

The run to the division title certainly raised eyebrows around the WWAC, since the Trojans are also the smallest school in the conference.

"We had no idea because with just the amount of kids we had - we didn't think we could do it," said Clarenceville coach Ken Fry, whose team finished 6-0 in the WWAC Red. "After our first scrimmage, we didn't have a lineman. We did a lot of moving around after that first week and the kids just started to jell a little bit. Some are playing positions they didn't want to play before either. They've helped out and really come together as a team."

Annapolis (4-4, 2-3) had no answers for Jake Kubiak, Clarenceville's 6-foot-3 junior quarterback, who was a perfect 8-of-8 passing for 132 yards and two touchdowns.

"I was 100 percent making all my passes," Kubiak said. "But it all goes out to my linemen, they were blocking for me. It's a team thing. We studied film, read their weaknesses and their



Clarenceville's Jalen Bryant (No. 7) eludes Annapolis tacklers Jaylen Baldwin (No. 22) and Johnathon Chacon (No. 53). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

strengths and definitely we knew we could pass against them."

Clarenceville got on the board early, when Jawan Nelson returned a punt 42 yards and Brandon Uren took it in for a TD on the second play from 2 yards out with 9:50 left in the quarter. David Vanderkerckhove's extra point made it 7-0.

Annapolis, playing in an air-tight T-formation, took its first possession 75 yards in 12 plays, capped by Tony Campbell's 14-yard TD run. The Cougars

went for two and made it on a Campbell run to take its only lead of the night, 8-7.

The Trojans then made some subtle adjustments defensively after the Annapolis score.

"They do a lot of cutting and they just move the pile," Fry said. "You just got to be careful. We knew it was coming. We played them a couple of years ago and the same thing happened. Once they get the momentum going, it's almost like Newton's Law of Physics. Once that motion and inertia gets

going and (you) try to stop it, it's just impossible.

"It usually takes a series or two to get used to what's going on. We changed a little bit and moved the front line around a little bit more. Then it seemed to make a little bit of difference."

Faced with a fourth-and-one at the Annapolis 25, the Trojans got a critical first down on Kubiak's 7-yard pass to Nelson midway through the second quarter.

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PREP FOOTBALL

With victory over Novi, Glenn moves closer to playoff spot

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With both teams needing a victory to keep their playoff hopes alive, it was the home squad that got the victory.

Behind three touchdowns on 250 rushing yards (21 attempts) from senior Devon Spalding, John Glenn (5-3) defeated Novi (4-4) in a 39-26 slugfest Friday in Westland.

"Every week is a big performance by him," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "And we've got other guys who can carry the ball. They're all good with the ball under their arm. Devon is such a great leader and has such a great work ethic. All the good things that are happening to him, he deserves them."

Spalding broke free for TD runs of 40, 1 and 39 yards, with the 1-yard touchdown immedi-

ately following a 71-yard run he took up the left sideline. His efforts combined with three more touchdowns by the Rockets to pile up a lead the Wildcats couldn't keep up with.

"He didn't run for (491 yards), I guess," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said, referencing an Oct. 4 performance by Spalding against Livonia Churchill. "We told these guys we're here to play big boy football. It's a cold

night and there's a lot of banging going on. We have to get back to the drawing board. That kid's a big kid and we tackled too low."

Novi had struck first with junior quarterback Rohit Mogalayapalli (11-for-21, 219 yards, two TDs) connecting with sophomore running back Emmanuel Jackson (115 yards on five catches, 66 yards on 12 runs) for a

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Northville dominates competition again in KLAA

Salem strong second in conference meet

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

How good was Northville's performance in Thursday's KLAA Kensington girls cross country meet?

The Mustangs, the Wayne County champions, went one-two-three and garnered five of the top seven places in the 12-school meet held at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Ironically, Northville's eighth- and 12th-place individual finishers had to be tossed out of the scoring as the Mustangs totaled a mind-boggling 18 points.

Rounding out the top six teams were Salem (58), Canton (100), Livonia Franklin (114), Livonia Churchill (136) and Livonia Stevenson (159).

Northville senior Taleen Shahrighian seized the 5,000-meter race in 17:59.84 followed by teammates Lexa Barrott and Cayla Eckenroth, who took second and third, respectively, in 18:15.23 and 18:18.68.

Rachel Coleman added fifth (18:48.73), while Erin Zimmer took seventh (18:58.62) as the Mustangs repeated as Kensington champs.

Able to break up the Northville domination were two Salem runners as senior Kayla Kavulich took fourth in 18:35.57 and junior Anya Cho added sixth in 18:55.02.

Considering Northville's domination, there

was no shame in finishing second in the team standings.

"I think we raced very well," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "It's tough going into a meet like this when you have a front-runner like Northville, a team that is ranked first, and second, in Division 1, along with the firepower that they actually have."

Three other Salem runners earned all-conference honors (top 21) including junior Lauren Arquette, 14th (19:35.97); sophomore Kayla Hughes, 15th (19:35.39); and senior Natasha Stevenson, 19th (19:57.35).

"Coming into today we pretty much knew they (Northville) were going to be out-front and we wanted to race well, and compete well, and I think we saw that today," Gerlach said. "Obviously on an individual type deal, Kayla (Kavulich) steps forward. She's obviously coming back from her ailment and we look forward week-by-week here. "Any (Cho) ... another great day stepping up."

"Competing-wise, I think our team is where we thought we'd be. We thought it would be a two-team race, and it was."

Canton, meanwhile, placed three in the top 21 led by freshman Kate Cotham, 11th (19:23.63); senior Oliva McIntee, 17th (19:46.29); and senior Anna Gorzalski, 18th (19:50.29).



Franklin sophomore Natalie Douglas earned all-Kensington Conference honors with a 13th place finish. ANN ESPINOZA

"It's going to be close, very close," Canton coach Eric Pahl said of next Saturday's Division 1 regional at Willow Metropark. "I'm excited to see how it's going to turn out."

"Jessica Siegler sat out, which was unexpected, otherwise it was the way we thought it would turn out. I think everybody ran better than I expected today. We should do pretty well."

Franklin, meanwhile, could be a sleeper to earn a third-place spot at the regional after taking fourth in the conference.

The Patriots were led by sophomore Natalie Douglas (13th, 19:32.61) and junior Ellary Marano (16th, 19:41.79).

"We were hoping to finish third or fourth today and finished fourth," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We weren't as sharp as we wanted to be early in

the race, but finished extremely well. Our goal was to have two or three all-conference athletes, and we had Douglas and Marano (13th and 16th) with (Natalie) Martinez just missing at 22nd place. I think we are positioned well to have a chance to get out of the regional next week."

Other area all-conference finishers included Plymouth senior Marina DeBiasi, who took 10th in 19:13.22, along with Churchill's freshman twins Kathleen and Caroline George, who placed 20th and 21st, respectively, in 20:07.21 and 20:08.64.

The Division 1 regional girls race will start at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at Willow Metropark with Northville once again the prohibitive favorite with Salem a solid choice for second.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Plymouth crosses line in second

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Fighting for second place in the KLAA Kensington Conference boys cross country meet isn't such a bad thing after all — just ask Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz.

That's because it would have taken a natural disaster to unseat defending champion Northville.

The Mustangs, putting five runners in the top 10 led by individual winner Dan Sims (15:54.2 for 5,000 meters), appear to be in peak form after running away with the title for the fourth consecutive year scoring 22 points in a soggy meet Thursday afternoon at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Plymouth edged Novi for runner-up honors, 95-96. Livonia Stevenson placed fourth with 128.

Rounding out the 12-school field was Salem (151), Livonia Churchill (155), Wayne Memorial (177), Livonia Franklin (194), Canton (210), South Lyon (237), Westland John Glenn (322) and South Lyon East (335).

"I'm happy with how we ran today," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "Obviously you're going into a race against a team like Northville, who is one of the top teams, if not the top team in the state, so to come out second place is a great spot for us. I think we ran a real good race. We had seven guys close to the 16:00s today, so we're right where we need to be going into next weekend."

Plymouth boasted two all-conference performers (top 21) led by senior Zane Berlanga, who took third in 16:00.51, along with junior Matthew Pahl, who placed 13th in 16:31.29.

Rounding out the Wildcats' top five scorers were Liam Cardenas, 23rd (16:45.63); Blerim Mema, 26th (16:51.59); and Max Rogowski, 30th (16:57.0).

"We ran fairly consistent," Mikosz said. "Zane (Berlanga) had a great race. I think he was real close to being in the 15:00s today. We've never really had a pack, but now we have a pack of seven guys. Having them all right there is good. We really didn't run that great on Saturday (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational), so for them to bounce back today and have a real good day, it's good to see."

Also encouraged by his team's showing was Stevenson coach Chris Inch, who had three all-conference performers in Stephen Fenech (12th, 16:29.94), Luke Green (16th, 16:36.57) and Eric Grisa (20th, 16:39.5).

"I think they're running well at the right time," Inch said. "We're going to make a go of it at the regional and we'll see where we'll end up. We're shooting for third because we want to be a team that goes to the state meet year-after-year."

"But Plymouth is going to tough to knock out of that spot, but we'll give it a go. Point-wise we're getting closer to those teams."

Other all-conference area finishers included Franklin's Keenan Jones (fourth, 16:02.19) and Tony Floyd (14th, 16:32.21); Wayne's Devin Gibson (11th, 16:29.94) and Malik Jordan (21st, 16:41.39); Canton's Billy Toth (17th, 16:37.18); Churchill's Matt Cohan (18th, 16:37.62); and Salem's Chaz Jeffress (19th, 16:38.84).

The Division 1 regional is Saturday, Oct. 26 at Willow Metropark. The boys race starts at 12:35 p.m. The top three teams advance to the MHSAA Division 1 finals Saturday, Nov. 2 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Oct. 17 at Huron Meadows

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 22 points; 2. Plymouth, 95; 3. Novi, 96; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 128; 5. Salem, 151; 6. Livonia Churchill, 155; 7. Wayne Memorial, 177; 8. Livonia Franklin, 194; 9. Canton, 210; 10. South Lyon, 237; 11. Westland John Glenn, 322; 12. South Lyon East, 335.

Individual winner: Dan Sims (Northville), 15:54.2 (5,000 meters).

TEAM-BY-TEAM FINISHERS
Northville (22): 1. Dan Sims, 15:54.2; 2. Nick Niles, 15:57.84; 4. Connor Naughton, 16:01.95; 6. Sean McCullough, 16:05.84; 9. Jason Ferrante, 16:21.09; 34. Nick Dufresne, 17:03.03; 38. Ben Cracraft, 17:11.83.

Plymouth (95): 3. Zane Berlanga, 16:00.51; 13. Matthew Pahl, 16:31.29; 23. Liam Cardenas, 16:45.63; 26. Blerim Mema, 16:51.59; 30. Max Rogowski, 16:57.0; 31. Jonny Dalton, 16:58.94; 33. Mayur Patel, 17:01.17.

Novi (96): 7. Brian Barnes, 16:06.52; 10. Joost Plattelink, 16:21.76; 15. Sahisnuu Malapati, 16:36.18; 22. Nathan Hall, 16:43.11; 42. Cameron Misko, 17:14.26; 47. John Landry, 17:19.2; 58. Scott Beaton, 17:45.49.

Stevenson (128): 12. Stephen Fenech, 16:29.94; 16. Luke Green, 16:36.57; 20. Erika Grisa, 16:39.5; 39. Andrew Bambach, 17:12.3; 41. Andrew Stratton, 17:13.85; 51. Ryan Cole, 17:29.97; 59. Kevin

Callow, 17:46.41.
Salem (151): 19. Chaz Jeffress, 16:38.84; 24. Donovan Drouillard, 16:46.47; 35. Noah Engerer, 17:03.63; 36. Jason Rogers, 17:04.38; 36. Nabil Ahmed, 17:07.72; 46. Brendan McCann, 17:18.28; 55. Peter Sonnega, 17:34.61.

Churchill (155): 18. Matt Cohan, 16:37.62; 25. George Bowles, 16:47.01; 29. Jon Hovemale, 16:56.45; 40. Sean McKee, 17:13.88; 43. Collin Murphy, 17:15.67; 49. Patrick Dahlin, 17:22.33; 56. Jon Alessandrini, 17:39.46.

Wayne (177): 11. Devin Gibson, 16:29.94; 21. Malik Jordan, 16:41.39; 45. Tim Flores, 17:17.49; 48. Zack Williams, 17:21.33; 52. Michael Gibson, 17:31.24; 65. Uriel Figueroa, 18:03.92; 81. Collin Malcolm, 19:09.11.

Franklin (194): 5. Keenan Jones, 16:02.19; 14. Tony Floyd, 16:32.21; 53. Matt Lepper, 17:27.07; 54. Mike Roberts, 17:34.61; 57. Nick Socha, 17:41.58; 61. Sean Carey, 17:47.83; 71. Tom Walkinshaw, 18:32.71.

South Lyon (237): 8. Andrew Thomas, 16:13.97; 28. Bryce VanAsselt, 16:56.09; 64. Jordan Oddie, 17:58.32; 68. Marshall Thelan, 18:17.95; 69. Zac Sadler, 18:23.19; 72. Brad Oyster, 18:32.71; 74. Daniel McMillen, 18:45.18.

John Glenn (322): 27. Micah Orr, 16:53.57; 67. Ben Bleber, 18:05.17; 70. Chris Codd, 18:25.64; 76. Austin Hickerson, 18:54.13; 82. Calub Pattison, 19:16.84; 83. Jeff Busick, 22:26.81; 84. Jason Morhan, 22:26.81.

S.L. East (335): 44. Adam Caruso, 17:16.71; 66. Charles Marchand, 18:04.8; 73. Aaron Horn, 18:32.71; 75. Jon Kessler, 18:49.02; 77. Paul Dominico, 18:54.59; 78. Carter Reeds, 18:57.36; 80. Ethan Novilla, 19:08.78.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 18 points; 2. Salem, 58; 3. Canton, 100; 4. Livonia Franklin, 114; 5. Livonia Churchill, 136; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 159; 7. Novi, 159; 8. Plymouth, 218; 9. South Lyon, 249; 10. South Lyon East, 298; 11. Westland John Glenn, 364; 12. Wayne Memorial, 386.

Individual winner: Taleen Shahrighian (Northville), 17:59.84 (5,000 meters).

TEAM-BY-TEAM FINISHERS
Northville (18): 1. Taleen Shahrighian, 17:59.84; 2. Lexa Barrott, 18:15.23; 3. Cayla Eckenroth, 18:18.68; 5. Rachel Coleman, 18:48.73; 7. Erin Zimmer, 18:58.62; 8. Emma Herrmann, 19:07.79; 12. Nicole Mosteller, 19:29.45.

Salem (58): 4. Kayla Kavulich, 18:35.57; 6. Anya Cho, 18:55.02; 14. Lauren Arquette, 19:35.97; 15. Kayla Hughes, 19:39.35; 19. Natasha Stevenson, 19:57.35; 26. Emily Marcero, 20:22.15; 33. Elizabeth Tripp, 20:28.92.

Canton (100): 11. Katie Cotham, 19:23.63; 17. Oliva McIntee, 19:46.29; 18. Anna Gorzalski, 19:50.29; 25. Alyssa Bradley, 20:21.84; 29. Mary Galm, 20:25.91; 44. Samantha Rohrbach, 20:44.14; 57. Samantha McGrath, 21:24.3.

Franklin (114): 13. Natalie Douglas, 19:32.61; 16. Ellary Marano, 19:41.79; 22. Natalie Martinez, 20:13.96; 31. Julie Worch, 20:27.42; 32. Amanda Pokryfky, 20:28.28; 41. Riley Shine, 20:37.85; 63. Katelyn Kovach, 21:38.67.

Churchill (136): 20. Kathleen George, 20:07.21; 21. Caroline George, 20:08.64; 28. Jenna Hickson, 20:24.52; 30. Elyssa Hoffmann, 20:26.77; 37. Christina Murphy, 20:32.05; 47. Hailey Pampreen, 20:49.38; 52. Alexis Lombardo, 21:02.76.

Stevenson (159): 23. Grace Lamerson, 20:15.71; 27. Lindsey Gallagher, 20:23.18; 35. Emily Chapski, 20:31.31; 36. Jackie Green, 20:31.71; 38. Emma Werthman, 20:32.42; 40. Julia Corone, 20:34.17; 56. Barbara Scuphalm, 21:14.3.

Novi (159): 9. Hannah Lonergan, 19:08.3; 24. Hadley Peterson, 20:16.27; 34. Jacalyn Schubring, 20:29.43; 43. Jessica Iypka, 20:44.14; 49. Karissa Koomen, 20:53.09; 51. Heather Blair, 20:58.49; 53. Grace Backus, 21:04.55.

Plymouth (218): 10. Marina DeBiasi, 19:13.22; 45. Alexa Cichon, 20:45.8; 50. Hailey Foster, 20:58.49; 54. Annie Bonds, 21:07.37; 59. Marianne DeBrito, 21:31.96; 60. Charlotte Clark, 21:32.31; 66. Brianna Lax, 22:00.68.

South Lyon (249): 42. Madison Swiatkowski, 20:41.35; 46. Kaylie VanOrd, 20:46.77; 48. Meghan Burke, 20:50.68; 55. Brady Covert, 21:08.77; 58. Mackenzie Flannery, 21:24.93; 64. Meghan Shelton, 21:43.6; 65. Kristen Bronson, 21:48.51.

S.L. East (298): 39. Erin O'Donnell, 20:32.93; 61. Jessica Laviole, 21:37.56; 62. Lea Fields, 21:38.3; 67. Kayla Zielinski, 22:09.91; 69. Amy Reckemmer, 22:13.68; 71. Breanna Keeney, 22:26.69; 72. Melissa Coomer, 22:31.25.

John Glenn (364): 68. Jackie Mueller, 22:09.91; 70. Barb Messics, 22:19.8; 73. Shainn Profit, 22:36.5; 76. Kaitlyn Balko, 25:05.38; 77. Hannah Mitchell, 25:22.05; 83. Lea Porter, 29:26.3.

Wayne (386): 24. Kayla Hood, 23:46.6; 75. Victoria Boyd, 23:54.02; 78. Kaiserin Macairan, 25:32.11; 79. Nikita Bhangu, 25:45.18; 80. Melaina Climer, 25:56.67; 81. Gabrielle Niemiec, 26:00.42; 82. Alexandra Arzooyan, 28:13.52.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

C'ville sweeps past Thurston

The Livonia Clarenceville girls volleyball team keeps cruising along during its inaugural season in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

The Trojans improved to 13-10-2 overall and 8-0 in the WWAC's Red Division with a 25-15, 25-15, 25-23 victory Thursday over visiting Redford Thurston.

Top performers for Clarenceville included Ayanna Buckley (12 kills, three blocks, five aces); Sarah Curvin (eight kills, two blocks); and Hunter Iuliano (seven kills, three aces, 100 percent serving).

Warriors win in five

Leah Refenes had 18 kills, 15 assists and 15 digs Thursday to lift host Lutheran High Westland to a 25-19, 17-25, 12-25,

26-24, 15-11 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Other contributors for the Warriors (9-14-3, 4-5) included Julia Yancy (29 digs); Allie Lange (eight kills, 11 digs); and Sabrina Morrison (20 digs).

After being down 19-11 in the fourth set, the Warriors battled back to force a fifth and deciding set with a 15-5 run.

Down 11-5 the final set, Lutheran Westland got a side-out and served out the match with nine straight points.

The loss dropped Greenhills to 19-10 and 5-4.

"What an incredible match for us tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "It was very exciting and I was proud of how we never gave up despite what seemed like insurmountable odds."

Hawks grounded

In a MIAC Blue Division match Thursday, host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian pulled out a 25-15, 25-13, 23-25, 23-25, 15-10 win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Leading the way for the Hawks in defeat were Lexus Medina (16 kills, four blocks); Madison Dest (14 kills, nine digs); Dayna Schroeder (nine kills, four blocks); Anne St. John (35 assists, four aces); and Nikki Alcini (seven kills, 12 digs).

"It was a very quiet bus ride to Oakland last night, which is the same way we started the match — tired and slow," said HVL coach Mike Dest, whose team slipped to 20-8-3 overall and 5-5 in the division. "But, I give the girls credit. They turned it into a very good match we fell just a little short at the end."

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

No. 4 OCC sweeps Schoolcraft College

There's a reason why the Oakland Community College women's volleyball team is ranked No. 4 in the latest NJCAA Division II poll.

The Raiders have the record to prove it as they bumped up their overall mark to 23-1 and 10-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 25-18, 25-21, 25-16 victory over visiting Schoolcraft College.

Stephanie Gibson paced the Lady Ocelots (15-16, 6-4) with 18

assists, 18 digs and five kills.

Emily Bondar was Schoolcraft's top attacker with six kills, while Morgan Copperstone (Livonia Stevenson) and Cayla Bone (Garden City) added five each.

Megan Wright also added 17 digs in the setback.

Madonna 32-0

Senior setter Evia Prieditis dished out 22 assists and had 11 digs as Madonna University rolled to a 25-5, 25-10, 25-11

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Friday night at Lawrence Tech.

The No. 4-ranked Crusaders, who improved to 32-0 overall and 8-0 in the WHAC, also got a team-best eight kills from 6-foot-3 middle hitter Emilie Freeman.

Lawrence Tech (3-17, 0-8) got seven kills from Mary Armstrong and 14 digs from Josie Queary.

Crusaders cruise

The Crusaders hit .351 as a team Wednesday with only 13 errors to sweep host University of Michigan-Dearborn, 25-18, 25-13, 25-16, in a WHAC match.

The Crusaders (31-0, 7-0) racked up 46 kills on 94 attempts, while limiting the Wolverines to a .054 attack percentage.

Seniors Stacey Catalano and Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran High Westland) once

again paced the Crusaders' hitting attack racking up 16 kills apiece.

Freeman also accounted for four blocks, while senior setter Evia Prieditis finished with 38 assists kills to go along with nine digs.

Freshman Payton Maxheimer sparked the defense with a match-high 11 digs.

Nia Martin led the Wolves (7-23, 1-6) with nine kills and six digs in the loss, while Danielle Campbell added six kills.

PREP FOOTBALL

Spartans top Chargers

Round 1 goes to Livonia Stevenson.

On Friday night, the visiting Spartans got the game-winning touchdown from sophomore Austin Petrie in the third quarter to beat rival Livonia Churchill, 31-28, in a KLAA football crossover.

Stevenson, now 4-4 overall, will host Churchill, now 2-6 overall, again in the regular season finale next Friday.

Stevenson had a total of 538 yards including 353 on the ground as Petrie led the way with 103 yards on 17 carries. Senior quarterback J.T. McCallion also had a big night with 100 yards on 12 carries, while hitting 8-of-13 passes for 185 yards.

Churchill led 7-3 after one quarter thanks to Malik Johnson's 8-yard TD run, while Stevenson countered with a Chris Bladecki 23-yard FG.

In the second quarter, Stevenson's C.J. Weiss scored on a 4-yard run and caught TD pass of 35 and 31 yards from McCallion. (Weiss had four catches for 113 yards and two TDs on the night.)

But Churchill also matched Stevenson's 21 second-quarter points on scoring runs of 2 and 43 yards by Malik Johnson, who led all rushers with 159 yards on 30 carries.

Mark Leja also caught a 9-yard scoring pass from quarterback Brian Alsobrooks, who was 10-of-16 passing for 156 yards.

Petrie's game-winning score in the third quarter was aided when Stevenson kept possession after getting punt blocked on a forward fumble.

Churchill, which had 377 total yards, committed three turnovers.

Stevenson's defense was led by Devin Kelly (eight tackles, two assists) and Robert Schneider (six tackles, two assists). Weiss also recovered a fumble and Billy Bonanno added an interception.

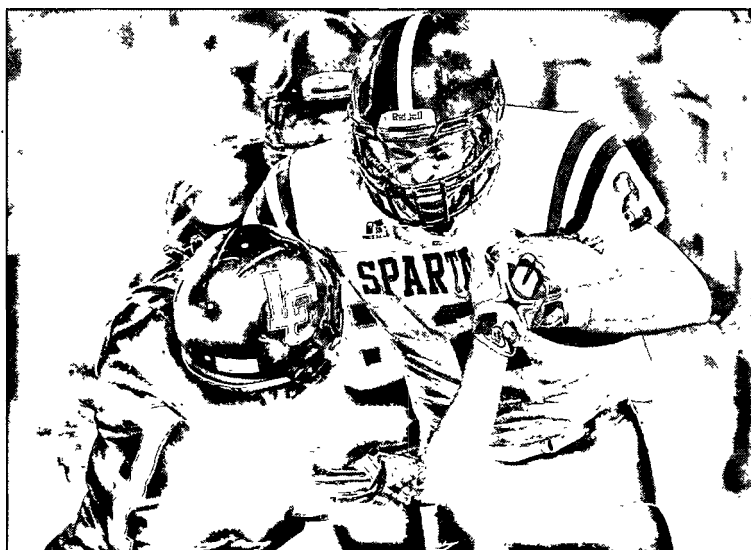
SALEM 31, FRANKLIN 24 (OT): Christian Pearson recovered a fumble in the end zone in overtime Friday to give the Rocks (2-6) a KLAA crossover victory at Livonia Franklin (3-5).

Franklin lost despite outgaining Salem, 464-223.

The Patriots got TD runs from Caleb Finamore (53 yards) and Brandon Davis (1 yard), while Kyle Riley hit Nathan Rodgers with a touchdown pass.

Alejandro Castillo also added a 25-yard field goal in the third quarter to give Franklin a 24-17 advantage.

Salem's Drake Jordan returned the opening kickoff 99



Stevenson's Austin Petrie (2) tries to fend off Churchill tackler Malik Johnson. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

yards for a score.

Rocks quarterback Alex Nicholson threw a pair of TD passes including a 22-yarder to Chris Cook followed by a 48-yard screen pass to Jordan during the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

Nicholson was 13-of-33 passing for 171 yards, while Rodgers led Franklin's rushing attack with 111 yards on 12 carries.

Franklin blocked two Salem field goal attempts in the final period.

S.L. EAST 27, WAYNE 8: In a battle of winless teams Friday, host Wayne Memorial (0-8) committed seven turnovers and lost for the 38th straight time dating back to the 2009 season against South Lyon East (1-7).

The Cougars jumped out to a 19-0 halftime lead as Zack Powers connected on a pair of first-touchdown passes — a 20-yard pass to Alex O'Brien followed by a 7-yard pass to Trent Willenborg.

Eric Harmon then recovered a Wayne second-quarter fumble and ran it in from 19 yards out to give East 19-point cushion.

The Cougars went up 27-0 in the third quarter on Ryan Koshko's 12-yard TD run followed by a successful two-point conversion.

Wayne's lone TD also came in the third quarter as Angelo Wiggins found Davontae Cooper on a 6-yard pass. Wiggins also hit Juan Wise for the two-pointer.

East, using two quarterbacks, had 326 total yards as Powers went 9-for-14 for 126 yards, while Koshko was 5-of-10 for 50.

Wayne finished with 272 totals yards, but only 74 coming on the ground. Wiggins and Rashad Haley were a combined 14-of-34 passing for 198 yards and four interceptions.

Joe Porter (11) and Josh Hill (9) were Wayne's two leading tacklers.

LUTH. WESTLAND 48, CHA-VEZ 20: On Friday, host Lutheran High Westland (2-6) kept the potent aerial game of Detroit Cesar Chavez (3-5) to a manageable number in a non-conference victory.

The Warriors outgained the Aztec Eagles in total offense, 433-345.

Lutheran Westland led 14-0 after one quarter thanks to a 2-yard TD run by Austin Olson followed by another 2-yard run from Jacob Davenport.

Davenport's interception set up the first score, while the second TD came on a 12-play, 54-yard drive.

Chavez scored early in the second quarter on the first of three Omar Salih TD passes, but Olson added two more TD runs before the half ended going 36 and 3 yards.

Leading 27-6 at the half, the Warriors increased their lead to 33-6 on Davenport's 5-yard TD run. He also scored on a 2-yard TD run before the quarter ended as Lutheran Westland led 40-12.

In the final quarter, Caleb Richter intercepted a Salih pass and returned it 63 yards for a score.

Salih, meanwhile, had a TD pass in each of the third and fourth quarters for Chavez, but it wasn't enough.

Davenport (24-for-143) and Olson (24-for-104) led Lutheran Westland's rushing attack.

Warriors quarterback P.J. Gusé was 2-of-2 passing for 38 yards, while Salih was 25-of-52 for 317 yards and three interceptions (one each by Davenport, Richter and D.J. Nykiel).

It was only a week earlier that Chavez threw for 692 yards and nine TDs in a 64-41 win over Mayville.

er and actually started working together as a team, that's how we end up putting three goals in. But it takes sometimes these guys a little bit to get going.

"We got off to a rough start, but we pulled it together late in the second (half)."

Stevenson finished its season on the upswing, going 5-2-2, but the state tournament loss to CC will linger for a while.

"It was a great group of kids that worked very hard every day to get themselves organized to play in games and get prepared," Shingledecker said. "Today was kind of how our season has gone. Finish our chances and then defend. We did it right up until the last four minutes. It's a great opportunity to be associated with a group of kids like that."

Novi defeated host Northville in the other semifinal match, 1-0, to advance to Saturday's championship match against CC.

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GLENN

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35-yard touchdown.

In one game, Jackson had more than double the number of receiving yards than any other Wildcats' cumulative season total through the first seven games (49 yards or fewer). The Wildcats had a combined 284 passing yards through the first seven games.

"Rohit threw the ball really well so we just kept at it," Burnside said. "All year we've been trying to get him the ball in open space. Jalen's come on and done good things. We're trying to find number five the ball."

However, a goal line fumble by the Wildcats led to a TD recovery by Glenn junior LeJon Crawford, followed by two Spalding touchdowns before Novi senior Mark Ryan (38 yards on 10 runs) punched in the first of his two touchdowns on the day.

Glenn led 25-14 at halftime and the score held until the start of the fourth quarter when senior quarterback Chris Scheffer (2-for-5, 23 yards, one touchdown, one interception) connected with junior Javaughn Burns for a wide-open 20-yard touchdown pass up the center just six seconds into the final quarter to take a 32-14 lead.

Ryan and Spalding traded



Glenn's Devon Spalding had another big night rushing with 250 yards on 21 attempts in the win over Novi. CHRIS JACKETT

off rushing TDs for their respective teams to give Glenn a 39-20 lead before Jackson caught a pass in traffic about 25 yards from the end zone on a fourth-and-11 at Glenn's 44-yard line, bobbled the ball, spun off his defender and carried it in for a touchdown to make it 39-26 with 4:14 remaining.

The Wildcats recovered an onside kick, but ended up turning the ball over on downs, allowing the Rockets to run out the clock and give themselves a shot to clinch a playoff spot if they can defeat Ann Arbor Huron on the road next week.

"It's all or nothing for the playoffs," Hardin said. "It's the biggest game of these guys' lives."

TROJANS

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Jalen Bryant then took a sweep around end and scored on a 25-yard TD run. Kubiak connected with Doug Wible on a pass for a two-pointer with 5:37 left in the half to put Clarenceville back on top for good, 15-8.

The Trojans then got a 37-yard pass interception return by Kimani Dooley with 3:53 left to make it 22-8 following the PAT.

David Curvin followed by blocking an Annapolis punt, smothering the ball at the Cougars' 24 with 2:16 left in the half.

Kubiak then hit Dooley for a 23-yard TD strike on a fade to the corner with 1:30 left to make it 29-8 following Vandekerckhove's point-after.

Kubiak, who was 5-for-5 for 54 yards on the first half, hit Dooley on a 68-yard bomb for a TD on the first play of the second half to make it 36-8 with 11:37 left in the third quarter.

Lusire Boyd's fumble recovery at the Clarenceville 10 with 6:17 remaining set up the Trojans' next score, a 10-yard TD run by Bryant with 1:37 go to in the third for a 43-8 advantage.

That drive covered 90 yards in 10 plays and it started a running clock.

With 9:26 left in the final quarter, Santoy Reese capped the scoring for Clarenceville with a 13-yard run to make it 49-8.



Annapolis ball carrier Brandon Sagers (No. 5) is taken down by Clarenceville's Drake Taylor (No. 64) and Jalen Bryant (No. 7). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Clarenceville had balance offensively with 126 on the ground (led by Bryant's 91 on eight carries) to along with 132 in the air.

"Jake was hot, it was his coming out party, so to say," Fry said. "I think Kimani (Dooley) showed what he could do offensively, too. We're coming to a nice point in the season where hopefully this will carry on next weeks with the playoffs and everything."

The Cougars had total of 194 yards, all on the ground, as Brandon Sagers led all rushers with 134 yards on 26 carries.

Clarenceville will try for a perfect 9-0 season next week when it faces the Catholic League's third-place Intersectional team on the road.

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much-needed goal from Trombley with just 4:11 left in the half after the senior forward stole the ball from a Stevenson defender.

"Andrew Trombley's goal was crucial," CC coach Gene Pulice said. "If you go into the halftime down (two), then it's a different game. If you go into halftime within one goal ... now the victory is in sight. That was the turning point in the game right there."

The Shamrocks applied heavy pressure to start the second half and continued it throughout the half.

"We kind of figured that was coming," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We just tried to stay organized and keep things from becoming extremely dangerous. The game plan was intact right up until the end, obviously. Then the momentum went their way. It was tough."

"They (CC) were very urgent. We were nervous at halftime about going into a defensive shell. We kind of talked about that a little bit. We knew it was going to happen at some point. I think it happened earlier than we wanted. Sometimes that's the way it goes and you have no choice. That was definitely the scenario today."

Pulice, meanwhile, was looking for something to ignite his team at halftime.

"It wasn't looking too good at halftime," Paul said. "Coach kind of got fired up, got into us."

The Shamrocks were able to respond in the second half after spotting the Spartans a two-goal lead.

"The thing is that we're a much better team than what we exhibited tonight," Pulice said. "I think the correct team won at the end of the night, if you know what I mean. Sometimes we get a little strong-headed and want to do our things as individuals instead of as a team. And that's what happened. When we pulled together

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 25 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m. John Glenn at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m. Wayne at Belleville, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at 3rd place CHSL Intersectional, TBA. Saturday, Oct. 26 Luth. Westland at Det. Allen, 1 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Oct. 22 Huron Valley Quad, 5 p.m. Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. South Lyon at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. S.L. East at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Fordson, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 Redford Union at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.	Catholic League A-B semifinals at Birmingham Marian, TBA. Saturday, Oct. 26 Bloomfield Hills Tourney, 8:30 a.m. KLAA Gold Tournament at Brighton H.S., 8:30 a.m. KLAA Silver Tournament at Novi H.S., 8:30 a.m. PREP CROSS COUNTRY (MHSAA Regionals) Saturday, Oct. 26 Division 1, 4 at Willow Metro, 10 a.m. Div. 2 at Lake Erie Metro, 10:45 a.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Oct. 24 Northville at Stevenson, 6 p.m. Churchill at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Ladywood vs. B.H. Cranbrook at Livonia Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m. COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Wednesday, Oct. 23	N'western Ohio at Madonna, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 MCCAA Tourney at Jackson CC, TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Oct. 23 Madonna at N'western Ohio, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 Lakeland (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Oct. 23 Jackson CC at Madonna, 4 p.m. Indiana Tech, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 Cornerstone at Madonna, 2 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.
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BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Rocks put on a show

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After overcoming a tentative start, Salem went into full run-and-gun mode to rout Livonia Franklin 8-0 in the nightcap of Thursday's Division 1 boys soccer district twinbill.

And with the victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium, the Rocks (13-2-6) ensured themselves a rematch against No. 2-ranked Canton in Saturday's district final, which took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

Canton (17-1-3) won Thursday's first district semifinal, 4-1 over Westland John Glenn (6-13-1).

"I respect a ton of guys they have over there (Canton)," said Salem coach Scott Duhl, whose team has one loss and two ties against the Chiefs.

"They're going to cause us fits with some good players centrally and up front."

"It's going to be a matter of who is going to put away some opportunities."

Netting two goals each for the Rocks in the mercy-rule win over the Patriots were senior forward David Schroeder and senior midfielder Connor Cole. Tallying single markers were sophomore midfielders Nick Massey (who opened the scoring) and Max Kummer, sophomore forward Jay Lee and senior forward Brady Cole.

Sharing goalkeeping duties for the shutout were senior Collin Hewett and junior Chad Wind.

Busting loose

Salem led 5-0 at half-time, with a three-goal surge in the final 10 minutes. A breakaway tally by Brady Cole with 25:16 left



Salem's Jay Lee (19) hurdles prone Franklin goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski and goes on to score the Rocks' sixth goal Thursday night. BRIAN QUINTOS

in the second half finished off the Patriots.

"We didn't expect to mercy them," Duhl said. "They played Churchill tough and they gave Canton a tough game one time. They just beat Plymouth the other night. We're just really happy."

Schroeder and Cole were just two of the players who found themselves breaking loose for long runs that resulted in several of the goals scored against senior keeper Spencer Lewandowski — who just two days earlier had stonewalled Plymouth.

"They were playing very high so it gave us opportunity to play behind," said Schroeder, about how often the Rocks connected on stretch plays. "... We just keep coming at them. Our team chemistry is really great."

Schroeder received a long pass from sophomore midfielder Luke Nolita and dribbled up the middle and into the 18-yard box before booting a low shot inside the right post with 6:32 left in the first half. That made it 4-0.

Then just five minutes later, Schroeder found the

mark for an unassisted goal.

More scoring

Finishing off the victory were goals in the second half by Lee (after jumping over the sliding Lewandowski and then sending the ball into the open net), Connor Cole and Brady Cole.

Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos credited his team (10-9-1) for hanging tough early on against Salem. But once the Rocks got going, it was a tall order for the Pats to keep the match close.

"They get a ball, they came out here and within one touch they're going through the middle," Rodopoulos said. "Whether there's a guy in the middle, whether there's a guy coming on the far side, the blind run is what killed us, their speed through the middle killed us."

"We were playing great the first 10-to-15 minutes. Things were looking good."

Rodopoulos, meanwhile, said it was a year of growth and improvement for the Patriots.

"This team, I couldn't be more proud of the

guys, the way their chemistry's been just all year," he said.

Chiefs win 4-1

Canton took care of their end of business with the 4-1 victory earlier Thursday against John Glenn.

Scoring two goals for the Chiefs was Griffin Parks, with Hunter Olsen and Mathew Causley also finding the mark.

Collecting single assists were Jack Zemanski, Carter Schenk and Zach Murphy while goalies Brandon Pickert and Andrew Loehnis shared the win.

Daniel Sovor's unassisted goal with 20 minutes left cut the deficit to 3-1 for Glenn.

David Petkov was in goal for the Rockets.

"Glenn, they kept 10 guys behind the ball, so it made it a little tough to break them down," Canton coach Mark Zemanski said. "We didn't finish our opportunities when we should have on a couple plays, but I thought Glenn played well. I think it's the best I've seen them play."

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COLLEGE SOCCER

Lady Ocelots win title, top seed

Some may consider it a gift, but the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team will take it.

The Lady Ocelots clinched the Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship and wrapped up the top seed in the upcoming NCJCAA Region XII tournament with a 1-0 victory Wednesday at Delta College.

The only score came at 22:45 of the first half when Erin McKay's throw-in was accidentally headed in by a Delta defender for an "own" goal.

With the victory, the Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 16 nationally, improved to 13-1 overall, 12-1 in Region XII and 9-0 in the MCCA.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tara Gessler made nine saves to record the shutout.

Meanwhile, Destiny Wallace made four saves in 86 minutes, while Michelle Shepherd added one save in the final 3:54 for Delta, which slipped to

10-3-1 overall, 7-3-1 in Region XII and 6-2 in the MCCA.

MU men triumph

David Edwardson scored all three goals and goalkeeper Marcel Schmid made six saves Friday as Madonna University earned a 3-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory at Marygrove College.

Edwardson's first goal came off an assist from Gavin Kelly just 11 seconds before the first half.

Edwardson then scored on a penalty kick in the 50th minute and added his sixth of the season from Amadou Cisse just two minutes and 20 seconds later to complete the scoring as the Crusaders improved to 6-5-2 overall and 4-2-1 in the WHAC.

Levanon Lewis made three saves for the Mustangs, who slipped to 9-5 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA STEVENSON 104.5
NOVI 81.5

Oct. 17 at Novi

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Emily Mayoras, Kim Lauren, Alexandra Cortez, Ava Bianchi), 1:58.1; Stevenson (Rachel Arceri, Sara Bowen, Rebecca Arakelian, Brenna Erickson), 1:58.12; 3. Stevenson (Mackenzie Queen, Paige Longhi, Andrea D'Amour, Claire Belmore), 2:08.47.

200 freestyle: 1. Arceri (LS), 1:59.84; 3. Bayne Froney (LS), 2:07.53.

200 individual medley: 1. Arakelian (LS), 2:19.75; 2. Merrill Froney (LS), 2:22.72; 3. Grace Albrecht (LS), 2:35.29.

50 freestyle: 1. Mayoras (Novi), 26.23; 2. Bowen (LS), 26.64.

1-meter diving: 1. Jaymie Ziegler (Novi), 217.10 points; 3. Jessica Weak

(LS), 155.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Arceri (LS), 1:03.4; 3. Longhi (LS), 1:07.55.

100 freestyle: 1. Erickson (LS), 57.06.

500 freestyle: 1. Arakelian (LS), 5:30.6; 2. B. Froney (LS), 5:41.62.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Bowen, D'Amour, B. Froney, M. Froney), 1:46.24.

100 backstroke: 1. Longhi (LS), 1:07.09; 2. Queen (LS), 1:08.97; 3. Belmore (LS), 1:08.97.

100 breaststroke: 1. Lauren Kim (Novi), 1:11.58; 2. Bowen (LS), 1:14.98; 3. M. Froney (LS), 1:15.17.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (B. Froney, Longhi, Queen, Albrecht), 3:46.6.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-2 overall, 2-1 KLA Central Division; Novi, 0-4 overall, 0-3 KLA Central

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Livonia native composes musical tribute to Upper Peninsula towns

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Blake Morgan wants to take you on a musical trip to the Upper Peninsula.

All you need to do is to listen to his new CD, *Houghton-Hancock Hum-Alongs*.

"When I was living in Houghton I was blown away by the experience," said Morgan, 22, a Livonia native who is finishing his undergraduate degree at Western Michigan University. "I worked for a summer youth program at Michigan Tech. I was blown away that in the middle of hundreds of miles of nature that there existed this city with so much spirit and character. It was so appealing to me."

The experience, along with subsequent summer visits to the city located in the Keweenaw Peninsula, inspired Morgan to pen a collection of songs. The 2009 Churchill High School graduate also performed and recorded the vocals tracks, drum, piano, bass and guitar parts for the CD, later adding "the orchestration of strings, horns, and funky sax solos to many of the songs." Musician friends perform the woodwind, string, brass and harp parts.

Fundraising

Morgan plans to release the CD after finishing his semester of student teaching in December. He'll receive a degree in vocal music performance and in music education, along with teaching certification.

In the meantime, he hopes to raise \$3,000 on the crowdfunding website, Kickstarter.com, to pay for professional mixing, mastering, CD manufacturing and duplication, and design and promotion. If he raises more than his funding goal, he will apply it to a CD



Blake Morgan got his 'ear' for music from his dad, Richard.

release concert in Houghton.

If he doesn't raise \$3,000 by Nov. 4, he'll lose all money pledged to the campaign, according to Kickstarter rules.

But Morgan, who records and often performs under the name, "Esto," is well on his way to achieving his goal. As of Friday, visitors to his campaign page had pledged a little more than \$2,700.

Backers also receive incentives for giving. A digital download of the album, hard copy of the CD, T-shirts, private music lessons, a photo book, and a private concert are among some of the gifts.

Musical trip north

Morgan gives viewers a taste of the CD and a tour of

Houghton in a 10-minute video that humorously pitches the project idea and offers a glimpse into his musical experience and motivation.

"I want each song to build upon the other," said Morgan, during a phone interview with the *Observer*. "The record starts out upbeat and full of energy. That tapers out and the middle of the record is a more melancholy approach to Houghton. The record ends with a chorus ... with sunset. I didn't just pick a bunch of random songs. It's more of a listening experience of being in Houghton. The whole record tells a story."

Morgan's own story as a composer started at Coolidge Elementary School when he



Blake Morgan sings and plays guitar at a recital.



Blake Morgan's "Houghton-Hancock Hum-Alongs" CD pays tribute to the two cities in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

began writing and singing his own tunes. He was a member of the jazz band at Riley Middle School and performed in the Stevenson High School Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Pit Orchestra. He transferred to Churchill as a junior and joined the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program. At Western, he has been a member of Gold Company, the school's vocal jazz group and sang in the WMU University Chorale.

He credits the PTSA Reflections program and Livonia Youth Arts Commission, as well as music teachers, and his



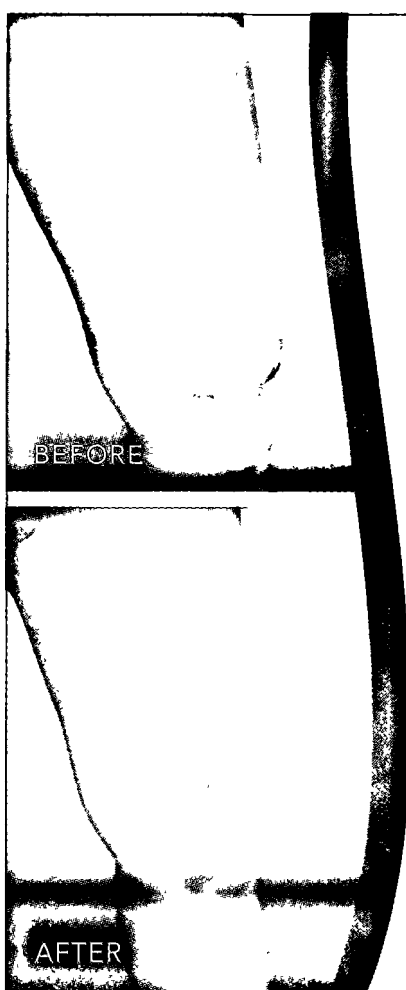
"DownBeat" Magazine named Blake Morgan (lower left corner) a top vocal jazz soloist this year.

parents, Rayleen and Richard, for supporting his childhood interest in music.

"My dad was very involved with music. He made an extension kick pedal drum on the drum set because I couldn't reach it as a 3-year-old," Morgan said. "When he was younger he played with Tina Turner. I got my 'ear' from him."

"I love a lot of things, but music takes the cake for me," he added. "Writing songs is the way I breathe. It's a way to connect with what comes out of me naturally."

To view Morgan's Kickstarter campaign page, visit www.kickstarter.com and in the search box, type in *Houghton-Hancock Hum-Alongs*.



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Get into the Halloween spirit for a good cause

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Chicks4Charities' second annual Fright Night Road Rally is more than a scavenger hunt on wheels.

After drawing 500 participants last year for a nighttime cruise through Plymouth, the event has turned into a full-blown festival.

"We had such a great turnout last year for our rally and feedback from people who came to it. We decided it needed to be bigger," said Lisa Swanson, Chicks4Charities president. "We were approached by some individuals in Northville and we found opportunities to make it bigger. It will give us a good stage for our cause."

All proceeds from the Fright Night Festival & Road Rally will fuel the organization's "No Child Goes Hungry" campaign, which funds local food programs.

The rally is the centerpiece of the festival, which will run 3-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, in downtown Northville. Teams can register in advance online or at the festival. Cost is \$30 for individuals or \$140 for teams of five. The rally



One requirement of last year's Chicks4Charities Fright Night Road Rally was to find chickens. This team did.

starts at 6 p.m. and will challenge participants to decipher clues, solve puzzles and complete specific actions — sometimes snapping photos as proof — along a route through the Northville area. Correct answers net points that are totaled at the end of the game to decide the rally winners. The first place team will receive \$500.

"We tried to make it hard," Swanson said, referring to the route through Plymouth last year. "We tried to go even harder this year."

Teams last year had to find a chicken and take a photo with it, figure out which items at a local Taco Bell added up to \$6.66 with tax, and photograph a ouija board in a cemetery, among other tasks.

"We found people loved it," she said.

Swanson, a South Lyon resident, and Janice Reissenweber of Plymouth are coordinating the rally. Chicks4Charities also received lots of volunteer help with the festival.

"We added about 50



The Flutter & Wow, a local band, will perform at the Fright Night Festival in Northville. It won second place in the road rally last year.

volunteers since last year and partnered with a lot of groups. Chrysler is sending a lot of people," Swanson said.

Paying it forward

Swanson's mother-in-law, Pat Swanson, founded Chicks4Charities in 2008 as a way of giving back to the community. About a dozen women came together to donate money for charitable causes and form the group's core membership. They've raised nearly \$100,000 for numerous nonprofit organizations, such as Gleaners Food Bank, The Miracle League of Plymouth and the Breast Cancer Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

The group's mission is to "encourage and empower women to step up and pay it forward by helping those in need" in southeastern Michigan. It offers guidance, information and resources to help women make positive changes in their communities.

In addition to the rally proceeds, the entry fees for a wine and beer tasting, canine costume contest, adult costume contest and children's treasure hunt will benefit the No Child Goes Hungry campaign. Participants can sign up for those activities at the event.

Festival activities

The Flutter and Wow, a local band that partici-

pated in the first rally, will return as festival entertainers this year. They will kick off the event at 3 p.m. Other musical acts include The School of Rock House Band at 6 p.m., Bocco from 6:45-11 p.m. on the outdoor stage and The Dale Hicks Band from 6-11 p.m. on the Brick's of Northville stage. The American Dance Academy will perform at 5:45 p.m.

Carnival games will run from 3-6 p.m. and children, 12 and under, can participate in a Haunted Fairy Door Treasure Hunt.

"Northville is known for its fairy doors. We'll use 10 of them," Swanson said. Youngsters will follow maps to find the tiny doorways hidden inside and outside of downtown stores. Everyone will receive a prize.

Food trucks will be on hand during the festival and live music with dancing will continue to 11 p.m. The canine costume contest is set for 4 p.m. and an adult costume contest will end the rally at 9 p.m.

For more information about Chicks4Charities and its Fright Night Festival and Road Rally, visit chicks4charities.net.



One-year breast cancer survivor Karen Anderson (left) of Canton; Bloomfield Hills resident Marlene Rosenberg, founder of "Marlene's Wigs With Love" at Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield and four-year breast cancer survivor Nancy Mannix of Commerce Township support the Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends Luncheon. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES



Elaine Beneson (left) of Commerce Township enjoys the luncheon with her daughter, Ilene Bez of Farmington Hills.



Farmington Hills resident Lisa Lis (left) is shown with her daughter, Ariella Lis Raviv of Royal Oak at the Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends Luncheon. Lis co-chaired the event with her mother, Florine Mark of Farmington Hills.

Events benefit Pink Fund, breast care center

Since 1993, Ford Motor Company has been very active in the fight against breast cancer, dedicating more than \$120 million to the cause. In addition, Ford

has partnered with many breast cancer-related charities, including The Pink Fund with its Ford Warriors in Pink clothing line and outreach initiative.



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

On Thursday, the Francee and Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care and Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital along with the Josephine Ford Cancer Institute benefited from Saks' Annual Key to the Cure event. It was a fun Girls' Night out of beauty, cocktails, appetizers, psychics, makeup artists, music and more. Saks unveiled the annual 2013 Key to the Cure limited edition T-shirt, designed by Emilio Pucci. For every Key to the Cure shirt purchased through October (\$35), 100 percent of the purchase

price goes to Saks' Key to the Cure campaign to fight women's cancers.

Benefit luncheon

Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield was the host site on Oct. 2 for the 9th Annual Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends Luncheon to also benefit the Francee and Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care and Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. "El News" host and breast cancer survivor Giuliana and her husband, Bill Rancic, *The Apprentice* television winner and motivational speaker, were the special guests. Over 800 donors attended the luncheon which has raised more than \$3 million dollars since 2004. Last year alone, money from the



Closet NV owner Lisa Rosenberg (left) her husband, Mark, and Florine Mark of Farmington Hills, enjoy the Pink Fund Dancing with Survivors event at Art Van Furniture in Warren. Mark attended the event to support her daughter, Sheri Mark, a six-year breast cancer survivor who participated in the dance showcase.



In keeping with the theme of the Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends Luncheon, are daughters and mother, Michelle Blum (left) and Karen Blum of Farmington Hills and Melissa Blum of Birmingham.

luncheon benefit provided 14,000 mammograms at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

Healthy cooking

Congratulations to Pink Fund Founder and CEO, Molly MacDonald, who has been named a 2013 Pink Power Mom by the Pink Power Mom program.

The honor is well-deserved. MacDonald and The Pink Fund have been especially busy this month, including their first-ever, highly successful Dancing with the Survivors event at Art Van Furniture. The Pink Fund will next benefit from special local appearances of the Twice

Baked Twins, Judy Vig and Joy Paoletti, Celebrity Chefs and Food Network Challenge winners. Vig and Paoletti will demonstrate healthy cooking and will sign books at noon, Sunday, Oct. 27 at the Old World Olive Co. store in downtown Plymouth; noon, Monday, Oct. 28 at its downtown Birmingham store and 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Vig is a breast cancer survivor. Ten percent of the book sales through October will be donated to The Pink Fund.

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PERIODIC SYNDROMES
Periodic syndromes are medical conditions that re-occur with each episode repeating the same pattern.

The best known periodic syndrome is Familial Mediterranean Fever. It starts with intense abdominal pain as if a person had acute appendicitis or an inflamed peptic ulcer. Often the individual undergoes an emergency bowel operation as the condition looks like a medical emergency.

When the pain returns and has the same appearance as the previous episode, physicians are alerted that the patient may be experiencing a periodic syndrome. In the case of Familial Mediterranean Fever physicians can do testing to prove the diagnosis. Since there exists in Familial Mediterranean Fever that will stop the abdominal pain from re-occurring, diagnosis is important.

A number of arthritic conditions exhibit the same periodicity. In people with Lupus, a stimulus such as prolonged exposure to sunlight will set off a response of malaise, fevers to 102 F or higher, joint swelling and rash. Several of these episodes and their resolution with steroids allows the physician to make a diagnosis and initiate therapy before prolonged debilitating effects of the Lupus can take effect.

An unusual expression of a periodic syndrome is in Muckle-Wells disease. In this case, a protein meant to restrict inflammation goes awry with the result that inflammation flares throughout the body. The individual becomes deaf and experiences painful joint swelling. In addition, the person develops welts over the body called angioedema. These welts are itchy and painful. Diagnosis is important because medications specific for the condition can stop the flare that is

MILESTONES

ENGAGEMENT

MALEC-MURPHY

Andrea Malec and David Murphy announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Andrew Frank and Gloria Malec of Dearborn Heights, is a 1991 graduate of Dearborn High School. She is employed by Dr. J.H. Weiss DDS PC Dental Associates in Dearborn Heights.

Her fiancé, son of Brian and Robin Murphy of Livonia, is a 1997 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and is employed by PetSmart in Livonia.

The couple plans to wed in 2014 in Costa Rica.



David Murphy and Andrea Malec

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Robert J. and Susan L. (Conklin) Gress of Livonia marked their 50th anniversary Oct. 11. The couple married in 1963 at Magnolia United Methodist Church, in Southfield.

Their children are William Gress of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Steven Gress of Livonia.

Robert and Susan have lived in the area for 45 years. Both are retired.

ANNIVERSARY



Robert and Susan Gress of Livonia on their wedding day in 1963

ENGAGEMENT



Robert Leonard Dixon and Jennifer Ann Rekuc

REKUC-DIXON

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Rekuc of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Dixon of Northville are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Ann Rekuc and Robert Leonard Dixon.

The future bride is a 2005 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia, and works as a chiropractic assistant in Novi. The future groom

is a 2002 graduate of Northville High School and a U.S. Army veteran who served with the 25th Infantry Division and 101st Airborne. Robert works as a financial sales consultant for PNC Bank, and is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves.

The couple currently resides in Wixom. A wedding is planned for November 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Northville.

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Kyle David and Laura Kay (Snyder) Washer

SNYDER-WASHER

Laura Kay Snyder and Kyle David Washer were married April 6, 2013 at Guardian Angels Church in Clawson. A reception followed the ceremony at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Louanne Snyder of Holly. She is a graduate of Holly High School and Central Michigan University, where she received degrees in elementary education, early childhood

and special education. Laura is a special education teacher for Rochester Schools.

The groom is the son of Bob and Debbie Washer of Farmington Hills. Kyle graduated from Farmington High School and Central Michigan University, where he received degrees in entrepreneurship, hospitality and food service administration. Kyle is a sales representative for Vintage Wine Company.

The couple resides in Rochester Hills.

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CAREY, LOIS WYMAN

79, died at her home in Wolfeboro, NH. Born in Newton, MA, daughter of the late Eliot and Grace (Fingree) Wyman, she grew up in Wolfeboro and graduated from Brewster Academy. Lois lived in the Birmingham area for many years after attending Albion College. She was a member of the First Congregational Church, Orchard Lake Country Club, Birmingham Historical Society, The Village Woman's Club, PEO Sisterhood Chapter P. In 1980 Lois and her husband retired to Wolfeboro, NH. Pre-deceased by a daughter Jane W. Carey, she is survived by her husband Ralph D. Carey, sons R. Douglas Carey of Brooksville, ME, Stephen W. Carey of Key West, FL and grandson Nicholas Carey.

MAIR, MARY LOU
Age 81, of South Lyon, formerly of Plymouth, Fenton and Hawks, MI, passed away Oct. 14, 2013. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MEREDITH, STEWART R. "RED"
Of Farmington, age 79, died October 17th, 2013 at his home. Visitation Sunday, October 27, 2-9 pm at The Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. Funeral service Monday October 28, 11:00am. For further information, please visit: heeneys-sundquist.com or 248-474-5200.

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OVERHOLT, JANE

October 15, 2013. Dearest wife of Gene. Loving mother of Carole (William) Brooks, Barbara (Michael) Toth and Jodi (Howard) Ring. Proud Grandmother of Jason (Amy) Brooks, Kristin (Scott Schopieray) Brooks and Megan (Peter) Aurora. Also survived by 5 Great-Grandchildren. Visitation Sunday 3-7 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. The family will gather with friends Monday 10 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth (at Beck). Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation (for the Overholt Scholarship Fund). To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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PLESTER, MICHAEL D.

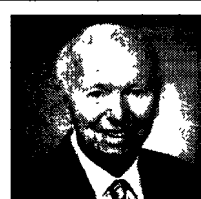
Age 41 of Telluride, Colorado, passed away October 10, 2013. He was born on May 8, 1972 in Farmington Hills, MI; son of David and Karen (nee Bouffard) Plester. Michael graduated from Churchill High School in 1990 and received his Associates Degree from Henry Ford Community College. At 25 years of age Mike's dream of living in Colorado came true when he accepted a job transfer. For many years he worked as an electronics technician for Media Ranch in Telluride. Mike was a true outdoorsman and nature lover. He enjoyed snowboarding, mountain biking, boating, hiking, backpacking, kayaking and camping. Mike was an adventurous thrill seeker, which included snowboarding down the back of a mountain to riding his jeep on dangerous trails. When he was 12 years old his family took a trip out West with the final destination being Disney Land; they stopped along the way to camp in Colorado and he told his parents he would rather stay camping than go to Disney. He was very kind, caring, and loving. Mike loved life and had a great sense of humor. Mike is survived by his parents Dave and Karen Plester; his wife Sara Felton, and his grandparents Marie Plester and Wallace Bouffard. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Laurence Plester, his grandmother Anne Marie Bouffard, and his aunt Carol Tallman. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 20 from 2-4pm with the funeral service beginning at 4pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to National Park Trust, 401 E. Jefferson St., Ste. 203, Rockville, MD 20850. Online condolences at: casterlinefuneralhome.com

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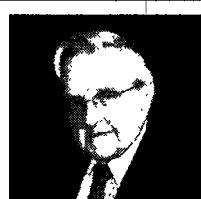
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STETTTLER, RICHARD JAMES

Died October 15, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to Fannie Mae and Frederick F. Stettler. Richard married Wilmajean Ketchum December 27, 1944. They met while working as cartographers making maps for the Army Map Service. Richard and Wilmajean started their married life in Pecos, Texas at the Pecos Army Air Field where Richard trained to be a Navigator on the B-29 aircraft in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After the war ended they moved back to Indianapolis where Richard attended Purdue University, graduating with high honors as a Chemical Engineer. His fascination with all types of engines led him to earn two patents for fuel properties in car and aircraft engines along with Allison Engine Company. They later moved to Michigan where he worked as an Engineer with General Motors. In addition, he worked in the U.K. with Rolls Royce on aircraft engines. After a long and successful career, Richard and Wilmajean retired to Naples, Florida to enjoy a warmer climate - PARADISE! The one thing Richard loved more than designing engines was spending time with family and friends. He was a patient and loving man who spent hours teaching his grandchildren to fish and learn about the outdoors at the lake cottage he designed and built in Indiana. He taught them about wildlife, butterflies, bugs and snakes and most importantly about the magic of America's wonderful outdoors. His gentle ways of teaching appealed to children's learning and interest. Richard also loved playing golf with his many dear friends and family. Richard shared his life and faith with family and friends - a life surrounded with peaceful joy! He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Frederick F. and Eugene and their wives, Mildred and Ann. Richard is survived by his loving wife of nearly 68 years, Wilmajean; son, Robert Richard Stettler; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa Kay and Gerald Rene Christin; five grandchildren, Jeremy James Stettler and wife Katie, Joel Stettler, Justin Stettler and wife Jennifer, Patricia Stettler Fry and husband Ryan and Gerald R. Christin, III; and two great granddaughters, Coralyn and Adelle Fry. A Celebration of Richards life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory can be made to the Humane Society of Naples, 370 Airport Pulling Rd, Naples, FL 34104; Humane Society of Brazil, 8280 N County Road 125 W Brazil, IN 47834; Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, Florida 34105 or the American Heart Association, 28441 Bonita Crossings Blvd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. For online condolences, please visit www.fullernaples.com

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STROEBEL, CLINTON

October 16, 2013, Age 89 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Aileen. Beloved father of Lynne (Douglas) Scherbarth and Mark. Proud Gramps of Bethany Scherbarth, Heidi (Andrew) Tompkins, Kristin Scherbarth (fiancé Garth Witmer), Eric Scherbarth and Great-Grandpa of Verity and Marius Tompkins. Dear brother of Dorothy Schultz, Richard and Robert (Leticia), the late Ralph and the late Catherine Tackabury. Visitation Sunday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Monday 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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VANALSTEN, MARY F.

A former resident of Redford, Township and former director of public relations at Madonna College, died on Friday October 18, 2013 at MidMichigan Medical Center. Mary was at Madonna during the period of greatest growth, 1943 to 1986 and worked closely with Sister Lauriana and Sister Francilene on development of the college's fund raising goals. She was born in Greene, New York on April 28, 1926 and educated at Keuka College, Keuka Park, New York, from which she graduated in 1948. Active in her Redford neighborhood, she served four years on the Board of Education of the South Redford School District and in leadership positions of Girl Scouts and PTA. Mary was an active booster of Thurston High School sport and academic activities. In 1955, she was part of a nucleus of Redford citizens who started the Observer Newspapers, writing much of the weekly copy at her kitchen table during its first year. After retiring from Madonna, Mary and her husband Roy, a retiree of the Ford Motor Company Scientific Laboratory, were volunteers at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. They moved to Midland, Michigan in 1995. Surviving is her husband Roy VanAlsten; children, William Roy VanAlsten of Paris, France, Dr. John G. VanAlsten of Niantic, CT, Janet S. VanAlsten of Thousand Oaks, CA; seven grandchildren. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has been arranged through the Wilson MILLER Funeral Home, 4210 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland, Michigan where there will be no services. Mary's remains will be buried in the family plot in Valley View Cemetery, Sherrill, NY. Memorial tributes may be made to the Moore Memorial Library, Greene, NY 13778 or to Doctors Without Borders, PO Box 5022, Hagerstown, MD 21741. Personal messages of condolence to the family may be offered at www.wilson-miller.com

WILLIS, VIRGINIA M.

Age 94 October 16, 2013. Beloved wife of the late James S. 'Sam'. Loving mother of Serena (Jack) Oliphant, Lee, Jim (Sherry Johnson) and Sue (Bob) Blanchard. Grandmother of John & Mark Oliphant, Matt (Elizabeth), Manning (Theresa), Victor and Colin (Anna) Blanchard. Great grandmother of Eric, Jennifer and Chris Oliphant and Daphne Willis. Funeral services were held.

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May you find comfort in Family and Friends

Clinical trial tests new treatment for rare adrenal cancer

One of the most challenging cancers to treat is also one of the rarest, which only adds to the challenge of finding potential new therapies.

Now adrenal cancer researchers at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center are ready to apply the results of their laboratory studies to a clinical trial to test a potential new therapy in patients.

Researchers Tom Kerppola, Ph.D., and Gary Hammer, M.D., Ph.D., collaborated to test a new compound, ATR-101, in cell lines and mice. Their studies found that ATR-101 selectively killed the adrenal and adrenal cancer cells with very little effect on other cells in the body.

Less than a year after these findings, ATR-101 is now in a phase I clinical trial at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, testing the safety of the compound in people with advanced adrenocortical carcinoma. The trial, which is the first time this compound is being tested in humans, will enroll 21 participants. The drug is a pill taken orally.

The ATR-101 study is offered by Atterocor Inc., a Michigan-based company that was co-founded by Hammer to develop new adrenal cancer therapies. Hammer serves as a consultant to Atterocor and is chairman of the scientific advisory board. He is not involved in the clinical trial at U-M.

"Many adrenal cancer patients are desperate for new therapeutic options, and ATR-101 is one of the few compounds in the world directed at this ultra-rare disease," said Gary Hammer, M.D., Ph.D., Millie Schem-



Hammer S. SODERBERG

chler Professor of Adrenal Cancer at the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Hammer's endowed professorship is the result of years of fundraising by legendary U-M football coach Bo Schembechler, whose wife Millie died of adrenal cancer. This funding directed specifically at adrenal cancer has allowed U-M to create a level of expertise — both research and patient care — in this extremely rare disease.

Adrenal cancer is one of the most deadly forms of cancer, with few treatment options available. Standard therapy, which causes severe side effects, has been the same for more than 40 years. About 500 people will be diagnosed with adrenal cancer this year in the United States and most will die within five years. The disease is often diagnosed at a late stage and surgery is rarely an option.

Patients interested in learning more about this study, Phase I Study of the Safety and Tolerability of ATR-101 in Adrenocortical Carcinoma, can call the U-M Cancer AnswerLine at 800-865-1125.

OCTOBER DIABETES DAY

Garden City Hospital offers its 21st annual Diabetes Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, in the community room at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, Westland. Opada Alzohaili, MD, endocrinology, will present "Diabetes and Medications — What You Should Know." Marshall Medley, DO, vascular surgery, will talk about "Diabetes and Peripheral Artery Disease." And Michael Sherman, DO, ophthalmology, will discuss "Diabetes and Your Vision." The event also will include lunch, giveaways, vendor displays and other health care information. Cost is \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. Register by calling 734-458-4330 or email to sgoodsell@gchosp.org.

FOOD CRAVINGS

Sandy Baumann, author of "Control Food Cravings," will teach strategies to decrease cravings for salty snacks, chocolate, carbs, soft drinks, ice cream, and more, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, in Room E-12, at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$32. To register, call Livonia Family YMCA at 734-261-2161 by Oct. 21. A workbook fee of \$12 in correct cash is due in class.

HOARDING

Joanne Cruz of the Tri-County Hoarding Task Force, will talk about the roots of hoarding behavior, how it manifests itself, and how friends or family members can help a person with hoarding issues, 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 9101 Highland Road, White Lake Township. The program is free. RSVP at 586-757-5551.

NOVEMBER ADDICTION & RECOVERY

» Jeff and Debra Jay, intervention specialists, chemical dependency therapists and trainers, and authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction" and other books, will present "Intervention," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. This program will describe how the "Love First" process of intervention can help chemically dependent people find recovery. Admission is free.

» Herbert Malinoff, M.D., president and founder of Pain Recovery Solutions, will present "The Doctor's Opinion on Alcoholism" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. This free program will describe a physician's view of alcoholism, as presented in the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous and updated with the modern neurobiology of addictive illness.

Both programs are free, sponsored by Dawn Farm, and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725 or visit dawnfarm.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT

Attorney Sid Kraizman will present "Your Civil Rights and the ADA," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, in classroom 1 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email to aferack@comcast.net.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Learn how to make healthier food choices at the "Healthy Eating with Diabetes" workshop led by Gina DeAngelis, Botsford Hospital registered dietitian, 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost: \$5. Includes handouts, recipes, activities, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 734-779-6100. Limited seating. Tickets sell out fast. Registration required.

TEENS AND DRUGS

Dawn Farm presents a two-part workshop for families and others who are concerned about a young person that may be involved with alcohol or other drug use. "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know" is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 and "Teens Using Drugs: What To Do," will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. Both programs are free and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Call 734-485-8725.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Patricia A. Schmidt will discuss stress and burnout, which can affect emotional and physical health, noon, Thursday, Nov. 21, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Meets rain or shine and includes a nature walk. Register at 877-477-DOCI (3621), option 1. This will be the final walk of the 2013 season. Walks will resume in March 2014.

ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

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

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmary-mercy.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood

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CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

» St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

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Diabetes and Medications: How They Help With Diabetes Management
- 10:30 a.m. Marshall Medley, DO, Vascular Surgery
Diabetes and Peripheral Artery Disease (P.A.D.)
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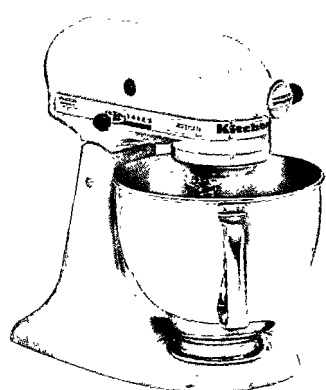
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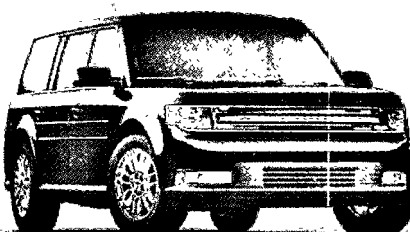
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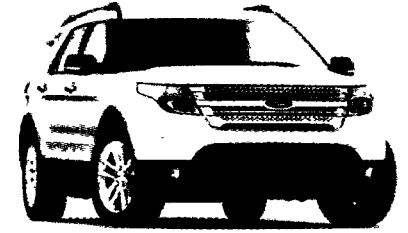
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Biggest Interview Blunders

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The interview is the most critical point in the job search process. While you might look great on paper, the real test starts when you get in front of a hiring manager. You've got the skills, now you need to prove that you'll be a good fit with your future co-workers and company. And it's oh-so-easy to sabotage that much-coveted and highly-valuable face time.

According to a recent CareerBuilder.com survey of 866 hiring managers, almost 70 percent recalled unusual behavior by job candidates. While the usual suspects did come up, some of their experiences were downright jaw-dropping. Here are some examples of how not to behave in an interview:

Hugh Hefner Wants His Pants Back

Clothes make the man (or woman) and what you wear has a direct impression on a hiring manager. Comfortable clothes will curb your nervousness, but that doesn't mean you should wear pajama bottoms like one job seeker did. The company dress policy may be casual, but save the Goth clothes and socks with slippers until you get the job. If you're hitting the beach after your interview,

it doesn't give you license to wear your bathing suit and flip flops. And seriously guys, the flashy medallion on a bed of chest hair will not impress anyone.

I'm With the Band

Unless you're in need of a seeing eye dog, you shouldn't bring an animal or another person with you to an interview. It seems like common sense. Nevertheless, many a job seeker has brought a companion along on the interview including a child, spouse, friend, pet and even the entire family. An invitation to a job interview never includes a guest.

Have You Tried Hypnosis?

They might be normal to you, but to others, some personal quirks are downright frightening. Those things you do in the privacy of your own home are not meant to come out in front of someone you are trying to impress. During an interview candidates have chewed gum, lit cigarettes, picked their nails, passed gas, burped, picked their noses, scratched various body parts, laughed erratically and even spit. Make sure to check this behavior at the door.



Truth is Stranger Than Fiction

Intoxicating Ways

Some things are strictly taboo at work, and you should behave in an interview like you would on the job. Alcohol impairs your judgment, as do drugs (not to mention they're against the law). They should be off limits -- but some job seekers openly admitted drug use and arrived at the interview high, intoxicated or hung over. One thirsty candidate requested whiskey, while another brought his own wine. Another asked if he would get the job even if he didn't pass the drug test. And one candidate simply left the interview after finding out about company drug testing.

And then there are the incidents that are just plain bizarre, perhaps provoked by ambition, a desire to impress, or anxiety. One candidate constructed a shoebox diorama of himself on the job. Another did a Ben Stiller imitation. One job seeker offered a sexual favor to the interviewer. Still another knitted during the entire interview. And another barked at the hiring manager.

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17 Detained
18 Wish
19 Provo sch.
21 Commercial
22 Detox centers
26 Flaky
29 Table-tennis divider
30 Campground initials
31 Former Italian money
32 Clear the table
33 Straighten up
34 "— to the West Wind"

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36 Movies
37 Rubicon
39 Poke
40 Loan abbr.
41 Odd
45 Comet, to an ancient
48 Excite to impatience
50 Like some eagles
51 Famed prep school
52 Current regime
53 Lazily
54 Parched
55 Back muscle, for short

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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5	6	7	1	8	9	4	3	2
2	9	3	5	4	6	8	7	1
1	8	4	3	2	7	9	6	5
4	7	6	8	3	1	5	2	9
9	1	8	7	2	9	6	4	3
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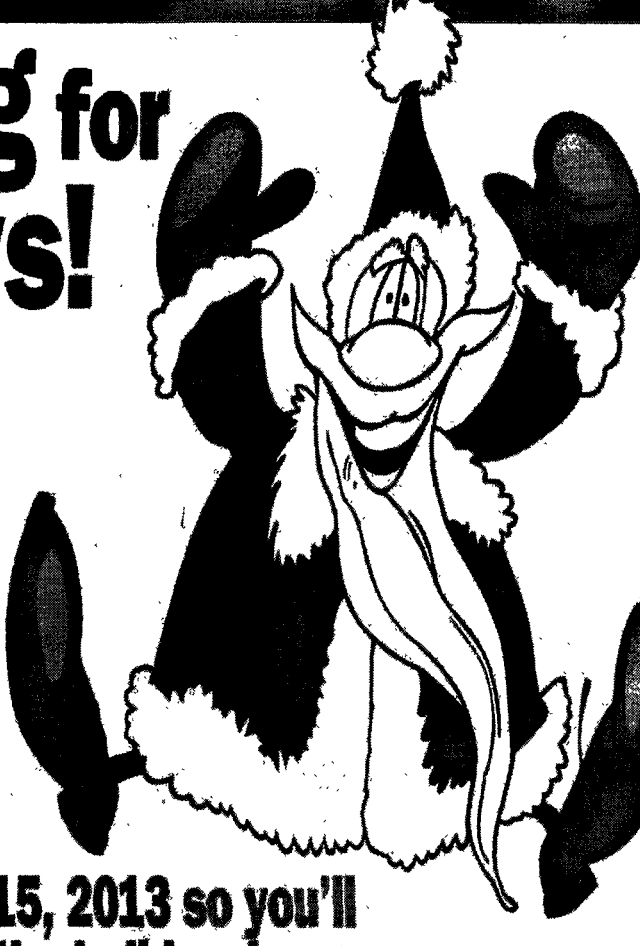
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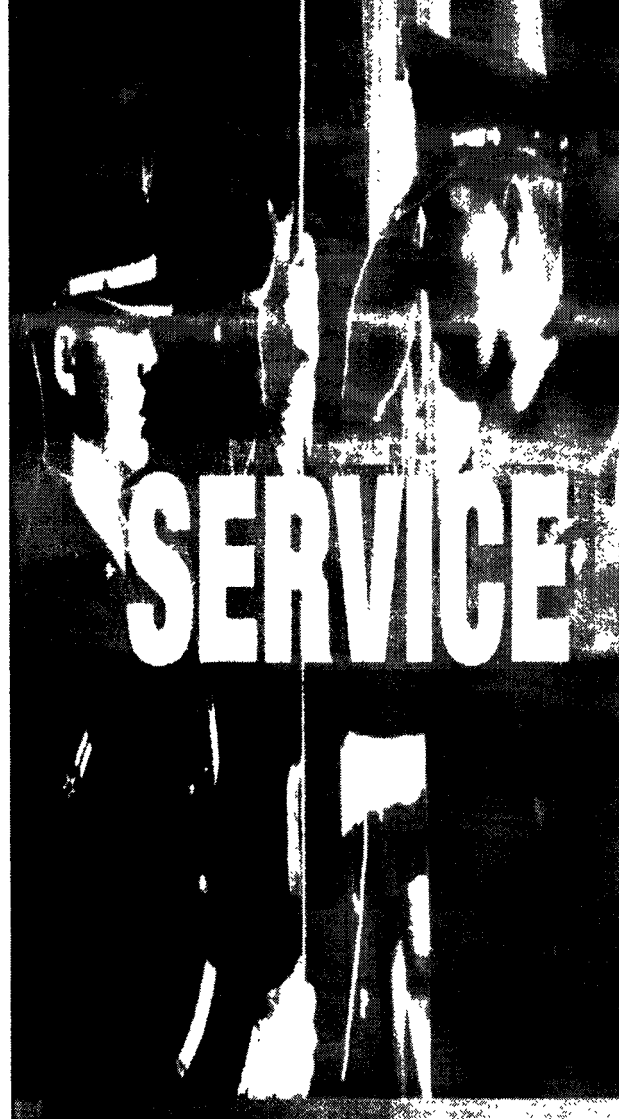
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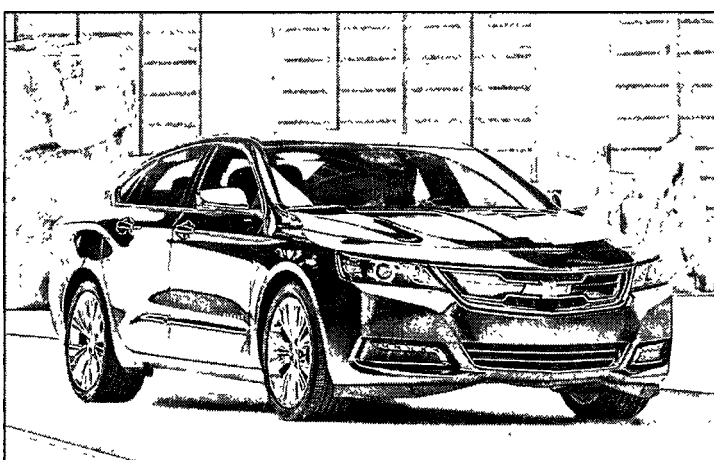
It's time for a new kind of "hybrid" to take to the American roads, one that leverages the realities of the green-power marketplace rather than tries to buck them. That's why General Motors is betting big on a new "bi-fuel," natural-gas-powered Chevrolet Impala that it plans to whisk to market by next summer.

In the meantime, GM executives and dealers are high on the recently introduced, vastly overhauled new 2014 Chevrolet Impala that has aimed the nameplate at the U.S. retail market more effectively than in generations. The new car — sleekly styled on a platform shared with the Buick LaCrosse and Cadillac XTS — gives Chevy dealers the most creditable entry they've had in the full-size sedan segment in quite some time.

And while sales trends for the new Impala versus the old one don't yet show it, because Impala always has been a popular car with fleets, it's clear that the improved fuel economy, composed ride, precise steering and interior appointments of the new Impala are getting notice from full-size sedan shoppers. It's now a worthy competitor to the Chrysler 300, Ford Taurus and Toyota Avalon.

As far as the future of Impala is concerned, GM CEO Dan Akerson himself announced the new bi-fuel version at an energy-security conference in Washington, D.C., that was convened on the 40th anniversary of the start of the OPEC oil embargo.

Akerson cast the 2015 bi-fuel Impala as



The new Chevrolet Impala is turning heads in full-size sedan segment.

a potential game-changer that will help GM, the auto industry, and the American consumer take proper advantage of burgeoning domestic supplies and falling prices of natural gas with a high-mileage, clean-burning fuel that would allow Impala drivers to go up to 500 miles on a single stock-up of fuel.

"We know that U.S. energy security won't come from a one-off moonshot," Akerson said. "It will flow from our systematic investment in technology and innovation, our drive to get more from existing energy sources and renewables, our commitment to conservation -- and it will be assured by fully and safely exploiting our shale gas reserves."

Not only that, but the key innovation behind the high-mileage, cleaner-burning Chevy Impala CNG vehicle promises to make it commercially appealing from the get-go. There already are natural-gas powered Honda Civics, sales of which have been steadily rising. And Ford has begun offering a CNG version of its popular F-150 pickup truck.

But Impala will be the first mainstream vehicle to be a "bi-fuel" hybrid, with the capacity to be powered either by onboard CNG or by gasoline. It will feature a factory-engineered and fully guaranteed powertrain that switches seamlessly between the two

fuels and could carry the car up to 500 miles at a filling. GM expects initial demand to be a few thousand as it promotes the new car not only to rank-and-file Americans but also for commercial fleets -- which long have liked the Impala nameplate.

Significantly, the bi-fuel feature should remove any "range anxiety" of the type that now attends fully electric vehicles, whose drivers must worry about running out of juice before they can recharge their batteries. There are few CNG filling stations yet around the US, but more are popping up all the time. In the meantime, owners of the bi-fuel Impala can depend more heavily on gasoline.

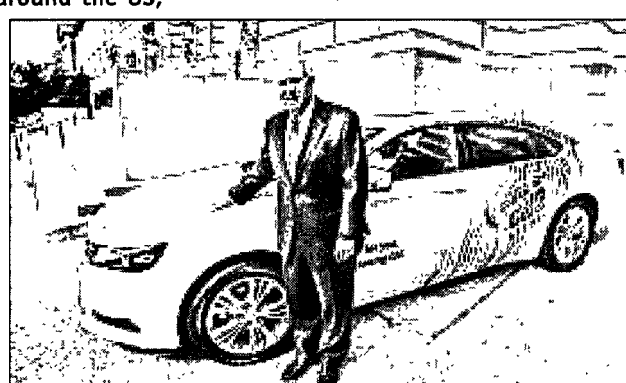
Further, the car likely won't carry any heavier price premium than hybrid or all-electric versions of vehicles do today. Hybrid and EV price premiums can

range up to several thousand dollars. Akerson told reporters, according to Automotive News, that GM's cost premium for the bi-fuel Impala will be "a couple thousand dollars, at least." But however that is manifested in pricing of the car when it debuts next summer will be quickly offset by the fact that CNG prices now are the equivalent of \$1.50 to \$2.50 a gallon.

Some argue that the real revolution being wrought by plentiful American-sourced hydrocarbons will be in keeping the price of gasoline low enough that it will persist as the US fuel of choice for generations, undercutting any kind of long-term significance for CNG.

In any event, Akerson clearly is looking to steal a march on competitors with the bi-fuel Impala. At a green conference a few months ago, where he was discussing GM's overall sustainability strategy, he took pains to note the possibilities presented to the auto industry by cheap and plentiful American natural gas.

"We have this moment," he said, "and it has to be grasped." Perhaps by grasping the steering wheel of a 2015 bi-fuel Chevrolet Impala.



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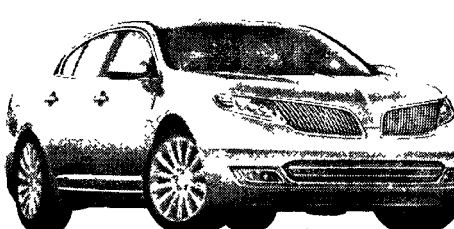


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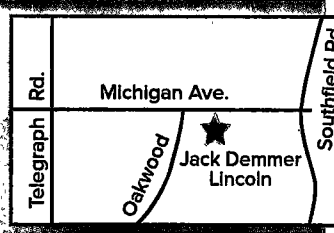


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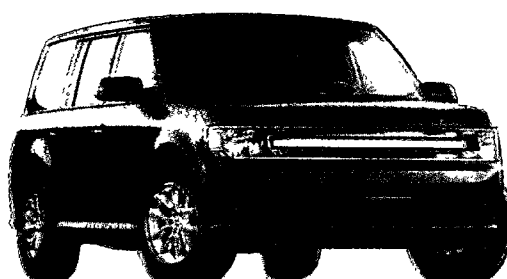
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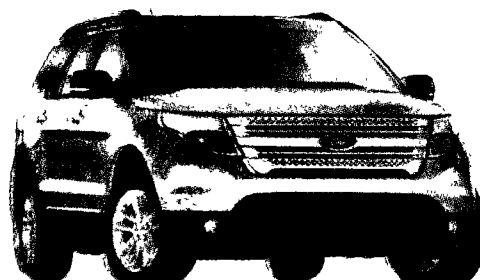
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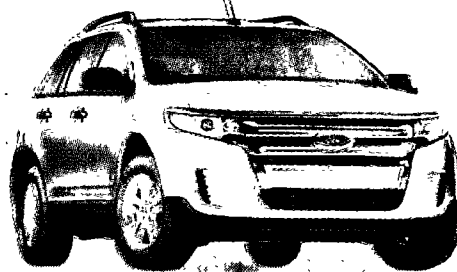
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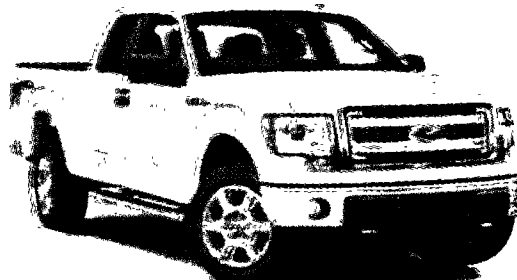
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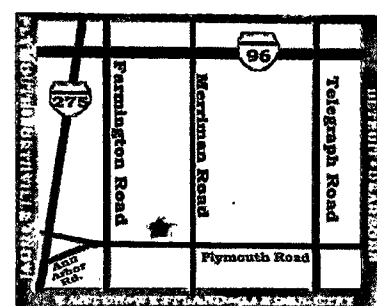


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