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Fatal crash trial delayed again

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The trial of a Detroit woman charged with second-degree murder in a fatal hit-and-run accident in Wayne is scheduled to continue Friday, July 29.

Opening arguments had already been given in the trial of Onika Fields, 40, before Wayne County Circuit Court



Fields

Fields' trial nearly to the one-year anniversary of the Aug. 12, 2015, crash that killed Alzada Dolencic, 67, of Romulus.

Fields, also charged with driving while her license was suspended causing death, has been free on \$10,000 cash/surety bond since shortly after her arrest. She entered a not-guilty plea to the charges.

The charges are that Fields crashed into a vehicle after running a red light at Middlebelt and Van Born in Westland and fled.

After running a second red light at Merriman-Van Born intersection in Wayne, she reportedly collided with a vehicle driven by Dolencic, who had to be extracted from her vehicle by the jaws of life. She was subsequently airlifted to a hospital where she later died.

If convicted, Fields could face up to life in prison. She waived her right to a jury trial and requested a bench trial.

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JAM, JELLY BECOMES SWEET BUSINESS



Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Melissa Pauley-Geimer cans 82 different kinds of handmade jams and jellies.

The Garden City woman has been known to display 50 flavors — such as apple pie jam, apricot ginger jam and banana nut jam — simultaneously at her farmers market vendor display.

Such enthusiasm has earned her the title, "crazy jam lady," from other vendors and fellow "jammers."

"I embrace that. I am very proud of being a crazy jam lady," said Pauley-Geimer, who has made and sold her products for more than five years under the name Lula Bre's Sweet Eats. Michigan's cottage food law allows home cooks, like Pauley-Geimer, to produce certain foods — jams and jellies are among them — from their home kitchens for direct sale to customers at farmers markets and other events.

"At one point last year, I had from here all the way down, it was all jam," she said, while working her three-table display recently at the Lathrup Village farmers market. "I had 50 jams on my table. I've calmed down so far this season, but then I get that itch

That itch, a desire to experiment with flavors and fruits, keeps her busy creating in the kitchen two solid days a week and some at night or early mornings if she runs low on a popular flavor. She sells her products, which include fruit bars, fudge and caramel sauces, Wednesday through Sunday at farmers markets. The weekly lineup is Lathrup Village, Westland, Dixboro, Plymouth and Canton. She also signed up for several special events this summer, including her hometown's inaugural Great Bacon run and walk, Finders Keepers Market in Trenton and

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Muriel VanDyke (right) of Beverly Hills checks out a jar of Melissa Pauley-Geimer's Cherry Almond Jam.

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FOOD ENTREPRENEUR

Learn how to start a cottage food business and safely prepare, label and sell products at Michigan State University Extension classes July 7 in Detroit and Taylor. Cost of each class is \$10 and includes a certificate stating the participant took a food safety course related to Michigan Cottage Foods.

The Taylor class runs 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Taylor Christian Church, 11425 Telegraph.

The Detroit class is 2-4 p.m. at the Southwest Detroit Business Association, 7752 Vernor Highway.

Register at msue.msu.edu.

Crashes pile up at Wayne County's 10 worst intersections

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton motorists have a good reason to grip the steering wheel and clench their teeth as they approach the Ford-Haggerty intersection.

It ranks as Wayne County's worst intersection — again — for the most crashes, with 116 reported in 2015, up from 89 the previous year.

"I'm not surprised at all," said Kendall Kopal, who drives to her job at Bowery Grille & Pub, near the crash-prone intersection. "It's horrible."

Canton has three of the top 10 worst intersections in Wayne County, a new blog post

from the Michigan Auto Law firm shows, and all of them are along the Ford Road shopping corridor.

Using Michigan State Police crash data, the Farmington Hills-based firm listed Wayne County's top 10 intersections for most crashes.

Law firm attorney Todd Berg said the Ford-Haggerty intersection has topped the list for at least three years. Round out this year's top 10:

» Ford and Lilley in Canton, 89 crashes.

» Telegraph and Schoolcraft in Redford, 81 accidents.

» Dix Highway and the



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Traffic is often heavy near the Ford/I-275/Haggerty area, which has the state's worst intersection for crashes.



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WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Westland Police are looking for information about this restored 1955 classic Chevrolet Bel Air.

Police look for stolen classic car

Westland Police are asking for help locating a classic car.

A 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air was stolen in January but no leads have developed. The vehicle is light blue with chrome rims, license plate B2346. It was reportedly stolen with an enclosed white 2013 Stealth trailer, with plate D194704.

Due to this car being extremely unique, police have released a photo in hopes that someone may have seen this car and know its whereabouts.

Anyone with information about this car is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Chris Gazdecki at 734-467-3250.

JELLY

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Royal Oak Vintage Artisan Market, all held in June.

Brookellen Swope, Westland Chamber of Commerce president, said vendors at the Westland Farmers & Artisans Market "split into two groups and there is no in between." Those who view their product as a hobby might sell at one, maybe two markets a week. If the product is a business, they'll attend multiple markets.

"It's a lot, but it's in line with others," Swope said, considering Pauley-Geimer's five-day market schedule. "What shocks me is that she has three kids. I don't know how she does it."

It's all a matter of juggling schedules, being married to a supportive husband and loving the jam-making process.

After taking her daughters, ages 5 and 6, and son, 14, to school, she works on her food products from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At night, after dinner and her children's activities, there's more jam making if she's not too tired.

"It is very calming," she said. "When I'm making jam and jelly, that's all that matters."

From pastry to jam

Pauley-Geimer spent 11 years working in the automotive industry and, after taking culinary classes at the Art Institute of Michigan in Novi, took a job in the pastry department at Motor City Casino.

Her interest in jam and jelly started when she made jams as Father's Day gifts six years ago for her husband and her father.

"My dad likes raspberry jam and my husband is a strawberry guy," she said. "So I made them strawberry and raspberry jam and I got addicted to it. It wasn't the fact that it was good, it was, 'What would happen if I did this?' It was, 'Let me try this and that. We'll see how it comes



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lula Bre's Sweet Eats sells a line of jams and jellies made with jalapeno and Carolina reaper peppers.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Melissa Pauley-Geimer of Garden City displays 30 flavors of jams and jellies at the Lathrup Village Farmers Market. She sometimes has as many as 50 of her 82 flavors on hand.

out."

"By July, my husband looked at me and said, 'You need to quit making it. There are 12 cases of jam sitting on the coffee table. We can't even use our coffee table any more because there is so much jam.' That's when I started going to the farmers markets."

She moved some of her production into a licensed kitchen when she developed hot pepper jams, which are not allowed under the cottage food regulations.

"They have to be done in a licensed kitchen because of the pH levels," she said, adding that improper processing

could lead to bacteria growth and, ultimately, to botulism. "They (recipes) are tested by the state and they have to say if they're good to go."

She produces her most popular fruit jams and all of her pepper products in the licensed kitchen each Monday and works in her home kitchen Tuesday.

"My recipes are really simple," she said. "There are so many different fruits out there you can throw together and see how it turns out. If it doesn't turn out, I can add it to the fruit bars."

Business strategy

Pauley-Geimer buys as much of her fruit as

she can from local farmers or picks her own.

"I'm a firm believer that fresher is better. I'd rather have you open a jar of jam I just made just a couple of weeks ago," she said.

When the local fruit season ends, she focuses on making fudge, caramel apples, fruit bars and dessert sauces. She revamped her table display and food jar labels last winter and has begun to work with the Michigan State University Product Center. With the center's help, she hopes to transition from a cottage industry to a licensed food processor that can sell products to retail stores.

"I have to get the UPC labels," she said. "I'm going through the Product Center, which is where everything has been tested. If I have a question, I just give them a call or shoot them an email."

Lula Bre's Sweet Eats jams and jellies are sold in 14-ounce glass jars and cost \$7.50 each or two for \$13. Fudge and caramel sauces in nine-ounce jars cost \$6 each or two for \$11.

Go to Lula Bre's Sweet Eats on Facebook for a list of upcoming events.

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Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Appeal 16-01: Applicant Ezria Williams, 20497 Norborne St, Redford Twp. MI 48240, located on the east side of Norborne St. between 8 Mile Rd and Norfolk Ave.

The applicant is requesting a variance that would allow a 6' privacy fence extending to and across the front plane of the house.

Zoning Ordinance 152N, Sec.3.30 B.D prohibits this, stating that 6' feet tall privacy fence shall only be located in the rear yard on residential lots.

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

This appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Redford Township Hall board room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. **Written comments must indicate the above appeal number and will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m. June 8, 2016. No comments will be accepted over the telephone.**

Jennifer Lawson, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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SURPRISING WAYS YOU CAN DAMAGE YOUR TEETH

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Dr. Stewart: Last month this question inspired me to cover a number of different and surprising ways you could inadvertently damage your teeth. I'd like to cover five more unexpected ways you could hurt your teeth:

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- Eating dried fruit (very acidic and tend to cling to teeth causing damage)
- Swilling wine (red wine contains staining agents and all wine contain a high acidic content which weakens tooth enamel)
- Using a toothbrush with hard bristles (brushing too hard with medium or hard bristles can damage the tooth enamel, always use a brush with soft bristles)
- Using teeth for anything other than eating (using your teeth to open something or as a tool can weaken or even break/fracture them)

As with most things, if done in moderation these things may not be an issue but are important to keep in mind.

If you have a question about your dental health contact Dr. James Stewart by calling 734-425-4400 or visiting jamesstewartdds.com

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Sports Venue donates to food pantry



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Members of the Gladiators baseball team unload hundreds of items they collected for the Sports Venue's food drive.

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When the food pantry was moved from St. Raphael's Church to the Maplewood Community Center a couple of years ago, some of its funding was also cut.

The folks at Sports Venue Bar & Grill decided last year to do something to help them out, sponsoring their first food drive in May 2015 to help fill the shelves.

This year, they were at it again. Customers, friends and family of the bar ran the second annual food drive for the

pantry, collecting nearly 1,600 nonperishable food items.

"We found out the funding got cut, and we wanted to do something to help," Sports Venue owner Laurie Viviano said. "We support various things throughout the year ... We want to support the community."

The bar provides tickets for each food item donated, and those tickets are good toward the possibility of winning an annual prize. This year, it was a \$100 Sports Venue gift certificate and four seats on the bar's next bus trip to



SUBMITTED
Sports Venue owner Laurie Viviano with the Gladiators, who collected hundreds of items for the bar's annual food drive.

a Detroit Tigers game.

The Gladiators, a Garden City Youth Athletic Association baseball team, got involved for the second straight year. Last year, the players went door-to-door collecting. This year, they got their school classmates involved,

collecting in classrooms.

The result: nearly 300 items came from one classroom alone at the Farmington 5/6 Campus in Garden City. Teacher Marie Kennedy has three Gladiators in her class. Kennedy said the school has been stressing "Random Acts of

Kindness," and talk in her classroom about "different ways to make us better as people."

"They are some of the most caring, kind people I have ever met," Kennedy said. "They are more than just a group of students, they are a family, we are a family. They

have a bond; one of caring, support, kindness and love. It is a bond that I hope will last a very long time."

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CRASHES

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Southfield freeway in Lincoln Park, 80 crashes.

» Ford and Wayne in Westland, 71 crashes.

» Ford and Canton Center in Canton, 60 accidents.

» Telegraph and Eureka in Taylor, 60 accidents.

» Telegraph and Van Born in Dearborn Heights and Taylor, 59 crashes.

» Middlebelt and Schoolcraft in Livonia, 56 crashes.

» Ford and Middlebelt in Garden City, 55 accidents.

The study included all of Wayne County's 43 communities. None of Detroit's intersections made the list, Berg said, likely because a higher number of motorists have no auto insurance and, therefore, don't report crashes.

Berg said the Ford-Haggerty intersection could be accident-prone because it continues to draw new development even though it already has an abundance of restaurants, shops, hotels and Michigan's only IKEA, which has regional appeal. Art Van is planning a new store on Ford, just west of Haggerty.

"The Ford Road/275/Haggerty area is just blowing up and has been blowing up for a long time," Berg said, adding that the roads weren't built to accommodate the amount of growth Canton has witnessed.

Canton has "a good, thriving business community," he said, "but it also puts enormous pressure on the traffic situation and traffic safety issues."

Of the 116 crashes at Ford and Haggerty in 2015, 34 resulted in injuries, according to Michigan Auto Law blogger Steven Gursten.

Tim Faas, Canton Municipal Services director, said traffic flow along Ford Road appears to have eased somewhat since the Michigan Department of Transportation last year made improvements such as lengthening turn lanes,

improving ramps and adding a continuous third lane from Lotz to Lilley. No official study has yet been done to gauge traffic flow.

MDOT officials have said a long-term solution involves transforming Ford Road into a boulevard from the I-275 area west toward Canton Center. Faas said some design work is expected to occur, but funding remains a stumbling block.

One MDOT project manager, Gorette Yung, said in 2013 that the boulevard price tag could approach \$50 million.

With that as a backdrop, Canton has applied an eighth time for some

federal aid through the so-called TIGER program, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery. After seven rejections, officials are hopeful of a favorable outcome this fall.

Berg, meanwhile, said Ford-Haggerty has been ranked the sixth most accident-prone intersection in all of Michigan.

He said Michigan Auto Law analyzes intersection crash statistics as a warning to motorists to use caution, especially at the most accident-prone areas. He also has cautioned against distracted driving.

One report by Michi-

gan Traffic Crash Facts found that 26.7 percent of fatal crashes in 2014 occurred at intersections. The statistics are compiled by the Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning and the University of Michigan.

"Intersections are notoriously dangerous places to drive," Berg said.

No one has to tell that to Kendall Kopal, who drives the Ford-Haggerty intersection every day. "It's no joke," she said. "It's terrible."

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Petition #2834-T. Diehl-5735 Wilmer

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

Petition #2835-R. Gerke Jr.-33548 Somerset

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

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Attn: Drew McMechan, Chief Financial Officer

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Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and reusable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Compliance Form must be included as well. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include both of these statements, which are included on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

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LPS Foundation touts 'great year'

The LPS Education Foundation has stepped up its profile over the past year, which can only mean good things for Livonia Public Schools students and staff.

Offering an update at the recent third annual LPS Education Foundation Honorary Board breakfast meeting, held at Riley Upper Elementary School, Foundation President Diane Policelli said it's been a great year for the Foundation. "I am proud to tell you that the Education Foundation planned and participated in 82 events over the past year," Policelli told the audience of Foundation operating board and honorary board members.

Fundraising events such as the Bounce Back to School party, which drew more than 1,000 parents and children to Stevenson High School, and the Foundation's annual luncheon, which featured U.S. Eastern District Attorney Barbara McQuade as keynote speaker, provided funding for the Foundation's Competitive Edge College Savings Program for kindergartners.

"The success of the fundraisers is directly linked to the many corporate sponsors who helped defray our expenses and to all of the community members who participated," she said. "We thank them very much." Currently, the Foundation has 25 corporate donors who provide financial support



The LPS Education Foundation offered an update at the recent third annual LPS Education Foundation Honorary Board breakfast meeting.

for its programs. Its newest corporate donor on the list is Team Schostak Family Restaurants.

The Competitive Edge College Savings program has enrolled about 1,750 students to date. The Foundation sets up a 529 college savings account for each student and deposits an initial gift of \$100

and additional money as the Foundation's budget allows.

"We met with the parents of kindergarten students at 14 elementary schools in the fall and educated them on the benefits of starting early to save for college and open their own 529 accounts, in addition to the accounts held by the Foundation for their children,"

said Policelli.

The Foundation's grant program is also flourishing. This year, 16 classroom grants were awarded, totaling \$39,000. A video was created by the Livonia Public Schools Communications Department to highlight a handful of those grants. To view the videos, visit livoniapublicschools.org

and click on LPS feature videos under the District tab.

The grant program is funded through donations from local businesses and civic organizations. The support of the Honorary Board members is also crucial to the success of the LPS Education Foundation, she noted.

ON CAMPUS

Wayne State

Molly Roseland of Livonia received her M.D. degree last month from Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Roseland, daughter of James and Dr. Carole Roseland of Livonia, graduated with high distinction and recently received several awards, including Class of 2016 Academic Achievement Awards for the highest academic performance during freshman, sophomore and junior years, as well as the Medical Alumni Senior Scholarship Award for performing

at the highest scholastic level in her class of 283 during her four years in medical school.

A member of the National Medical Academic Honor Society, Alpha Omega Alpha, Roseland also received a Janet Glasgow Memorial Achievement citation from the American Medical Women's Association and the Robert Rutzky Award in pathology.

Roseland, a 2008 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2012 graduate of Michigan State University, has chosen radiology as her specialty and will serve her transitional year

of residency at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, followed by a four-year program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Hope College

Hope College has announced the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2015-16 academic year. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Local students making the list:

» Livonia — Lauren Burford, Kelsey Duntley, Alexandra Knorp, David Moening,

Matthew Selesko and Jacob Davenport.

» Westland — Sabrian Morrison.

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Great Lakes Cyber Academy

Hanuman Durina, a graduating senior of Redford, has his head in the clouds.

A veteran of five years from Great Lakes Cyber Academy, an online school serving

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Durina earned a full-ride H.A.I.L. (High Achieving Involved Leader) scholarship to the University of Michigan. After the graduation ceremony, Durina will be pursuing political science from the Dearborn campus, eventually transferring to the Ann Arbor campus. More than 81.5 percent of GLCA's 2016 graduating class is scheduled to attend college in the fall.

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Irish Fest ready to start new chapter at Greenmead Park

With a bigger space comes more opportunities for the Motor City Irish Fest.

The annual event will take place June 17-19 at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh. It's the first time the festival will be held in Livonia. It has taken place in Detroit and Redford, most recently at Western Graham Field near St. Valentine's Catholic Church, but it outgrew that space.

Now, with the new location, the event is seeing interest it didn't have before, said co-chairman Charlie French.

"We're getting people who are calling to be vendors. We've never had that before," the Livonia resident said. "They know we're in a new area, they know we're in a growth position now."

The festival decided to move last year, and received approval from the Livonia City Council on hosting the event in Livonia last fall. It's a move the festival hopes attracts more people.

With more space comes more activities and events, including a culture tent, loads of vendors and other fun activities.

"We're having Irish football matches this year, that we never had the space for," said Kevin Murphy, a co-chairman of the event and a Livonia resident. "We're having a cornhole competition."

"It's anything to get people active."

Returning this year are several Irish dance groups and bands, including 24 Irish bands and some pipe and drum bands. Whiskey tasting will take place in the pub tent, and foods being served include tradi-



Organizers of the Motor City Irish Fest — Kevin Murphy, Joan O'Halloran, Peggy Gray, and Charlie French — at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall in Redford.

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tional Fish 'n' Chips and Corned Beef sandwiches.

Embraced in city

Being remembered at the festival this year is the Tipperary Pub, a longtime Irish pub off the Southfield Freeway in Detroit that closed several years ago. The beer tent will be constructed to represent the old pub, which Murphy said was the first to bring Guinness to Michigan.

"We're going to build some walls and we're going to fill them up with knickknacks and goodies from the Tipperary Pub," Murphy said. "The interest in that has been mammoth."

"It was a premier Irish pub for 25 years."

Activities for children will be abundant as well during the festival. A kilted magician, storytelling, beginning Irish dance lessons and other activities will be available for youngsters.

A traditional Irish Mass will take place at noon Sunday before the festival opens up as well.

The festival will be open from 5-11 p.m. June 17, noon to 11 p.m. June 18 and 1-8 p.m. June 19.

Despite major construction taking place just west of Greenmead on I-275, organizer Joan O'Halloran said she doesn't think it will be too much of a detriment to festival goers.

"I don't think that's going to be a concern," the Dearborn Heights resident said.

The organizers are anxiously excited to try a new space for the festival they hold so dearly. They plan on learning as they go to adjust to the new space at Greenmead, but said they've had great relations working with the city the last few months in preparation.

"The City of Livonia has embraced us, too," French said. "They've decided they really want to be on board with this."

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Willy the Red Pig marks five-year birthday in downtown Garden City

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Either you love or hate Willy the Red Pig, the controversial shiny red sculpture that's celebrating a five-year birthday in the center of downtown Garden City.

Also known as "Cochon Rouge," a name that was given by artist Sophie Marie, it was leased to the city's Downtown Development Authority for two years.

In the beginning, it wasn't a love affair with the porker for everyone. In fact, there was a big push back from some people who didn't appreciate the art work at all.

Get out of town

"We were getting threatening phone calls to get rid of the pig," Downtown Development Authority Director Kim Dold said.

Then Willy was stolen. The \$6,000 sculpture was later found in Whitmore Lake with three of its legs missing and snout damage.

The kidnapping caper got national media coverage and Willy became famous.

More and more people also began warming up. Over time, Willy started to become the city mascot of sorts and is the face, or rather the snout, for city events, like the Red Pig Road Rally and the Bacon Run. Even a Facebook page, named the Red Pig Revolt, was created in Willy's honor.

Newbies in town, however, wonder how this unusual sculpture won such a prominent place at the center of the downtown district. Some occasionally post on Facebook asking about the pig's origins.

Simple beginnings

Willy, who was named after the character Wilbur from "Charlotte's



Willy the Red Pig celebrates his fifth birthday.

Web," first came to the city when the DDA leased 10 sculptures from the Saue Art Foundation.

"They put them in place around the downtown area," Dold said.

After Willy was damaged, the DDA commis-

sioned a replica of the original sculpture for \$8,000 and put it in the Commons Corner at Ford and Middlebelt roads. This time it was the property of the DDA. It was insured and paid for from fundraisers.

Residents began to rally for the return of the lost pig and a coming-home party was thrown after the second sculpture was erected.

"It's one of those love-hate relationships," said Kerry Partin Garden City Business Alliance president. "I think it's become adopted as part of the city. In the beginning most of the people scratched their heads and said, 'Why do we need a pig?' But, it's become accepted."

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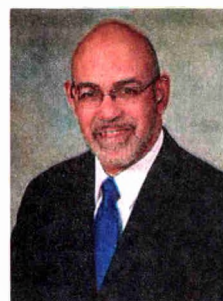
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Check out 2016 Maxima at Nissan of Canton

The redesigned 2016 Nissan Maxima is a powerful, good-handling sedan that stays true to the nameplate's performance-oriented heritage and features an upscale interior that befits its price. You can view and test drive one at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

"Maxima" is Nissan's longest continually-in-use nameplate, and the eighth-generation car is a boldly styled sedan that draws heavily from the Nissan Sport Sedan Concept.

Ever since the Nissan Altima grew into a mid-size family sedan in the early 2000s, the Maxima hasn't fit neatly into a segment. Nissan says the 2016 Maxima is designed to compete with larger, traditional full-size sedans like the Chevrolet Impala and Toyota Avalon, as well as appeal to buyers looking to move up to a luxury car, like the Acura TLX.

The 2016 Maxima is offered in five trim levels — S, SV, SL, SR and Platinum — that determine the level of equipment; accessories are available, but there are no option packages. We drove an SL, which is priced at \$37,715, and the \$38,495 SR. That one is the most performance-focused model, with unique suspension bushings, springs, shocks, front stabilizer bar and chassis bracing, in addition to 19-inch alloy wheels with stickier Goodyear tires (prices include an \$825 destination charge).

Exterior and styling

The Maxima brings Nissan's Energetic Flow design language to its sedan lineup. Signature cues include a plunging grille bordered by LED daytime running lights and gloss-black pillar finishes that give the roof a floating appearance — something Nis-

san says is inspired by a fighter jet's canopy. The front end is aggressive — the car looks menacing when you see it coming up on you in your rear-view mirror — and also memorable. It's a design that demands a reaction, good or bad.

How it drives

Large cars may be known for a forgiving, comfortable ride quality, but that's not the Maxima formula. Compared with a Chevrolet Impala or Chrysler 300, which both do a good job smoothing out bumps and cracks in the road, the Maxima is a much more connected, tighter-handling car. There's remarkably little body roll when driving quickly through a corner. You feel bumps, but they're dealt with in a refined way.

The SR trim level's unique suspension is considerably firmer and busier; you feel more road imperfections, even smaller ones, and the impact is harsher when you hit a big pavement crack. It's a little too rough-riding for me, especially considering the good ride-and-handling balance the regular suspension provides.

You'll want the SR trim if you really care about steering feel, as it offers the best of the bunch. Press the Sport button in an SR, however, and the steering wheel gains a nice, firm heft to it and some feedback through the wheel. It feels right in this performance-focused trim.

All trim levels benefit from the performance of the standard 3.5-liter V-6 engine, which provides smooth, effortless acceleration. Rated at 300 horsepower, the V-6 still has power to spare for a quick pass at highway speeds. It pairs with a continuously variable automatic transmission that's programmed to act

Test drive the 2016 Nissan Maxima at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.



like a conventional automatic at low speeds for a more traditional driving experience, according to Nissan.

The Maxima shows how far CVT technology has come recently, at least when paired with a powerful engine. It's mostly unobtrusive, with only a hint of the droning that's associated with this type of transmission when you accelerate hard. If you've been driving a car with a conventional automatic, this CVT won't seem strange or different.

One of the benefits of a CVT is that it's able to quickly increase engine speed when you want more power because it doesn't need to shift to a lower gear. The Maxima's CVT is very responsive; nudge the gas pedal and engine rpm immediately increases, providing more power.

CVTs usually enhance gas mileage, and the Maxima's EPA-estimated 25 mpg combined rating tops most V-6 competitors by a few mpg or so.

Interior

Overall quality and attention to detail is very good. The standard leather-wrapped steering wheel feels great; it's even better in the SR, which has Alcantara simulated-suede inserts.

The upper sections of the doors are finished with soft-touch material

that's a comfortable alternative to the door armrests.

The center console has a padded section to rest your knee against, and there's real stitching on the doors, console and dashboard. One element that doesn't look premium, however, is the simulated metal finish on the dashboard, doors and center console. It doesn't look real.

Fighter jets also informed the layout of the cabin controls, according to Nissan. The center dashboard control panel is angled 7 degrees toward the driver, and center console controls are close at hand.

The new Maxima's roofline is 1.3 inches lower, which contributes to the sedan's hunkered-down look.

The Maxima has the latest version of Nissan's NASA-inspired Zero Gravity front seats. They're finished in cloth (S), leather (SV and SL), premium leather with quilted Alcantara inserts (SR) or premium leather with quilted leather inserts (Platinum).

Ergonomics and electronics

Digital screens are rapidly taking over the dashboards of modern cars, and there are two in the Maxima: a 7-inch screen between the gauges and an 8-inch touch-screen in the cen-

ter of the dashboard. The gauge cluster screen lets you cycle through different modes to see information like speed and heading, trip data, tire pressure and active safety features.

The dashboard screen is the primary display for the standard navigation system and multimedia functions. The Display Commander control knob on the center console can also operate the dashboard touch-screen.

Cargo and storage

The Maxima's 14.3-cubic-foot trunk is nicely shaped, and the trunk lid's support arms move within an enclosed area, so there's no risk of them crushing your cargo. The release straps for the 60/40-split folding backseat are in the trunk. The rear seatbacks fold flat with the trunk floor.

The Maxima has a media bin just ahead of the center console cupholders. The bin is large enough for an iPhone 6 Plus, according to Nissan, and it's also where the car's two standard USB ports are located.

Safety

Most of the Maxima's active safety features come on SL and higher trims. These models have standard blind spot warning, rear cross-traffic alert, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with

autonomous braking and predictive forward collision warning. Predictive forward collision warning uses low-mounted radar to "see" under the car directly ahead of you to the next one in line. The system can issue a warning if it senses that car slowing suddenly — even if you can't see it yourself.

The top-of-the-line Platinum trim adds a surround camera system with moving-object detection and a drowsy-driver warning system. Drowsy-driver warning compares steering inputs at the beginning of a drive with ones later in the trip to determine if the driver is getting tired and needs to take a break.

Value in its class

Years ago, Nissan dubbed the Maxima the 4-Door Sports Car. It's an ambitious tagline, but it reflects the fact that the car caters to a specific type of buyer: the driving enthusiast who still needs sedan practicality. The 2016 Maxima is no different from its predecessors in this regard, but its new level of luxury — both in terms of cabin materials and features — now makes it a credible alternative to entry-luxury sedans. If you're shopping sport sedans, it's worth a test drive.

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Rotary, Rosedale partner on reading program



ROTARY CLUB OF LIVONIA
Mike Vokal, president of the Livonia Rotary Club, shares a smile with his reading partners Trae Rickett and Julia Morris, both second-graders at Rosedale Elementary.

For the fourth year in a row, the Rotary Club of Livonia has teamed up with Rosedale Elementary School in a program called "Reading Partners" to tutor young students as they work toward mastering the written word.

Mike Vokal, the current president of the Rotary Club of Livonia, has been an active participant for all four years and describes it as a truly rewarding experience.

"On a personal level, it's very satisfying to make a connection with the kids that you tutor and to realize as their reading skills improve that you played a small part in making that hap-

pen," Vokal said. "As a Rotarian, I'm pleased to be doing something that supports one of our club's major objectives, namely promoting literacy."

The Rotarians meet one-on-one with their young partners once a week for half an hour to listen to them read, reinforce basic reading skills, and build up confidence by continually encouraging the students' efforts.

The Rotary project works with the Early Literacy Volunteers (ELVs), a PTA program designed to provide assistance in teaching reading skills to students in kindergarten through fourth grades. ELVs

depends upon a corps of volunteers who meet regularly with students, enhancing their reading abilities by using books that contain a controlled vocabulary and are graded according to level of reading difficulty.

In addition to providing their time, the Rotary Club of Livonia has also purchased a total of \$2,600 worth of books for Rosedale and Garfield Elementary Schools with funds from the Livonia Rotary Charitable Trust, as well as from a Rotary District grant.

Tracey Jakubowski, the ELVs coordinator at Rosedale Elementary, said the school is "very appreciative" of the funding from Rotarians.

"Our third- and fourth-graders have been reading from a collection of literacy library novels that are very dated, worn, and frankly not that stimulating," Jakubowski said. "Now this wonderful monetary donation has allowed us to get some fantastic new titles for these kids as well as some new titles in several levels for the ELVs library."

The Rotary Club of Livonia meets for lunch every Monday at noon at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, and welcomes all visitors. Those interested in volunteering for the ELVs program should contact their neighborhood elementary school.

Sons of American Legion honors World War II veteran

World War II veteran Joseph V. Knapp of Livonia was honored as the Veteran of the Month for May by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Born in Elmsford, N.Y., Knapp served in the Army Air Corps from 1943-45. He was drafted in February when he turned 18 and upon completion of high school, in June 1943, was sent to Long Island induction center for his assignment.

He was asked if he wanted to fly, and jumped at the opportunity. He was then sent to the United States Army Air Corps basic training center in Greensboro, N.C., for eight weeks of basic training. He was then selected to go to Flight Engineering School at Keesler Army Airfield in Biloxi, Miss. He was only there for two days when everything changed.

American involvement was escalating rapidly in Europe; Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was named supreme com-



World War II veteran Joseph Knapp of Livonia is the Veteran of the Month for May.

mander of allied forces in Europe and was planning the D-Day invasion. A new order went out to build a large number of new bomber air fields in England to support the invasion.

Great Britain's engineering forces were insufficient to build the required number of air fields, so the USAAC sent the 820th and 829th Engineering Battalion (Aviation) there with the task

of building 14 new air fields capable of supporting large bombers.

Large numbers of personnel were needed to man these new air fields and Knapp received his new orders. He was sent to New York City by train, put on a ship and sent across the Atlantic. He was deployed to Debach Air Field, a new air field near Ipswich, England, and home of the 493rd "Helton's Hellcats" Bomber Group.

He was assigned to the 330th Station Complement and trained as a communication technician responsible for communication between squadrons of planes and headquarters. The first planes to arrive at Debach were B-24 Liberators and their first bombing mission was June 6, 1944, to Lisieux, France, in support of the D-Day invasion. A total of 157 bombing missions were flown out of Debach, with the last mission May 20, 1945.

Knapp said he was

"very concerned" at first about being so close to all the action in Europe but they were far enough from London that they only heard one "buzz bomb" fly overhead. He was quick to point out, "It's the ones you don't hear that will get you."

One memory he said would stay with him forever is the sky on D-Day. "It started at 8:00 in the morning and lasted all day," he recalled.

"Streams of planes, one after the other; bombers, gliders, fighters, it was an unbelievable sight."

He also thought to himself, "All these guys are heading over to get their bums shot off and here I sit." He then got down to business on the radio doing his best to make their missions a success and getting them back home. He will never forget his time at Debach and the 200-plus airmen from there that gave their lives.

After the base shut down in May, he was shipped back to the

States to the Sioux City Army Air Base in Iowa and held in reserve for possible deployment to the Pacific. In September 1945, he was discharged. Knapp went to Flint, entered GMI (General Motors Institute) and graduated with a degree in business administration. He was then sent to the GM Assembly plant in Janesville, Wis., where he met his wife, Carole, and was married in 1953.

In 1959, Joe was reassigned to the new GM Corvair plant at Willow Run and moved to Livonia. He retired from GM as the Quality Control superintendent after 43 years of service. Joe and Carole have four children and five grandchildren.

S.A.L. invites residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community conversation

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County and Livonia Citizens for Peace are co-hosting a Center for Michigan Community Conversation at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9. The event is co-sponsored by AAUW of Livonia. The topic is Restoring Public Trust in State Government. Participants will discuss state government services, management of the public purse and oversight of Michigan's political system.

The conversations are conducted throughout the State by Center for Michigan, a nonprofit organization. Everyone who attends has the opportunity to participate in the discussion. Center for Michigan gathers the data from the various conversations, prepares a report of its findings and presents it to the State Legislature.

Seating is limited; RSVP to Angela Ryan at cruiserryan@ameritech.net or 734-591-0995 or Colleen Mills at www.citizens4peace.com or 734-425-0079.

Easy Talkers

The June 9 Toastmasters meeting takes place in the St. Matthews Lutheran Church Sanctuary with plenty of room for guests.

The meeting will feature two inspirational speeches given that night. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The church is at 5585 Venoy in Westland.

Ice cream social

Livonia's elected officials host "Ice Cream & Information," an ice cream social that will give residents a chance to enjoy ice cream and ask questions of their elected officials.

The event, which

takes place 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at the Livonia Senior Center, will be hosted by Mayor Dennis Wright, Clerk Susan Nash, Treasurer Lynda Scheel and council members Kathleen McIntyre, Brandon Kritzman, Scott Bahr, Maureen Miller Brosnan, Cathy White, James Jolly and Brian Meakin.

Benefit fundraiser

The Livonia Buffalo Wild Wings is the site for a benefit fundraiser for Lisa Glen all day June 5 at the BWW on Six Mile in Livonia.

BWW will donate 20 percent of all sales (dine-in or take-out) to the Benefit for Lisa Glen (details at buffalowildwings.com). The event includes a silent auction and T-shirt sales.

The BWW is at 37651 Six Mile. For more information, call 734-469-4400.

Cruise for a cause

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia is the new location for the "Cruise-in for a Cause" classic car show. The cruise will be held from 5-8 p.m. Mondays on June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (no cruise July 4).

Visitors can talk with the car owners about how they restored their vehicles and share thoughts and ideas with other enthusiasts.

The cruise will include a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to support Blessings in a Backpack of Livonia. There will be a deejay specializing in '50s and '60s music. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is at 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia, just east of I-275 next to the Italian American Club.

Photography club

Michigan's only 3D photography club meets at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road, from



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Personal tribute

While the rest of the nation honored veterans who gave their lives for their country, Livonia resident Army Veteran Keith A. Bradley paid tribute to this country's fallen soldiers in his own personal way, setting up these crosses at his Livonia home.

7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8.

The meeting will feature a special program of all the award-winning stereo images made by members in the last year. After a refreshment break, the end-of-year awards for best 3D images of the 2015-2016 season will be presented.

Meetings are free to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. A variety of photo books will be available to purchase. For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Pinewood Derby

The Livonia Public Library hosts the second annual Father's Day Pinewood Derby on Saturday, June 18, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium.

Aesthetic judging is at 11 a.m., and racing starts at 1 p.m.

In-library registration and derby kit pickup is through Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Civic Center Reference Desk.

Contact Ken Bignotti, 734-421-4235 (Monday, Wednesday), 248-893-4010 (Tuesday, Thurs-

day), 734-466-2460 (Friday, Saturday) or email bignotti@livoniapubliclibrary.org for more information.

Parking lot sale

St. John Bosco Church hosts a "Parking Lot Sale" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18. Sellers can sell their "stuff" at this sale.

The church is at 12100 Beech Daly in Redford. For more information, call Sally at 734-748-8110.

Car show

American Legion Post 32 hosts a car show at 9318 Newburgh in Livonia every Thursday from 5 p.m. to dusk through Sept. 29.

Join the Legion for fun, food, cars and bikes. The event also features door prizes, raffles and giveaways. Plaques for "best of show" are awarded each week. Dinner inside and grill food outside.

Westland market

The Westland Farmers & Artisans Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13 (closed June 16 and Aug. 4). It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted.

The market is at 1901

N. Carlson, Central City Park, in Westland. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Citizens for Peace

The film "Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the Citizens for Peace meeting. Robert Greenwald's film features personal stories from people across the country who have been affected by gun violence, including survivors and victims' families.

The Citizens for Peace joined the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence to raise awareness of the fact that 75 percent of NRA members and 90 percent of Americans desire sensible legislation to prevent the epidemic of gun violence in the United States.

Join Citizens for Peace to view and discuss this film. The film will be shown at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road). Donations accepted. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or visit www.citizens4peace.com.

Franklin reunion

The Franklin High School Class of 1966 celebrates its 50th reunion Aug. 25-28.

For more information, contact Larry Ruzsas at 810-599-3509 or lruzsas187264mi@comcast.com.

Democratic club

The Livonia Democratic Party has two major meeting events each month. Executive board officers (and members who wish to attend) meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Livonia Democratic Party membership meetings occur on the second Wednesday every month. The meetings occur at 7 p.m., and are located at the Livonia Quality Inn &

Suites, 30375 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

The group's website is www.livoniademocraticclub.com.

» LDC/MABSI Bingo — Join the regular players at Shamrock Bingo, 33111 Plymouth Road, in the eastern end of the Sheldon Center Mall, seven evenings each week (excluding some legal holidays) for a nice evening out, good company and a chance to win. Doors open at 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday games begin at 6 p.m., and Sunday at 5 p.m.

GriefShare meetings

The congregation at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church has experienced the deaths of several members in the past few months. To respond to the grief and sorrow for their loved ones, the church is starting a grief support group using "GriefShare" materials. GriefShare groups meet weekly for 13 sessions to help face the challenges after the loss of a loved one and move toward rebuilding lives.

Each week, the GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects. After viewing the video, group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in their lives.

GriefShare will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road in Livonia in the chapel. This is free for all who would like to attend, but registration is requested to know how many to prepare for. Register at www.christsaviors.org under Events tab. For more information, contact Mike McGrath at 734-459-1274 or Linda Hollman at the church office, 734-522-6830.

Women's Health Presentations

Dr. Paul Makela, urogynecologist, provides insight and education about a variety of female conditions including bladder dysfunction, overactive bladder and pelvic prolapse. Grab a friend, your sister or mom and learn about the latest therapies and procedures available that may eliminate or reduce your symptoms or pain, and improve your quality of life. Attend any date!

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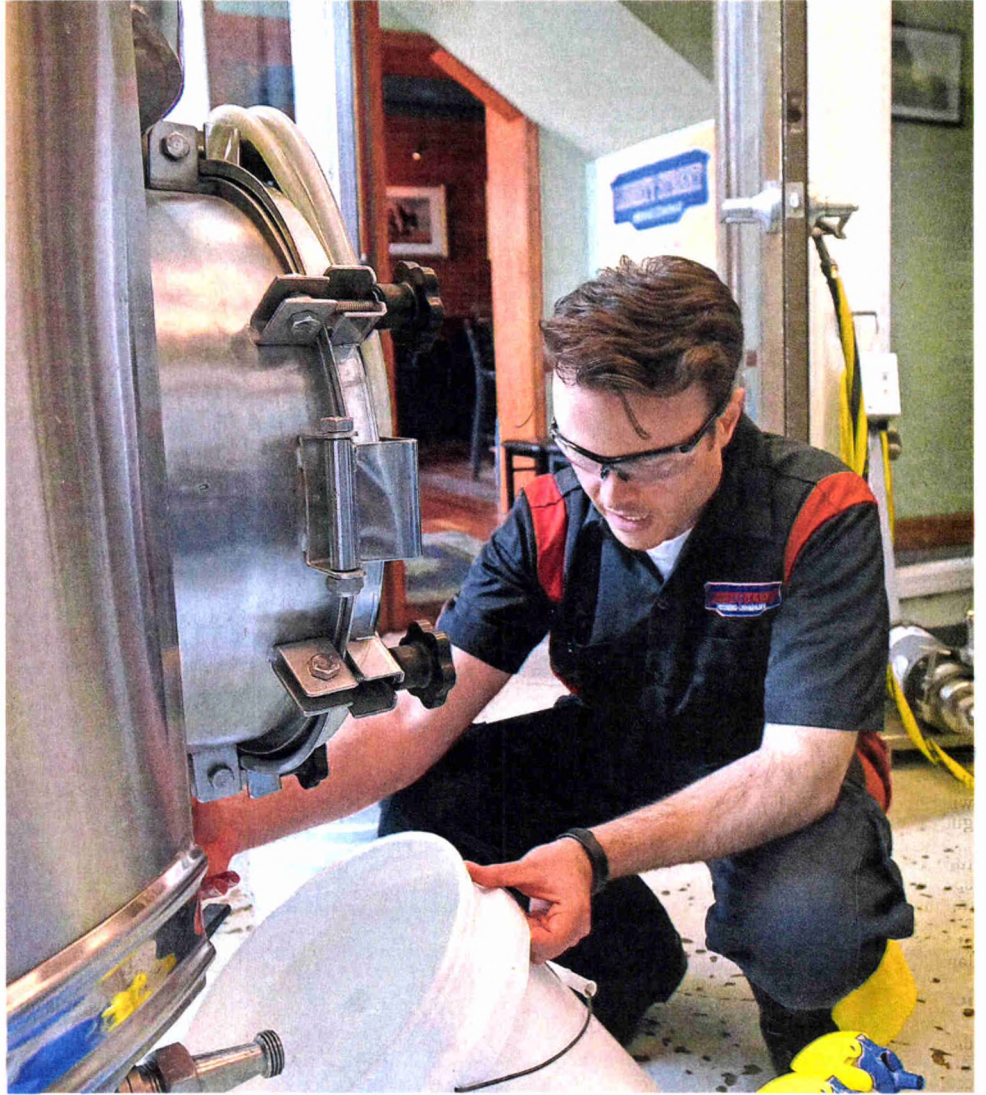
Brew technology grads seek diverse jobs in beer industry



Elizabeth Elliott of Livonia wants to open her own brew pub, pairing craft beer and food.



Mica Bolinger of Novi hopes to work in marketing and management within the craft beer industry.



Matthew Kuehn spends a lot of time sanitizing equipment in his job as brewer at Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Plymouth.

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Sharon Dargay

Staff Writer

Elizabeth Elliott of Livonia wants to brew beer.

Mica Bolinger of Novi would rather promote it.

And although Matthew Kuehn of West Bloomfield is the pub brewer at Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Plymouth, he sees himself in the business and management side of the craft beer industry some day.

They're among the first six students to graduate from Schoolcraft College's Brewing and Distillation Technology program this year. They all acquired the 24 credits needed for a certificate. They all took classes in brewing science, beer styles and flavors, brewhouse operations, marketing and management. They all love to drink beer — Bolinger calls herself "a beer nerd" — but they're headed on diverse career paths into the same industry.

Tom Block isn't surprised. "I don't think we knew what to expect, what people would do after they take the classes," said Block, the brewer who runs the Schoolcraft College program, which began last fall. "There is more to having a brewery than making beer. I like to see all those aspects."

"There is marketing. Bell's and Founder's have CFOs and executive directors of sale and they have their team of brewers in the brewery. All of those jobs are available in the market."

With Michigan ranked sixth nationwide in number of breweries — 205 according to a 2015 Brewers Association ranking and some 20 more are planned in the state according to the

Michigan Brewers Guild — job prospects are promising for brew program grads.

"The industry is popular and people are interested in craft beer," Block said. "The market is still growing."

Another 13 Schoolcraft students likely will be eligible for certificates in December and the introductory class for the fall semester is close to reaching its limit of 24 students.

Signing up

Kuehn, 30, who has a bachelor's degree in finance from Western Michigan University, was in California for a cousin's wedding when a friend texted him about the program last year. He registered by phone before returning home.

"I was always interested in getting into the industry, but thought it was hard to get a foot in the door," he said. "I knew how popular craft beer is in Michigan and how important it is to the economy. I said I can't drag my feet on it."

Bolinger, 43, a single mother of two sons, had some experience tending bar at the now defunct Bonfire Bistro & Brewery in Northville, where she occasionally helped out in the brewery cleaning tanks. She's a server at Poole's Tavern in Northville and is working her way toward an associate's degree in marketing and applied management at Schoolcraft. She figured the brewing and distillation experience would help focus her marketing skills in an industry she loves.

Through hands-on classes held at Liberty Street Brewing Co. and Block Brewing Co. in Howell, Bolinger learned just how "wet" and "dirty" the brewing

process can be.

"I was washing a keg once and got showered with porter. I didn't have a change of clothes," she said. "You have goggles, a flashlight, boots. There are chemicals you have to deal with."

Kuehn figures he spends about 90 percent of his time as pub brewer making sure "everything is clean."

He said the Schoolcraft program made him think critically and helped him to understand how individual components — everything from the brewing process to marketing and sales — work together to form "the big picture" in the craft beer industry. He considers his current work essential if he moves into the business side of brewing in the future.

"You need to know how your product is made. You have to know what your employees do," he said.

Pairing beer, food

Elliott, 22, who graduated from Schoolcraft's culinary arts program, worked at Granite City Food & Brewery in Northville and offered to

"scrub floors, do whatever" it took to also learn the brewery side of the business. She had been looking for jobs at breweries in northern Michigan when she heard about the Schoolcraft program and "dropped everything" to sign up.

"I'm glad I did," she said. "I am in love with the brewing process." She worked three part-time jobs while taking classes and currently is a server at The Sardine Room in Plymouth.

mouth. She's studying for her cicerone certification — cicerones are the sommeliers of the beer world — and hopes to soon start home brewing and find a full time position in a brewery.

Elliott, who used to serve her father plastic play food from her toy kitchen as a preschooler, had always wanted to become a chef. Now she wants to brew while her boyfriend, an executive chef, makes food to go with her beer.

While on a tour of 22 breweries, they noticed most brew pubs served generic bar food or

snacks. Elliott wants to kick it up a few notches by combining their culinary and brewing skills.

"Ultimately, my goal is to open a brew pub and have food and beer that rotates in and out based on ingredients available locally. The hops you can get locally. You can give back the spent grain (to the farmer)," she said.

One day, she may be able to tell her customers that their pork dinner from "that pig, ate the grain that brewed your beer."

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STATE OF MICHIGAN WASHTENAW COUNTY TRIAL COURT ORDER AFTER HEARING ON VIOLATION OF VALID PERSONAL/FOREIGN PROTECTION ORDER

CASE NO. 15-002400-PP
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Petitioner:
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No Known Address

Respondent:
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Home: 734-334-3901

Date of hearing: 5/12/2016
Judge Patrick J. Conlin Jr.

1. Order entered after violation hearing request pursuant to MCR 3.708(H), held as a result of a show-cause hearing pursuant to MCR 3.708(B).

THE COURT FINDS:
IT IS ORDERED:
8. The matter is dismissed. Reason: per agreement of the parties in relation to the violation as follows:
13. Other conditions: No contact via third parties.
Date: 5/12/2016
Judge Patrick J. Conlin, Jr.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS

CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN REPAIR OF THREE (3) VEHICLE HOISTS

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, June 28th, 2016 at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2655 at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, June 10th, 2016. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.

Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the bid must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN REPAIR OF THREE (3) VEHICLE HOISTS, name of vendor and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

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Dennis K. Wright
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Passport to Safety event features new activities, stations

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's almost time for Livonia's annual event dedicated to safety.

The Passport to Safety event will have several new features when it arrives Saturday to the public safety campus around the Livonia police and fire stations on Farmington Road south of Five Mile. The annual event, expected to attract a big crowd, will have several classic stations for youngsters, as well as several new ones.

Cheryl Bowker, an Allstate insurance agent in Livonia and co-founder of Passport to Safety, said there will be lots to keep attendees active during the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., including a new program called the Super U! Challenge, a game show-like event encouraging children to not bully and to be respectful and safe in school.

"It's a big type show, interactive game show that goes around to different schools," she said. "Everybody will have a chance to participate in it."

Celebrating his 35th

anniversary of fighting crime, McGruff the Crime Dog will also be at the event, greeting attendees. Several classic stations, including the 911 station and bicycle helmet station, will be available to children who attend. Those who get a stamp from every station in their passport will be entered to win several prizes, including Detroit Tigers tickets, Cedar Point tickets, a bicycle or various gift baskets filled with goodies.

A separate tent will be dedicated to teach children and families about concussions, Bowker said. A cyclist will be on hand to discuss safety while riding.

New this year will be a different kind of safety organization, the U.S. Coast Guard. Sea cadets will be on hand with a Coast Guard boat to talk to families about safety in the water.

Returning this year is the Jaws of Life demonstration by the fire department and the K-9 demonstration by the Livonia police. And parents and kids will be asked to sign the "X the Text" pledge, which calls for drivers to

avoid texting while driving.

Bowker said studies show 75 percent of car accidents happen because of a distraction while driving, which includes texting.

"We're trying to teach kids and parents at a young age," she said.

Sgt. Ron Warra, the crime prevention officer for the Livonia Police Department, said he's looking forward to the event, as it's been a few years since he last attended. He said he hopes to see a bigger attendance this year for the event, designed to help children and their families.

"We'll give them opportunities to learn about safety and how to live safer," he said. "I'm excited to see the changes."

Bowker said she hopes for larger crowds than usual, especially if the weather is all good as it's been the past several years.

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Pay attention to fees with any investment

Q: I am in my early 50s and have never invested before. I was at the Observer & Eccentric Spring Expo a few months ago and I talked to you after your presentation. At that time, I told you I inherited some money and you gave me some suggestions about how to invest without having to pay commission. You told me I could either buy the funds through Charles Schwab or Fidelity. I contacted both companies and they confirmed to me that I can buy these mutual funds without having to pay any commission. I received the inheritance and, before I invested the money, I was contacted by a friend of a friend who is a financial adviser and he told me that even with no-commission mutual funds, you still pay fees. I am confused. Are there fees when you buy non-commission mutual funds and, if there is, what is the benefit?

A: I love the fact that, before you invest money, you are focusing on fees. Fees are important. In fact, when you look at independent surveys, they almost always tell you that low-cost investing equals higher returns. When investors don't focus on fees, they get taken advantage of by investing in products with high fees — which mean low returns.

In understanding fees when it comes to mutual

funds, you can basically break them down into two separate categories: 1) management fees and 2) sales charges.

Every mutual fund, whether a commission or non-commission product, charges you an annual

management fee. This fee compensates the mutual fund company for not only servicing your account, but also for managing the money within the mutual fund. Even though every mutual fund has management fees, generally the no-commission mutual fund will have much lower management fees. The management fee is not something you write a check for and you won't see it come directly out of your account. The mutual fund takes that management fee off the top before interest, dividends and capital gains are distributed to the shareholders.

The other major fee — and this is the one that distinguishes between commission and non-commission mutual funds — is the sales charge. The sales charge is known as the load in the financial world. The load is the commission that you pay the salesper-

son. Typically, loads are upfront, which means that if you invested \$10,000 in a 7-percent loaded mutual fund, \$700 would come off the top to pay your salesperson. In a non-commission mutual fund, if you invested \$10,000, the entire \$10,000 would go to work for you. In a commission mutual fund, if you paid \$700 in commission, only \$9,300 would actually be invested.

In an attempt to confuse investors, there are also a variety of other ways you can pay commission. Some mutual funds take money out of your account every year to pay a commission, while others will have what are known as back-end loads, which means when you sell the investment before a certain period of time, you'll end up paying commission then.

The bottom line is when the individual told you that every mutual fund has fees, they were correct. However, what all investors should be aware of is that commission mutual funds will typically have substantially higher management fees and, in addition to the higher management fees, will also have sales charges. As far as I'm concerned, these fees are unjustified. That is why I tell investors to avoid them.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com

REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT No. 1

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 13, 2016, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at the Board of Education Administrative Offices located at 17715 Brady, Redford, Michigan, 48240, the Board of Education of Redford Union Schools, District No.1 will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2016-2017 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2016-2017 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 17715 Brady, Redford, Michigan 48240.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Patricia J. Isabell
Secretary, Board of Education
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Fresh Made Pizza Bid for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 School Years (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2015-2016 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked **Fresh Made Pizza Bid** will be received until **11:00 a.m.** on the **22nd day of June, 2016**, in the **Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan**. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **11:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of June, 2016**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance – Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474
"Fresh Made Pizza Bid"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Patricia Schuchardt, Supervisor of Food Service, pschuchardt@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2820, ext. 44106, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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Schoolcraft careers pro: Federal report's right on job market trends

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A report this past week from the Federal Reserve focused on the U.S. job market.

The central bank's latest report on regional economic conditions, known as the beige book, said Wednesday that "tight labor markets were widely noted in most districts." Employment and wage growth were described as modest, with pay raises "concentrated in areas of labor tightness."

That news didn't surprise Kathy Cox, Schoolcraft College's coordinator of Student Employment Services and the Hinkle Center. "I would definitely say the labor market is improving," said Cox, a Plymouth Township resident.

She coordinates a data base on local jobs which now averages 480 a month. It was previously for Schoolcraft students and alumni and was opened to the public "because we just have so many jobs and not enough people to fill them," Cox said.

She noted a shortage of registered nurses, with those students lining up jobs before they graduate. "They're all pointing toward four-year degrees," Cox said.

Manufacturing sector

Locally, manufacturing jobs are also tough to fill. "There are not people trained for those fields, the in-depth parts," she said. "They (manufacturing firms) cannot find qualified employees. That's what



Sgt. Jermareo McDaniel of the Detroit Police Department's Recruiting Unit was hard at work at Schoolcraft College's recent Spring Job Fair. Kathy Cox, who coordinates Student Employment Services at the college, noted police and fire career hiring is improving.

I'm hearing from employers."

A surprise to some? Elementary school teacher openings are up, other than special education. Cox noted teacher retirements as well as previous education students focused on special ed for employment reasons earlier.

Other fields showing growth Cox cited: truck drivers; customer service representatives, with some college preferred; accountants or auditors; and licensed practical nurses and licensed vocational (practical) nurses. She

noted a ranking of Michigan's top 50 fields of employment that shows strong demand for machinists and mechanical engineers through 2022 as well.

Schoolcraft also sees demand in fields including business, culinary arts (including culinary baking and pastry arts), office information systems, child care and development and others. The college has an engineering transfer program for those planning on a bachelor's degree in engineering.

Schoolcraft has many

students beyond immediate post-high school age. Cox said of those returning to work, "They really need to upgrade their technical skills" to "stay marketable."

She advised a woman at Schoolcraft who was nervous about online coursework. Cox noted older students can excel at that.

"For young people, it's second nature. I encourage people in certain age groups. They will find they can do this," Cox said.

She provided information from Philadelphia's Villanova University that

showed hospitals in particular like registered nurses to have B.S.N. degrees. There are R.N. to B.S.N. degree programs for nurses, with many courses online and often tuition assistance from hospitals.

She agreed wages have improved as well. Schoolcraft posts mostly local jobs, other than some culinary ones involving Disney (associated with the college's well-regarded culinary program).

Cox is pleased public safety jobs, police and fire, are improving on hiring, too. "We're seeing

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that turn around, too, which is really nice, really encouraging," she said.

Those police and fire personnel often like to visit the college, which has campuses in Livonia and Garden City, to talk about their work.

Cox finds students' eyes — and those of their parents — light up as they learn their desired field has career opportunities.

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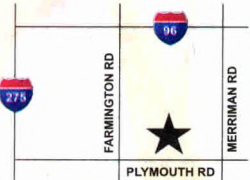
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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Shaw's camp a life-changer

Participants learn football as well as life lessons

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Tim Shaw's speech is ever so slightly slurred these days — one of the mounting effects of his two-year-plus battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a merciless and progressive neurodegenerative disease that causes muscle weakness, paralysis, and, ultimately, respiratory failure.

But the former Livonia Clarenceville star's mission is still

loud and clear: Live life to the fullest and appreciate what you can do, not pout about what you can't.

On Friday night, under a cloudless sky, Shaw was standing smack dab in the middle of his field of dreams — the Trojans' football field — while groups of hustling young athletes joyfully ran through a series of skills-building drills during the seventh annual Tim Shaw Football Camp — a free offering that regularly attracts more than 200 participants.

ALS can pound Shaw with



Tim Shaw is pictured with his parents, John and Sharon, during a break in Friday's football camp at Livonia Clarenceville.

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GC Coaching openings

Garden City High School is currently conducting a search for a varsity football coach and varsity boys track-and-field coach.

The openings were created by the recent resignations of longtime coach Scott Murray, who oversaw both programs.

The minimum requirements for the positions include experience in high school-level coaching or playing at the collegiate level in football; a time schedule compatible with that of the high school; knowledge of CPR and/or first aid; the completion of CAP 1 or 2 from the Michigan High School Athletic Association; and a demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

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SOCCER DISTRICT FINAL

THIRD TIME'S NOT A CHARM

Novi completes season three-sweep against Stevenson

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

When the Novi girls soccer team plays with its backs against the wall, it usually ends up working in their favor.

They came from behind to beat Canton 3-1 in the Kensington Championship, and bested Grand Blanc 5-2 to lay claim to the Association Championship after getting off to a rough start.

So when the Wildcats scored first on their way to a 3-2 win over Livonia Stevenson in Friday's MHSAA Division 1 District Final at Meadows Park, it was a strange feeling to say the least.

Fortunately for Novi (13-1-6 overall), they had gone face-to-face with their KLAA Central rivals twice during the regular season, beginning with a 4-3 comeback win at home on April 21, followed by a 3-1 decision on May 10.

"It's always hard to play a team three times because they know us really well and we know them very well," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "Stevenson's a very good team and they're very well coached. Usually we're a second-half team. This is the first time that we got up and we got three goals in the first half on them."

Senior forward Jessie Halmaghi broke the cycle of monotony for the Wildcats in the second minute by finishing off a feed in front of the box that came courtesy of classmate and Central Michigan commit



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Livonia Stevenson goal-keeper Haley Demers stretches for a save during a game earlier this season.

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL GOLF

Local golfers finish season strong

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The high school golf season ended a week earlier than several local players would have preferred, but the fact Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and Garden City's campaigns were capped at the regional round of the state tournament can't diminish their stellar performances.

In a Division 1 regional tournament hosted by Pine View Golf Course on Wednesday, Churchill put the wraps on

a resurgent season by placing ninth with a 354 stroke total.

Garden City, which featured a seniors-only lineup, placed 11th in the regional with a 376.

Powerhouse Plymouth won the regional with a lights-out 308, followed by Ann Arbor Skyline (318) and Northville (319). All three schools advanced to next week's D1 finals.


The Chargers were led by John Doyle, who carded an impressive 84 despite the chal-



TIM GALLOWAY

Stevenson's Trevor Lopus focuses on a putt during Thursday's Division 1 regional tournament.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Franklin edges Kennedy in pre-tourney tune-up

Bienkiewicz knocks
in game-winner

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Like a family preparing to embark on a long journey, Livonia Franklin's baseball team squeezed a tune-up into its schedule this week.

On Tuesday, five days before it opens up a Division I district tournament at home against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, the Patriots broke up a stretch of idle days with a 6-4 victory over Taylor Kennedy, which was a D1 quarter-finalist in 2015.

The game was played at Madonna University's Illitch Field.

The win boosted Franklin's overall record to 25-12. It's the most wins the Patriots have registered during the regular season in at least a decade,

said head coach Matt Fournier.

"Both Kennedy's coach (Brian Boyd) and myself wanted to get a tune-up in before the district, so we scheduled this game, and it worked out nice for both teams," Fournier said. "We both used five or six different pitchers, so we didn't approach it like we would a normal league or tournament game."

"We hadn't played in about a week, and it showed. We worked kicking the ball around a little bit early on, but then we started making plays."

The game proved to be packed with drama.

Trailing 4-2, the Patriots scored four times in the fifth to claim a temporary lead. After the Eagles battled back to deadlock the contest at 4-4, Patriot senior catcher Nate Binkiewicz ripped a two-run single in the sixth to break the tie.

Jon Montie was the winning pitcher

and Adrian Reed picked up a save for Franklin. Kolby Dewhirst threw the first two innings. Nick Hoyer and Harrison Merrill also tossed one frame a piece.

Chris Nehasil was the only Patriot with two hits, one of which was a double.

"We subbed in a lot of players, just to get everybody ready," Fournier said. "It was nice of Madonna to let us use their facility. I know the boys enjoyed it."

Franklin will take on Crestwood at 10 a.m. Saturday on the Patriots' diamond.

The other semifinal, which is scheduled for noon, will feature Western Wayne Athletic Conference rivals Garden City and Dearborn.

The championship game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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Franklin's Brendan Sanders takes a cut at a pitch during a game earlier this season.

DISTRICT SOCCER SEMIFINAL

Stevenson's firepower overwhelms Mercy, 4-1

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team's 4-1 triumph over Farmington Hills Mercy on Thursday night was a testament to the Spartans' across-the-roster explosiveness and the durability of steel cross-bars.

Fueled by goals from four different players and a lock-down defensive effort in the back end, Stevenson advanced to Friday's 4 p.m. district final game at Novi Meadows Stadium against the host Wildcats.

Somehow, the cross-bar on the west end of the Meadows Stadium pitch remained intact after the Spartans hammered six blistering shots into it — just in the second half alone.

Stocked with a multitude of dangerous players — from small-in-stature, (but abundant in talent) pocket rockets Megan Verant and Audrey Kopitz, to dazzling dribbler Kennedy Thurlow to mid-field mainstay Paige Ackman — the Spartans dominated possession and the shots-on-goal ledger (11-3).

"I was very, very pleased with the effort tonight," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We had a lot of dangerous opportunities to score, we just didn't put them all away. But we're creating the chances, which is good."

"You're going to have games when you hit the cross-bar a few times like we did tonight. Hopefully they go in tomorrow."

Stevenson held an uncomfortable 1-0 lead at the half over the well-organized Marlins, whose end-to-end resistance didn't surprise Shingledecker.

"I coached at Ladywood eight years before I came here, so I'm well aware of how hard they battle," he said. "I knew what we would be up against tonight, for sure. They've always defended well, been organized and they have a good goalkeeper, and tonight was no different than what I faced the previous eight years."

The game was scoreless until the 17th minute when longtime friends and teammates Verant and Thurlow — who have played together since U8 — connected on the ice-breaking goal. Motoring up the left sideline, Verant slid a crossing pass to Thurlow, who found space in the middle about 40 yards out.

Thurlow turned on the after-burners



Livonia Stevenson's Samantha Dickson uses her head to clear a dangerous scoring threat by Mercy during the first half of Thursday's district semifinal game.

before scorching a low shot past Mercy keeper Chloe Russo and into the low-left corner of the net.

"We've been working on getting the ball across that way in practice, and we made it work tonight," Verant said.

"I knew Megan would give me a good ball on that," Thurlow added. "I had a girl behind me and the goalie was coming out, so I knew I had to slip it behind her. I chose the left side and made it happen."

Stevenson keeper Haley Demers

exited the stadium after the game holding an ice pack to the side of her head, the result of a late-game collision, but the freshman was a game-long headache for the Marlins.

Demers' first big save came moments after Thurlow's net-finder when she elevated high into traffic to squeeze a threatening rainbow corner that had eyes for the net.

Both keepers ventured dangerously far from the goal line during sequences

that unfolded during the final five minutes of the first half, but each was bailed out by heads-up play by teammates (Mercy's Annah Mullinax and Stevenson's Kayla Gacioch, respectively).

Verant was fouled in the box six minutes into the second half, but Kopitz's ensuing penalty kick rolled just wide of the left post, leaving the score at 1-0.

Stevenson upped its lead to 2-0 with 30:29 left when Gacioch, who was stationed just inside the left post, punched in a Thurlow corner kick.

The Spartans made it 3-0 six minutes later when Verant ripped home a PK that was set up when Maria Bayyouk was fouled in the box.

"I haven't taken a lot of penalty kicks because I wasn't real confident in it," Verant said. "But tonight, I just thought, 'Just go for it' and I picked my spot and hit it."

Despite the mounting deficit, the Marlins continued to grind, and their effort paid off with 23:11 left when Rebecca Heaman converted a PK after the Spartans were whistled for a hand ball in the box.

Mercy appeared to catch a break two minutes later when Bayyouk was tripped up from behind while closing hard and fast on Russo, but no foul was called.

The non-call didn't faze Bayyouk, who scored at the 20:40 mark after driving a well-struck laser past Russo to make it 4-1. Verant picked up the assist.

Ackman was a nightmare to contain for Mercy as she used her height and ball-control skills to pile up scoring chances for the Spartans. Two of the second-half cross-bar denters were launched by Ackman's strong right foot.

Stevenson lost both of its regular-season encounters with Novi this spring, but the Spartans are playing as well now as they have all season.

"We're connecting better on our passes, especially from the mid-fielders to the forwards," Thurlow said. "We're doing a better job with through balls, too."

What will it take to upend the Wildcats on their own turf Friday?

"The No. 1 thing we need to do is finish," Verant said.

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COLLEGIATE SIGNING

Garden City standout Tinsley ready to pull double duty at Adrian

Track and football on
standout's college docket

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When it comes to the two sports Garden City senior Denzel Tinsley excels at most, there is no easy way of getting to the final destination — the end zone or the finish line.

As a ball carrier on the football field, Tinsley must dodge and dart through a maze of fire-breathing linebackers.

As a star in the 110-meter high hurdles, he is required to leap over a series of 39-inch-high obstacles, which he has done quite nicely, given he was the third-fastest competitor in that event at Saturday's Division I state finals track-and-field meet at Hudsonville High School.

Tinsley's ability to stay the course in both sports impressed a number of college athletics coaches, most notably at Adrian College, where he signed recently to compete in football and track.

Whittenburg University in Ohio and Siena Heights University were both in the mix for Tinsley's athletic and academic talents, but the Bulldogs were his



Denzel Tinsley (seated, middle) is pictured with family, friends and coaches during his signing ceremony last month.

choice for a variety of reasons.

"The coaching staffs really made me feel welcomed," he said. "And when I took a visit to the campus, I could tell the professors were very knowledge-

able and cool.

"It feels great to be able to continue to compete in sports in college. It makes me know that all I put in all of the hard work for a reason."

Logan Welch both came in with 94 for the Chargers.

Garden City's Connor Johnson finished his career on a strong note by shooting an 80, which was good enough for a tie for 12th place at the regional. Also scoring for the Cougars were Austin New (92), Evan Breen (94) and Tanner Davis (110). Robbie Moyers shot a non-scoring 124.

Among Observerland's individual

qualifiers who sparked at the event was Wayne Memorial's Andrew Aigeltinger, who carded an even 80.

Spartans 10th

Livonia Stevenson closed out its fine season with a 10th-place showing at the D1 regional hosted by Dunham Hills Golf Course.

The Spartans' 345 total was led by Jon McDonald's 18-hole round of 83,

which placed him 33rd in the individual standings.

Additional scorers for Stevenson were Connor Jakacki (84), Trevor Lopus (86) and Alec Moore, who fired a 92. Stevenson's non-scorer was Easton Schlatterbeck, who came in with a 96.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central won the Dunham Hills regional with a team total of 295. Bloomfield was second at 310, followed by Brother Rice at 315.

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lenging setup Pine View presented. Doyle's round was the 34th-best in the regional.

Also scoring for Churchill were Peyton Elkins and Aaron Walton, both of whom fired 88. Griffin Ahmet and

LADYWOOD ATHLETICS

New AD Jager ready to steer Blazers in right direction

Former Madonna student-athlete brings sterling credentials

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Talk about a perfect fit. Sports-loving, high-achieving former Catholic League athlete Sheryl Jager was recently named the new athletic director at Livonia Ladywood High School, capping a search process that has left both Jager and the school's administrators ecstatic.

A native of Wyandotte and a two-sport high school standout at Riverview Gabriel Richard, Jager played two

years of college basketball at Madonna University, where she was honored with the prestigious Julie Martin Champion of Character Scholarship.

Since earning a degree in sports management at Madonna, Jager has gone on to serve administrative roles at YMCA's in the Detroit area and most recently in Frederick, Md.

"I am very excited to be a part of the Blazer family and I'm looking forward to working with the girls and their families," said Jager, who was officially hired May 9.

"The best part of the job so far has been getting out to the games, watching the girls play and meeting the athletes and their families. Having grown up in



Sheryl Jager

a Catholic school and playing sports in the Catholic League, I'm familiar with what these girls are facing.

"I want to share with the girls how beneficial playing sports and staying active can be. I know first-hand that there are a lot of life skills you can learn playing high school sports. You learn about time management and balancing responsibilities."

Jager said she looks forward to meeting the entire Ladywood family.

"I took over right in the middle of the season, so I haven't had time to

meet with everyone, but that will happen soon," she said. "I've gotten to know the spring coaches, and I'm looking forward to meeting the rest very soon."

For the past two years, Jager served as the sports director for the YMCA in Frederick, Md.

"It was a great experience in a great part of the country," she said. "I think it's always rewarding to venture out and experience life outside of where you've lived most of your life. I enjoyed it, but I was getting a little homesick, so accepting this job at Ladywood is something I'm really excited about."

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D1 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT



Trying to stay a step or two ahead of Westland John Glenn's Danni Deel (No. 7) is Salem's Sara Hawks (No. 9).

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Salem surges to lopsided win

Rocks mercy Glenn, gear up for matchup with Chiefs

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

During the first half of Thursday's Division 1 girls soccer semifinal at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity field, Salem gained an advantage in small increments.

The Rocks needed almost half of the opening 40 minutes to find the mark and took a 3-0 halftime lead.

But if the first half was slow and steady for the Rocks, the second half was a thrill a minute. And pretty much a goal a minute, too, as Salem scored five times over the first 11:14 to wrap up an 8-0 mercy-rule victory.

"The speed of play and decision making, I thought we did well," Salem head coach George Tomasso said. "And we did well finishing in the offensive third."

Following the win, Tomasso talked to his team (8-5-7) about the focus and determination that will be needed against Canton in Saturday's district final, a game the Rocks enter as clear underdogs.

"Canton's very dangerous on counters, they have a couple girls up top that can really fly," he added later. "We're going to have to do our best job defending them."

But for a couple days, the Rocks could at least savor Thursday's shellacking of the Rockets.

Midway through the first half, Salem sophomore forward Ari Finn broke in and hit the left post — with junior teammate Bailee Soper then tapping the rebound into the open cage past John Glenn senior goalie Jackie Mueller.

A well-executed corner kick then led to a 2-0 lead with 14:31 to go in the first half.

Gabriella Mazzuca's corner kick sailed into the middle of the 18-yard box, where senior midfielder Caroline Simko expertly headed the ball inside the right post for her first goal of the season.

Then, in the final minute of the half,

another corner kick (taken by Jayna Lenders) resulted in another goal.

Converging in front of Mueller deep in the box were Salem forwards Katie Coleman and Nikki Pilon with the ball bouncing off Coleman for the tally.

It didn't take long for the game to turn into a rout following the intermission, with Salem scoring two goals in the first 4:33 to go up 5-0.

Finding the range were Coleman and Pilon, stuffing in the rebound of a Marisa Martin shot.

Goals 50 seconds apart by Pamela Beas and Finn opened up a seven-goal difference with 30 minutes remaining.

The contest reached mercy-rule proportions when Finn raced up the pitch, around and past John Glenn defenders, and sent a drive past Mueller with 28:46 to play.

"It feels great, really brings the team's energy up," said Martin, about the offensive surge.

She added that the Rocks got fired up for their game watching the Plymouth-Canton contest that preceded it.

"I think that helped us focus on our game and come out strong," Martin said.

Rockets head coach Ralph Cabildo credited his team for playing hard during the first half. But he said the lack of depth has led to similar fades in the second half of games all season.

"It's one of those things, where pretty much all season that's happened," Cabildo said. "We're short girls, and that's one of the biggest problems we have."

"... They gave it all they had, I'm proud of them. But it's tough. We brought up six JV girls."

Meanwhile, whereas the season is over for John Glenn, the Rocks have at least one more crack at it.

Martin, Simko, senior defender Haley Katulski and others must relish their underdog status for the Canton game.

"Being the underdog gives us more motivation to win, I think we're ready," Simko said.

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DISTRICT BASEBALL

Renaissance's late uprising sidelines Thurston, 11-4

Phoenix plate eight runs in sixth inning to doom Thurston

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's baseball team was just six outs from advancing to Saturday's Division 1 district tournament on Tuesday; however, Detroit Renaissance proved to be a spoiler for the Eagles.

Trailing 4-3 to Thurston, the Phoenix didn't just rise from the ashes in the bottom of the sixth inning — they ascended into the stratosphere, scoring eight runs to pull out an 11-4 victory in a pre-district game played at Southfield High School.

The Phoenix needed just four hits to register the eight-spot.

Thurston starting pitcher Donald Permuy was splendid through the first five innings, yielding just three runs on four hits while striking out five.

"Donald was very strong on the mound before the sixth," Thurston head coach Bob Snell said. "His command was good and he kept Renaissance off balance."

After Permuy walked the first two batters he faced in the sixth, he was replaced by David Rozmys.

The Eagles soared to a 3-0 lead in the second inning thanks to RBI hits from Permuy, Charles Tarpley and Austin Benoit.

Thurston scored its fourth run in the third when Chalfontae Phillips walked, stole second and scored on an RBI single by Ny'gel Beaman.



Thurston's Donald Permuy rounds second base during last week's game against Lutheran Westland.

ED WRIGHT

Renaissance woke up with two in the third and one in the fourth before sealing the deal with its big sixth.

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Cougars to soar with the Hawks



GARDEN CITY

Henry Ford Community College head baseball coach Tim Leighton is flanked Thursday afternoon by Garden City baseball players Dakota Mahkimetass (left) and Tyler Kelly as the two senior Cougars signed on to play next-level baseball for the Hawks.

SUBMITTED

SWEEP

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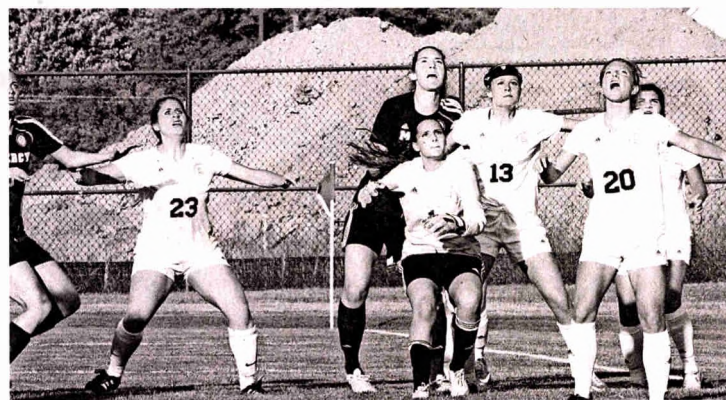
Megan Riley.

"When I saw Megan plotting that through ball, I just wanted to stay composed and run to the end of it and finish it," Halmaghi said. "Megan always knows what ball to play and it's always good to have another senior on the field, because all the underclassman look up to her and she adds a nice soccer IQ to our team."

Just past the midway point of the half was able to bolster their lead, thanks to a long ball by senior defenseman Katrina Koomen from 30 yards out that took a wicked bounce off the grass before ricocheting into the back of the net.

With four minutes left until halftime, Novi made it a 3-0 affair upon Laine Fenchel's shot rebounding off a Spartan defender and into the top of the penalty area, where an eager Jessica Bandyk applied the finishing touch.

Livonia Stevenson (15-5-3) ended their scoring drought with 43 seconds remaining, as junior Megan Verant received a pass from Paige Ackman, before executing a turn-and-gun move that caught the Wildcats' backline by surprise.



Things were looking up for Stevenson during Thursday's semifinal against Mercy.

ED WRIGHT

In the second half, the Spartans managed to cut the deficit to one goal, courtesy of a free kick in the 69th minute.

Before Novi could even establish their positions, junior defender Yasmine Jaafar unleashed a bullet from 40 yards out with such cunning precision that it curled its way into the lower right corner of the net.

"Novi didn't look ready and they were organizing their wall," Livonia Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Yasmine just ran up and smacked it and if you're going to put it in a spot, put it inside the net from midfield. She can hit a ball as well as anyone I coached."

Stevenson nearly tied the game up in

the final minutes on a free kick, but their scoring opportunity was knocked away by goalkeeper Aastha Dharia, before being cleared by a nearby defender.

The Wildcats held an 11-7 advantage in shots on goal, with seven of them coming in the first half alone.

The Spartans improved by nine wins from a year ago, which Shingledecker credited to his departing class of 10 seniors.

"Six wins last year to 15 this year and this is my first year here," he said. "I'm proud of every one of them and they've welcome us with open arms. They bought into everything that we've brought and it's worked out. We're competing with top 10 teams and were ranked all year. Everything with what we want this program to be, the seniors paved the way for us going forward."

Dharia finished with five saves, while counterpart Haley Demers recorded nine.

"We have a great opportunity in front of us and we're going to the toughest region of the state," Pfeiffer said. "Whoever comes out of this region is going to be competing for a state championship. We have a big task in front of us, but our girls are up for the challenge. They've worked hard all season and it shows."

DISTRICT SOCCER

Clarenceville advances to district final

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

After struggling against bigger schools during the regular season, Livonia Clarenceville found success this week in Division 3 district competition against teams of the same size.

The Lady Trojans advanced to the final game of the tournament they hosted with a 9-1 thumping of Dearborn Advanced Tech in a semifinal game Thursday.

Clarenceville was scheduled to play Allen Park Cabrini for the district championship Saturday morning.

"The girls came together tonight and really clicked on the field," coach Amanda Moody said. "We pushed hard offensively and possessed the ball in the offensive half the majority of the time."

Michelle Marzolo led the Lady Trojans with seven goals and two assists. Paola Gonzalez and Lesslee Drosbot each added a goal. Allie Snage also had an assist.

"Samantha Franco and CaMaria Kelley fought hard for the offense tonight, and Kyla Johnson, Allison Lay, Melayna Heller and Ashli Hearn held it down defensively," Moody

said.

Cassidy Galvin guarded the Clarenceville net for most of the game until Allison Lay took over in the last 10 minutes.

The Lady Trojans got past Dearborn Henry Ford Academy in the first round Tuesday with a 2-1 victory in overtime. Marzolo scored both goals.

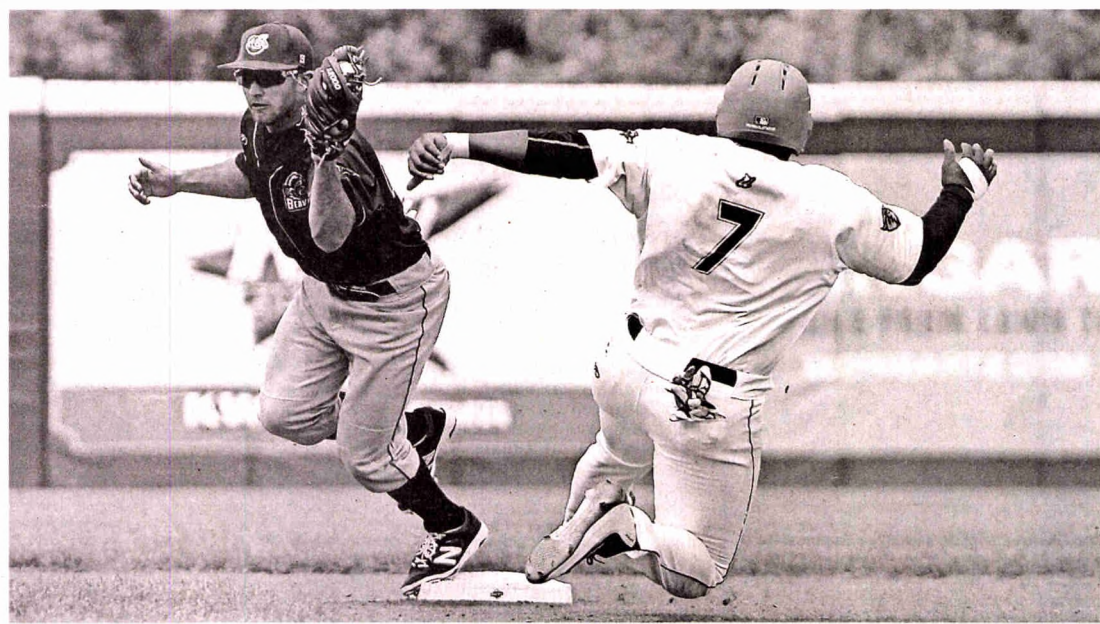
"We came out and played our game, especially in the first half and in overtime," Moody said. "We made smart choices during the first half and overtime that led to our two goals."

Galvin stopped 15 of 16 shots. The one goal allowed was a penalty kick.



Clarenceville's Samantha Franco (left) defends a Lutheran Westland player during a game earlier this season.

USPBL BASEBALL



Beavers second baseman Daniel Kennon gets a force out on Unicorns runner Christopher Ervin.

JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Big inning lifts Unicorns over Beavers

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Greg Grall, manager of the Utica Unicorns, couldn't have been more pleased with the way the inaugural United Shore Professional Baseball League game turned out Monday afternoon at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

Playing before a sold-out crowd of 4,200 sun-soaked patrons, the Unicorns rallied from an early 1-0 deficit to register a 5-1 victory over the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers. The Unicorns broke open a 1-1 game with four fourth-inning runs and won behind superior pitching, which held the Beavers to just a pair of hits.

"It couldn't be any better when you win with this excitement and this festive atmosphere," said Grall, who brings more than 20 years of baseball experience from both the minor and major leagues. "Everybody is very happy and that's what we're here for. We're trying to make a success out of everybody."

Beavers manager Chris Newell echoed Grall's sentiments regarding the day's excitement, while lamenting the fact one big inning was the difference in the outcome.

"The festivities were outstanding. I think (USPBL commissioner) Andy (Appleby) hit a home run without a doubt," said Newell, a Waterford native. "I know all of us as players and

coaches, we thought the whole day was tremendous."

"They had one big inning and that's baseball," he said. "The ball took a bad bounce on the lead-off hitter of the inning. Unfortunately, a little handle shots gets through a five hole, then a line drive and, the next thing you know is, we are down by three runs. That happens."

Birmingham-Bloomfield opened the scoring when first baseman Nic Wilson smacked a second-inning home run over the left field fence to make history as the USPBL's first round-tripper.

However, it was the only offense Birmingham-Bloomfield would mount.

The Beavers had only three runners over the final seven innings, including a single by lead-off batter Dave Pepe, a walk to designated hitter Eric Phillis and an infield error that allowed right fielder Miles Williams to reach first base. Williams eventually went to second on a wild pitch and was the only runner besides Wilson to make it that far.

The Unicorns were led by first baseman Zack Blonder, who batted last in the order, but came up with the biggest hits.

Blonder was the first Unicorn to register a hit after his blooper fell safely in front of left fielder Pepe. He scored Utica's first run on second baseman Eric Young's double, which carried off the left field wall.

Utica exploded in the fourth inning with four runs on four hits. Austin Crutcher produced a run-scoring double, Blonder smacked a two-run single and center fielder Blake Harrell hit a run-scoring single.

"Zack may not profile as a big, tall hitter, but you can see that he drives in runs and produces with the bat," Grall said. "We had that one big inning, but that's something we're going to focus on. Not just play for one inning, but to look at continuing on. That's something we can work on. We got the win, but there are things we can work on."

The Unicorns had just one hit over their next four at-bats, but they didn't need any more offense as Jacob Ezell and Evan Piechota allowed just one hit each.

Newell was not surprised at the lack of offense from his team in the opening game, considering pitching is often ahead of hitting early in the season, no matter the level of baseball.

"The good thing is our guys threw strikes today and that's what I'm going to take from this," Newell said. "Bats are going to be behind a little early on, just for the simple fact that a lot of our guys haven't seen live pitching in a while."

"Our bats will come around. But the good news is we got everybody in the ball game today. That was our plan. Everyone was able to take part in this special day and that was outstanding."

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Marlins reach 35-victory mark in softball

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy closed the regular season with three more softball victories this week, beating Utica Eisenhower twice and Walled Lake Northern in a single game.

The No. 2-ranked Marlins scored four runs in the eighth inning to win the second game of a doubleheader Tuesday at Eisenhower, 8-4.

Sophia VanAcker hit a two-out, two-run double, and Abby Krzywiecki followed with a two-run homer.

Following a four-run third inning by the host Eagles, Mary Reeber's RBI double in the fourth made it 4-3, and Nicole Belans singled home the tying run in the fifth.

It was a slugfest as Mercy outthrew Eisenhower, 19-9. Krzywiecki was the winning pitcher, striking out four and issuing one walk.

Anna Dixon was 4-for-5 and scored three runs for the Marlins, who take a 35-2 record into district tournament play Saturday at Livonia Stevenson.

Shannon Gibbons was 3-for-4; VanAcker, Krzywiecki and Belans were 3-for-5 and Reeber 2-for-4. Krzywiecki drove in three runs, VanAcker and Belans two apiece and Reeber one.

Mercy won the first game, 4-1, as Andrea Elmore pitched a three-hitter. She struck out four, hit one batter and didn't walk anybody.

In a three-run first inning, Krzywiecki hit a two-run double and Belans an RBI single. Dixon drove in the fourth run with a groundout in the sixth.

The Marlins had 11 hits off Eagles pitcher Kriensen Korbor, who walked one and had an RBI single in the first inning.

Mercy ended the regular season Thursday with a 5-1 victory over the visiting Northern Knights.

Elmore got the win, scattering four hits — one being a solo homer by Casey Maybrier. She struck out six and walked one.

The Marlins supported Elmore with 10 hits. Krzywiecki went 3-for-4, Megan Satawa 2-for-2 and VanAcker 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Cari Padula, Elmore and Dixon had one RBI each.

CAMP

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fatigue, restrict his ability to walk and steadily destroy his dexterity, but as he proved Friday — like he does most days — it can't subdue his spirit.

"What I like about this camp," Shaw said, while seated in a golf cart near the 50-yard line, "is that I can see that the world is a lot bigger than my problems. I see there is a lot more good in the world than bad. It's a reminder that life goes on and the world is a good place."

The disease is taking a tremendous toll on his body, Shaw admitted, when asked how he is feeling.

"How am I feeling? That's the toughest question I ever have to answer," he said. "It's not that I feel bad, you know; nothing hurts. It's just a struggle moving and talking. I lose something every day."

"For instance, I can give you a thumbs up with this hand (his left), but I can't with this one (his right)."

Shaw's determination to maintain normalcy in his life inspires those around him.

"Just seeing him out here shows you his personality and the strong will he has," Clarenceville football coach Ken Fry said. "The excitement and joy he still has shows that he's still living life large — and I would expect nothing less from him."

"When I saw him for the first time today, it's like things have never changed. It's a great message for the kids: When you face adversity, take it on with everything you have and never quit."

"For me, his attitude puts everything into perspective," said Greg Hudgens, who was Shaw's football coach at Clarenceville. "We complain about the littlest things and yet it takes everything he has just to get out of bed in the morning."

"Not once has he even come close to complaining to me about his problems. That's just the kind of man he is."

In the past year, Shaw has visited Hong Kong, Indonesia and played 18 holes at Pebble Beach Golf Course.

"Standing on the 18th tee at Pebble Beach was an incredible experience," he said. "If you love golf, it's something you have to do. It was worth every dollar."

The former NFL special-teams star's most heart-felt trip came recently when he traveled to New Orleans to hang out with ex-Saint Steve Gleason, who is also waging a courageous battle against ALS.

"Life is still happening for Steve," Shaw said, smiling. "He's living it to the fullest."

An inspiration to everyone who knows his battle, Shaw said he is inspired by "people who are living passionate lives."

Shaw said he firmly supports the sport of football's intensified safety-first stance, which has, among other things, limited the amount of contact in practices and focused attention on making equipment safer.

"I think the change is for the better," he said. "The more we can learn about the dangers of the game, the safer it will become. If the athletes who play football are living healthier lives, the changes are a great thing."

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Braden Willis (right) of Canton displays solid tackling form during a drill at Friday's Tim Shaw Football Camp.

ED WRIGHT

RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE
CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 22
Location: Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit

Details: Riccardo Selva, director of the jazz studies program at Schoolcraft College, will perform with the Dr. Riccardo Selva & Friends Jazz Combo in the Center's Creation Garden. Wine, soft drinks and appetizers will be available. The concert is free
Contact: solanuscenter.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7:30-9:02 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 28

Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia
Details: One-night screening of "Alison's Choice," a story about a young, pregnant girl who meets Jesus Christ in the guise of a gentle-faced janitor while at an abortion clinic. She has just minutes to decide whether to follow Christ and save her unborn child or go through with the abortion. Produced and directed by Bruce Marchiano. Q & A follows the movie. Tickets are \$13. Purchase deadline is June 21 at <https://www.tugg.com/events/106414>
Contact: Donna Gonzalez at 313-247-3108

GOOD NEWS DAY
CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. Deadline to register is June 13
Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

GUEST SPEAKERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn
Details: Two female Christian missionaries, both former Muslims, talk about living in the Middle East and their escape to freedom. The presentation is sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society and aimed at women. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments served
Contact: 313-581-2525

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m.-dusk, Saturday, June 11

Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands, and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684
Contact: Grace Topolewski at 734-525-3607

ORDINATION

Time/Date: 3 p.m., Sunday, June 12

Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills



Hartley

Details: Cassandra Hartley's ordination will include a service full of tradition, song and ceremony, followed by a reception. Hartley, of Ann Arbor, graduated in 2014 with a masters of divinity degree from Detroit Ecumenical Theological Seminary. A former member of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, Hartley will join the staff of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor in July as an assistant minister of growth and development
Contact: uufarmington.org

PARKING LOT SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 18

Location: St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly,

Redford

Details: Participants will sell items to the public. Rent one space for \$15; two for \$25
Contact: Sally at 734-748-8110; church office at 313-937-9690

ONGOING
CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia-st-michael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

Recycling

RISEN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwco.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibro-group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

» Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

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BLAZO

MARY JEAN 93, of

Birmingham, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stevensville, in the arms of her loving family. Mary was born January 27, 1923 in Ionia, Michigan, the daughter of the late Raymond and Marion (Thompson) Coon. On April 7, 1945 she married William A. Blazo, Jr. and they shared 71 years together. Mary worked at Lake Orion Public Schools in Orion Township, MI as a high school counselor. She was a member of the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Troy, the Birmingham Qwesters and the PEO International Sisterhood. Mary volunteered at Beaumont Hospital, Cranbrook Gardens, and the Birmingham Historical Society. Beloved wife of William. Dearest mother of Rebecca (Buzz) Berube of Marquette, MI, and Robert (Gail) Blazo of Baroda. Seven grandchildren. Twelve great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Edward Coon of Miami, Florida. Mary was preceded in death by an infant son, William Blazo III. There are no services planned and her family will be remembering her privately. Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral Home, 8014 Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

PERSONDEK



TIMOTHY

Age 61 of Garden City, passed away on May 8, 2016. Timothy was the beloved husband of Linda, and the loving father of Alvin (Dr. Stephanie), Michael (Leighann) and Douglas (Cristina). He was the cherished son of the late Elaine and Alvin (Pansy) Persondek, and the dear brother of Ben (Kathy), Jeff (Leann), Susan (Chris) and the late Gary. He is survived by his grandchildren, Natalie, Evelyn, and one on the way, Zachary. There will be a Memorial Service for Timothy at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, in the Chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland (7707 Middlebelt Road at Ann Arbor Trail). The family will receive visitors on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family toward the grandchildren's education fund.

SINGER

YVONNE ANN Age 78 of

Sedona, Arizona, was received into Jesus's arms on May 19, 2016. Born June 1937, pre-deceased by parents John and Ruth Richer, sister Elizabeth (Granger) and grandson Johnathon Singer. She attended St. Catherine High School in Detroit, MI where she met her husband and love of her life. Loving wife of David Allen Singer, they married September 1958 and in-law to Richard and Marlene Singer. Caring and gentle mother of; Anne Marie (Robert) Diakow, Reynne Anne (James) Salacain and Daniel Allen (Lisa) Singer. Delighted in her grandchildren; Teagan Singer, Evan Diakow, Noah Verdeyen, Calvin and Alan Salacain. Yvonne was part of a ladies group who made rosaries (thousands) which were donated to missions in Africa. A Senior Citizen Coordinator and senior advocate for 25 years with the City of Farmington Hills, MI and was Employee of the Year in 1992. Yvonne and Dave moved to Sedona in 1996. She had been active with the Sedona Westerners and the Sedona Red Rock Rovers. She was a talented seamstress who sewed and decorated Sojourn Bears® that were given to cancer patients. She created "Healing Bears" that were sold with all proceeds given to St. Patrick's Mission, Gallup, NM. A giving and devoted volunteer at St. John Vianney parish through her work as an Eucharistic Minister, caring hospice volunteer (1,400 Hours), funeral coordinator and Bereavement Minister. Yvonne was a very compassionate woman who always placed other people's needs and desires ahead of her own. Her extraordinary capacity to remember details of other people's lives enhanced her ability to convey empathy. A Celebration of Life was held on May 23, at St. John Vianney Church. Donations may be made to: Northern Arizona Hospice, 203 S. Candy Lane, Suite 5B, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

BIRTH

ALEXA GRACE
FLORKOWSKI

Alexa Grace Florkowski was born at 3:34 a.m., March 1, 2016, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Alexa joins her parents, Jody and Emilie Florkowski, sisters Reese, 11, Lucy, 8, and Maisie, 5, at home in Madison Heights.

Proud grandparents are Fred and Nancy Florkowski of Redford, Karen Purslow of Royal Oak, and Jim and Jodie Ellison of Royal Oak.

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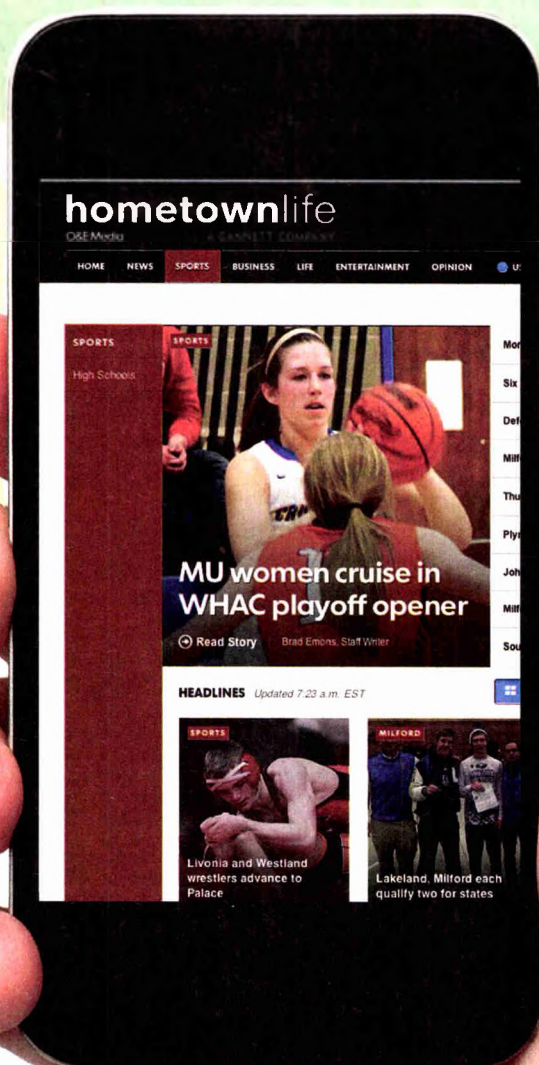
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 BY MARY LORENZ
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Sick of the 9-to-5 grind? Aching to escape cubicle life? A freelance career may be for you. Millions of people work for themselves these days, and it's easy to see the attraction: Not only does self-employment offer the freedom to set your own hours, choose your own projects, be your own boss and work from wherever you want, you also have more income potential and can take advantage of tax deductions that salaried employees can't.

Of course, there are downsides to freelancing, too. Freelancers often have to find their own work, and because the workload varies from month to month, so does the pay. But for those who believe that the benefits outweigh the challenges, there are plenty of lucrative self-employment opportunities across a wide variety of industries.

Here are just a few of the occupations that have high levels of self-employment, pay \$15 an hour or more and are projected to grow over the next five years. (Salary and occupational growth information was supplied by EMSI, a CareerBuilder company that provides employment data and economic analysis.)

1. Management analysts: Also called management consultants, management analysts propose ways to improve an organization's efficiency, reduce costs and increase revenue. Most management analysts have at least a bachelor's degree, but becoming a Certified Management Consultant



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2. Applications software developers: Got a bachelor's degree in computer science and strong computer programming skills? Consider work as an applications software developer, where you will develop, create and modify general computer software or specialized utility programs.

Median hourly earnings: \$28.92

3. Marketing managers: Put your marketing degree to good use. Almost every company has a need for marketing managers, who are in charge of planning, directing and coordinating marketing campaigns and strategies for businesses.

Median hourly earnings: \$25.48

4. Interpreters and translators:

Are you fluent in a second language?

While you typically need to have a bachelor's degree to be an interpreter or translator, the most important qualification is proficiency in both English and another language. Many translators complete job-specific training programs.

Median hourly earnings: \$20.34

5. Editors: Do you have a degree in communications, journalism or English and above-par editing skills? Being an editor gives you the flexibility of taking on a variety of roles — from publication assistant to executive editor — across several types of publications, such as books, newspapers, magazines and websites.

Median hourly earnings: \$20.29

6. Interior designers: Is watching a "Love It or List It" marathon your idea of a perfect Sunday? There may be an interior designer in you waiting to come out. A bachelor's degree is usually required, along with classes in drawing and computer-aided design.

Median hourly earnings: \$19.69

7. Web developers: Web developer jobs are projected to grow by more than 17 percent over the next five years, making it a smart field to enter. Most web developers have an associate's degree in web design or a related field, as well as working knowledge of both programming and graphic design.

Median hourly earnings: \$19.37

8. Graphic designers: Got an eye for design and the computer skills to match? Use your degree in graphic design or a related field to enter one of several industries, from advertising to publishing to website design.

Median hourly earnings: \$18.17

9. Fitness trainers and aerobics instructors: Is exercise your passion? If you're a certified fitness trainer or aerobics instructor who wants to make a living as your own boss, you'll be excited to know that these jobs are projected to grow a remarkable 15 percent over the next five years.

Median hourly earnings: \$17.06

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- 1 Typo, e.g.
8 Having two of each chromosome
15 German-born writer
20 Of the king of beasts
21 Improve
22 Fungal spore sac
23 Its sheets have holes in them
25 Used all of
26 90 degrees from north
27 Tax org.
28 Posed
29 Not dismissive of
30 Hasty flight
32 Suffix with confident
34 Follow through with
36 Get in return, as profits
37 It's raised in some opening ceremonies
42 They may be attached to lobes
44 Brazil's — Paulo
45 Educ. org.
46 Hose flaw

DOWN

- 48 "Yond" Cassius has — and "hungry look!"
49 Lie next to
51 Added wing
53 Overcrowd
55 Rotating subway gate
59 Germany's Adenauer
61 Gonilla, e.g.
63 Mobiles, e.g.
67 Group jargon
68 CBS hit
69 European country
70 Tool —
71 Learning centers with many mals
76 Stal for Ruth
78 Pizza topping
79 Co. bigwig
80 Turbanned believers
83 Big top
86 Moo — shrimp
87 New hand distribution
88 Got — on the wrist
89 Big truck
91 Start for law
93 Other, to José
94 Revolution nation
98 Little boys
100 H. lead-in

ACROSS

- 102 "— Sharkey" (70s sitcom)
103 Slump, e.g.
107 Bing seller
110 Circle dance
111 Rome home
113 Pluralized -y
114 Doe trotting
115 Made a barking noise
117 The "S" of WYSIWYG
119 "— for Atbi"
121 Rakish guy
125 Spitz's kin
126 Theme of this puzzle
129 Uncle Ben's products
130 Lease
131 Sals
132 About to cry
133 Conceives
134 Unfavorable

DOWN

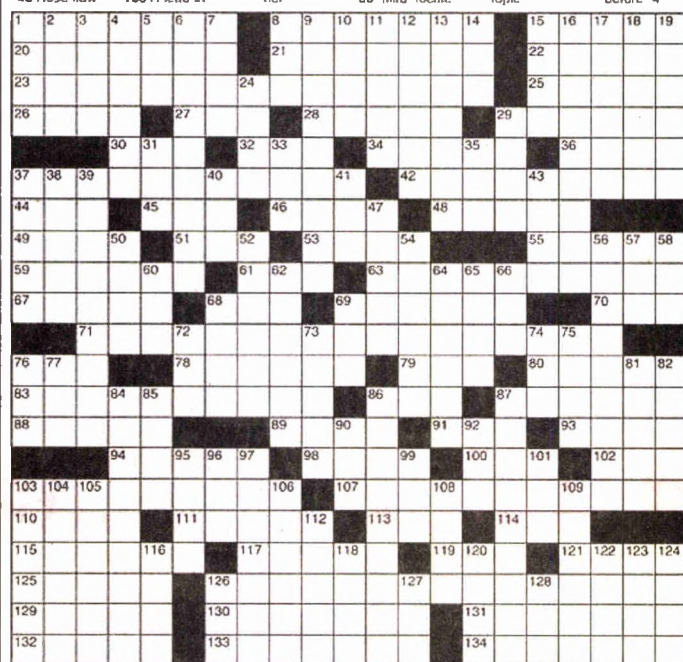
- 8 Dict. info
9 Maintaining equilibrium
10 Letters alter upslons
11 Sri —
12 Next up
13 Arizona drink
14 German "the"
15 Padlocked lastoner
16 Language devised in 1887
17 First division of an act
18 Catch a few rays
19 Prevents, in legalese
24 "Likely story"
29 As soon as
31 Galaxy extra
33 Gore and Green
35 Olive of old funny pages
37 Honolulu metropolis
38 Part of AFL
39 Wee miss
40 "Iron Man" Ripken
41 Needle-nosed fish
43 With 96-Down, discuss in detail
47 Spanish for "cals"
50 "Iliad" locale

DOWN

- 52 Old dog star
54 Kind, decent person
56 Rough pen drawing
57 Hawaiian garland
58 D.C. winter hrs.
60 Bread box?
62 Mountain climbing aids
64 Tie, as Nikos
65 Canyon sound
66 Jack-a- — (hybrid dog)
68 "White Men — Jump"
69 Show hosts, for short
72 Votes against
73 Chip brand
74 Ending for many sugars
75 — dock (part of a cruise ship)
76 Rival of JVC
77 "Encore!" in 111-Across
81 Brother of Groucho
82 One-master
84 Followed
85 Wako — the crack of dawn
86 Tangential topic

DOWN

- 87 Energized
90 USAF rank
92 Minister's study:
Abb-
95 Graph paper pattern
98 See 43-Down
97 Ground, as grindors
99 Eur. country
101 Ob- — (delivery doc)
103 Impede
104 Team newbie
105 Beethoven symphony nickname
106 Mozart's "Eine —"
108 Morales of "Mi Familia"
109 Large stop
112 Gossip girl?
116 Not taxing
118 "— it!" (liedler's call)
120 "— girl!"
122 — about
123 Boho-chic boots
124 Livy's "to be"
126 Prefix with centennial
127 Scale arms.
128 Toyota acronym before "4"



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

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

6	2	1	8	9	4	6	8	9
8	9	6	1	5	3	2	7	4
6	7	9	2	9	6	1	5	8
9	1	8	5	8	9	2	7	6
2	6	8	1	2	9	5	3	7
5	3	2	4	6	8	9	1	7
8	9	2	9	6	1	2	7	6
1	9	5	6	2	8	7	4	3
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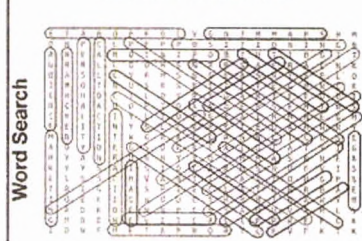
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PUBLIC
SPENDING
STORIES
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TRENDS

Crossword Answers

ERRATUM	DIPLOID	HESSE
LEONARD	ENHANCE	ASCUS
LOOSELEAF	INDEXED	SPELL
ESTERIS	ASKED	OPENTO
LAMINAL	ACTION	REAP
OLYMPIC	FLAG	KEYCHAINS
SACOPTA	SNAG	ALEAN
ABUTTE	CLGRAM	STILE
ONRAD	PETTER	CHONG
ARGOT	CSILMONACO	KIT
GYMNAST	ICSSCHOOLS	
RBI	MONITIONS	CEOSIKHS
CIRCUSTENT	SHUREDEAL	
ASTAP	STEM	P-OLEOTRO
MAGOO	LADS	CFGCPD
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Car Report

Mazda Aims at Premium Positioning, and CX-5, Along with New CX-9, Will Help Brand Get There



By Dale Buss

Mazda has continued to evolve its brand since the company became independent from Ford in 2009. The company also has been doing a great job in revamping its product line using the new SkyActiv platform, such as the CX-5 compact crossover I drove recently.

And with the new CX-9 large SUV, executives say they're beginning to reach their ultimate goal of repositioning Mazda as an upscale mainstream brand similar to Acura.



The 2016 Mazda CX-5: Plays bigger than it looks.

First, the CX-5. It offers an exceptionally complete package in a highly competitive mid-size SUV segment whose roster seems to keep growing by the month.

The 2016 CX-5 was refreshed from the previous model year with minor styling tweaks, improved interior materials, revised suspension tuning, added sound insulation and an updated infotainment interface.

Mazda also added new options including LED headlights, adaptive cruise control and other automated-driving features, and standard Bluetooth across the board as well as a standard rearview camera in most versions and some other additions.

But this laundry list of features doesn't do the vehicle justice overall. I found CX-5 one of the smoothest and quietest rides I've enjoyed in its class, with comfortable seats, good visibility and impressive trim levels inside.

Most notably, the cargo utility I got out of CX-5 had me scratching

moss, and even some impressively tall hydrangeas into the back end of CX-5 and simply didn't have to worry about running out of room.

Meanwhile, Mazda continues to enhance its brand overall by calling out Acura as its target. While the Acura brand owned by Honda hasn't acquired the same ultra sheen as Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Audi or even the Lexus brand owned by rival Toyota, Acura has managed over the past few years to achieve an image as a premium brand with some zip that's accessible to general market consumers.

Now Mazda executives have been telling automotive journalists testing the new CX-9 that they've got something similar in mind using the top trim level of the new model as the vehicle for their brand ambitions. The second generation of the nameplate boasts Nappa leather seats and rosewood inlays at the top. And each CX-9 is styled in Mazda's new kodo design theme, which is an expression of speed displayed just by looking at the car.

"No longer wanting to be a 'cheap and cheerful' brand, Mazda will not be the cheapest in any segment," as Forbes.com contributor

George Peterson, president of the AutoPacific consulting firm, put it. "It wants to be the best. Simply, the brand is chasing a better quality of business."

Mazda's journey to this point has been long and twisting. Its initial claim to fame was the unique rotary engine, which made the Japanese company's early cars "fun to drive



Mazda is hoping its CX-9 will help elevate the brand to Acura territory.

but tough to make," as Peterson wrote. Challenges from emissions and fuel-economy regulations eventually doomed the rotary. In the meantime, Ford picked up a big stake in Mazda and even manufactured some Ford and Mazda vehicles on the same Michigan assembly line for a while.

But prompted by the financial demands of the Great Recession, Ford divested its shares in Mazda in 2009. In 2011, Mazda raised \$1.9 billion to guarantee its future viability and develop its SkyActiv platform, which combined "lightweighting" of materials and other advances and has become part of its brand identity as well.

Actually, Mazda has caused some confusion around its brand identity a bit over the past few years as it pursued a longer-term repositioning.

Its distinctive and popular "Zoom

Zoom!" motto, which helped define the fun aspects of Mazda vehicles several years ago, is now being soft-pedaled. Largely taking its place has been the new theme "Driving Matters," which is intended to convey a mature approach to the issue of performance that is so important to the brand, while also underscoring the fact that Mazda has sworn off the coming self-driving revolution.

Its new CX-9 does include some automated-driving touches, however, such as a lane-control feature that uses torque to nudge the vehicle back into its designated lane if the driver hasn't signaled for a lane change.

Last month, Mazda reported its best April sales since 1995, even as it wound down sales of the outgoing CX-9. If the brand is playing its distinctiveness right, the new CX-9 with its pricey touches should drive even more momentum.

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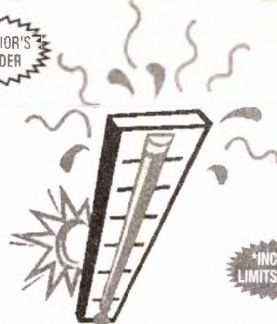


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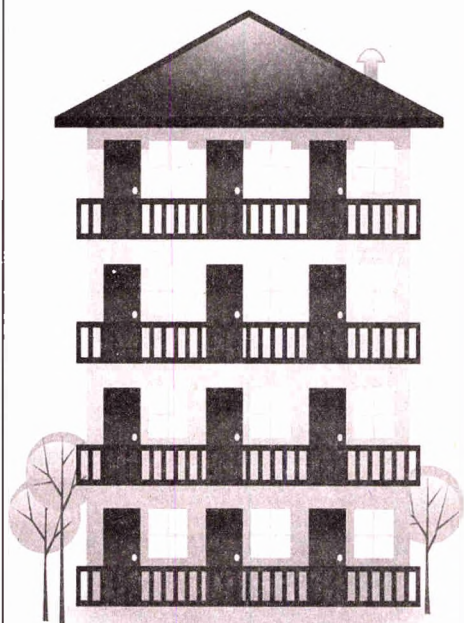
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