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Diane Fritz named Westland First Citizen

LeAnne Rogers
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Through the Westland Community Foundation, Diane Fritz gets involved in fundraising that aids a range of causes from the Salvation Army to scholarships and holiday assistance to local children.

"I like helping the less fortunate," said Fritz, who is being honored as Westland First Citizen. "I do things because I want to — not for attention. Just let me do what I need to do."

Born in Hawaii, Fritz's father was from Michigan and the family moved around during his time in the military.

Fritz graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and decided to stay in Michigan. In 1970, Fritz got a part-time job in the Westland City Finance Department. After topping the civil service list, Fritz was hired full time in the city clerk's office.

"I never left," said Fritz, who eventually rose to the then-appointed job of city clerk which she held until she retired in 1998. Over the years, Fritz was active in the Westland Goodfellows, served on the local



See FRITZ, Page A2 Westland First Citizen Diane Fritz.



World War II veteran Bob Sloan of Livonia looks out as the bus enters Arlington National Cemetery.

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Florist receives chamber recognition

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Back in 1985 when she was in college, Pamela Prough was working too many hours as a Little Caesar's Pizza manager and applied for a job at a neighboring business, My Lady's Florist.

"I was offered a part-time job. It's a small business — you all do everything. I started learning to do bud vases and arrangements," said Prough. "I learned how to do it. Apparently, I had a flair for it and didn't know it."

Prough, who earned her business management degree from Eastern Michigan University, still works at My Lady's Florist and, thanks to a nomination from owner Lawrence Derderian, is being honored as Westland Business Person of the Year.

In his nomination, Derderian recalled receiving the award himself in 2006 and being embarrassed as he accepted the honor knowing that Prough was "the true heart and soul of our florist."

"I don't know that this was exactly what I was looking to do but I liked it," said Prough. "I like working with the public. I have a great boss. I like all

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Pamela Prough has been selected as Westland Business Person of the Year by the Westland chamber

FLYING HIGH

Honor flight recognizes contributions of veterans

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

World War II veteran Bob Sloan was sure that, because his war ended more than seven decades ago, it had lapsed into our nation's archives, forgotten by most.

And after watching the disinterest and, in many cases, disdain with which returning Vietnam veterans were treated, Korean War veteran Jim Berbrich was convinced pretty much no one cared about his war any more, even though it happened a decade before Vietnam.

If their shared journey to Washington, D.C., recently taught them anything at all, it taught them one thing for sure: They're both wrong.

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Bobbie Bradley, president of Talons Out Honor Flight. The group is dedicated to bringing veterans to Washington, D.C., for a day of honor.

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Volunteer Martha Breen of Livonia walks the grounds of the Air Force Memorial with Korean War vet Eugene Mallia, from Leonard, Michigan.

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Talons Out Michigan Honor Flight has scheduled its 10th flight for Sept. 10, and fundraising is underway. Donations can be as small as \$10, or an enterprising donor could sponsor 10 veterans for a donation of \$5,000. All donations are tax-deductible. To help, donors can email info@talonsouthonorflight.org. More information is also available on the group's website, <http://talonsouthonorflight.org>.



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FRITZ

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YMCA board, the Westland Festival Committee board and a variety of other charitable and municipal groups.

A member of the supervisory committee at the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union for 10 years, Fritz has served on the credit union board of directors for the past three years.

Fritz has served on the Westland Community Foundation Board for 13 years.

"I've volunteered with the community foundation since I retired. We have a golf outing and Christmas event," said Fritz. "We used to do a charity poker room. We raise money for scholarships, to help kids during the holiday and for the Salvation Army."

For the past three years, Fritz has been a volunteer at Blues,

Brews and Barbecue earning funds for the community foundation. "That is so much fun. You meet so many interesting people when you are checking IDs," she said.

In her nomination of Fritz as First Citizen, former city councilwoman Sharon Scott wrote, "She is always ready to help where needed and always gives 100 percent. She is very kind-hearted and loves her family and friends very much."

A 50-year Westland resident, Fritz has been married to retired city building director Robert Fritz for 25 years. She has children from her first marriage and three grandchildren along with stepchildren and step-grandchildren.

"Westland is my community, my city. I raised my kids here. I happen to like Westland," said Fritz.

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Chamber holds awards celebration

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual awards celebration Tuesday, June 21, at Joy Manor.

The First Citizen of the Year, sponsored by the Observer & Eccen-

tric Newspapers, will be presented to Diane Fritz. The Business Person of the Year, Pamela Prough of My Lady's Florist, will be honored. That award is sponsored by Men on the Move.

Along with the chamber honoring some longtime members, the Westland Rotary will be presenting their Community Champion Award. The cost is \$15 per person which includes

appetizers and open bar. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt. For more information call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Wayne Memorial grad honored by Navy

Aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) recognized Petty Officer 3rd Class Samantha Martin of Wayne as the ship's Warrior of the Day, June 13.

Martin is a 2013 Wayne Memorial High School graduate and has served in the Navy for two years as a dental technician.

Warrior of the Day is awarded to sailors demonstrating superior performance in the line of duty. Truman's Warrior of the Day is hand-selected from more than 3,000 sailors and recognized by Truman's Commanding Officer Capt. Ryan Scholl.

Martin was selected for her outstanding performance while serving as a dental assistant on board Truman. In just one year and six months on board, she demon-



Wayne Memorial High graduate and U.S. Navy Petty Officer Samantha Martin (left) was recently recognized as Warrior of the Day poses with commanding officer Capt. Ryan Scholl.

strated extraordinary proficiency assisting in 526 dental procedures. These efforts directly

contributed to the ship's dental readiness percentage of 99.47 percent, the highest in the entire

fleet. Martin aspires to obtain milestone qualifications of enlisted air warfare specialist.

CHAMBER

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the people I work with — we have a good staff. It's like a family."

Earning her degree in business management, Prough said she planned to work in a career that let her deal with customers.

"It was more the people I was working with at first than the flowers. That interest has changed and grown with time," said Prough.

Derderian notes Prough is always looking for opportunities to

improve her skills and knowledge in floral arranging. Prough is particularly proud of winning a scholarship to the Teleflora School of Education spending a week in Oklahoma City.

"Pam seeks out classes, books, new avenues of knowledge that will help her introduce new items, designs, and concepts to our clients," writes Derderian, noting those are the reasons Prough won the 2015 Michigan Floral Association Retail Employee of the Year.

"Weddings and funerals are specialties but doing stylized arrange-

ments are my favorites — nontraditional types where you have design freedom," said Prough, noting there are other considerations in arrangements. "Some people have allergies or they don't like certain flowers or want something that smells pretty."

Anyone attending city functions such as the recent Westland 50th anniversary festivities will have seen Prough's flower arrangements on display.

Having grown up in Wayne and graduating from Wayne Memorial High School, Prough moved to Westland after

marrying her husband Bud, a Wayne-Westland Schools bus driver. Married 31 years in August, the couple has a daughter, Megan, 27.

Away from work, Prough said she likes to exercise and also is an active volunteer with the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay at the Wayne Masonic Lodge. "My husband is a Mason. He's very active and I'm there with him," said Prough.

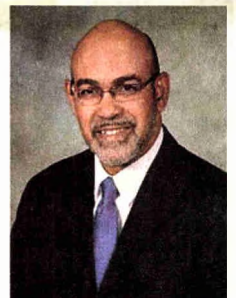
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Remember, the tax payment plan agreements deadline is June 30, 2016

Pair sought in lawn equipment theft

Westland Police are attempting to identify two suspects wanted for stealing nearly \$500 worth of lawn equipment from the Lowe's store, 6555 N. Newburgh Road. Surveillance footage shows one suspect loaded the equipment onto a cart and fled out the door to what is possibly a black Range Rover. Both suspects quickly loaded the merchandise into the vehicle and left the area. Suspect 1 is described

as a black male approximately 60 years old, bald, wearing all black clothing. Suspect 2 is described as a black male approximately 40 years old with short hair, wearing a red shirt and white cargo-type shorts. Anyone who can identify either suspect is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Jeff Kavanaugh at 734-467-3189.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Suspects wanted for stealing lawn equipment from Lowe's were driving this vehicle, possibly a black Range Rover.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
One of the suspects sought by Westland Police for stealing lawn equipment from the Lowe's store.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
This is one of the suspects being sought for shoplifting lawn equipment from the Westland Lowe's store.

POLICE BRIEFS

Car damaged

Livonia police were called Thursday morning to a home in the 27800 block of Western Golf Drive on the report of a vehicle that sustained damage sometime overnight. The resident told police she parked her car in the driveway the night before and came out that morning to find the front windshield smashed out. A rear tire was also flattened, and scratches to the hood were also found. A steak knife was

found stuck in one of the tires. The landscaping rock that was found at the scene did not match any of the rocks in the area. Nothing appeared missing from the vehicle.

Window smashed out

Police were dispatched Thursday afternoon to the 19200 block of Fairlane Court on the report of damage done to a vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the front of the home overnight and the owner realized that day

the driver side rear window was smashed out. The owner said he did not know what who have done the damage.

Retail fraud suspect arrested

Police were called Wednesday afternoon to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth Road, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody. A store employee told police they saw the suspect walk in and select a Keurig coffee maker and leave the department. The suspect attempted to

leave the store without paying for the item. He was stopped by a store employee and detained until police arrived and arrested him.

Theft of baby items

Police were dispatched Wednesday evening to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud that had taken place. An employee told police they saw the suspect go into the store and select several items, including two cans of Similac, a pair of baby

sandals and two DVDs. The suspect went to the front of the store and paid for some items, but did not pay for the items she selected earlier and placed in her purse. She was stopped and de-

tained when trying to leave until police arrived.

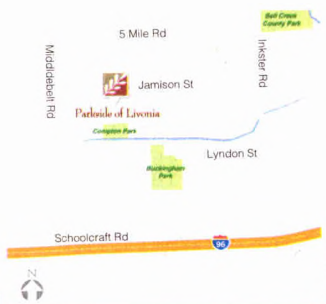
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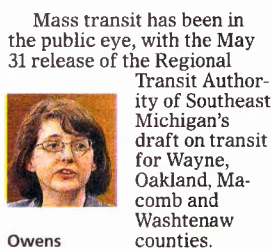
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Transit advocate: 'Getting to school is an important component'

Julie Brown
Staff Writer



Owens

Mass transit has been in the public eye, with the May 31 release of the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan's draft on transit for Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties.

The transportation issue recently arose in Wayne-Westland with the school district's closing of Tinkham Alternative High School and cutting of adult education. At local Board of Education meetings, Wayne-Westland adult students had noted some walked to Tinkham to continue their education.

"Getting to school is an important component," said Megan Owens, executive director of Transportation Riders United, a southeast Michigan advocacy group founded in 1999. Owens also is vice chair of the RTA Citizens' Advisory Committee.

She noted the RTA document is still a draft, with additional public input being sought. A hearing hosted by the city of Wayne will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at the city's Hype Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road. Owens encourages local attendance to speak up.

"They've been working for more than a year on what are the transportation gaps and needs," she said of the RTA, which is examining funding

"They've been working for more than a year on what are the transportation gaps and needs. Where are there places where people need to go or go more frequently?"

MEGAN OWENS
executive director of
Transportation Riders United

and geographic range limits. "Where are there places where people need to go or go more frequently?"

Students often commute on buses to community college, college, or job training, she said. "But there's also a lot of high schoolers who use public transit."

That includes both classes and after-school activities. "We have more and more people who aren't going to their neighborhood school," Owens noted of Detroit and its region. "Either walking or using the school bus doesn't necessarily work."

Owens confirmed with SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) its Fixed Route bus riders use the service for

daily activities, with 70 percent using SMART to get to work and 20 percent using it to reach educational institutions.

Wayne-Westland's included in the Nankin Transit local system, with its smaller vehicles to serve local people age 55 and up as well as those of all ages who are disabled. Owens noted Americans with Disabilities national requirements for such door-to-door service known as "para-transit."

"It's a really important system for a lot of people," she noted. Older people can remain independent; many disabled people can be employed "but are not able to get to work or the bus."

The RTA is asking "How do we make it easier to get anywhere in the region?" noted Owens, who said part could be "expanding on these great little local systems."

She recalled the Detroit Free Press story of the Detroit "walking man" who walked some 21 miles to work daily, and noted many other people face similar circumstances. "Transportation is such a part of independence, of access to opportunity," Owens said.

The June 30 city of Wayne hearing at the Hype Recreation Center is among others throughout the region, which are listed on the Transportation Riders United website of www.detroittransit.org as well as the RTA's www.rtamichigan.org.

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Buses a factor for after-school activities

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Michele Harmala, superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools, sees a place for mass transit.

Students in her district choose after-school activities – or don't – "all on account of transportation to or from home," she said. "We don't provide transportation every hour of the day. If there were community transportation, then that student might have an opportunity right now they don't."

The Wayne-Westland district enrolled 11,879 students in 2014-15, with 7,894 eligible for buses. The district fleet includes 86 buses.

"They're busy all the time," Harmala noted of busing. "It's a big job, a very big job. We're planning now for the fall."

Harmala earned her Ph.D. in 2008 from Wayne State University, studying the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which remains in effect and primarily serves K-12 students as well as infants and preschoolers. It's commonly known as the "special education law," she said.

For her Ph.D., Harmala studied what community resources predict compliance/implementation of transition requirements for that law. Availability of public transportation within a community is one area she studied.

"A community resource happens to be public transportation," she said. She didn't study mass transit specifically for her doctorate, and noted some years have passed.

"The data is probably older than that. Writing a dissertation is a multi-year process," she said.

Schools of choice students in Wayne-Westland must get their own transportation to

that school of choice. The district provides transportation for homeless students as needed.

Harmala praised the local Nankin Transit service for those age 55 and older and disabled people. "Again, it's not systemic. It sounds like they're aiming

for something more systemic," she noted of the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan draft, on which public hearings are now being held, including a June 30 one at the Hype Recreation Center on Howe Road in Wayne.

"That's a huge barrier for people with disabilities if they are not able to drive," she noted, adding there's also the cost of maintaining a vehicle.

Of a possible interface between school district busing and regional mass transit, "I would call them things that would have to be considered or worked through. Who pays for what?" is a major part, Harmala said.

"That would be an area you'd have to talk about," she said. "What schedules drive the routes?" School bus schedules work around class start and end times, she noted, not necessarily the case for a mass transit system.

"There would have to be lots of work to make sure that interface works for the people you're transporting," Harmala said.

She commutes daily from Brighton to Westland, which takes a while, "especially with 1-275 (with a partial closure). It's a bit of a longer commute now," she said.

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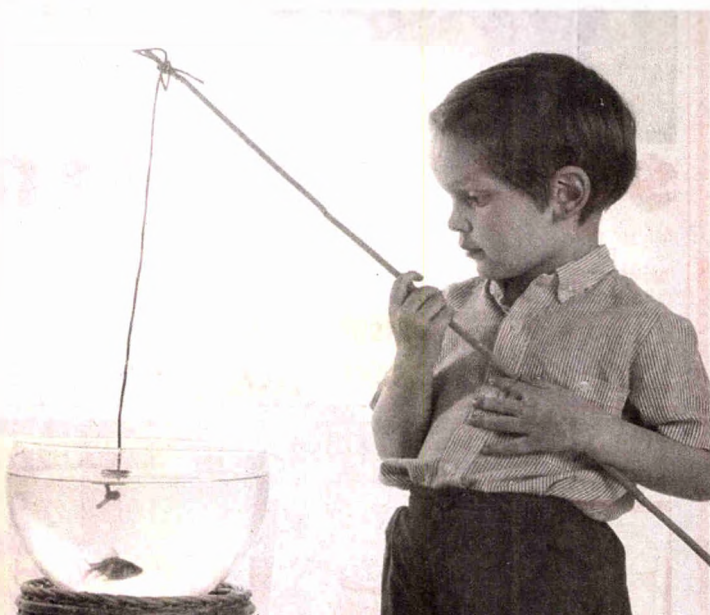
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County parks improvements to take place across region

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Several improvements are planned at Wayne County parks across the region, including parks in Livonia, Westland and Redford.

County officials outlined planned capital improvement work Thursday morning, which includes about \$2.5 million in renovations. Some improvements planned include upgrades to baseball diamonds in Hines Park, a new roof and paint for the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland and renovations to bathrooms at Hines Park in Westland and Livonia, as well as Lola Valley Park in Redford.

"Thousands and thousands of people come to the parks regularly and we do it on a pretty small budget of about \$15 million for all the parks," County Executive Warren Evans said. "Out of that comes whatever we can scratch out for capital improvements."

The Wayne County parks system is made up of 41 parks and facilities and spans more than 5,600 acres. Many of the parks are located in the northwest portion of the county, though there are several elsewhere, including Trenton and Sumter Township. About 17 capital projects are planned for this year.



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Wayne County will spend several million dollars in capital improvements to several county parks, including ones in Redford, Livonia and Westland.

More detailed work will include: adding a baby swing at Gursolly Mills in Plymouth Township; more protective fencing around some baseball fields at Nankin Mills Park in Westland; an assessment of water lines will take place throughout Hines Park; and upgrades to bathrooms in Hines Park and Lola Valley Park in Redford, including renovations to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"A lot of our buildings were built in the '20s and '30s, so our infrastructure is that old as well," said Elizabeth Iszler, chief of planning and design for the county parks division. "Some of our focus is to bring that

up to current standards."

Additional work could also come in the future on new trails created near Newburgh Lake in Livonia last year, including work on the parking area for the trail on the southeast corner of Newburgh and Ann Arbor Road.

"We want to make some improvements to the parking areas where they're going to be and add some kiosks," Iszler said. "We want to make that better."

A more detailed map of planned capital improvement work this year can be found at waynecounty.com/capitalimprovements.

County: millage crucial for improvements

The work comes as Wayne County voters prepare to vote on a renewal of the county parks millage for another five years. Voters will decide on the Aug. 2 primary ballot whether to renew a 0.2459-mill tax for county parks. That millage provides roughly \$9.86 million for county parks, more than half of the budget.

Iszler said other funding sources, including grants, are always examined for possible sources of revenue as well.

Beverly Watts, interim director of the county's department of public service, said the planned capital improvements this year have already been budgeted and will take place, though future capital improvement projects could be affected. Those other funding sources would need to be examined more as well, especially if that happens, she said.

"We still have to plan, but of course if the millage is not renewed, we'll have to go to a different plan," she said. "We definitely would need the park millage to be renewed in order to make all of this happen."

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Bike-riding burglary suspect charged

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A bicyclist who drew the attention of police early Wednesday was charged Friday with burglarizing a house on Plymouth Township's north side and property recovered during a subsequent investigation links him to thefts in the township and other communities.

Township officers arrested Jonathan A. Urso, 26, of Livonia, in the area of Hines Drive and Wilcox Road shortly before 2 a.m. Wednesday, Lt. Bob Antal said. Urso, wearing dark clothing, had been spotted riding a bicycle without a light and fled when an officer tried to stop him in order to speak with him, police said.

"The officer knew that there were thefts occurring in that area," Chief Tom Tiderington said.

Antal said Urso pedaled into a nearby condominium complex, tossed the bike over a fence and then climbed over himself and rode away, but that officers, who set up a perimeter, located him about 10 minutes later.

In his possession, Antal said, was a backpack with a Wii video gaming set inside that turned out to have been stolen from a house on nearby River Bend Drive. That burglary was reported later Wednesday morning, Antal said.

Urso also had the key to an \$8,000 Honda all-terrain vehicle, which police later recovered at the Dearborn Heights home of a relative of the suspect's while executing a search warrant, Antal said. The ATV had been reported stolen from a garage in the home in the

township.

Two shotguns, laptop computers, sunglasses, jewelry and other items thought to have been stolen were also recovered from the Dearborn Heights home, Antal said. Police also used a warrant to search a home in Livonia, but found no suspected stolen property there, police said.

Searching the Internet, police found a photograph of Urso holding a pistol that had been reported stolen in the burglary of a car in Westland. That pistol, however, was not recovered.

Antal said the Wii equipment had been stolen from inside the house the house on River Bend. Police suspect someone had taken the garage-door opener from an unlocked vehicle parked at the house, used it to open the garage and then entered the unlocked house, where at least one person was sleeping.

Urso was charged Friday in 35th District Court with one count of home invasion and one count of breaking and entering, both felonies, one count of possessing stolen property worth more than \$1,000, a felony, and one count of possessing stolen property worth more than \$200 but less than \$1,000, a misdemeanor.

Not-guilty pleas were entered for him and Judge James Plakas set bond at \$100,000 total, cash or surety, and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Friday, July 8.

Detective Charlie Rozum said it should serve as a reminder to residents to lock their vehicles, homes and garages and to keep valuables secure and out of sight if left in vehicles.

Police raid homes over dog fighting

Michigan State Police seized 25 dogs, narcotics and arrested five people Thursday night while executing search warrants regarding a dog

fighting operation at homes in Westland and Inkster Thursday.

Police didn't release information on the addresses of the homes or

those arrested as no charges have been filed.

The dogs were turned over to the Michigan Humane Society. In addition to cocaine, her-

oin and marijuana, state police reported seizing \$25,000 in cash and equipment for training the dogs.

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Livonia-based outdoors group celebrates 40 years

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

What started off as a casual get-together of people who like to spend time outdoors has grown to a group with dozens of members that's been going on for 40 years. And the group's president believes it can continue to go on for at least another 40.

"It's connecting people who like to do things outside together," said president and Redford resident Jennifer Tislerics. "Once you find each other, it's pretty easy to keep going."

The Livonia-based School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with a weekend camping trip to Proud Lake State Recreation Area in Wixom. It was a weekend filled with biking, hiking and even geocaching, which consists of using a GPS system to locate specific locations with

hidden items. The group focuses its efforts on spending time outdoors, organizing classes and outings for members, as well as offering outdoors supplies on loan.

It was a celebration, Tislerics said, that saw more than 60 people camp and more than 100 attend at some point during the day. The celebration was put together for the better part of a year, Tislerics said, dating back to the election of officers last year.

"We've been working on it for almost a year now," she said.

With those elections came the work of Karen Haroutunian, an Oak Park resident and elected historian of the group. She knew being named to that post would leave her with a lot of planning for the 40th anniversary, something she embraced and did with the help of other group members.

The festivities, she said, went off without a hitch.



Several dozen members of SOLAR spent last weekend at Proud Lake State Recreation Center in Wixom to celebrate the group's 40th anniversary.

"Everybody just pitched in. It was very well attended," she said. "All I saw were smiles and people who hadn't seen each other in years. It lived up to everything I hoped it would be."

Meets monthly

The group meets on the last Tuesday of every month at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile in Livonia, its home for less than a year since it moved back to Livonia, the original city the group met at 40 years

ago, after meeting for years in Southfield.

Tislerics said the move has been a positive one, resulting in seeing new members utilizing the larger space St. Paul's offers.

"The last few years our membership has gone down. In the last

few years, it's started to recover. We're starting to get more activities and classes in our calendar," she said. "We have 60 or 80 people at our meetings."

Those interested in joining the group can attend a meeting as a guest at no cost, and can find more information on the group's website at solaroutdoors.org.

Haroutunian, who joined in 2008, said she heard about the group and got involved, taking an intro to backpacking course and gradually getting more involved. It's a move she'd recommend to others looking for an outdoors group to adventure with.

"The more I was in it, the more people I met, it's such a good group of people. Even when you're out on a trip, everybody looks out for everybody," she said. "Just check us out and talk to people while you're there. There's something for everybody."

Eagle Scholars prepare for University of Michigan this fall

Scott Daniel
Staff Writer

Like many new Redford Thurston High School graduates, Esti Gajda has dreams. He ponders his future and wonders about a career in engineering, or maybe he will start a new business and change the world.

At 17 years old, Gajda has time to decide. With the help of the South Redford School District's Eagle Scholars program, he also has options. The student who once craved challenge found it in the program, especially after moving to Thurston from Pierce Middle School.

"Thurston was a really supportive environment for me," Gajda said. "Ev-

erything that was available to us, you can use it at your own discretion."

He parlayed that support into a 4.3 grade point average and a spot at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall. While he hasn't settled on a major, Gajda knows he's not looking for an ordinary college experience.

"I want my education to mean something," he said. "I want not only a skill, I want a heightened perception of the world. I want to be able to think critically about things and I want to do something."

Nearly 200 students participated in the program this school year. Eagle Scholars, which united separate "insti-



Recent Redford Thurston and Eagle Scholar graduates Esti Gajda and Gregory Meyer are congratulated by program coordinator Rory Hughes.

tutes" at the middle and high schools, is for students in grades six-12.

Coordinator Rory Hughes said the district

is looking to expand the program this fall. For the first time, both Pierce and Thurston will accept students from outside the district.

The aim of the program is to prepare stu-

dents for college. Advanced Placement courses go into greater depth and class sizes are much smaller, meaning more individualized instruction for students.

Hughes, who also teaches AP Language and Composition, said working with students like Gajda and Gregory Meyer was a pleasure. He said their intellectual curiosity stood out and led to many discussion about literature, history and politics, among other topics.

"It's easier to get inside their heads with them when we were in a discussion," said Hughes. "It won't surprise me a bit if I'm reading about them in a national publication years from now."

Like his buddy, Meyer will attend U-M this fall. His path is a little more

clear, however.

"I've been blessed with conviction since early on," Meyer said. "I really enjoy the subject matter of electrical engineering. I study it in my free time."

After a bit of prodding, Meyer began doing advanced work in seventh grade when he took algebra 1. From there, he went on to take eight AP classes at Thurston before graduating with a 3.9 GPA. He said he benefited from the intensity of the classes.

Smaller class sizes helped. Meyer's calculus class had just 10 students.

"When you have a small class, there's a lot of individual attention from the teacher," he said.

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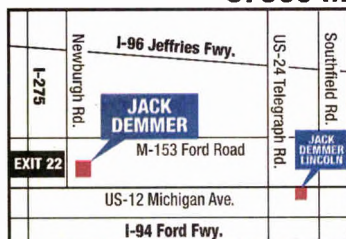
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The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275.

Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the midlevel SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the topline SL trim. New LED running lights up front and angular tail-lights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

How it drives

The Rogue's powertrain is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option.

Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior,



The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.



Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types.

creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable.

The second row of seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than

expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

Ergonomics and electronics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a 5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information.

A full complement of

information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue features not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

Cargo and storage

Pop the rear hatch (a power liftgate is optional) to reveal a spacious cargo area with low bumper liftover. The second-row seats fold flat in a 40/20/40 split, and the levers are accessible with a stretch from the cargo area to unlatch the seatbacks. Fold the front passenger seat flat as well to get a cargo area able to accommodate an 8-foot ladder. For models without the third-row seat, under-floor storage is presented with two reconfigurable dividers that can also act as package shelves.

The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include the following:

Exterior highlights

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TLC accepting plays for one-act festival

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you plan to enter TLC Productions' biennial Canton One Acts Festival, be prepared to submit your work sooner than later.

The organization set an Aug. 31 deadline, but will accept only the first 50 one-act plays that meet its submission guidelines.

"Submissions are coming in fast. Within the first 24 hours, we have 50 percent of the scripts in," said Christopher Tremblay, TLC Productions co-founder.

Two years ago, the theater received 100 entries within a month. It's accepting half that number this year because the festival will feature an original play by TLC Productions in addition to works submitted by the public. The festival is set for Jan. 13-15, 2017, at the Village Theater in Canton.

TLC Productions will



Maureen Paraventi of Redford performs a scene during Canton One Acts Festival last year.

choose several semi-finalists from the 50 entries it receives this summer. Portions of those plays will be performed in dramatic readings in October. Finalists will be announced by Oct. 31.

Scripts should be no longer than 12 minutes and may include up to four characters. No chil-

dren's shows or shows with child characters will be considered. Playwrights may submit up to two original plays.

"You've got to think minimal props and minimal set," Tremblay said, offering advice for novice writers. "Even though we allow four characters, start with two. It's much easier to write with two and you can always have a third minor character."

"Any good play will have a good plot and some interesting characters. When you have a short play, you really are relying on the actors to bring the story to life because you don't have a lot of time. Writing a short play in many cases can be harder than writing a full play, because you've got to condense everything."

He suggests that writers read a few one-act plays to get a feel for the format. Need inspiration for a plot or character? Read through magazines, newspapers, think about current issues or reflect on your own life.

For guidelines and directions on submitting a script to the Canton One Acts Festival, go to cantononeacts.com.



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Ray and Barb Gaudreau pose by a tree damaged in a windstorm that battered back and has full branches again. It's a metaphor for Ray's battle with prostate cancer.

Father's Day event highlights prostate cancer research

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Running wasn't something Ray Gaudreau typically found himself doing. That all changed after his prostate cancer diagnosis more than a decade ago.

The 62-year-old Livonia man took up the activity in response to the diagnosis, doing it to shed some weight and get into shape. Today, after the cancer had spread to other parts of his body, including some lymph nodes. Today, he is still taking some oral chemotherapy medications and still sees a doctor, but believes the cancer is at bay.

That's just one of the reasons he and his family were excited to participate in this weekend's Michigan Institute for Urology's Run for the Ribbon 5K at the Detroit Zoo and takes place on Father's Day.

"I run in the MIU race every year. I ran with all five of my grand kids," he said. "We look forward to it. It's good. Then we get to go to the zoo after."

One of his sons drove up for Father's Day

weekend from Indianapolis with his family and they'll all head to Royal Oak for the day, where the race takes place at 8 a.m. at I-696 and Woodward Avenue. They'll finish and come back to their home in Livonia for a barbecue and enjoy each others' company.

Gaudreau was diagnosed with prostate cancer just before his 50th birthday. He knew he was at risk for the cancer, as it had run in his family. But he went to testing and believed his prostate-specific antigen tests showed safe levels. Those levels began to increase and he was then diagnosed.

He opted to have robotic surgery shortly after and believed things were fine. Then those PSA levels began to increase again, forcing Gaudreau to undergo radiation therapy, which wasn't successful. He went through several other treatments, including making a routine drive to a clinic in Minnesota his doctor recommended, every few weeks to undergo chemotherapy treatment. These quick trips,

which were sometimes accompanied with friends or his wife, usually happened in the span of less than three days, he said.

"Get up in the morning, get the chemo. Drive halfway home. Drive the rest," Gaudreau said. "That was my life for six months."

Today, he still receives some treatment, and is due back for another inspection next month.

He retired in 2008 from General Motors, where he wrapped up work as a global manager for the transmission sector in Powertrain. He decided to leave when he was able to, especially since he was uncertain of his fate while dealing with cancer.

Gaudreau's wife, Barb, said it has been a challenging course over the last several years for the family. But the couple has attributed their strength to their faith since he was diagnosed.

"It's been a lot of stress, always worried about him," she said. "Our faith in God is what brought us through everything."

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Taste of Spree

COMMUNITY EVENTS

More than 20 participants will take part in the annual Taste of Spree event 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 23, during Livonia Spree.

Taste of Spree takes place at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. Tickets (\$10) are available at the Livonia Community Recreation Center at Hubbard and Five Mile and at the treasurer's office at Livonia City Hall and Community Choice Credit Union.

Meet up and eat up

Redford Union Schools announced the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency.

The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at:

Hilbert Middle School: Monday through Friday from June 20-Aug. 11. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Redford Union High School: Monday through Friday from June 20-Aug. 12. Lunch will be 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. (No meals served July 4 or Aug. 2).

Adult meals will be \$2.

Greenmead garden walk

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead host Livonia's 27th annual Garden Walk from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25.

Tickets are \$10 on the day of the event or \$9 in advance and are available at Greenmead Historical Park (20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia), on the fifth floor of City Hall at Community Resources, all city libraries and from any Friends of Greenmead members.

The tour will feature five Livonia homes and the Greenmead grounds. All proceeds benefit the restoration of Greenmead Historical Park. For more information, call 248-477-7375.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer in Westland, hosts its Mom 2 Mom sale 10 a.m. to noon (9-10 a.m. for early bird) on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Cost is \$15 per eight-foot table; racks and card tables are extra.

For more information, call Carolyn, 734-728-1559, or Sandy, 734-721-4867.

Vacation Bible School

St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, Wayne, is hosting Vacation Bible School June 26-30 from 6-8:30 p.m. each day.

Children age 3 to those entering sixth grade are welcome. Pre-registration is recommended by calling the church at 734-728-1950, emailing r.barta@att.net or visiting St. Michael in person.

St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, Wayne, is at the corner of Hannan and Glenwood roads.

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 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 disc jockey specializing in '50s and '60s music. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is at 39020 Five Mile in Livonia, just east of I-275 next to the Italian American Club.



CHERYL VATCHER-MARTIN

Honoring the flag

American Legion Post 32 Honor Guard members Bill Hollen, Steve Allen (with the American flag), Chris Kovach, John Sollence and Richard Schmidt post the colors at the post's Flag Day ceremony. Commander Jim Pardo, 1st Vice Eric Bills and 2nd Vice Wally Dixon inspected the flag prior to its proper disposal.

Car show

American Legion Post 32 hosts a car show at 9318 Newburgh Road 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.

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.christoursavior.org under Events tab. For more information, contact Mike McGrath at 734-459-1274 or Linda Hollman at the church office, 734-522-6830.

BRANCH LINE SCHOOL, a Michigan public charter school, will hold a public hearing on June 23, 2016 at 5:00pm at 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154 to view the 2016-2017 proposed budget. This budget is available for public inspection on the school's website at www.branchlineschool.org.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE

The City of Westland Summer 2016 tax bills will be mailed on or about July 1, 2016. The Summer Tax Bills are payable through Monday, August 15, 2016, without additional interest.

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City Of Livonia
Police Department

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to City of Livonia Ordinance No. 2593 that dogs, cats, and all pets (with the exception of service animals) shall be prohibited on the land owned by the city lying at the southwest corner of Farmington and Lyndon known as "Ford Field" on Tuesday, June 21 to Sunday, June 26 for the health, safety and welfare of persons attending the Livonia Spree.

By: Curtis Caid
Chief of Police

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved Minutes for meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the month of May 2016 are posted at the following public places within the Township:

Community Center, 12121 Hemingway
Fire Department, 15145 Beech Daly
Library, 25320 Six Mile Road
Department of Public Services, 12200 Beech Daly
Police Department, 25833 Elsinore
Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly

Approved Minutes may also be viewed on-line at www.redfordtwp.com

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, Clerk
Charter Township of Redford

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The Wayne-Westland Community Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children

Free meals will be made available to any child under the age of 18 or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency.

Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

Hicks Elementary
100 Helen
Inkster, MI 48141

Schweitzer Elementary
2601 Treadwell
Westland, MI 48186

Hamilton Elementary
1031 Schuman
Westland, MI 48186

Hoover Elementary
5400 Fourth
Wayne, MI 48184

Taft Elementary
4035 Gloria
Wayne, MI 48186

Wayne Memorial High School
3001 Fourth Street
Wayne, MI 48184

Marshall Upper Elementary
35100 Bayview
Westland, MI 48186

Adams Upper Elementary
33475 Palmer
Westland, MI 48186

Meal Service will start on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at all locations*

*Days and hours vary by location

For hours, program end dates, and meals provided, please call the school

For more information, please call 734-419-2118

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned in the Township of Redford by the Redford Township Police Department and are to be sold, as is, at open auction on Saturday, the 25th day of JUNE, 2016, at North Redford Towing, 25215 Glendale, Redford, MI 48239. Vehicles can be viewed on the auction date. Registered owners will be allowed to pick up their vehicles prior to the start of the auction. Check www.nrtowing.com for the current list.							
2004	FORD	4D	1FAFP55U04G173552	TAURUS	FORFEIT	1507100	1
1998	HONDA	4D	1HGCG5645WA044712	ACCORD	FORFEIT	1503414	2
1999	FORD	SW	1FMPU18L6XLA35671	EXPEDITION	FORFEIT	1505146	3
1997	CHRYSLER	SW	1C4GP64L7VB324480	TOWN/ COUNTRY	FORFEIT	1509217	4
1996	GMC	SW	1GDDM19W3TB512083	SAFARI	ACCIDENT	1601761	5
1999	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1NE52M5XY115234	MALIBU	ARREST	1601792	6
2001	TOYOTA	4D	1NXBR12E71Z462445	COROLLA	ABANDONED	1601960	7
1998	PONTIAC	4D	1G2JB5241W7558231	SUNFIRE	ABANDONED	1601962	8
1998	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3HD46R3WH 140721	LHS	ARREST	1601983	9
2001	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNCS18W31K104355	BLAZER	ARREST	1602130	10
1999	FORD	2D	3FAKP1134XR166296	ESCORT	ABANDONED	1602140	11
2000	BUICK	4D	2G4WY55J1Y1104803	CENTURY	ARREST	1602190	12
2005	CHEVROLET	SW	2CNDL63F456014330	EQUINOX	ARREST	1602191	13
2002	FORD	4D	1FAFP343X2W358532	FOCUS	ACCIDENT	1602231	14
2004	FORD	4D	1FAFP53204G149480	TAURUS	ACCIDENT	1602241	15
1998	FORD	2D	3FAFP1131WR15421	ESCORT	ARREST	1602294	16
1998	DODGE	4D	1G4HP52K9WH429024	CARAVAN	ARREST	1602297	17
2007	FORD	4D	1FAHP37N9TW278233	FOCUS	ARREST	1602299	18
2014	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1PCS5B7E7124369	CRUZE	ACCIDENT	1602409	19
2000	ISUZU	SW	4S2DM58W7Y4331890	RODEO	ARREST	1602458	20
2000	DODGE	4D	1B3EJ56H4YN109137	STRATUS	ARREST	1603080	44
1999	MERCURY	4D	2MEFM75W3XX704689	GRAND MARQUIS	ARREST	1603087	45
1998	GMC	SW	1GKEK13R9WJ712403	YUKON	ACCIDENT	1603099	46
1998	BUICK	4D	1G4HP52K4WH424720	LESABRE	ARREST	1603207	47
1999	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNEK13RXXJ426600	TAHOE	ABANDONED	1603286	48
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2004	BUICK	SW	3G5DA03E24S566575	RENDEZVOUS	ARREST	1603352	52
2002	MITSUBISHI	4D	JA3AJ26E62U038200	LANCER	ABANDONED	1603397	53
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZT518X6F267869	MALIBU	ABANDONED	1603446	54
2001	VOLVO	SW	VY18W61R512091225	V 70	ARREST	1603554	55
2001	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WH55K519265183	IMPALA	ARREST	1603559	56
1997	TOYOTA	WS	JT3GJM84R8V0008076	4 RUNNER	ABANDONED	1603622	57
2003	FORD	4D	1FAFP53273G149717	TAURUS	ABANDONED	1603729	58
2001	FORD	2D	3FAFP31361R174940	FOCUS	ACCIDENT	20-1728-16	59
1996	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1FP22P2T2124097	CAMARO	ACCIDENT	TITLE	60
1997	FORD	PU	1FTDX17W7VNB61761	F-150	ACCIDENT	TITLE	61
2000	FORD	4D	1FAFP34P7YW187573	FOCUS	ACCIDENT	TITLE	62
1998	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNEK13R1WJ341210	TAHOE	ACCIDENT	TITLE	63
2001	KIA	4D	KNAGD126615090167	OPTIMA	ACCIDENT	TITLE	64
2000	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3NK52T0YC432960	ALERO	ACCIDENT	TITLE	65
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1993	MERCURY	SW	4M2DV11W3PDJ20481	VILLAGER	ARREST	1602482	22
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2006	CHEVROLET	4d	2G1WC581769284987	MALIBU	ARREST	1602622	25
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2003	FORD	SW	1FMYU02183KB77428	ESCAPE	ARREST	1602639	27
1991	FORD	2D	1FAFP11J9MW379922	ESCORT	ABANDONED	1602691	28
1992	LINCOLN	4D	1LNLM82W2NY717182	TOWN CAR	ACCIDENT	1602699	29
2001	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3NM52E11C257770	ALERO	ABANDONED	1602717	30
2001	PONTIAC	4D	1G2WP52K81F238327	GRAND PRIX	ABANDONED	1602718	31
2001	PLYMOUTH	4D	1P3ES46C41D247427	NEON	HAZARD	1602753	32
2000	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WX12K8Y9229871	MONTE CARLO	ACCIDENT	1602759	33
2000	FORD	4D	1FAFP3435YW313099	FOCUS	ARREST	1602823	34
2008	SUZUKI	4D	KL5JD56248K750180	FORENZA	ARREST	1602834	35
1994	CHRYSLER	2D	1C3EU4533RF310856	LEBARON	ARREST	1602850	36
2003	GMC	SW	1GKDT13S532218895	ENVOY	ARREST	1602853	37
2005	CHRYSLER	SW	2C4GF68445R543789	PACIFICA	FIRE	1602932	38
2006	FORD	4D	1FAFP56U7X6A251971	TAURUS	ABANDONED	1602965	39
1991	DODGE	4D	1B3XC56R2MD110380	DYNASTY	ABANDONED	1603021	40
2000	LINCOLN	4D	1LNHM97V4Y930683	CONTINENTAL	ABANDONED	1603028	41
2002	CHRYSLER	SW	1C4GJ25332B692661	TOWN/ COUNTRY	ABANDONED	1603036	42
1999	BUICK	4D	2G4WS52M7X1525696	CENTURY	ARREST	1603050	43

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Traditional role reversal works for family

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Chris and Bethany Chappell live in an average looking house on a large wooded lot out in Milford.

On the one hand, the couple – who formerly lived in Redford and return often to visit relatives – head up the traditional nuclear family: Two parents and their children.

On the other hand, with Bethany providing the majority of the family's income while Chris – for the most part – stays home to care for six kids, three dogs, three cats, two birds, a leopard gecko and 63 fish, they're anything but average.

"We have a fantastic partnership," said Bethany.

"In 17 years, we've never had a fight," added Chris.

Big family

Chris, a veteran who served in the U.S. Army National Guard, and Bethany, who works midnights as clinical lead registered nurse at Providence Park Hospital-Novi, met online in March 2000.

After a couple of months talking on the phone, they finally met face-to-face and were married by November of the same year.

"We still have a joke that when he finally came over to my house, I couldn't get him to leave," Bethany laughed. "And he's still here."

Chris laughs too. The whole family, it seems, spends a lot of time laughing together.

McKenzie, now 15, was the first to arrive, joining big sister, Desiree (Evans), now 23 – Bethany's firstborn. Then came Chase, 12, followed by Gabriel, 8, Regina, 5, Abigail, 4, and Jacob, 2.

Their brood is large by today's standards, but



Milford Fire Fighter Chris Chappell is a stay-at-home father for his six kids. Here he give Abby, 4, an 'airplane ride.'

Chris and Bethany know things are just the way they should be.

In fact, when Bethany's doctor recommended she terminate her pregnancy with Jacob – complications could lead to the loss of mother, child, or both, the doctor said – it was 2-year-old Abby who helped make the decision.

"She started saying, 'Don't touch the baby. Don't touch the baby,'" Bethany said, noting she and Chris hadn't told anyone, including the kids, about the pregnancy or the choice they were struggling to make.

They knew it was a sign, a message from somewhere, and that was that.

"As soon as we decided, she never said it again," Chris said.

Staying home

When Gabe arrived in 2008, Chris and Bethany decided the high cost of childcare made it more practical for Chris to stay

home while Bethany worked.

"It's great, but it's crazy," said Chris, noting he'd like to strap a GoPro camera to his head some days so Bethany can see what goes on while she's at work. "When she's home, I beg to go to the grocery store so I can have an adult conversation with someone."

"He knows everyone," Bethany added, smiling as she ribs her husband across the table. "He's a social butterfly; everywhere we go, he points someone out: 'That's so-and-so,' or 'That's so-and-so's mom.'"

But while Bethany works full-time on the hospital's midnight shift, she's no slouch in the parent department, either, and would rather forgo extra sleep than miss time with the kids.

On a typical day, she heads to work at 6:30 p.m. At home, after baseball games and dinner and homework and chores,

McKenzie helps Chris gets the younger kids bathed – assembly-line style – and into bed.

Then he makes sure the house is picked up and swept before his wife gets home from work.

"She works really hard to provide what we have," he said. "She can't stand a big mess, so the least I can do is make sure the place is clean when she gets home."

"When we first met, I was Captain Cleanliness," she laughed. "He was Captain Not."

In the morning, when Bethany gets home, the two partner to make sure everyone is up, fed, dressed, ready for school and out the door on time.

Chris takes care of the yard – more than an acre, front and back – does most of the cooking.

"But mom does the good cooking," adds Chase. Under pressure, Bethany concedes that yes, if she's planning to make hamburgers and the kids ask 'what's for



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bethany and Chris Chappell grab hands for a photo at their Milford Township home with Abby, 4, Regina, 6, Jake, 8, McKenzie, 15, Gabe, 8, and Chase, 12.

dinner?' her answer is always the same: Boogers.

Booger jokes or not, Chris admits his wife is, indeed, the better cook.

"If she's making dinner, we have a complete meal," he said. "If she makes burgers, we have toppings to go on them. Plus there's always a starch and a vegetable."

"If I'm making dinner, and I say we're having hotdogs, the kids know they're having hotdogs and buns. That's it. No fringe benefits."

Being dad

While there's a lot of laughing and good-natured ribbing flying in every direction, Chris takes his role as a father seriously and wants the kids understand the value of honesty and personal responsibility.

"I seem to yell a lot," he said, noting if they squabble, clobber a sibling or otherwise get into trouble, he doesn't want one pawing the blame off on the other. Instead, he'll walk them back through the dispute to help each see what he or she could have done differently.

And don't even ask about whether McKenzie can go out with a certain young man.

"Not while I'm above the dirt," he said.

He also tries to set a good example about helping those in need and calls himself "way over-protective," in the way he watches over – and constantly worries about – both Bethany and the kids.

"I try to be fun, too," he said, noting he and McKenzie do the Milford Fire Department's cadet program and play poker together. He also plays video games and coaches baseball for the boys, and colors with the younger kids.

"He plays Barbies with the little girls, too," McKenzie said, noting she and her siblings don't

have to tell their dad what they like – he just knows. "And he does their hair and nails."

Gabe thinks it's cool his dad's a fireman, but, like his dad, the 8-year-old worries. When the tones go off, Chris needs to move quickly; he doles out quick hugs to everyone and yells 'I love you' on the way out the door.

"I get nervous sometimes," Gabe said with sudden seriousness. "What if he doesn't come home?"

No fights

When Chris says he and Bethany never fight, the kids are quick to confirm; their father speaks the truth.

"Unless it's a playful fight," Chase said. His big sister agreed.

"I have a lot of friends who will tell me their parents are fighting," McKenzie said. "I have no idea what that must be like."

It's not that she and Chris never disagree on things, Bethany said. They just have their own way of making sure little things don't get blown out of proportion.

"We'll just be sarcastic with one another for three days," she laughed.

"There's no lack of affection around here," said Chris. "We make a point to hold hands. I'm always kissing and hugging her."

"It's always been comfortable," Bethany added. "It's easy."

And when he thinks about what, if anything, he'd like to do better as a husband and father, Chris stops for a minute to think.

"At some point I'd like to go back to school and get my RN," he said. "I'd like to make enough so I can go to work and she can stay home with the kids – so she can enjoy all of this."

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ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

Notice is hereby given that electors who wish to vote in the Primary Election must be registered no later than Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address, you may register to vote in the Clerk's office in the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road, during the hours of 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday or at any Michigan Secretary of State office.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
CLERK, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED 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 22, 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 22, 2016. No comments will be accepted over the telephone.

Jennifer Lawson, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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Published: June 19, 2016

Study options to reduce cost of long-term care policy

Q: My dad is in his early 80s. About 20 years ago, he purchased a long-term care policy. He has never had a claim on the policy and, therefore, I was shocked when he received a 50-percent increase in his premium. Basically, it makes the policy too expensive for him. The agent that sold the policy to my dad is no longer in business and the company says it can't offer any advice. My question to you is: Is there anything that we can do to lower his premiums? I would hate to cancel the policy, but unless I can figure out how to



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

lower the premiums, I will have no other alternative.

A: Unfortunately, it's not uncommon for insurance companies to raise premiums on long-term care policies. It's a disturbing trend that we have seen over the last few years. That being said, there are some things that can potentially reduce the cost of the premiums.

The first area that I would look at is if you

have inflation protection on your policy. Inflation protection is a very expensive item and, by reducing or even eliminating the inflation coverage, it can potentially save you a substantial amount in premiums. For all the years your dad had the policy, if he had inflation protection, he probably has locked in those increases, so reducing or eliminating the protection should not be a major issue.

Another item that you can consider adjusting is the elimination period. The elimination period is the same as the deductible in auto insurance. The difference is the

elimination period is not measured in dollars, but in time. Therefore, if you have a 90-day waiting period (which is the norm), you can consider raising it to 180 days. Typically, Medicare covers the first 90 days, so you would be self-insured for the next 90 days, having coverage for long-term issues. At the same time, you should look at the coverage term. If you have lifetime coverage, maybe reducing that can also offer substantial savings.

Lastly, you can look at adjusting the coverage so that it matches your current premium. In addition, there could be a

combination of the adjustments to keep the policy affordable.

Typically, long-term care companies are not very helpful in helping you make the aforementioned adjustments. You can either get a new agent to help you with this policy or you can contact the company and have it assign you a new agent.

Across the board, we have seen long-term care policy premiums increase substantially. The key to remember is that you have more options than either paying the higher premium or just canceling the policy. These are the times

where a good qualified agent can be extremely helpful. Good agents will work with you and provide you a variety of options to suit your needs. All that bad agents are looking to do is sell you something. That is why, particularly with long-term care, you need to deal with someone who is competent, who cares and who wants more than just to sell you something.

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

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Jim Berbrich and Gretchen Alaniz take a break at the Air Force Memorial.



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Boarding the airplane, Jim Berbrich gets a hug from Ellen Engle, dressed as Rosie the Riveter. Engle lives in Potomac, Md., but has roots in Livonia.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Jim Berbrich of Livonia greets active duty service members at Kalamazoo Airport before 7 a.m., to send off the Honor Flight.

HONOR

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The two men, both Livonia residents, were among more than 80 veterans flown to Washington, D.C., June 4 as part of an "Honor Flight" organized by Talons Out Honor Flight, the southwest Michigan hub of the national Honor Flight Network.

Simple thank you

The idea: Fly veterans to Washington for a day, where they're treated to meals, tours and visits to national monuments dedicated to their service. When they left Kalamazoo, while they were in D.C., and when they returned late that night, they were surrounded by people applauding — and saluting — their contributions.

The show of love

caught the veterans a little by surprise.

"Our time was 70 years ago," said Sloan, a flight orderly in the Naval Air Transport Service who was stationed in Hawaii. "I thought the war had all been forgotten. It was absolutely awesome. It really humbles you, but you're proud they remember."

Berbrich, who joined the U.S. Marines at age 18 and, at age 82, still refers to himself as a

Marine, served from 1952-55 and spent 14 months in Korea. He was touched by the outpouring of affection for the veterans of all conflicts.

"After seeing how Vietnam vets were treated (when they came home), I thought our country didn't care any more," said Berbrich, who served as a payroll disperser during the war. "This (trip) changed my mind totally about that."

Aside from renewing their faith, the trip was the chance of a lifetime for both men, which is exactly how the organizers hope it will turn out. The Honor Flights are paid for by Talons Out through grassroots fundraising.

Starting small

The national Honor Flight program got started with a couple of small planes flying two veterans at a time, and has since expanded into 132 hubs in 43 states. The Talons Out Michigan hub held its first fundraiser in July 2013 and flew its first flight Oct. 26, 2013.

Money is raised largely by donations — often only \$10 or \$20 at a time — for the flights, which organizers say cost some \$96,000 each these days. The flights are staffed entirely by volunteers, and include individual escorts — usually friends or family members — for each veteran.

Talons Out Michigan President Bobbie Bradley said it's all done for one basic reason.

"It's nothing more than to honor our veterans for their service to their country," Bradley said.

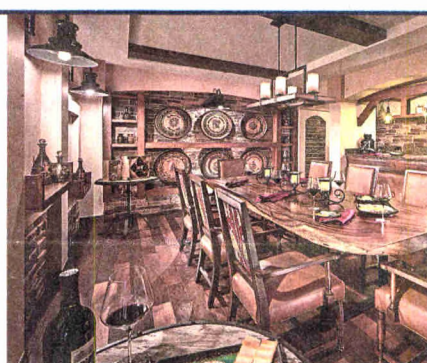
After boarding an early morning flight in Kalamazoo, the veterans arrived in Washington, D.C., and were taken on the rounds of the various memorials, among them the Vietnam Wall, the World War II Memorial, the U.S. Marine Corps memorial and others.

Sloan, the 89-year-old World War II veteran who'd never been out of his native Tennessee before joining the Navy, was anxious to see the memorial commemorating his war — "That was the main one I wanted to see ... It was gorgeous," he said — but was most touched by visiting the Arlington Cemetery grave of Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated veterans in World War II.

"I always looked up to him," said Sloan. "I always felt like maybe he never recovered from what he went through (in the war)."

Personal reasons

Berbrich, the 82-year-old Korean War veteran, wanted to see the memorial for that war, but he also wanted to see the Marine memorial to Iwo



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The more than 80 veterans plus their escorts and volunteers pose by the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial.

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Jima. His reason was personal: He had a cousin die there.

"I hadn't seen it," Berbrich said of the memorial. "I'm still a Marine, and I wanted to see it."

Both men were struck by the fact that, among the visitors who greeted them were many children. Sloan said he was touched by their presence.

"There were little kids, which meant their parents cared enough to bring them out there," Sloan said. "That meant everything to me."

That also surprised Gretchen Alaniz of Livonia, Berbrich's daughter, who accompanied her father on the trip.

"A lot of young kids came up to thank (Berbrich), and that was cool," Alaniz said. "Kids aren't usually comfortable approaching strangers, but these kids did it to say 'thank you.' It was really interesting."

Organizers had one extra surprise for the veterans on the return flight, something to which they had all looked forward during their time fighting their respective wars: Mail call. One of the things Bob Sloan delivered as part of the air transport service was mail, and he remembers the warm greetings mail call — "The things Marines liked the most was the mail," he said, laughing — got from soldiers.

Mail call

Before the Honor Flight, escorts and volunteers solicited "mail" — letters, postcards, etc. — from friends and family. Then, on the flight back, weary veterans were greeted with "mail call."

"That was totally unexpected," Berbrich said. "It was every bit as invigorating as getting mail call in Korea. It brings a lump to your throat."

Alaniz was her father's escort for the trip, and she wouldn't have had it any other way. Like the other escorts, Alaniz went through a training session so she'd know what to expect.

And she found it well worth the effort, though she admitted to some tears flowing.

"I held it together most of the time ... when we got back is when I lost it," she said, smiling. "Being able to experience that with my dad is something we'll never, ever forget. To be able to see Dad and the other vets enjoying themselves was such an amazing experience."

Cindy Sloan accompanied her dad, as well, and felt the same way about

it as the other escorts. Cindy could look at it from a different perspective: She's a 20-year U.S. Army veteran herself.

She said the patriotism was so ever-present you could almost feel it.

"There's no way to describe how lucky I was not only to take my father, but to be allowed to go on a flight with that caliber of men," said Cindy Sloan, who makes

her home in Knoxville, Tennessee. "Just to see all the men, the expressions on their faces, the talk, the camaraderie ... It was the most remarkable thing I've ever done."

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Veterans watch the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

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Contests offer prizes for card, parking meter art

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You may be roasting in the sun, but it's time to think about winter.

The Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary is accepting art work through July 31 for its annual holiday card competition. The contest is open to both amateur and professional artists of all ages working in any medium.

The winning artist will receive \$100 and the design will be used on the Auxiliary's holiday cards that help raise money for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

"We've had a variety of different covers. We've had some patient-drawn cards and children-drawn cards. We've had professionals," said Joan Emery, board member and Auxiliary gift

shop manager.

Artists can choose their own holiday subject matter, although Emery said their work should "appeal to all people."

"We are the Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary and that's a nice thing to keep in mind," she said. "For example, if I got a picture of a golden retriever with a wreath around its neck, I would wonder if should should forward it to an adoption center for goldens."

She suggests that artists use a lot of color and minimize white backgrounds.

"We like to say what resonates with the artist? How do they appreciate the holiday? And at the same time we're reaching out to the general community. Keep that in mind, too."

Drop off art work in person or mail it to Some-



Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary is accepting art for its holiday card design contest. This is the 2015 winning design.

thing Special Gift Shop, 3901 Beaubien Detroit, MI 48201. For more contest details visit www.chmauxiliary.org.

Painting parking meters

If painting outdoors is more your style, check

out Ford Arts, Beats & Eats' "Meters Made Beautiful" contest for both amateur and professional artists, age 18 and up.

The organization, in conjunction with The City of Royal Oak Commission for the Arts, is

accepting artistic designs for parking meters through July 21.

Contest finalists will paint their designs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 on 150 parking meters in downtown Royal Oak. The festival runs Sept. 2-5.

One artist will win a grand prize of \$1,200. Second runner-up will take home \$1,000 and third place will receive \$500. Ten artists will get honorable mentions and \$100 each. Every artist will receive a \$20-\$30 for paint supplies.

Fill out an application at artsbeatseats.com/meters-made-beautiful.

Pet photos

There's no cash prize at stake in the Michigan Humane Society's (MHS) annual calendar project, but your pet could land a pet-of-the-month spot and earn a little fame,

depending on your photography skills.

MHS has extended its submission deadline to June 30 for pet photos that will be used in the 2017 calendar. The best ones are chosen for pet-of-the-month placement, but all entries will be used in the calendar.

"Some photos just have that star quality, showing a pet in the best possible light," said Nancy Gunnigle, MHS spokeswoman. "It's also helpful when the photo has a beautiful or interesting background that complements the pet."

Cost to enter is \$20. Photos should be horizontal and labeled on the back with the pet's name, owner's name and phone number.

Download an entry form at michiganhumane.org/petcalendar.

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Modern Day Tips for Insomnia

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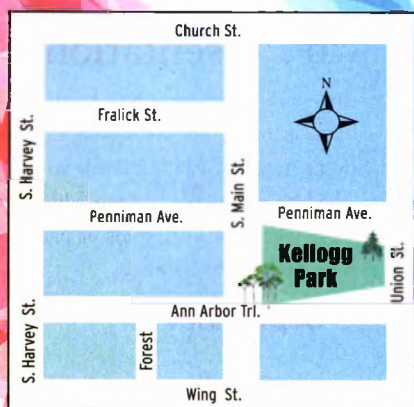
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Ed Wright
Staff Writer

From the very first pitch until the moment Roz Price's majestic, third-inning home run splashed down in the Red Cedar River, Livonia Ladywood absolutely owned Thursday's MHSAA Division 2 softball state semifinal showdown against Vicksburg.

Playing on their sport's biggest stage — Michigan State University's plush softball facility in East Lansing — the Blazers led 5-0 after Price's two-run round-tripper sailed over the 220 sign in left-center field.

But like Bulldogs are known to do, Vicksburg maintained its tenacity and mounted a remarkable rally that ended with a 7-5 triumph and a berth in Saturday's D2 final against Richmond.

The stunning season-ending setback left Ladywood with a 32-13 record, while Vicksburg padded its mark to 36-8.

In the wake of Price's blast,

Bulldogs starting pitcher Avery Slancik put Ladywood on lockdown and did not allow another hit to the powerful Blazers batting order.

Pitching to contact, Slancik let her team's sterling defense take over, inducing eight infield outs over the final 4½ innings without striking out a Ladywood batter.

Vicksburg's defense stole the spotlight on the chilly, overcast day in the top of the with when, with Erika Selakowski on first following a one-out walk, right fielder Sadie Martin retreated all the way to the fence to snag Liz Kemp's deep drive. Vicksburg left fielder Alicia Cagney then ended the inning with a flat-out diving grab on a sinking liner off the bat of Price.

Ladywood put a runner on first in both the sixth and seventh, but couldn't advance them any further.

Price was dynamic over the first two innings for Lady-

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Senior catcher Michaela Warner tries to put the tag on a Vicksburg runner in the Division 2 semifinal game.

Flournoy dazzles in debut

Jaron Flournoy, a 2015 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, was a member of the Louisiana State University's 400-meter relay national championship team at the NCAA Championships held June 11 in Eugene, Ore.

Flournoy joined juniors Renard Howell, Tremayne Acy and Nethaneel Mitchell-Blake to post a first-place time of 38.42 seconds, which is a new Hayward Field record.

It was the ninth NCAA title in LSU history.

Flournoy has been a freshman force in all of the sprinting events this spring, compiling personal-best times of 6.78 seconds in the 60-meter dash, 10.56 in the 100 and 21.07 in the 200.

He was a two-time Division 1 state champion in the 100 while at John Glenn. The former Rocket also cracked the top 10 of the national high school rankings in four indoor events during winter 2015.



Flournoy

Bulls stymie Rams

The Bulls handed the Michigan Rams a 5-2 setback Wednesday night in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The result pushed the Bulls' record to 10-0, while the Rams slipped to 4-3-1.

Jack Hranec was the winning pitcher after holding the Rams to two runs, three hits and four walks, while striking out six, in six innings.

Starter Jared Tobey took the loss for the Rams after giving up three runs and five hits over four innings. Tobey struck out five Bulls.

The Bulls, who outthit the Rams 10-4, scored one run in the first, two in the second and two in the sixth.

Both of the Rams' runs came home in the third. Danny Kerr paced the Rams' offense with two hits, including a double, and a run scored.

Nolan Page (1-for-2, RBI, run) and Tyler Lowe (1-for-3, RBI) accounted for the rest of their team's offense.

Jake Kruk had a phenomenal night for the Bulls, going 3-for-3 with a double and RBI. Joe Popp lived up to his name at the dish, delivering two hits, a run and a ribbie.

Zach McClellan knocked in two runs without the aid of a hit.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Susalla's heralded career comes to a close

Garden City alum helps lead U-M to back-to-back World Series

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The illustrious maize- and blue-tinted softball career of Kelsey Susalla came to an end earlier this month, fittingly, in her sport's mecca: Oklahoma City.

A four-year member of the perennially powerful University of Michigan softball team, Susalla, walked off a collegiate diamond for the last time during the NCAA World Series, which is hosted every year by Oklahoma City.

Susalla went out in style this spring, hitting .337 with 11 home runs and 55 RBIs. She



Kelsey Susalla posted extraordinary hitting statistics at the University of Michigan and at Garden City High School, where she was also an outstanding pitcher.

was named to the NFCA All-Great Lakes Region first team in addition to earning all-Big

Ten honors.

"I'm not sure if it has really hit me yet, the fact that my

softball career is over," Susalla said, while watching her former Garden City High School team compete in last weekend's Division 1 regional tournament at the University of Detroit Mercy. "I've been playing forever, including throughout the summers, so it's been a big part of my life."

"I'll never actually be done with softball. I'll still come to the high school games. And I still have to complete seven credits at Michigan in the fall, so I'll be able to see my teammates then, which will make the transition easier."

Once Susalla was given a full-time opportunity to start for the Wolverines, she shined. In 2015, as the team's starting right fielder, she hit a robust .380 with 14 home runs and 61

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COLLEGIATE SIGNINGS

Longtime friends share magical ice journey

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The strong-as-steel bond shared by Livonia hockey high-achievers Dominic Lutz and Tyler Irvine was forged several years ago in a — surprise! — ice arena.

"I was five years old and it was the first day of my hockey initiation class, and I looked up to my dad and said (while pointing at Lutz), 'Hey, that boy is in my kindergarten class,'" remembered Irvine.

From that point forward, the tandem grew tight — both on the ice and off — while surging on parallel tracks toward the upper-most levels of hockey achievement.

Approximately 15 years later, the dynamic duo shared a collegiate signing ceremony Thursday afternoon at Livonia Stevenson High School, where they played monumental roles in helping the school win the 2013 Division 2 state championship.

Lutz officially committed to Ferris State University on Thursday while Irvine agreed to further his career at Merrimack College, a school located in North Andover, Mass., about 20 miles north of Boston.

The 20-year-olds' journeys to college hockey have not been paved with a string of hat-tricks and high-fives.

Both cleared daunting obstacles that tested their resilience and resolve.

Unlike most sports, hockey requires potential college players to play a



Several people who have had a positive impact on the lives of Dominic Lutz (seated, second from left) and Tyler Irvine (seated to Lutz's left) joined them during Thursday's signing ceremony. Pictured with the former Spartan hockey stars are (top row from left) retired Stevenson principal Jim Gibbons, Stevenson assistant hockey coach Kyle Zagata, Julia Lutz (sister of Dominic), Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman, Stevenson head hockey coach David Mitchell, assistant coach Jay Thompson, (front row from left) Linda Lutz (mother of Dominic), Dominic Lutz, Tyler Irvine and Annette Irvine, mother of Tyler.

year or two at the juniors level — an additional step that often turns boys into men.

"What it came down to, really, was doing what we needed to do to get to this point," Lutz said, during a Friday afternoon phone interview. "People see our games, and the goals and assists, and think it's smooth sailing, but there's a lot of stuff that goes on when nobody is looking that requires a lot of effort."

For Lutz, hurdles popped up at regular intervals beginning with his junior year at Stevenson.

"I had people telling me — before my junior and senior seasons — that I was going to get

drafted by a team in the USHL, which is every young player's dream," he said. "Well, the call never came, and I was crushed."

"Instead of letting it keep me down, I used it as motivation. I worked harder than ever to prove I was good enough. I trusted the process."

Lutz was eventually signed by a USHL expansion team based in Bloomington, Ill.

"But after 10 days in Bloomington, they basically told me they didn't want me any more, and I was released," he said. "Topeka owned my rights, so I called them and asked if I could try out. When I went down there, they had 17 forwards and they were

only going to keep 13, but I made it."

"The first 14 games with Topeka, I was in and out of the lineup. I probably had about seven healthy scratches, so you wonder. But I kept battling and I kept looking at the big picture, and before long I was playing regular shifts and contributing."

The biggest mountain Irvine had to climb — at least during his early-high school career — was his physical stature.

"I was 4 (feet) 10 (inches) my freshman year at Stevenson," Irvine recalled. "Before I'd go to hockey camps, I'd tell my dad I wasn't sure if I wanted to do them because I was always the smallest one there. But I



Dominic Lutz (closest to camera) and Tyler Irvine were hockey buddies during their elementary school days.

always went and I always enjoyed them."

Irvine compensated for his lack of height with an abundance of heart, hustle and skill.

Between his freshman and junior years at Stevenson, the slick-skating forward grew close to 12 inches, making him a force to deal with on the ice.

"In a way, being smaller actually helped me out because once I grew, I still had the skills of a smaller, quicker player, but in a bigger body," he said.

Following a one-year, post-high school stint in Topeka, Irvine was drafted by Cedar Rapids of the USHL.

Just when he started to feel comfortable with the RoughRiders, a challenge arose.

"I sprained my ankle pretty bad, which put me in and out of the lineup," he said. "Just when I started to feel good again, Cedar Rapids traded me to Muskegon."

"Whenever you get traded like that, it makes you wonder what's going on. But getting traded proved to be a blessing. I looked at it as an oppor-

tunity to get better, and I tripled my points in the same amount of playing time I was getting with Cedar Rapids."

The pair's perseverance and production was reflected in the number of college offers that trickled in. Along with Ferris, Michigan State University made a solid offer to Lutz.

Irvine had to decide between Merrimack, Arizona State, Ohio State and Omaha, Neb., among others.

"I liked Merrimack right from the start," Irvine said. "It's a smaller school with about 4,000 students, and I think I'll do better with smaller class sizes. Plus, they play in a very good conference with Notre Dame, Boston College and Boston University."

Lutz said he chose Ferris for a number of reasons, including the hockey programs ascension to a highly-regarded collegiate power.

"They were the first school to offer me, too, so I never forgot that," he said.

The Lutz-Irvine friendship has grown into a brothers-from-different-mothers-type kinship.

"Even though we're playing for different teams in different conferences, we'll probably still talk almost every day," Irvine said.

And it's safe to say their backyard hockey encounters are far from over.

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Ladywood shortstop Lauren Holdsworth waits for a throw during the third inning of Thursday's game. Holdsworth injured her throwing hand on the play, but stayed in the game.

LADYWOOD

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wood, limiting the Bulldogs to one base-runner (a two-out, first-inning base-on-balls to Grace Stock).

In the meantime, the Blazers' offense was solving Slancik early and

often.

Ladywood exploded to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first on back-to-back doubles by Alexa Flores and Cecilia Warner and a one-out single by Kemp, that scored Werner.

Selakowski opened the third with a long blast to left that sailed just foul over the Spartan-green fence. Un-

daunted, the No. 3 hitter roped a single to center and scored two batters later on Price's home run.

The momentum shifted dramatically in the bottom of the third, when Vicksburg bounced back with two runs to cut its deficit to 5-2. Kalie Yant drew a one-out walk, advanced

to third on two wild pitches and scored on a single by lead-off batter Charlie Kudary.

Price then walked the bases loaded before Kudary scored on a wild pitch.

Vicksburg secured the lead for good, 7-5, with five runs in the fourth on just two hits — neither of which left the infield.

Olivia Holmes ignited the comeback with an infield single. Raquel Rice and Yant sandwiched walks around a pop out, loading the bases and bringing the curtain down on Price's day on the mound.

Hard-throwing southpaw Alexa Flores took over in the circle with the bases loaded and was greeted with a run-scoring bunt single by Kudary. Following an infield error that brought home the Bulldogs' fourth run, Stock drew a bases-loaded walk, Shaidan Knapp hit into a run-scoring fielder's choice and Slancik helped her own cause by drawing a run-scoring walk.

Ladywood out-hit Vicksburg, 6-5, but was ultimately done in by pitching command issues that led resulted in eight walks.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Cougar hoops camp

The Garden City girls basketball program will be hosting a "Cougar Camp" June 20-23 for boys and girls who will be attending third through eighth grade. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The cost of the camp is \$20 per day. Participants can attend one, two, three or all four days of the camp.

With Garden City players and coaches serving as instructors, the camp will feature instruction on fundamentals, contests and scrimmages.

For more information, contact Garden City girls basketball coach Michele Tyree at tyreem@gardencityschools.com; or call Ted Fournier at 734-368-5031.

Stevenson football camps

The Livonia Stevenson football program will host two camps the week of July 25-28.

The 2016 Technique and Skills Camp, which is designed for students entering grades 9-12, will be held July 25-28 from 3-6 p.m. each day (Monday registration opens at 2 p.m.).

The cost is \$60, which includes a T-shirt.

This camp is designed for students to learn and develop skills to become more successful during their high school careers. This camp will cover offensive and defensive skills and techniques that are required for specific positions.

The program's youth camp, for kids entering grades 3-8, will be held July 25-26, and costs \$10.

This camp is designed for first-year players to veteran players.

Participants must register by July 8 to guarantee receiving a T-shirt.

For more information, contact head coach Randy Micallef at rmicallef@livoniapublicschools.org.

Franklin alumni baseball game

The Livonia Franklin baseball program will be hosting an alumni game on Sunday, May 22, at 6 p.m. at the school's baseball field.

The cost to participate will be \$20.

For more information, contact head coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill girls hoops camp

The Livonia Churchill girls basketball camp will be held July 27-29 from 5-7 p.m. each night in the school's gymnasium.

Kids who will be entering first through ninth grades are invited to participate. The \$60 registration fee includes a T-shirt if the participant is registered prior to July 1.

For more information, contact Churchill head coach K'Len Morris at Kmo2334@gmail.com or 810-874-8641.

Summer fitness

All Livonia Public School students in grades seventh through 12th are invited to participate in a free physical education program (PEP) this summer.

Beginning Tuesday, June 28, middle and high school students from LPS will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of health and fitness activities at Churchill and Stevenson high schools.

The program will run every Tuesday and Thursday from June 28 through Aug. 11. No activities will be held on July 5 and 7.

Activities offered include yoga, pilates, basketball, CrossFit, and access to the fitness center, weight rooms, and track.

All participating students must submit a permission slip on their first day of attendance.

Franklin baseball camp

The annual Livonia Franklin "Future Stars" baseball camp will be held June 27-30 at the Patriots' baseball field.

The camp, which will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is open to kids entering grades second through eighth. The \$60 registration fee includes a T-shirt for each participant.

Members of the Franklin coaching staff and Patriots players will instruct the campers on several sport-specific skills.

The registration deadline is June 24.

For more information, contact Franklin head baseball coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us or visit www.franklinpatriotsbaseball.com.

Thunder reign in Ohio



The 16U Livonia City Thunder baseball team won the eighth annual Battle of the Bats 16U tournament in Rossford, Ohio, last weekend. The Thunder defeated the Hilliard Cats, 3-2, in Sunday's championship game. The Livonia team blanked MSA-Livingston, 8-0, in the semifinal game and allowed only eight runs while going 4-0 for the tournament. Team members are (back row, from left) head coach Joe Jakacki, Joe Kubeshesky, Nick Renner, coach Joe Chops, Connor Beck, Carl Clapp, Conor Burnette, Chris Sergison and Parker Graham and (front row, from left) Connor Jakacki, Evan Kuczmarski, Ryan Pishalski, Carlos Beltran and Craig Jakacki. Also on the team are coach Bob Renner, coach Dave Kubeshesky and player Ryan Francek.

PREP SOFTBALL

Marlins reach final round of state tournament with win

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Cari Padula's bases-loaded double was exactly what Farmington Hills Mercy needed to get the ball rolling offensively Thursday afternoon at Michigan State University.

With the score tied, 2-2, in the second inning, her clutch hit knocked in three runs and sent the Marlins on their way to a 9-6 victory over Mattawan in a Division 1 softball state semifinal game.

"I knew coach (Alec Lesko) wanted me to do that, and it was just so cool I could go up there and do that for my team today," Padula said.

A five-run rally put Mercy on the right track after falling behind, 2-0, in the bottom of the first inning.

Shannon Gibbons and Megan Satawa were on base when sophomore Anna Dixon doubled to drive in the team's first run.

A walk to Sophie VanAcker loaded the bases for senior slugger Abby Krzywiecki, who was hit by a pitch, forcing in the second run.

That brought Padula to the plate. Before driving the ball into deep left field, she just missed hitting a grand slam as the ball sailed wide of the foul pole in right.

"It would have been awesome if it went out, but I just had to recoup and take a deep breath," Padula said. "I knew I had to get a good hit."

"I have this little thing I say: 'See ball, hit ball,' and that's exactly what I did."

Following a 53-minute rain delay, Mercy got a



Mercy recorded 9-6 victory over Mattawan in a Division 1 softball state semifinal to earn a trip to the final game Saturday against No. 1 Macomb Dakota.

sixth run in the third inning with another clutch, two-out hit by Dixon, who went 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs.

"I was able to get a lot of things started for my team, so we could keep getting runs and play like we can," Dixon said. "Once we got that first inning out of the way, it was all good. I'm really happy I could help my team in any way I could."

Rain not an issue

Lesko was afraid the rain delay might have a negative effect on the Marlins (42-2) and not because they were idle during the extended timeout.

"Once it started raining, they were pretty loose," he said. "In fact, I thought they were too loose. They were singing and dancing and having fun in the dugout."

"I was concerned we might be burning up too much energy. But I guess

they just kept it rolling."

He was especially happy for Padula, the clean-up hitter who was 2-for-4 with four RBIs and scored a run.

"She walked away from our last game thinking she didn't contribute enough," Lesko said. "She had a couple sac flies and, gosh, she almost had a grand slam today."

"We're excited for her. She's a senior and has been a great leader, so I'm glad she had a chance to do something big today."

No give-up in foe

The Wildcats continued to battle, however. After scoring twice in the bottom of the third, they got within a run, 6-5, when lead-off batter Genny Soltesz singled and later scored on a wild pitch.

Mercy had another timely response with a three-run sixth inning that all but won the game

and took the pressure off senior pitcher Andrea Elmore at the end.

Dixon started the Mercy sixth with her second double. After a sacrifice by VanAcker, Krzywiecki and Padula drove in one run each with a double and a single, respectively.

"I was a little frustrated with myself," Dixon said, citing defensive lapses behind the plate. "After that happened, I was ready to go and make up for it."

"I was just trying to hit the ball. Then everybody followed suit. I knew, if we got our hits and kept playing like we could, we'd be fine."

Close out the win

Junior Nicole Belans followed with the fourth hit of the inning, and Elmore drove in the ninth run with a ground out, scoring Padula.

The Wildcats (32-9) got a final run in the sixth with Sarah Hills-



Senior pitcher Andrea Elmore struck out eight and didn't put anybody on base with a walk or hit-by-pitch.

burg's sacrifice fly. Elmore got Amber Mazahem to hit an easy ground ball back to her for the final out.

Following Mackenzie Swinehart's two-out single in the seventh, Elmore and the Marlins ended the game with a line-drive flyout to left fielder Sarah Cassidy.

Gibbons also went 3-for-4. Dixon, Krzywiecki and Gibbons scored two runs each. Mercy had an 11-9 edge in hits.

"The deeper you go in this thing, all the teams hit the ball," Lesko said. "I'm just glad we stayed on pace and ahead of that and hit more than they did."

No need to worry

Elmore was more effective in the circle than her counterpart with eight strikeouts and no walks. She didn't hit a batter either.

"Our offense is amazing," Elmore said. "I never want to give up many runs, but I'm never worried when it does happen. (Her teammates are) always trying hard and able to come up with runs."

Mattawan pitcher Emily Koperdak went the

distance, too. She fanned four, walked four and hit one.

Swinehart went 3-for-4 with an RBI triple in the third inning. Meaghan Markus was 2-for-3 with a run-scoring double in the first. Joanna Bartz and Koperdak had RBI singles; Soltesz was 2-for-4.

Nos. 1 and 2 in final

Second-ranked Mercy was scheduled to play No. 1 Macomb Dakota (38-2) for the championship Saturday in MSU's Secchia Stadium. The Cougars beat Midland in the other semifinal Thursday, 4-2.

It will be the second state final for the Marlins, who were the Division 1 runners-up to Portage Northern in 2002.

"This is what we've been working for all season, so it's amazing that we have this opportunity," Padula said. "I couldn't be more excited."

"I think we have what it takes to make this happen. As long as we play like we can, I think we've got this."

"I'm really excited; I know the rest of the girls are, too," Dixon said. "We're ready to get out there and play our best."

Lesko told his players to enjoy the victory and have fun Thursday night, but it was important they maintain their focus.

"We'll practice tomorrow and try to come out (Saturday) and do what we've done all year," he said.

"The next team is going to hit the ball. They have great pitching. That's what it's supposed to be like in the final."

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Kelsey Susalla rounds second base during a University of Michigan softball game earlier this spring.

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RBIs. Among her season highlights was the lone RBI in Michigan's 1-0 World Series victory over Florida.

"It was a little up and down this season, especially in the beginning of the season and toward the end, but ups and downs are part of softball," she said. "I wouldn't trade the experience I've had at Michigan for anything. I've loved the environment, getting to know my teammates and playing for an amazing coaching staff."

Susalla said she was fortunate to play for two hall of fame coaches: Garden City's Barry Patterson and U-M's Carol Hutchins.

"The No. 1 thing both of them share is their passion for the sport," Susalla said. "Obviously, as a player, you want your coach to love the sport like you do, which is what made playing for them so special. They're both incredibly knowledgeable, too."

"Playing for Barry helped me transition to the college game easier because (of) his preparation and knowledge of the game."

Susalla said she may play in a couple of weekend softball tournaments this summer, "but nothing too serious."

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D1 GIRLS SOCCER FINAL

CHIEFS GET THE BOOT

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Staff Writer

The postseason magic for the Canton Chiefs came to a controversial end Friday at Michigan State University's DeMartin Stadium.

Although the Chiefs were widely outplayed throughout the Division 1 girls soccer final against Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, the contest remained 0-0 with less than 11 minutes to go in regulation — with senior goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser sliding, punching and diving all over the front of the net to keep her team in it.

But then came a penalty kick that the Chiefs did not think was justified. Cougars junior midfielder Emily Solek subsequently ripped the shot into the lower-right corner, the deciding goal in the 1-0 Stoney Creek championship victory.

"I'm not in the box. The ref calls what he calls," Canton head coach Jeanine Reddy said about the PK ruling. "It's a crappy way to lose in the state finals, obviously."

Anheuser, who stole the D1 semifinal win over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central and was tracking to repeat that against the Cougars, questioned the PK call and lamented losing a state title on such a ruling.

"I think that the ball was already out of bounds when they called the penalty kick," Anheuser said. "The girl running in wouldn't have even got to the ball. I believe it shouldn't have been a penalty kick."

"I think we played a hard game. I think it should have gone to overtime. I think it should have gone to PKs."

Jump-starting the action that led to the penalty call was a free kick from midfielder by Solek.

As the ball scooted through the box to the left of the Canton net, there was contact inside the 6-yard box with Stoney Creek forward Sarah DeGrendel knocked to the turf.

The official's call elicited a loud cheer from the



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Battling for a 50/50 ball Friday are Canton's Sarah Willett (left) and Sofia Zambrano of Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

Cougars' fan section.

And their cheers grew understandably louder after Solek found the inside of the right post with her PK.

"It was a great game, back and forth," Stoney Creek head coach Bryan Mittelstadt said. "I was just pleased that we got that opportunity and took advantage of it."

Few opportunities

Canton (17-3-4) could not muster much of an attack throughout the contest, sending just four shots in the direction of Cougars junior goalkeeper Gina Cerny.

The final attempt was a soft shot from above the 18-yard box with three minutes left by junior midfielder Abigail Heyde, which Cerny easily grabbed.

Where things changed was how much offensive heat the Cougars (18-3-3) generated following intermission.

Both teams had played a conservative brand of soccer in the first half, trying to figure out the lay of the land.

An indicator of how much the pitch was tilted during the final 40 minutes in the direction of Anheuser-

er — who faced 12 shots all told — was Stoney Creek's wide edge in corner kicks.

Canton's first corner kick did not take place until about eight minutes remained in regulation and the Chiefs could not click on the bid.

Tough injury

According to Reddy, a key factor in her team's lack of offensive juice was a head injury sustained by junior forward Raquel Church midway through the scoreless first half.

"That (the injury) was huge," Reddy said. "She's come off the bench and scored pretty much in every game during the postseason for us."

"She plays well with Hannah (Lapko); (it) took all that dynamic up front out of whack."

Lapko, who had been an offensive force throughout the postseason, concurred with her coach about how much the injury to Church cost Canton.

"That really hurt us on offense. Raquel's such a good player and she's so aggressive and fast and works 100 percent," Lapko said. "It was a really big loss to lose her, especially because Jen (Richmond) and I, we didn't have three



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Following the bouncing ball are Canton's Hannah Lapko (left) and Stoney Creek's Amelia Kuntzman.

forwards we had two. It was kind of hard."

The Chiefs were looking to capture their first title since 2001, when they defeated Troy, 3-1.

A good note

Despite the defeat, Reddy and her players were proud of a season in which they dropped out of the top 10 state rankings despite losing only to Novi and Walled Lake Northern.

"It's a disappointing way to end the season, but I am so proud of my team," Anheuser said. "To not be ranked and go this far, we were definitely the underdog and I'm proud of everything we accomplished this season. Still going out on a good note."

Senior midfielder Madison Archibald credited "unbelievable" goalkeeping by Anheuser for the Chiefs making the finals (although sophomore Sarah Hammond also was instrumental, winning PK shootouts during the tourney against Plymouth and Ann Arbor Pioneer).

But Archibald also touted the Chiefs' unwavering team bond all season long.

"Our team chemistry, we did everything together," Archibald said. "We all clicked together on and off the field."

Archibald added that the Chiefs "have been through a lot this season. So to get here, there's only two teams here in the states, so it's a big accomplishment."

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks stop Cincinnati in PDL match, 1-0

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The Michigan Bucks won't deny their performance Thursday night appeared at times to be like a deer in headlights.

But the Bucks made Zach Bock's homecoming to Novi Detroit Catholic Central High a happy one as they improved to 5-1 (15 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference with a 1-0 victory over the Cincinnati Dutch Lions.

The Dutch Lions, despite being in sixth place, proved to be a tougher match then their 1-5-2 division record indicated.

"It wasn't our best performance, for sure," said Bock, a defender who also plays at Western Michigan University. "The conditions – the rain – you've got to deal with those. The sign of a good team is getting the three points when you're not at your best."

Bock was an all-state football player at CC who went on to concentrate on soccer at the collegiate level following his high school days.

Just being back at the Fr. Richard Elmer Stadium and on Tom Mach Field brought back good memories of playing Friday night football.

"It's definitely cool to be back," Bock said. "It hit me during the national anthem, just to be under the lights here. It was really a similar feeling to be back on the field. And when I closed my eyes, it was another Friday night for high school. Glad to get the win here and moving on with the season."

The only goal of the match came in the 33rd minute, when Hilliard, Ohio, native Ben Fitzpatrick scored off a feed from Adam Najem.

"The team was start-



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Bucks defender Alhassan Abubakar (right) heads a ball in front of Cincinnati's Austin Smythe during the teams' June 16 PDL match at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

ing to play better at the end of the first half," Fitzpatrick said. "We were getting a few passes strung together. We were countering and Adam (Najem) picked up the ball in the middle of the field and I broke off toward the wing and he slotted me and I buried it

at the top of the net."

The midfielder, who helped Urbana reach an NCAA Division II region final and a 13-5-2 record during his junior year last fall, notched his third goal of the season for the Bucks.

"Ben played really well," Bucks coach

Demir Muftari said. "He scored a great goal for us. He's been good for us all season and he played quite well. We're really happy with him and (he) would probably get my vote for man of the match."

Fitzpatrick, in his first season with the Bucks,



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The Bucks' Marco Charalambous tries to dribble around a couple of Cincinnati Dutch Lions defenders during Thursday's PDL match at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

likes the team's chemistry thus far.

"I'm loving my time up here," he said. "The competition is great, good group of guys, so I'm really enjoying myself up here."

The Bucks averted a tie during the 62nd minute of play when goalkeeper Tom Lohmann, who earned the shutout, came up with a key point-blank save.

And in six games now, the Bucks have outscored their opponents 14-1, but they trail Great Lakes Division leader Kitchener-Waterloo United (6-1, 18 points), the defending PDL national champion, which has a game in hand.

"You're not always going to be on your 'A' game, so to speak," Muf-tari said. "And to be able to get something out of the game, to be able to

grind something out, is important because those games are going to happen and you're not going to clicking on all cylinders. We found a way to get it done, but we know we have to get a lot better."

The Bucks return to PDL action at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Louisville (Ky.) against the Derby City Wolves before returning home to face Toronto FC at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Home match tickets are available at the gate for \$10 (adults) and \$7 (16 and under). Pre-sale tickets for all ages can be purchased online for \$6 at www.buckssoccer.com

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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JUNE CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 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

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: The Canton Concert Band will perform on the church lawn. Bring a chair or blanket
Contact: 734-459-3333; connectingwithGod.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 woman who meets Jesus Christ in the guise of a friendly janitor while waiting for her name to be called at an abortion clinic. She must decide if she will go through with the abortion. Tickets are \$13 and must be reserved by June 21. Order tickets at <https://www.tugg.com/events/106414>
Contact: Donna Gonzalez at 313-247-3108

POLISH-AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22
Location: Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake Village
Details: "Anno Domini 966" is a celebration of 1,050 years of Christianity in Poland. It begins with a musical performance by Jaroslaw Golembowski, followed by refreshments at 4:30 p.m. and a procession to the bilingual Mass. The Mass will include the blessing and dedication of the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II and the lighting of the 1,050th anniversary candle. A banquet will be held after Mass in the St. Mary's Athletic Complex. Banquet reservations are \$75 per person. Call Isabel Lopez at 248-683-0507 or email ilopez@orchardlakeschools.com
Contact: Orchard Lake Schools at 248-682-1885

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. June 26-30
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School Wayne, located two miles east of I-275 and one mile north of Michigan Avenue, at Hannan and Glenwood
Details: "Cave Quest Following Jesus The Light of the World" will include Bible adventures, songs, snacks and hands-on explorations for children, 3 through those entering sixth grade. Pre-register by calling the church at 734-728-1950 or email r.barta@att.net
Contact: 734-728-1950; stmi-chaelutheran.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, June 27-July 1
Location: Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: "Submerged" is the theme
Contact: 248-477-6365

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 20-24
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia
Details: "The Armor of God" is the theme. The program is for children in preschool-fifth grade
Contact: 734-464-8844

JULY CONCERT

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30
Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland
Details: The Paradise Band, Elvis Lives and The Soulmen perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door
Contact: 248-887-5364; holyspiritconcert.ezevent.com

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford
Details: Free Christian music festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.; The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket
Contact: 313-937-2424; hosanna-tabor.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. June 27-July 1
Location: Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Bible adventures, singing, snack, craft. Family Fun Night is 6 p.m. July 1 with food, games and inflatables
Contact: 734-525-3664; bbt-livonia.com

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: 7:30 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.livoniast-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: 7:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

Contact: 734-464-1223
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

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HARMS



PHYLLIS (PHYL) LUCILE 85, of Livonia, died Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at her Stratford Pines residence in Midland, MI. The daughter of the late Luther and Helen (Morris) Kisor was born on September 4, 1930 in Faribault, Minnesota. Phyllis graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1948, and earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University. Phyllis so enjoyed teaching elementary school in South Redford and Garden City, Michigan, retiring in 1995. Her family was foremost in her life. In addition, she enjoyed her bridge groups, knitting, sewing, Livonia Towne Club, working at the Henry Ford in her retirement, volunteer work, and entertaining with family and friends. She is survived by her two children, Sandy Harms Reay (Tom) of Midland, and Rick Harms of Livonia. Naomi Harms remained in Mom's heart. Her special loves included her grandchildren, Steven (Lindsey) Harms, Eric (Samantha) Harms, Sarah (KeeTe) Harms/Bone, Kathy (Chris Collins) Harms, and Spencer Reay; great-grandchildren, Addison and Ellie Harms, and Blake Schweitzer; sister, Ada (Russ) Minges; many nieces and nephews, Kisor - Doug, Kim (Mark), Brenda, and Lisa (Doug); Minges - Denise (Don) and Brad (Karin); Schmitz - Donna, David (Jackie), Debra (Pat), Dean (Barb), Denise, and Dawn (Jed); Harms - Jeff, Sharon, Michelle, Wendy, Lisa, and Linda. The children of these "children" were special to Phyllis, as well. Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Morris; and sister-in-law, Vonceil. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Phyllis's life will take place at a later date in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Those who would like to remember Phyllis are asked to consider a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are under the care of the Wilson MILLER Funeral Home. Personal messages of condolence may be left at www.wilson-miller.com

WOOD

BRUCE CHARLES Age 61, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away on March 3, 2016 at his home in Escazu, Costa Rica. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Robie Wood Sr. (Woody), and his mother Shirley Mainland Wood. Bruce is survived by his siblings, A. Robie Wood (Mary Ellen), Missy M. Chabot, and Laura W. Czarnecky (James); his nephews, Robie (Lauren) and Christopher Skinner; nieces, Abby, Hannah, and Emma Wood, Jessica and Jenna Czarnecky; and his great-nephew, Jax Robie Skinner. Bruce was a generous man with a very kind soul. He loved his friends and family deeply and lived a life that allowed him to truly experience the world. His sense of humor and laughter brought joy to many. His time with us was undoubtedly too short, but we take comfort in knowing he never lost track of the beat of his own drum. Contributions in memory of Bruce may be made to the ASPCA in his name. A private memorial in celebration of his life will be held in Novi on July 16, 2016. Informal attire and colors are encouraged. For further information please inquire at brucewoodmemorial@gmail.com.

PITTS

HAZEL LORENE age 90, passed away April 20, 2016. A Memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 5:00 PM at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport, Walled Lake, MI. Friends may visit at the church from 2-5 PM.

SEY

RUBY E. (SPAIN) 84 of White Lake, passed away peacefully in her sleep, June 3, at home. She was the beloved wife and best friend of 44 years to William Edward. Born in Johnson City, Tennessee, she was the daughter to the late James Herbert and Lottie Spain. Ruby was the area director for Jewels By Park Lane for many years to retirement. She loved golfing, cooking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She is survived by her loving children, Deborah Sey-Falzon and her husband Ronald of White Lake and William Brian Sey of Oak Park. "Gbabes" to Kristina, Brie-Anna, and Brittany. Dear siblings, Brenda Spain-Hubbard of Johnson City, TN, Joyce Spain-Holbrook of Johnson City, TN, and the late Lloyd Spain, Bill Spain, Ralph Spain, Mabel Spain-Sheffield, and Barbara Spain-Estep. Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service with a Celebration of Life Luncheon to follow Sunday, June 26 from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield.

SWEENEY

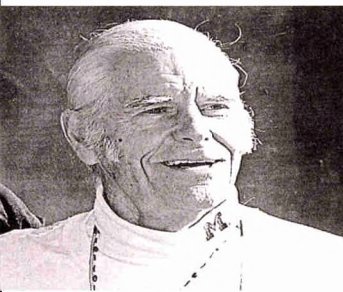
ESTHER M. Went home to the Lord June 13, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Edward W. Sweeney. She leaves behind three adult children, Edward W. III (Catharine), Michael K. (Kathleen), and Lynnda M.; grandchildren, Jamie L. Dormaier, Kalyan M. (Mark) Ernest, Dr. Ronald J. (Jillian), Edward IV (Emily), and Kevin D. (Dawn); two great-grandchildren, Eliza Ernest and Emelia Ernest. Esther was a long time member of Michigan Dental Assistant Association, having served as State President. A pioneer of Multiple Practice Management as well as, at one time, a bartender. Livonia Police Officer, and a practical nurse. Boasting that no employee ever quit her department. More boasting? Kissed by Elvis Presley in Las Vegas. Visitation Friday, June 17 at 1:00 p.m. until time of service at 6:00 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Memorial request: help someone in need.

WEIR



CHARLES R. June 12, 2016 Age 95. Beloved husband of the late Kathryn. Dear father of Richard, Mary McCann (Lynn) and Robin Horner (Clyde). Grandfather of Laura, Steven, Brian, Britton, Kathryn, Philip, Mark and Elizabeth. Great grandfather of Matthew and Sarah Akroyd, Grace, Ellie, Maggie, Calvin and Kelsea Weir and Britton Foster. Memorial service Saturday June 25 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine and Cranbrook Rds., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers family suggest memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary & share memories at AJDesmond.com

MATTHAEI



FREDERICK C., JR. Passed peacefully on June 2nd, 2016, at his daughters' home in Oakham Massachusetts, surrounded by his family, overlooking beautiful Brooks Pond. He was 90 years old. Fred was born in Detroit on October 20, 1925, son of Frederick Carl Matthaei, Sr. and Mildred (Mimi) Hague Matthaei. His grandparents had a grocery store and butcher's shop in downtown Detroit. As a child, Fred's father delivered milk to customers in a horse-drawn cart. Fred's father rose to prominence as the owner and CEO of American Metal Products (AMP). He was a well-known philanthropist and Regent of the University of Michigan, known for his many contributions to the University, including the land for Radrick Farms Golf Course (named after his two sons, Kon-RAD and Frede-RICK), the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, and the Huron Valley Humane Society, as well as his hard work together with Fred Jr. in trying to bring the Olympic Games to Detroit.

Fred Jr. grew up in Detroit and Ann Arbor. Upon his graduation from Ann Arbor High School in 1943, he enlisted in the Navy, and served while a student for two years. He was discharged due to a football injury. Fred graduated from the University of Michigan in 1947 with a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Mechanical Engineering. In 1948, he married a fellow student, Mary Elizabeth ("Betty," and later Malora) AschenBrenner, and raised their five children in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Fred described himself as an "entrepreneur and civic activist experienced in automotive parts manufacturing, corporate management, banking and finance, politics, lawsuits, community development, amateur athletics, and University of Michigan matters." He began his work life employed as an engineer at his father's automobile parts company, AMP, where he was proud to have worked his way from the bottom up, like other employees. At AMP, he helped develop adjustable seating tracks, and a prototype for an energy-efficient, compact car, called the Henry J.

In 1968, Fred purchased ARCO Industries, another automobile parts company, becoming its CEO and Chairman for many years. ARCO Industries grew to \$9 million in sales under his management, as he expanded their product line. As a result of the environmental movement, which Fred supported, ARCO eventually came under scrutiny for its standard production practices, which were found to have been polluting the groundwater with toxic chemicals. Fred remediated the pollution, and spent years in costly litigation with his insurers before winning a precedent-setting settlement with them in 2001. Around the same time, in the area of finance, the Parson's group which he was a partner in, folded. These two endeavors brought him near bankruptcy. In the 1980s, Fred shifted his entrepreneurial energies into residential real estate development, creating many beautiful housing communities with his son Carl, including Bloomfield Woods in Bloomfield Hills and the Matthaei Farm in the Ann Arbor area.

Fred's work as a civic activist spanned many arenas. In the wake of the urban rebellion of 1967 in Detroit, sparked by police violence and concentrated inner city African American unemployment and poverty, Fred teamed up with Tom Borman (owner of Farmer Jack's

stores) to load a semi truck with food and water to help residents of downtown Detroit. He joined the Virginia Park Rehabilitation Citizens Committee as an advisor to help in the city's rebuilding, and joined the Economic Development Corporation of Greater Detroit, chairing its board from 1968-1974. He was appointed in 1973 by Governor Milliken to the Board of Trustees of New Detroit, Inc. - an organization of black and white leaders working to identify and eliminate racial disparities in the region by building economic equity, social justice and racial understanding - serving as its chair in 1976 and 1977.

A second key area of civic activism for Fred was the University of Michigan. Fred was a passionate "Michigan man" all of his life, and an avid fan of the Wolverines. He was a member of the U of M Club of Greater Detroit and its president in 1958-59. He served as Regent in his father's seat in 1967-68, and was active in the Alumni Association as life-time member, director, committee member, and president. Fred worked tirelessly to make the Matthaei Botanical Gardens a world-class facility, assisted in the expansion of the Huron Valley Humane Society (which had been built on land donated by his father and aunt Litta), and donated land for the Parker Mill park. He endowed a number of scholarships, including the Mildred Hague Matthaei Student Research Fund, in memory of his mother, and the Matthaei Family Athletic Scholarship to help deserving athletes fund their educational goals. Fred participated in his class' fund-raising drive for a reflecting pool adjacent to the Lurie Engineering Center on North Campus by gifting funds for what is known as "Fred's fountain" - which he christened, at the pool's dedication, by jumping into it, in his suit! Fred's civic activism earned him recognition as "Honorary Citizen" of both Detroit and Ann Arbor, as well as numerous awards. In his hometowns of Birmingham and then Bloomfield Hills, Fred was best known for his service as governor of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, which he chaired in 1975 and 1976, and as founder and first president of the Birmingham Athletic Club.

Fred was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He traveled all over the far reaches of the world, often with his children and grandchildren. In the robotics world, "Grampa Fred" is a legend, as an avid supporter of his grandsons' team which won five World Championship titles. He was equally proud of the accomplishments of his granddaughters, Kaitlin, equestrian and Occupational Therapy student, and Ella, dancer, singer and teacher.

Fred was known by his friends, family, and colleagues for his unique ability to connect with all kinds of people and to bring them together to communicate, often to form a team with the goal of improving the community and world. He held onto his love for life and his adventuresome spirit up to the day he passed. Fred said many times that he had lived a wonderful life, had done everything he wanted to do, was grateful, and felt lucky. A teacher, inspiration, and adventurer, right to his very last breath, Fred will be sorely missed by his family, as well as by his community of friends and neighbors in Michigan and around the world.

Fred Matthaei is survived by his brother Konrad Matthaei; his sister-in-law Joan Anneberg; his four daughters, Julie Matthaei, Maru Matthaei, Amy Matthaei, and Mimi (Morgan) Crowther; his sons-in-law William Witter, William Crowther, and Germazion Medhanie; his nieces Marcella Matthaei, and Lisa and Karen Anneberg, and nephew Konrad Matthaei; his four grandchildren, Kaitlin, James, and Leland Crowther, and Ella Wechsler-Matthaei; and his grandnieces Evelyn AschenBrenner and Sophie Matthaei, and grandnephews Ken Erwood, and Konrad and Spencer Matthaei. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Malora (Betty) and his son Carl.

Fred's four daughters will hold a memorial celebration in his honor at 2 p.m. on July 31 at the Orchard Lake Country Club, 5000 W Shore Drive, Orchard Lake. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to 248-647-4800.

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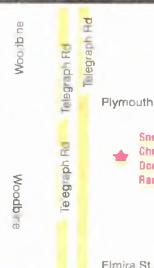
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Network aggressively and with integrity

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A lucky few may feel at home in a networking environment, but most dread it because it forces them outside their comfort zone.

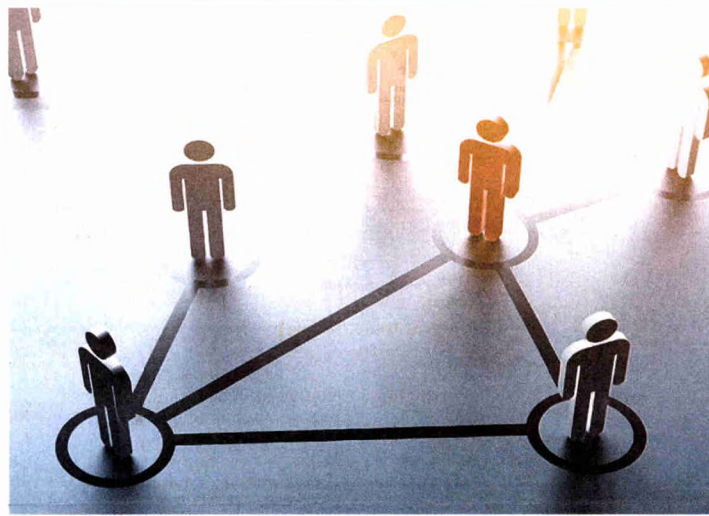
Here are five tips to make your networking efforts more aggressive and impactful while following protocol and maintaining etiquette.

Put yourself out there more. The first step toward successful networking is to be proactive about scheduling networking events and meetups on your calendar so it's on your radar.

"Going to events such as meetups in your area that relate to your field opens up dialogue without things getting too aggressive," says Alexis Sheehy, an online marketing specialist at Klara Technologies. "Building a relationship, even if it is as a result of sitting next to each other at a conference, is better than cold-calling or emailing. An aggressive approach would be to send a nice follow-up email after receiving a new business card from a networking event. If you're currently seeking a job, let that person know during the in-person conversation, casually."

Make your contact about building relationships. Approach your networking strategically, but don't try to bypass building relationships and take shortcuts — it will pay off in the long run.

"If you focus on a broader scope — a relationship, not just a singular social transaction — you're more likely to win over a contact," says April Masini,



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an author, relationship and etiquette expert, and popular media resource. "Job seekers, without realizing (it), can come across as grubby because they want a job. When you set yourself apart as someone who wants a relationship with a contact, not just a job, you're more likely to appear less desperate and smarter."

Be authentic. "When making industry friends, don't hide your true self to try to appear greater or smarter or richer than anyone," says Max Cron, creative strategy director for Online Optimism, a marketing agency. "Putting up this wall becomes apparent and can be a turnoff for many people."

Benjamin Luftman, one of the founding partners of the law firm Luftman, Heck & Associates, says he looks for job seekers who express a genuine interest.

"As a hiring manager, the qualities I look for when job seekers or potential employees are networking with me are authenticity and enthusiasm," he says.

"When someone is contrived, it shows. I think it's about striking the right balance between self-promotion and inquisitiveness. If you handle yourself in a way that shows you are confident, not cocky and desperate, and genuinely interested in the person you are speaking with, it goes a long way."

Showcase your subject-matter expertise. Consider writing a blog or creating a podcast or YouTube video on a subject that's relevant to your field of expertise, advises Matt Sweetwood, an author, speaker and social media and photography expert. Then, share it with the potential employers you meet at networking events.

Ask experts for their advice, not an interview. "People love to talk about their own experiences and answer smart questions," Masini says. "When you create a conversation by asking their advice with specific, smart questions, you're more likely to engage someone over the long run than the short run. This is a smart move in creating a relationship with someone you want to network with (because) it comes off as generous, not selfish."

Tap into experts at networking events by picking their brains about issues relevant to the industry or asking about their professional experiences.

"Good networking always requires an understanding of the prevailing standards and social codes for your industry, function and level," says Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "Always position your request as: 'If you were me, how would you approach this process?' (and) not: 'Do you have a job opening?'"

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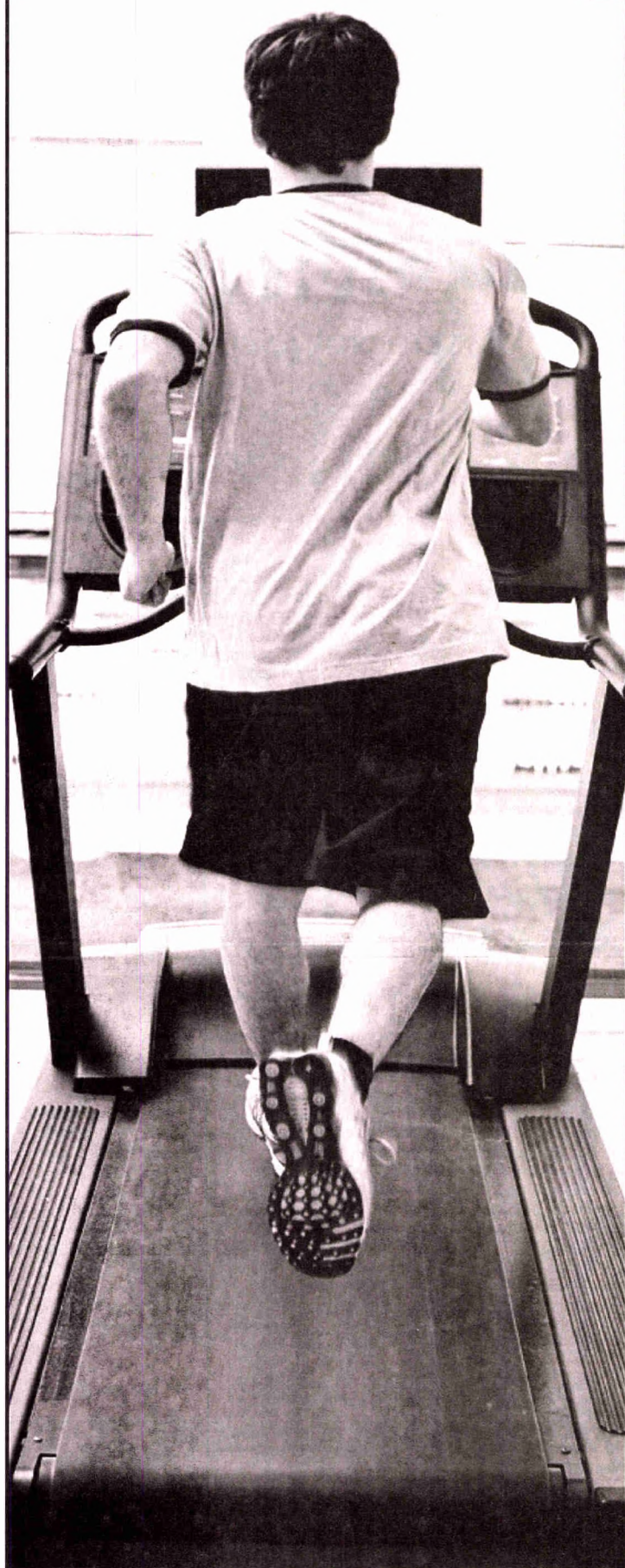
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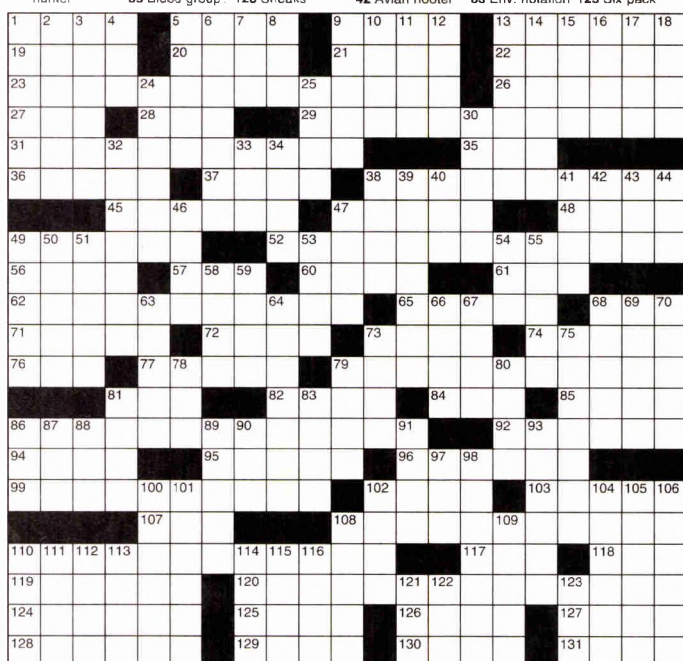
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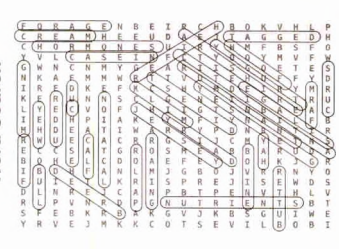
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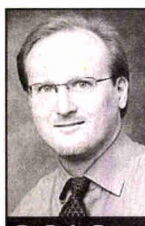
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Car Report

In One of Auto Industry's Most Aggressive Comparison-Ad Campaigns, Chevy Silverado Made the Bed for Ford F-150 To Lie In



By Dale Buss

Apparently it wasn't enough for General Motors to flog Ford with multiple TV ads, pre-movie cinema ads and online videos purporting to demonstrate the strength and durability deficit between

the steel bed of its Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck and the unconventional new military-grade aluminum bed of the Ford F-150.

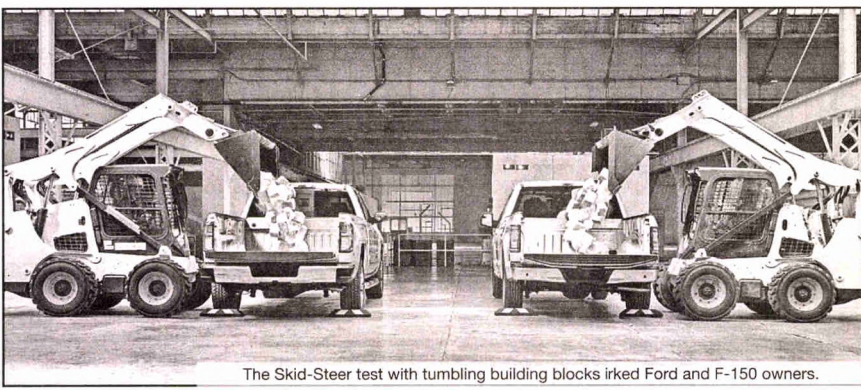
Chevy's ballsy comparison advertising also assailed Ford executives by materializing in front of Ford suppliers and customers all over the Motor City in early June in a multi-media comparison-marketing blitz perhaps without precedent in the

the Detroit Tigers play.

And then a few days later, on Sunday, June 12, Chevrolet hit Ford again, with another four pages of graphic insult wrapped around the week's largest edition of their home town's largest newspaper, the Detroit Free Press.

They were giddy at Chevy, perturbed at Ford. "It's a cheap shot," groused one Ford executive. "But we're the industry leader, so naturally they're going to come after us." Added another Ford executive: "GM is stuck with what they have for another few years, without a new truck version coming, so they have to do what they can."

Still, it was one thing, back in the day, for pickup brands to run comparison TV advertising that showed their trucks being able to pull bigger payloads than the other guys. And of course, there have been other outsize truck ads such as the campaign that Toyota ran a few years ago showing its Tundra



The Skid-Steer test with tumbling building blocks irked Ford and F-150 owners.

in 2012 which showed the Chevrolet Silverado emerging from the rubble of a post-apocalyptic scene? It played on supposed predictions by the ancient Mayan calendar of the world's end in 2012, which became a popular media meme that year.

In the ad, only Chevy truck drivers made it to their rallying point, one of them holding a box of long-lived Twinkies. "Where's Dave?" one of the Silverado-driving survivors asked. He "didn't drive the longest-lasting, most dependable trucks on the road," another answered. "Dave ... drove a Ford."

But to the delight of Chevy mavens and the pique of Ford fans, this new Silverado campaign topped them all.

There was the launch of the major video-ad campaign, for starters.

Also, however, on the morning of that announcement, and a media webcast about it with Chevrolet executives. Chevy took out the first of the week's expensive, four-page wraparound advertisements for the

Silverado campaign that enveloped the Free Press as well as Wednesday's Detroit News and USA Today editions.

No doubt many executives of fleet customers and potential customers for Ford vehicles woke up in their Detroit-area hotels to find those newspapers at their feet. Ford happened to be hosting its annual fleet preview at Cobo Hall downtown and at its proving ground in nearby Dearborn, Mich., this week, where it was trying to wow government and commercial buyers with its newest vehicles.

Those vehicles included the first Super Duty versions of F-Series trucks that were made with the type of aluminum bed which Chevy sullied in its ads. For the first time, this fall the heavy-duty F-250 through F-550 models will be based on the same types of aluminum beds which Ford introduced last year — in a tremendously high-stakes, and high-profile gamble — on the F-150.

Ford made an official statement about the Silverado ads and also pointed to the fact that F-150 buyers

simply aren't complaining about the durability of the aluminum bed. The company also said that most truck beds are covered by some form of liner that would have prevented the kind of punctures and bad dents that show up in F-150s under the duress of some of Chevrolet's televised tests.

And, Ford people noted, previously they produced their own video showing rocks being emptied into an F-150 bed — albeit not stones being dumped randomly into a truck from a few feet above the bed as in one of the Silverado ads. And the truck in the Ford video had a bed liner.

Ultimately, of course, Ford can point to the scoreboard: Sales of all Ford F-Series trucks through May were up by more than 7 percent compared with a year earlier, and up 9 percent in May. Meanwhile, sales of Silverado were up by only 1 percent for the period, though GM said that in May it experienced "the lowest incentive spend and the best-managed inventories in the segment."



Chevrolet Silverado ads lit a fire in Detroit.

U.S. automotive industry, including big-bucks wraparound newspaper ads and, reportedly, Jumbotron stadium videos at Comerica Park while Ford's ad agency was seeing

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June 24, 2016 10:00 am

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2007 Chevy 2slwv15kx7999140

1999 Buick 2d4w515x1489503

2006 Chevy 2slwv161x69283431

2004 Ford 1f0p4604137191

2001 Pontiac 1g2wv52k10259947

1999 Chevy 1acsc12wdrk173855

2009 Chevy 1g1v32b091133562

1995 GMC 3d4w515x1489503

1999 Chevy 1g1v32b091133562

1999 Mercury 2m2z550x129729

2002 Chevy 2slwv15kx7999140

1994 Chevy 1acsc12wdrk173855

1999 Ford 1f0p4604137191

1995 Infiniti 1n6y1d8m210432

2002 Pontiac 1g1v32b091133562

2004 Chevy 1g1v32b091133562

2005 Chevy 1g1v32b091133562

2004 Ford 1f0p4604137191

2005 Hyundai 1knhw352a152103

2002 Chevy 2slwv15kx7999140

2014 Kia 1knhw352a152103

2006 Dodge 13cl4626n198733

1998 Porsche 9d4w515x1489503

2001 Chevy 2d4w515x1489503

1998 Chevy 1g1v32b091133562

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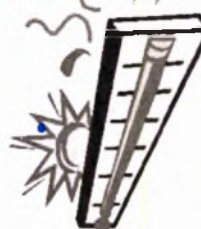
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