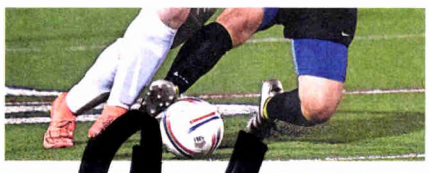

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Attwood Park: Smile for the camera

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Next time you're visiting Attwood Park in Wayne, smile for the camera.

New security cameras have been installed in the park thanks to Brian Ewanciw, owner of Icon Computer Solutions located in Wayne. Ewanciw donated the equipment — his company installs security cameras — and took care of the installation. It's the second time he's provided security cameras for the park.

"It started last year with a camera at the skate park. My son was having issues with bullies," Ewanciw said. "I installed the camera at the end of season at the skate park."

The camera provides a live feed from skate park, located near the HYPE Recreation Center, to the Wayne Police Department. "We monitor it 24/7 at the station," Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag said.

The four additional cameras cover the parking area, the pavilions and playground area of Attwood Park.

"We've had juvenile problems in the past — assaults, robberies and vandalism at the playscape. Over the years, we've had consistent vandalism," Maciag said. "The cameras have been up about a month. We have less problem with juveniles when school starts. Nothing has happened so far (since the cameras have been installed.)"

With Wayne's severe financial problems — the city projects it will run out of money in 2017 or early 2018 — the police department is short-staffed.

"To something of this magnitude is a lot of money. For Brian to donate this for the city, this huge," Maciag said.

Along with concerns about his son at the skate park,

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LEANNE ROGERS
Icon Computer Solutions owner Brian Ewanciw (left) with Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag.

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Bruce Shippe, with the Garden City Police Department, Redford Officer Jennifer Mansfield and Maverick approach the building where the training scenario takes place.

DOWN WITH THE DOGS

Intense training binds K-9 teams

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If you've ever wondered how police dogs track criminals, chances are you've left enough of a trail on your keyboard, mobile device or newspaper reading this story to be found by a diligent canine.

It comes down to skin cells. Every person sheds them as a kind of microscopic footprint, some 500 million per day, according to the American Chemical Society.

In a recent training exercise, it took Redford Township Police canine Maverick just a couple of seconds to pick up on such a trail. It didn't come as a surprise to Officer Jennifer Mansfield, his partner for nearly a decade.

"Once I get him on a human odor, he will ignore everything else," Mansfield said. "A rabbit or deer could run right in front of him and he wouldn't react."

Acquiring and maintaining that skill comes with a price. Mansfield and Maverick spend nearly eight hours almost every Wednesday honing their individual and team skills at the K9 Academy Training Facility in Taylor.

Housed in a former elementary school, the academy

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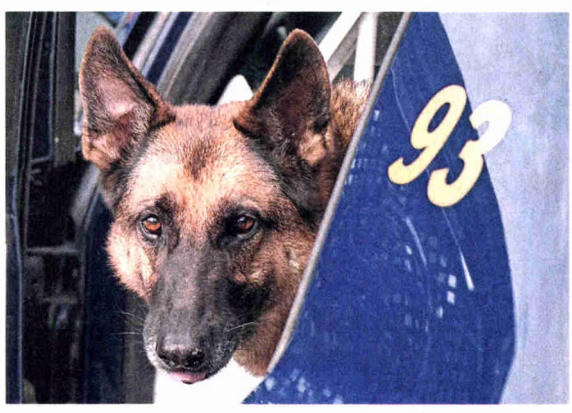

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Maverick, a 10-year-old German shepherd, looks out from his back seat of the police car.

Suspect sought in rape, robbery

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Westland Police released a sketch of a man wanted in connection to a sexual assault and armed robbery at a local business.

The incident happened about 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at a business in the area of Wayne Road and Palmer. Westland Police Sgt. Robert Wilkie said the business wasn't being named to avoid identifying the victim.

The suspect came into the business and allegedly threatened an employee with a weapon, demanding money. The employee gave the suspect money, police said, then sexually assaulted her.

Afterward, the suspect stole the victim's car, police said, which was later recovered nearby, police said.

The suspect is described as a black male, 6 feet to 6-foot-2, 250-300 pounds, heavy set with a scruffy beard. He was described as wearing a black t-shirt, gray gym shorts and a black do-rag-style cloth over his head.

This case is under investigation by the Westland Police Department Detective Bureau.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or 734-467-7956.

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Police sketch of the suspect.

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Ewanicw said he kept hearing stories about problems with bullies, stolen bicycles and other problems on Facebook.

"I do cameras. I decided to step in to help and do what I can to help. We do a lot of these cameras around town," said Ewanciw, a Wayne resident who moved his business from Ypsilanti six years ago.

The cameras are high-definition and IP-based network connected, Ewanciw said, rather than providing a feed through a cable which provides much sharper images.

"This is a great tool to have," Maciag said.

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5 thing about Westland farmers market

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Agnes Wynn of Westland talks with Scott-Tish Bee Honey co-owner Scott Branham at the Westland Farmers Market.

Five things about the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market:

One: The market can now accept credit/debit cards for purchases as well as EBT, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP Bridge Cards. Take the cards to the market information booth inside the Farmers Market Pavilion. After the card is swiped, the customer receives $1 wooden coins for the amount requested.

"They take the tokens to the vendors. A lot of people came to check out the market. Something catches their eye but they don't have cash," said Brookellen Swope, president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce which runs the market. "They can swipe their card. The vendors are happy with it."

For those using a SNAP Bridge Card, a Fair Food Network grant will match the customer's spending on Michigan grown fruits and vegetables up to $20 every market day. Metal coins are used for the double up program.

Two: The Artisan part of the market is the largest growing segment of the market, according to Swope. Vendors sell jewelry, wooden furniture and a variety of other hand-made goods. There is also a vendor selling knives but he doesn't manufacture those.

Three: There is a large variety of food at the market. Vendors sell honey, baked goods, jam and jellies in addition to a range of season produce. There was still corn and tomatoes on sale recently but pumpkins and other fall produce was starting to appear.

There's also plenty of food to eat on-site thanks to food trucks. There are fresh made mini doughnuts, hand-squeezed lemonade, hot dogs, pizza and ice cream.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Shawnee Ransom helps her grandfather out at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market. DeWoulf Farms from Howell sells produce at the weekly event.

Four: Each week, the Farmers and Artisans Market has live music. Recently that was duo Rob and Max. "We love them — they're the greatest," Swope said.

The number of performers vary. Marsha Mumm plays the piano. "Sometimes she is alone, sometimes she has a trio or a quartet with different instruments," Swope said. "Benny from Benny and the Jets has performed but without the Jets.

Five: Shoppers can get free stuff. Early arrivals can get a free reusable shopping bag courtesy of North Brothers Ford. Sometimes there are drawings for a free prize — recently that was a fall floral arrangement provided by My Lady Florist.

The market will close for the season Thursday, Oct., 13. A drawing will be held to win a painted pumpkin.

The Westland Farmers and Artisans Market is open 3-7 p.m. Thursdays from May through October. The market is held in the Westland Farmers Market Pavilion in Central City Park at Ford and Carlson in Westland.

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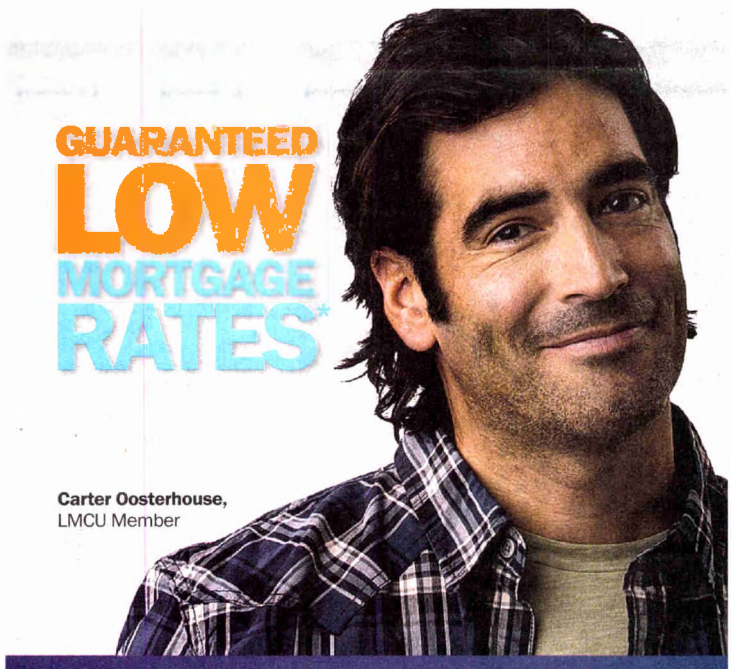

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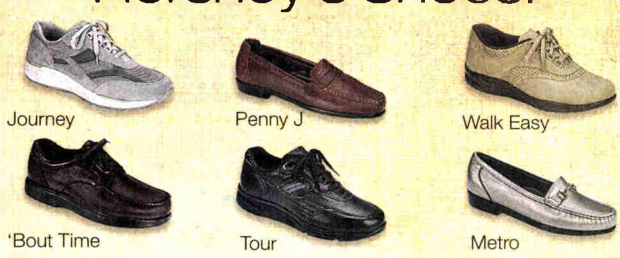

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Livonia police briefs: retail fraud suspects arrested

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Suspect arrested at Kohls

Livonia police were dispatched Thursday afternoon to Kohls, 29580 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud.

A store employee said the suspect went to the jewelry area and selected earrings before putting them back down and picking up a bracelet. She then went to the shoe area and moved items around before leaving the bracelet in that area and selecting a box of shoes and placing it in her cart under her purse. She then allegedly tried to leave without paying but was stopped by a story employee. She was detained until police arrived and arrested her. She reportedly said she was bipolar and was prone to stealing items if she doesn't take her medication.

Wine, earbuds stolen

Police were called to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, Thursday evening on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

A store employee said the suspect selected earbuds and took them to a self-checkout area that was closed. He reportedly placed them in a bag and then went into the restroom. When he came out a minute later, he had two additional bottles of wine. He was stopped and detained until police arrived and arrested him.

Judge: Robbery defendant is competent for trial

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Stachowski

A Wayne County judge has ruled that a Westland man is competent to stand trial amid charges he robbed a Canton chiropractor at knifepoint.

Barring a plea deal, 36-year-old Michael James Stachowski is now facing trial Nov. 14 in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of armed robbery and larceny in a building. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Charges against Stachowski arose after he was accused of going inside Village Wellness Center, wielding a knife and robbing owner Sherry Sieber of $187. The alleged incident happened about 4 p.m. March 3 at the business on Ford Road, near Haggerty, in the heart of Canton's bustling retail corridor.

The case had stalled after Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas Cameron in April ordered a psychiatric evaluation to determine whether Stachowski is competent to stand trial and whether he could be held criminally responsible. After receiving a report on Stachowski, Cameron ruled Aug. 29 that the defendant should, indeed, face trial, court records show.

Stachowski has remained jailed with a $300,000 bond since the incident happened. Sieber and other witnesses notified police and directed them to an area across Ford Road where the suspect had fled. Police caught up with him near two hotels and fired a Taser gun to subdue him after he allegedly held a knife to his own neck, police have said.

A not-guilty plea has been placed in Stachowski's court file.

Police say Stachowski is a repeat offender. He already spent time in prison for bank robbery and armed robbery. He was paroled in July of last year after he served time for robbing the Bank of America branch at Five Mile and Beck in Plymouth Township.

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Northville Township approves Meijer

A rendering of Village at Northville, featuring a new Meijer.

A raucous, standing-room-only crowd booed, howled and occasionally applauded as Northville Township trustees Thursday night approved by a slim margin a plan for Meijer as anchor for the proposed mixed-use Village at Northville at Five Mile and Beck.

Approval of the planned unit development concept plan, with a 170,000-square-foot Meijer, came in a 4-3 vote. The approval, however, carries a number of conditions for Meijer and Southfield-based developer Redico, which has a letter of intent to purchase the 53 acres of the former Scott Prison property. The center would abut the township's community park on Five Mile.

Conditions the township board asked the developer and Meijer to meet include: reduce open hours for Meijer to coincide at least with the nightly hours of a theater; increase open space by 20 percent; increase security; and make architectural design improvements of the Meijer facade to comply with an upscale center and community.

Supervisor Bob Nix, Treasurer Margorie Banner and trustees Marv Gans and Fred Shadko voted for the project, while Clerk Sue Hillebrand and trustees Mindy Hermann and Samantha Heath opposed the plans. Board members who supported the plan said they felt they had to do what is best for the township. Those who opposed the PUD took issue to a large degree with plans for the Meijer. Hermann and Heath said they recognized the strong opposition to the store.

Anticipating a loud and angry crowd, township officials had a police officer standing near the door to the board auditorium, while residents struggled to find parking with many leaving their cars in nearby neighborhoods.

Residents spoke for two hours and even cajoled trustees for suggesting that a Meijer be placed in a center that has been billed as "high-end" and "upscale." Concerns about increased traffic and potential crime associated with the big box grocery store dominated the comments.

Finally, as booing, clapping and random accusations were shouted at trustees, Nix stopped the comments and asked, "Why do you want to impugn our integrity?" He later asked residents why they believe board members are "idiots."

Still the verbal onslaught continued. Residents described Meijer as a low-end retailer that draws crime and traffic. They also accused the township board of failing to complete due diligence on the plan. Others claimed that the overall mixed-use plan lacked innovation.

Redico's $120 million plans for the acreage include a Meijer, a movie theater, hotel, 78 townhomes with price tags in the mid-$300,000, retail shops in a walkable setting, a gathering site for events, a gas station and bank as well as a multi-tenant building.

The PUD approval impacts a number of the township's plans, including the need for the final decision to be made by Dec. 31, according to a state requirement. It also impacts the township's need to demolish the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile, potential road improvements, a gas well owned by DTE, as well as contamination on the site.

The state sold the former prison property to the township for $1 in 2012. The sale came with the caveat that it be sold for development by Dec. 31 or used for a public purpose. The price Redico would pay for the acreage has not been disclosed, but the township would receive a large portion of the proceeds, anticipated at about $5 million and earmarked to tear down the buildings at the former psychiatric property, which the township owns.

Township officials also spoke of the need for services that could be provided with a grocery, retail, hotel and other amenities to continue to draw major corporations to the MiTech development on the east side of Beck Road. Bringing in research and development and high-tech companies can provide needed tax revenues for the Northville community, Nix said.

The property, if developed by Redico, would also open the door for the township, working with Wayne County, to potentially receive traffic congestion funding from the federal government, as well as improvements paid for by the developer. Because the property is contaminated, its development also allows creation of a brownfield development district for the cleanup. The brownfield plan was approved Thursday.

The township, Nix said, does not have money to build ball fields or other passive or active park uses on the prison property nor does it have funds to tear down the psychiatric hospital buildings. "We'll end up with a piece of dirt with environmental problems and no funds to deal with it," he said.

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Livonia businesses embrace cultures

Some 180 business people gathered last week at Schoolcraft College for an event to inspire more interactions among ethnic business cultures in and around Livonia.

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce organized a panel discussion featuring business leaders from Asian-Pacific, German, Chaldean and Hispanic communities, all of which continue to see an increase in residents and business ownership in metro Detroit.

"Experts say communities and companies that do the best job of attracting foreign investment will have the best chance for economic success in the future," Livonia Chamber President Dan West said. "As our community and world become a more diverse place, it is important that we all learn to look beyond any cultural barriers and build productive relationships."

The Connecting Cultures to Business panel included Van Nyugen, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce; Reinhard Lemke, a senior advisor to the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany; Martin Manna, president of the Chaldean-American Chamber of Commerce; and Paul Ureste, a Westland business owner who serves on the executive committee for the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. TV reporter Roop Raj from WJBK-TV (Channel 2), a first-generation American of Indian heritage, was the moderator.

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TV reporter Roop Raj leads Thursday's multicultural business discussion in Livonia with ethnic chamber leaders Paul Ureste, Martin Manna, Reinhard Lemke and Van Nyugen.

Nyugen said connecting with the Oriental and Indian business people she represents takes patience and time to build a trusting relationship.

"It is really no different than building any good relationship with anyone else," said Nyugen, who leads a chamber that represents 4,700 business and organizations across the Midwest.

Lemke said there is a lot of economic development opportunities with German businesses looking to establish operations in the United States.

"German companies are looking for communities that are willing to work with them long term," said Lemke, who added 20 percent of Michiganders are of German descent.

The Chaldean Chamber looks to represent some 15,000 Chaldean-owned businesses in Michigan. Manna said 40 percent of his membership is not Chaldean, but those members see value in connecting with his chamber.

"While we look forward to connecting people to opportunities with our members, likewise, we encourage our members to meet new people themselves with the geographic chambers and other business groups," Manna said.

The Michigan Hispanic chamber aims to be a gateway to the 11,000 Hispanic-owned businesses and 400,000 Latinos in Michigan.

"We continue to be a fast-growing community here in Michigan and across the country," Ureste said.

Student leaders from all five of Livonia's high schools were in the audience. Also, municipal leaders from Westland, Wayne, Macomb County and Livonia attended, exploring ideas for more multicultural business interactions in their communities.

Area colleges look to aid ITT Tech students

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Area colleges are looking to see what type of accommodations can be done for those former ITT Tech students after the for-profit college closed earlier this month.

The college, which had metro Detroit campuses in Canton, Dearborn and Troy, closed Sept. 6 after it faced sanctions from the U.S. Department of Education. The closure affected an unknown amount of students across five campuses in Michigan, including the three in metro Detroit.

Some schools, like Schoolcraft College, are setting up methods for former ITT Tech students to be in touch with them about potentially continuing their education there. But Robert Leadley, the college's dean of occupational programs and economic development, said that could be tricky. Most of the classes at ITT Tech do not have an equivalent at Schoolcraft College and transferring them may not be an option. But each student is encouraged to speak to a representative from the college and determine their options.

"Really, what we want them to do is come in and talk to one of our counselors and just kind of get an idea of where they're at in their program and help us to evaluate their transcripts and what are the possibilities we can do," he said. "We don't know until we talk to each one of them individually."

Other options at Schoolcraft College include possibly earning credits through a portfolio process or via an exam.

The college, which has campuses in Livonia and Garden City, has set up a website dedicated for former ITT Tech students and hotline for them to access information about possibly enrolling at Schoolcraft College. That hotline number for scheduling an appointment with a counselor is 734-462-4430.

Informational meeting at OCC

Oakland Community College will host an informational event for students looking to enroll at that school, which has campuses in five communities: Farmington Hills, Southfield, Royal Oak, Auburn Hills and Waterford. That event will take place 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Auburn Hills campus at 2900 Featherstone in Building F and in room G-240.

Attendance is free, though the college requests those who plan on attending register at OCC4ITT.Eventbrite.com . OCC says it plans on waiving the fall application deadline for former ITT Tech students so they can enroll in classes this fall instead of waiting until after the holidays.

"We don't want them to have to wait until winter semester," OCC spokeswoman Bridget Kavanaugh said.

Schoolcraft College also offers some late-start classes, including 12-week sessions that begin Tuesday and seven-week sessions starting Oct. 20. The college also offers "open entry, open exit" classes, that are online courses that can begin anytime in the semester, but need to be complete by the end of the semester.

Leadley said he anticipates more students may end up enrolling starting early next year, especially with all the issues surrounding financial aid and paperwork that needs to be taken care of.

"It may take a while to get the loan discharged and the paperwork and everything done," Leadley said.

Students looking to enroll at classes at Wayne County Community College District also still have time to access some flex entry classes that begin Oct. 18.

Former ITT Tech students looking to enroll at WCCCD, which has campuses in Detroit, Belleville, Taylor and Harper Woods, are encouraged to call 800-300-2118 or email inquiries@wcccd.edu for more information.

"We have committed staff to helping students displaced by the ITT Technical Institute closure to continue their education without disrupting their pathway to rewarding and fast-growing careers," WCCCD Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery said in a statement. "Our mission has always been to provide pathways to better lives through higher education, and we are mobilizing to help those students carry on their studies — starting today."

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Police looking for suspect in 2 bank robberies

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Police in Redford Township and Livonia are asking the public's help to catch a bank robbery suspect who allegedly hit two financial institutions Tuesday on Plymouth Road.

Livonia police say a woman, described as a white female approximately 50-60 years old, 130-150 pounds, with shoulder length blonde hair in a ponytail, came into the Chase Bank at 27901 Plymouth in Livonia. Police say she passed a note to the teller demanding cash. She later left in a silver compact car. Capt. Robert Nenciarini of the Livonia Police Department said she did not get away with any cash from the bank, and no one was injured in the attempt.

The Redford Township Police Department says the woman then went across Inkster and robbed the Public Service Credit Union, 26838 Plymouth, a few hours later at about 3:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Livonia police say the woman was wearing eye glasses and gloves during at least one of the incidents.

She was last seen wearing a black ball cap, a black jacket and blue-colored scrubs. The hat, according to Livonia police, was a black and tan "Hockeytown" cap with a Detroit Red Wings logo and crossed hockey sticks on the front.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470 or Redford Police Det. Scott Bynes at 313-387-2582.

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Don't file return unless it's accurate

Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Q: I am in my late 60s and last year I got remarried. This is my husband's second marriage as well and we both have children and grandchildren from previous marriages. To be honest, the marriage is not going very well and I have a funny feeling that it will end in the not-so-distant future. The current problem deals with our 2015 tax return. After some discussions, we decided that his accountant would prepare the return and my accountant would review it. After reviewing the return, my accountant recommended that I file my return separately, not as a joint return. He said there were too many irregularities. The problem is, if we file separate tax returns, it would cost me about $4,000 in taxes. I don't want to pay those taxes. My gut feeling is that I should sign the return and take the gamble. My question to you is what do you think?

A: I 100-percent agree with your accountant. I think it is a mistake to knowingly sign a false tax return. I believe when you intentionally sign a false tax return, you potentially open up a can of worms that can create all sorts of problems for you, both legally and financially.

It is important to understand that when a taxpayer signs a return, whether it is an individual return or a joint return, they are attesting to the fact that they believe the return is fair and accurate. As a result, if the IRS audits your return and it discovers irregularities, not only can you personally be on the hook for the additional tax liability, but also interest and penalties. If the IRS determines that there was negligence involved, you can see penalties as high as 50 percent.

You may think that the only additional tax liability you would personally be responsible for is the amount attributed to your income; unfortunately, that's not the case. When you sign a joint tax return, you are personally on the hook for potentially all the additional tax liability, plus any interest or penalty assessed. You may be under the mistaken belief that since the issues deal with your husband's income, only he would be responsible — that's not the case. The IRS can choose to go after you, your husband or both of you. Therefore, it's potentially possible that you can be hit with a substantial liability. As far as I'm concerned, I would not want to take that risk. After all, the question you'd have to ask yourself is, if you were held liable and had to take a significant hit, how would that affect your personal finances?

In addition, something to think about is sleeping at night. Knowing that you signed a return that could come back to haunt you can cause unforeseen anxiety and, potentially, even affect your health. My question is, is it worth it?

There are many situations where a spouse will sign a joint return and then it turns out there were some irregularities and, as a result, there were substantial additional taxes, penalty and interest owed. If one spouse can show that they had no knowledge of the irregularities and had no way of discovering them, there are procedures where that spouse can relieve themselves of liability. The innocent spouse statute deals with this issue. However, it is important to know that the innocent spouse has the burden to prove their case. If they cannot, they are going to be held equally liable.

In many situations where the innocent spouse statute is used, both parties are cooperating with each other. In the situation at hand, where the marriage may not last, I am not sure there will be cooperation and that could cause a problem.

I always encourage taxpayers to file fair and accurate returns. Not only is it our responsibility as citizens of this great country to abide by the law, but it will also help you sleep at night. After all, no one wants to go to bed at night having to worry that the next day the IRS or the state of Michigan will be contacting them. My advice is to focus on the quality of your life, so I recommend that unless your husband cleans up the return, you should file a separate tax return — no matter the cost.

Good luck!

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

Jaycees 5K Walk/Run benefits veterans

Join the Westland Area Jaycees for a 5K fun run to honor and benefit veterans Saturday, Oct. 22 at Central City Park.

Participants will run/walk behind some local military units as they sing cadence through the course. All-day activities will be held after the race. This year, the Jaycees will partner with the Westland Veterans Association to provide resources and programs for local area veterans, said Jaycee Jim Hart.

Registration for the 5K is $30. Children 12 and under accompanied by a registered running adult are free but will not receive a tee-shirt. Additional shirts can be purchased for $16.

New this year is a Kid Run, roughly one mile, for those 12 and under. Registration is $12 which includes a shirt, bib and small participation medal.

Baby Joggers are allowed but must go in final wave. There will be three waves: the first wave will be military units running in formation; a second wave is for runners and competitive walkers; and the final wave is for all other participants.

Also new this year is the Virtual Veterans 5K for those who can't make it the day of the event but would still like to participate. Registration is $25, which includes a medal, bib and shipping. Shirts are not included but can be purchased for an additional cost of $16. Times do not need to be sent in to obtain your medal and bib -it is an honor system.

Participants who register by Oct. 1 will be guaranteed medals; for those who register after Oct 1, medals and shirts will be offered based on availability. Bibs and medals will be sent out after Oct. 22.

The 5K begins at 9 a.m. sharp but it's suggested that participants be there by 8 a.m. to allow for road closures, parking and any opening ceremonies. The race begins and ends at Thomas Brown Central City Park off Ford at Carlson.

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For more information about the 5K, call Hart at 734-709-5307 or email COB@Westlandareajaycees.org.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
September 26, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm. regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF GARDEN CITY

ORDINANCE NO: A16-xxx

TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY CONVEYANCE ORDINANCE

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

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. AUTHORIZATION OF COUNCIL TO CONVEY PROPERTY

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

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

E	35-007-04-0025-000	29804 Elmwood, Garden City, MI
E	35-014-04-0489-000	28691 Marquette, Garden City, MI
E	35-018-04-0109-000	31035 Sheridan, Garden City, MI
J	35-008-03-0449-002	6933 Gilman, Garden City, MI
J	35-019-04-0164-002	595 Brandt, Garden City, MI
J	35-025-02-0336-000	33735 Marquette, Garden City, MI

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION III. REPEAL.

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

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Published: September 18, 2016

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ORDINANCE NO. 152-N
AMENDED ZONING MAP #08-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 152-N, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

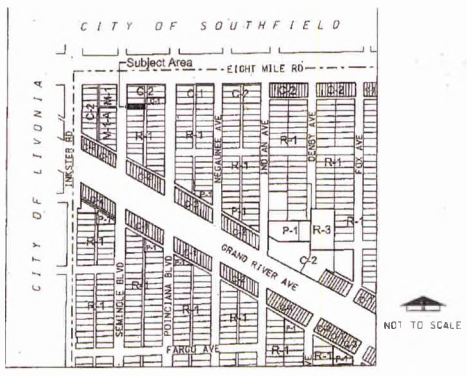
THE TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Redford shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property is rezoned, to-wit:

Map #03-15: To rezone from R-1 (one family residential district) to P-1 (vehicular parking district) land situated in the Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan. Legal description as follows:

Lot 596, and ½ vacated alley in the rear thereof, "Seminole Woods Subdivision", according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 38 of Plats, Page 75, Wayne County records.

Property more commonly known as: vacant land on Seminole, Parcel # 79 004 04 0596 000



Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. The rezoning was approved by the Board of Trustees, at the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2016. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption or upon publication..

AYES: **Johnson, Kennedy, Cavanagh, Christie, McRae, Sullivan & Kobylarz**
NAYS: **None**
ABSENT: **None**
Motion #16:091, carried: 7-0.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 152-N, Map #08-15 was published in the Redford Observer, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Redford on September 18, 2016, which date was within thirty (30) days after the adoption of said Ordinance 152-N.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Publish Date: September 18, 2016.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Turkey trot

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

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

The Kirksey Recreation Center will offer Turkey Trot Conditioning. Certified Personal Trainer Deb Vinitski will create a customized and adaptive science-based training program for now and for the long run. Contact her at ptdebbiev@aol.com. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Documentary screening

The Livonia Civic Center Library hosts a screening of "The Great Detroit," a documentary that examines the positive aspects of Detroit, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22.

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

Taste of the Arts

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

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

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

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

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Toth of Garden City and Kelly McRae of Canton stirred up chili and national politics at the Bernie Sanders booth at last year's Chili cookoff.

Infant massage class

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

Chili-Cook-Off 'Afterburn'

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

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

Trunk or treat

The second annual Spooktacular Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the Garden City Business Alliance and the DDA, takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 27, in the Kroger Plaza Parking lot, northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in Garden City.

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

Used instruments

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

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

'Believe' series

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

For more information, visit www.clarencevillechurch.org.

Goodfellows meet

Livonia Goodfellows will hold its General Membership Meeting on Monday, Sept. 19 (note: This is a change), at 7 p.m. at the Livonia Senior Center located on the southeast corner of 5 Mile and Farmington Road. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 313-438-0862.

Craft show

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts its fall festival and craft show from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. The craft show runs until 3 p.m. The event will feature a bounce house, beer tent, food, bake sale and silent auction, with live entertainment from 3-9 p.m.

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

Used book sale

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

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

Town Hall speakers

The Livonia Town Hall has announced speakers for its 52nd season:

Oct. 19 — Joel Sartore, a National Geographic Photographer.

Nov. 16 — Tom Gjelton, a National Security correspondent will discuss the foreign policy challenges of the United States.

Jan. 18 — Writer Doug Stantonwill relate his writing on travel adventures and political pieces from national publications.

March 15 — Best-selling author Denise Kiernanwill discuss how she wrote "The Girls of the Atomic City."

Tickets are $150 for the season, which includes lunch and lecture or $180 for priority seating. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, in Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 to purchase tickets between 9 a.m. 5 p.m.

Farmers Market

Wilson Barn hosts a Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 8 at 29350 W. Chicago in Livonia.

The market features local vendors, produce, crafts and baked goods and breads. For more information, call Karen at 734-261-3602 or visit wilsonbarn.com

Craft show

Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy, hosts a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 in the social hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

Admission is free, and the event will feature an hourly 50/50 raffle, bale sale and available food and beverages. Table rental is $25.

For more information, call Mary at 734-425-4421 (vm#10).

Genealogical meeting

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, Sept. 19, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Please note the new format: 5:30 p.m. Bring your dinner and join the conversation with other members, 6:15 p.m., announcements and pre-program, 7 p.m., Wally Schlegel will present the new and improved FAMILYSEARCH.ORG. website.

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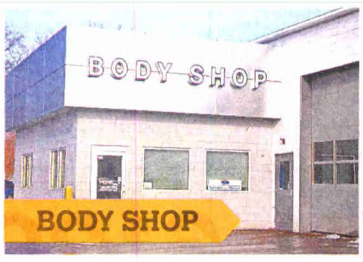

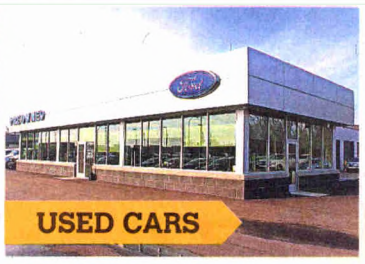

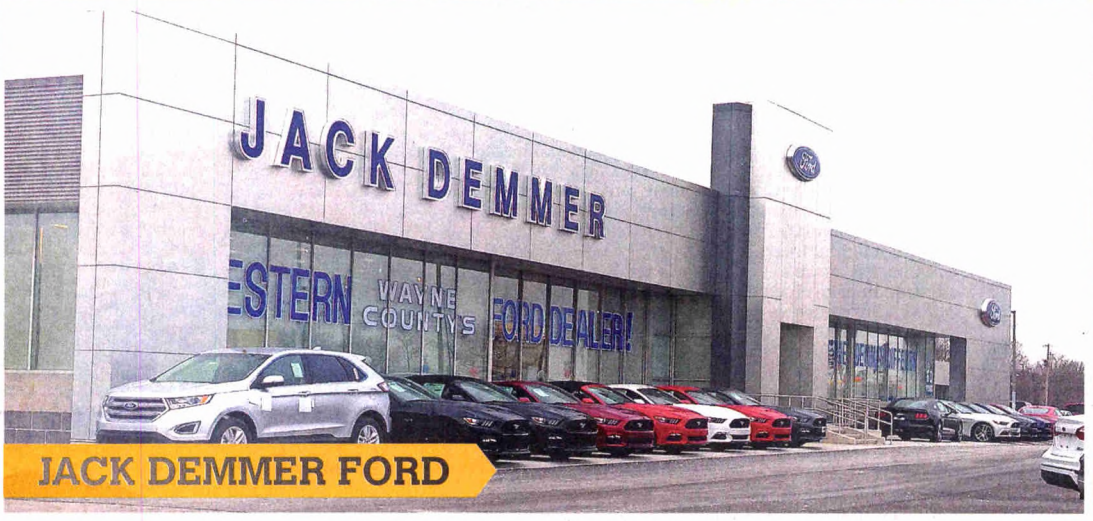

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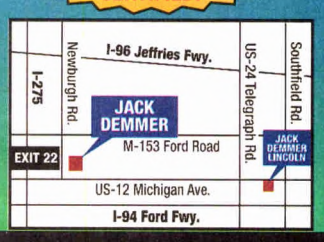

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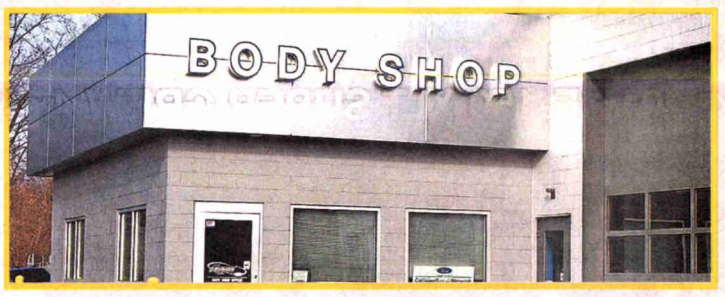

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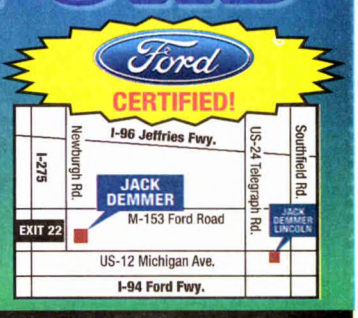

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Joe Muer Seafood is coming to Bloomfield Hills

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JOE MUER

Lobster Claws will be on the menu at the new Joe Muer Seafood opening in February in Bloomfield Hills.

The restaurant scene in Bloomfield Hills is about to sizzle, with Bill's on the east side of Woodward Avenue and Joe's on the west side.

Joe Vicari

Joe Muer, that is.

The iconic seafood restaurant, operating out of the Detroit Renaissance Center since 2012, is opening a second location at the Kingsley Inn near the corner of Woodward and Long Lake Road. Joe Vicari, president and CEO of Joe Vicari Restaurant Group, anticipates a mid-February opening.

"Doing this sort of surprised myself a little bit," said Vicari, who purchased the rights to the seafood company from Joe Muer himself back in 2011. "I think the area is so right for a Joe Muer high-end restaurant. And it's really two different audiences ... our downtown business is a lot of corporate, a lot of out-of-town customers from Canada. We certainly get people during the weekend that live in the Bloomfield area, but during the week it's quite a drive."

The venture marks a marriage of two landmarks: the Joe Muer name has been an integral part of the Detroit restaurant scene dating back to 1929, when the Muer family closed down a cigar shop at 2000 Gratiot Avenue and decided to replace it with an oyster bar. The restaurant was the 'it' place for decades, until tough economic times led to its closure in 1988.

Now, the restaurant is about to take over the former Northern Lakes Seafood space at the Kingsley Inn. The two-story hotel has enjoyed a solid run on Woodward Avenue since it opened in 1958. Vicari said the hotel is in the process of a major $10 million makeover that will coincide with the opening of the restaurant.

Directly across the street at 39556 Woodward is Bill's Restaurant, in the same spot where the Fox & Hounds Restaurant once stood. The popular dining spot, part of the Roberts Restaurant Group, opened in 2014.

"We knew that eventually someone was going to open at the Kingsley Inn," Bill Roberts said Friday. "Joe Vicari and his team are great people, and we welcome them to the neighborhood."

Vicari said the Bloomfield restaurant will employ about 80 people and have a slightly smaller footprint than the Renaissance location. Customers will enjoy classic Joe Muer staples, such as their Dover sole, crab-stuffed flounder and sautéed whitefish, plus some new dishes.

"We're going aim to replicate the downtown restaurant with a big active bar ... plus a sushi bar and a raw oyster bar similar to what we have downtown," Vicari said. "But we'll also have outside seating and private dining options for social and business occasions."

The designer for the project is Ron Rea of Ron & Roman in downtown Birmingham. Vicari said he's worked with Rea on all nine of his Andiamo restaurants and the downtown Joe Muer's. The restaurant will seat about 200 customers.

Vicari said he's scouting locations in the Grand Rapids area for a possible third Joe Muer Seafood in Michigan, but the project is at least a few years away. Already in the works are plans to open a Joe Muer in Las Vegas in 2017, and a combination Joe Muer/Andiamo Italian restaurant in Nashville late next year.

"It's going to be a newer concept with a bigger space," he said about the Tennessee spot. "We'll seat about 150 customers on each side, and it'll have a common lobby. This will be our first bite at this concept, but it really makes sense. If you're an out-of-town guest, you'll probably want to check out both places."

Bloomfield Hills City Commissioner Michael Dul said the new restaurant is a welcomed addition.

"As a habit, my wife and I have been dining at Northern Lakes for many years and with its closing felt a big void," he said Friday. "We are pleased with Bill's restaurant just across the street, but the opening of Joe Muer Seafood will really help energize this part of town. I feel that quality dining options will promote friendly competition between restaurants and expand the dining experience in our city."

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Judy Ojala and family have been participating in Angela Hospice's Walk of Remembrance every year since 2013 (from left): father Larry Webber, who now lives out of state; Judy Ojala of West Bloomfield; and Jimmy and Susie Gavin of Farmington Hills.

Annual walk benefits Angela Hospice

Walkers wishing to honor their loved ones can join fellow Angela Hospice supporters as they go on the 2.3-mile walk Saturday, Sept. 24, during the ninth annual Walk of Remembrance.

With more than 1,000 guests expected to attend, the route will take walkers along the Felician Sisters' grounds, where they'll be able to honor their loved ones and raise funds for Angela Hospice. Some walk alone, while others walk in teams, like Judy Ojala.

"It's a beautiful walk," said Ojala, a member of Team Mel Ojala. "When you're walking in the woods, it's like you're in heaven."

This will be the fourth walk for Ojala and her team, which consists of her sister and nephew, and the first year without their fourth team member, father Larry Webber. The team walks in memory of Ojala's husband Mel, who was in the Angela Hospice Care Center for less than two weeks in 2012 as he battled cancer.

"I could never say enough about the people who work there and the people who took care of my husband," Ojala said. "It was a relief to know how well he was taken care of and I tell my family now that if anything happens to me, to take me there."

Because of the exceptional care her husband received, Ojala tries to give back to Angela Hospice in any way she can, including participating in the walk.

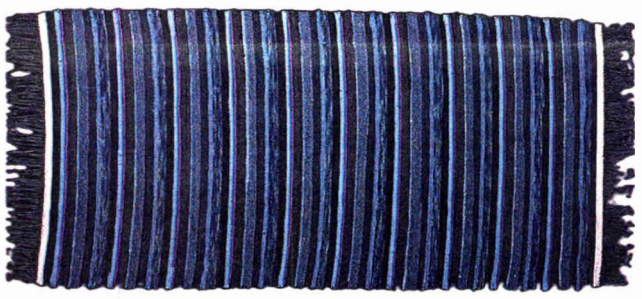
"You know, there's a lot of heartache, but you know everyone is walking for the same thing: to remember someone," she said.

Guests will also be able to remember their loved ones by painting colorful rocks, which they can place in the Angela Hospice memorial garden or take home. The family-friendly event will have refreshments as well.

"The scenery of the walk is beautiful, but the most beautiful part of the walk for us are the participants," said Bob Alexander, Angela Hospice's director of development. "It ranges from infants in strollers to senior citizens, both individuals and families — all are gathered together to honor the memories and lives of those they have loved deeply. It is a breath-taking vision of human compassion and enduring love."

Proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's grief support services, which are available free of charge to anyone in the area who has experienced a loss. Angela Hospice grief support services are funded through charitable donations and proceeds from annual fundraisers and include grief support groups, individual and family counseling and holiday workshops for children and adults.

Registration for the walk includes a T-shirt and is $35 for adults, $15 for children ages 6-12. For more information, contact Angela Hospice events coordinator Helen Balmforth at 734-953-6045, email hbalmforth@angelahospice.us or visit AskForAngela.com.



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Mutt masterpieces: Artist does animal portraits

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MANDY LOONEY
Artist Weatherly Sroh displays the collage that she's entered in the ArtPrize 2016 competition.

The subjects in Weatherly Stroh's paintings tend to bark and howl and chase their tails.

The 42-year-old Birmingham artist specializes in animal portraits. Her latest oil painting, titled "300," is a giant collage featuring homeless animals from the Michigan Humane Society.

The painting, along with a time-lapse video showing the creation of the piece, are being entered in ArtPrize 2016 that's being held this year from Sept. 21 through Oct. 9 in Grand Rapids.

ArtPrize winners are chosen in part by the public, so Stroh is hoping for a lot of votes. The event draws more than 400,000 visitors a year, making it one of the more popular free art shows on the planet.

"My goal in creating '300' is to highlight the sheer number of homeless animals that pass through the Michigan Humane Society's doors each day," said Stroh, a Cranbrook Kingswood graduate.

Here's what the portrait artist has to say about animals and her work:

Q: Have any of the 300 rescue dogs and cats in your painting found a permanent home yet?

Stroh: Actually, my piece "300" includes all sorts of animals that have been at the Michigan Humane Society since January ... dogs, cats, bunnies, birds, roosters. I had to draw the line with snakes, though. The Rochester shelter had a few when I went to take photographs and, seeing as I am not a fan of snakes, I chose to leave them out of the project.

I believe most of the animals, if not all, have found permanent homes. I called about a couple of dogs I was interested in after photographing them and both had been adopted. I know one week I was at the new Detroit MHS shelter and they had adopted out 215 animals the week prior, which is fantastic!

MANDY LOONEY
Birmingham artist Weatherly Stroh is entering a collage of animal portraits in the ArtPrize 2016 competition.

Q: Animals play such a huge role on social media. Is that interest helping out with adoptions at rescue shelters?

Stroh: I think animal lovers in general are obsessed with dog and cat photos and stories. I definitely think social media is helping spread the word about animals in need at local shelters. That is one of my goals in creating this piece, that it is a snapshot of a day at the Michigan Humane Society and the amazing work they do.

There is such a huge number of animals in need of homes, it seems endless. The ASPCA claims that there are 7.6 million companion animals entering shelters in the U.S. every year. That should be a huge incentive for people to adopt rather than buy their next pet!

Q: Did the dogs pose for the painting or did you snap photographs?

Stroh: I wish I could paint that fast! Starting in January, I made a series of visits to the three local Michigan Humane Shelters and to the Humane Society of West Michigan Shelter in Grand Rapids. I would photograph the animals and then go back to my studio to paint their portraits. My goal was to capture each animals' unique personality ... in my paintings, you can tell some are goofy, some are frightened, some look really happy, curious, aloof (at least some of the cats!).

Q: Did you reward them with dog bones or something to chew on?

Stroh: Of course, we had to bribe them! Some were definitely motivated by food, while others wanted a squeaky toy.

Q: You also paint a lot of horses. How did that come about?

Stroh: I grew up around horses and have always loved them. When I started my business, I was painting landscapes until a friend of mine asked me to paint their yellow lab, Georgia, who had recently passed away. I had never painted dogs before, but I figured, why not, I'll give it a try! About a year after that, I was asked to paint my first horse portrait and, again, I said yes. That is one of the things I love about what I do, it is always evolving and going into new directions.

Q: Can you share with us a cute story involving pets and paint?

Stroh: When we were filming the last part of the time-lapse video that goes along with my ArtPrize piece, I had to lay my paintings out on my driveway, because the project is so large and wouldn't fit in my studio. There were about a dozen paintings which were still wet.

My studio helper, Kenai, of course wanted to be a part of the project (her portrait is one of the 300, by the way) and decided to walk all over the 5-foot by 15-foot mosaic. Now there are paw prints on my deck from her tracking the paint with her. If you come to Grand Rapids for the show, you will see that Kenai traipsing over my work made the final cut in the video. She's been part of the process the whole time, usually sleeping on her bed in my studio, so I think it's fitting she is in the video.

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CRUISE CLOSE TO HOME

Great Lakes are becoming a popular destination for travel ship vacationers

Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

MUSKEGON — The Pearl Mist isn't like any other ship in the Port of Muskegon this late-summer afternoon. Sleek and white and six decks tall, the 335-foot, 210-passenger cruise ship is the picture of luxury next to working vessels and historic military craft.

Two days into a week-long cruise that started in Chicago, passenger Jill Hoose of Texas offered rave reviews.

"We've been on 26 cruises and I've enjoying this one so much," she said. "There's not such a rush, rush, rush feeling. There are not 3,500 people standing in lines."

She was on her way back to her cabin after spending the morning sightseeing in downtown Muskegon. The Pearl Mist is in its third season of Great Lakes cruising. Muskegon just finished its first full season as a port of call.

Michiganders likely will see more cruise ships like the Pearl Mist on the horizon.

"We have two cruise lines invested in the Great Lakes quite heavily at the moment," said Stephen Burnett, executive director of the Great Lakes Cruising Coalition. They include Pearl Seas Cruises, owners of the Pearl Mist, and Victory Cruises, which operates the Victory I, a ship that can accommodate about 200 passengers. Would-be travelers can book both of them and two other ships through the Ann Arbor-based Great Lakes Cruise Company.

Plantours, based in Germany, is expected to bring its 400-passenger ship the Hamburg to the Great Lakes next season, Burnett said.

"We believe that the potential for the Great Lakes is as high as 30 ships cruising during a season, which is basically from May to October," Burnett said.

The Great Lakes region also is among three finalists for the honor of cruise destination of the year, bestowed by Seatrade Global, an international cruise-industry trade organization. Other finalists are the Baltic region and the Asian city-state of Singapore. The winner will be announced on Sept. 22. The Seatrade Global judging panel is made up of cruise industry executives.

What you won't see in Great Lakes cruising: Behemoth ships with 5,000 passengers and their own onboard amusement parks. Those ocean-going vessels are simply too big to fit through the canals and locks that connect the ocean and lakes. They also don't fit the Great Lakes vibe.

Instead, think compact ships with luxurious amenities and a low crew-to-passenger ratio.

"We are a boutique industry," Burnett said. "There are probably 60 to 70 ships worldwide that fall into that category, and more of those ships are now being built."

Typical passengers on Great Lakes cruise ships are a little older than ocean-going cruisers and often have many thousands of miles of travel behind them, said John Keereweer, Pearl Seas representative.

"The people attracted here are very well-traveled," he said. "They're not on a cruise for the glitz and glamor of shows, not for the casinos. They're interested in history and culture."

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The Pearl Mist, a Great Lakes cruise ship, is docked in Muskegon Lake on Aug. 31.

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A dinner menu sits on a plate aboard the Pearl Mist Great Lakes cruise ship.

Fees in 2017 for a seven-night cruise range from $4,980 to $6,630 per person, double occupancy; 11 nights in the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay costs from $7,520 to $10,900.

Keereweer said some passengers may choose the Great Lakes because of concerns about the safety of international travel at the moment. Others welcome a fairly new travel opportunity.

"They want to see what's in their back yard," he said. "A lot of people over the summer have come up here to get away from the heat."

For many, it's a first-ever trip to the inland seas that contain 20 percent of the world's fresh water supply and an introduction to Great Lakes history and lore.

The Pearl Mist made its first voyage in 2014. There's plenty of outdoor space and panoramic views from the top deck, which features a covered lounge area and sunny spots equipped with comfy white rocking chairs. There's a small library aboard the ship, and two large lounges on different decks equipped with comfortable chairs and sofas and huge windows to allow water views. Live entertainment is scheduled daily, sometimes from local bands in ports of call.

The ship's dining room is furnished with round tables and sumptuous floral centerpieces. The ship offers open dining instead of timed seatings, and the dining room can accommodate all of the passengers at once. Local produce and fish are often on the menu. Lobster is likely to show up for at least one of the day's meals, said Akin Akgulen, hotel director on the ship.

Captain George Ciortin, who is Romanian, has worked on larger, ocean-going ships. He was so excited about the Great Lakes assignment that he brought his wife and daughter along.

"It's something I was anxious to see," he said. "It's quite beautiful everywhere I've been."

Burnett said laying the groundwork for a Great Lakes cruise industry has been years in the making.

"When we started this initiative, I would travel with a road map and a marine chart," he said, convincing cruise operators that the Great Lakes were a worthwhile destination.

His work also includes helping potential port cities develop the capacity to move passengers on and off the ships and point them to attractions.

Muskegon scrambled to do that last season, when the Pearl Mist stopped for the first time because its usual port, nearby Holland, was unavailable.

Two decades ago, when Muskegon was redesigning its waterfront, a county administrator envisioned a future with cruise ships and created a suitable spot at Heritage Landing. Several years ago, Chamber of Commerce officials contacted Pearl Seas to let them know the city was willing and able to serve as a port.

This year, it's on the regular schedule. Trolleys shuttle passengers downtown to visit the Lakeshore Museum Center, the Hackley & Hume historic site, which includes the restored homes of two 19th century lumber barons, and citywide public art or the beach.

Great Lakes ports include big-city cool in Toronto, Chicago and Milwaukee. Burnett also said he sees plenty of potential in Detroit.

"The poor city has had a bad rap because of all the stuff that has happened there, but when you fly over it in a helicopter and look down and look at it as a cruise port, there are few places on the Great Lakes that compare," Burnett said.

Downtown attractions within easy reach of a ship include Greektown, the Motown Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts and other museums, Burnett said. Pearl Mist passengers also have the option of visiting the Henry Ford and Greenfield Village in nearby Dearborn. "The amount of attractions around the Great Lakes are what we call an itinerary planner's dream," Burnett said.

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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 24TH day of SEPTEMBER, 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.

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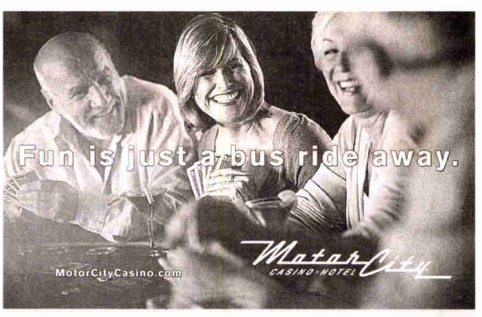

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K-9

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is host to more than 50 law enforcement agencies, from metropolitan Detroit departments like Garden City, Canton and Livonia to as far away as Lansing and Marysville, near Port Huron.

For many officers, training sessions at the academy are about staying sharp and in-sync with their animal partners. For others, like Garden City Officer Bruce Shippe, it's sharing their knowledge and teaching best practices.

"I enjoy training the dogs and their handlers," said Shippe, a 17-year veteran of his department. He believes working with other officers helps him do his job better. "I get to see so many dogs run through a lot of different scenarios. It's to my advantage when I'm out on the road."

Tracking and scenarios are just a few of the kinds of training done each week. Obedience work is front and center, especially with new dogs. Each dog receives 284 hours of basic training before going into the field, much of it obedience-related.

"It's the basis of everything we do," Mansfield said. "We have to be able to trust that they're going to do everything we ask."

Like Maverick, most K-9s are German shepherds. Dogs are evaluated at about 18 months old to see if they're candidates for police work. Mansfield said "ball drive" is one important factor in selection.

"I play a game of fetch with them and throw the ball into the weeds," she said. "I want the dog that will keep looking until he finds that ball."

After the dogs are qualified, a partnership is formed the old-fashioned way.

"It's about what dog you connect with," Mansfield said. "I knew immediately that Maverick was my buddy."

That buddy relationship is crucial to a good partnership, academy owner Terry Foley said. Officers training at the facility must allow their dog to live with them in their home.

"It's important so that dogs accept humans in their pack of life," said Foley, a retired city of Wayne K-9 officer. Sociability, in fact, is one of the criteria potential K-9s are evaluated on. "I'm a big advocate the dog must be social with the community."

The academy has various rooms to facilitate training. Beyond obedience, there's a bedroom and a living room complete with furniture.

"We try to simulate the real world as much as we can," Mansfield said.

Narcotics can be placed in a couch, under a sink or in a shirt pocket. Maverick and Shippe's dog Rudy use their keen senses to give their trainers' positive indications for drugs.

The dogs do much more than locate drugs and track bad guys, however.

Explosives detection, building searches, crowd control and handler protection are just a few of their duties. Mansfield said she's only had to fight with two suspects in all the years she partnered with Maverick.

"Just his mere presence is enough to keep people's behavior in check," she said.

The duo worked through a breaking and entering scenario in a recent training session. They were dispatched to a "home" with the crime in progress, not knowing if a suspect was still present.

Mansfield called out for the suspect to give themselves up. After three tries, she and Maverick entered the residence.

"The handler has to make a quick decision to leave the dog on-leash or take him off-leash," said master trainer Shippe, who followed close behind. "That could be a good guy or a bad guy in there. (Mansfield) doesn't know what she has. The handler has to make the decision. You don't just send the dog in."

Seconds later, they found a resident tied to a reclining chair and freed him. Mansfield described the scenario as a success in that Maverick followed her commands and that they were able to rescue the mock civilian without incident.

At the end of each training exercise, Maverick generally gets a little treat, either a kibble of some sort or his "toy," a.k.a. a piece of fire hose that he and Mansfield play tug of war with.

"You will pay this dog," Mansfield said, "one way or the other."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Playing with a piece of fire hose, Maverick's favorite toy, is his reward for a good job, plus praise from Officer Jennifer Mansfield.

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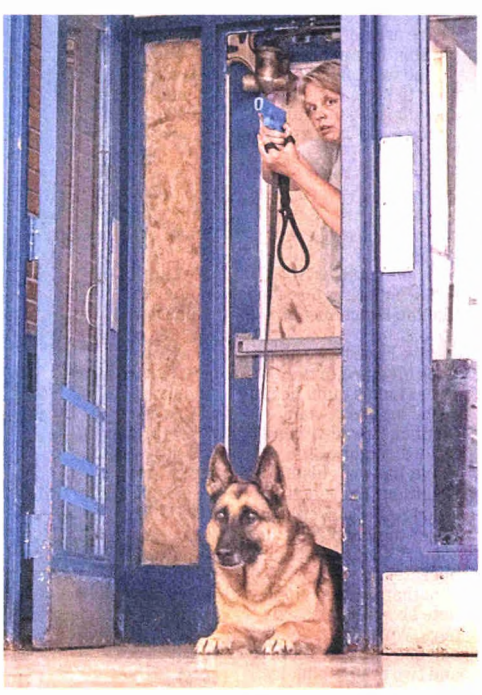
Officer Jennifer Mansfield approaches after commanding Maverick to stay. The scenario involves a kidnap victim tied up, gagged and left in a chair.



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Officer Jennifer Mansfield and Maverick enter the training location, to investigate a situation where neighbors reported that a resident was missing for a few days. She and Maverick hear muffled noises.

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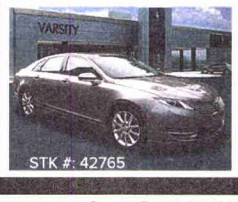

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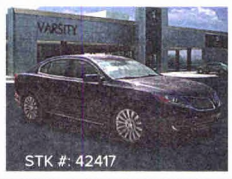

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PREP SOCCER

Livonia rivals battle to draw

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You'd have to dig far deeper than the 0-0 final score to find the greater purpose of Thursday night's Livonia boys soccer rivalry featuring Churchill and host Franklin.

Although the nets remained empty throughout the epic 80-minute battle, the game's meaning took on monumental importance as it served as a fundraiser and awareness lightning bolt for the nonprofit organization "Smiles From Abby Foundation", whose inspiration — former Livonia youth soccer player Abigail Rubenson — passed away after a courageous battle with brain cancer in the summer of 2014.

Money raised from the game will ultimately help support families in the midst of a pediatric cancer battle in addition to groups that enhance the quality of life of pediatric cancer patients.

"The game was played at a very high pace. Both teams had seven or eight shots with three or four on target. Churchill did a good job of controlling the middle."
MIKE BONA, Franklin head coach

In a stirring pregame ceremony, players from both the Franklin and Churchill teams honored someone they

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TOM BEADOIN
Churchill's Michael Hudock (right) defends Franklin's Joshua Wilson.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

ED WRIGHT
Annabelle and Sarah Dunn give the Churchill volleyball team a double dose of talent.

IT'S A 'DUNN' DEAL

Sisters help fuel Churchill's volleyball machine

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The second you step into the Dunn family's Livonia backyard, Tracy and Mary Beth's daughters' sport of choice becomes crystal clear.

(Hint: It's not lawn bowling).

Stretched across the grass on two precisely-placed poles is a regulation-height volleyball net, which sisters Annabelle and Sarah use to hone their already razor-sharp spiking, serving and passing skills.

Whether it's playing pepper or a friend-

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PREP GOLF

Livonia roundup: Franklin edges Churchill by a stroke

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Livonia Franklin's golf team registered a four-player score of 193, one strong better than Churchill during Thursday's KLAA match at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Patriot Sophia Wygonik was the match medalist after shooting a stellar nine-hole round of 44.

Also scoring for the Patriots were Sofia Cueva (47), Summer Horen (51) and Olivia Napier (52).

Churchill's ace was Paige Peterson, who carded a solid 46.

Additional Churchill scorers were Ashley Harlock and Kelsie Nowicki, both of whom shot 47; and Mackenzie Brown and Jenny Rousseau, who came in with 54's.

Stevenson edged

Livonia Stevenson dropped an ultra-competitive match to Northville, 164-169, Tuesday afternoon at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

Megan Gronau was spectacular for the Spartans, carding a 39, which included a putt-in eagle on the final hole.

Northville's Paige Rosinski led the winners with a 39.

Stevenson's JV team remained unbeaten on the season by clipping the Mustangs, 190-198. Allison Gronau was the medalist after firing a 42.

On Sept. 9, the Spartans captured the Farmington Invitational as they out-drove 24 other teams by shooting a 315. Kristen Szabelski (75), Madi Maurier (76) and Anna Vento (79) led the way.

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Warriors kickers win

Kyle Downey's goal in the first 10-minute overtime Thursday afternoon led Lutheran Westland's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over host Parkway Christian.

The Warriors led 1-0 before Parkway forced the extra sessions with a penalty kick.

Moccia shining at GVSU

Former Livonia Stevenson tennis star Aimee Moccia enjoyed a success-coated weekend while competing for the Grand Valley State University women's tennis team.

Moccia, a junior at GVSU, compiled a 4-0 record while competing at No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles against Michigan Tech and Lake Superior State.

The Lakers won both matches, 9-0.

On Saturday, Moccia was able to defeat Michigan Tech's Vicky Quinde 6-2, 6-4. She paired with Rachel Sumner and defeated Paola Quintana and Allenca Rolim 8-5.

Against Lake Superior State, Moccia took down Laura Fernandez 6-1, 6-0 and won the doubles match alongside Sumner defeating Allison Grandfield and Macarena Bielsa 8-1.

The daughter of Victor and Joan Moccia, she has two sisters (Amanda and Ashley) who play tennis at Western Michigan University.

Moccia is planning to major in speech-language pathology, according to the school's website. .

Madonna spikers edge Lawrence Tech

The 17th-ranked Madonna University volleyball team survived a tough test against Lawrence Tech in Southfield on Wednesday. After going down twice in the match, 1-0 and 2-1, the Crusaders mounted a rally to win a five-set thriller and escape the host Blue Devils' upset bid.

With the win, the Crusaders improve to 12-3 overall and 2-0 in WHAC play while sending the Blue Devils to 8-10 on the season and 0-2 in league action.

The Crusaders received significant contributions from a variety of places around the court, none better than Karlie Kelly's double-double of 15 kills and 15 digs. Kelly (Romeo, Mich./Macomb CC) was joined in double-digit kills by fellow junior Amanda Hawkins (Livonia Stevenson) who checked in with 10 of her own. Hawkins led the Crusaders in blocks with a solo and two block assists, while Kelly also added a team-best two aces in the narrow win.

The night didn't go as planned for Kelly and the Crusaders; however, as a skilled Blue Devils squad went up twice in the match. The Blue Devils won set one, 25-20, before MU bounced back to take set two, 25-8. In set three, the Blue Devils would once again jump ahead, taking control of the match with a 25-12 set victory.

PREP SOCCER

Clarenceville clips Chavez, 1-0

Dan O'Meara
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Livonia Clarenceville earned a hard-fought victory in boys soccer Thursday night over a quality opponent from Cesar Chavez Academy, 1-0.

After a back-and-forth first half, the Trojans had a strong start to the second and scored in the first two minutes when senior Armin Andelija put a shot off a Chavez defender for the only goal.

Seniors Dante Marzolo and Joe Sanchez and sophomores Jacob Weiss and Jesus Gonzalez anchored the defense, helping senior goalie Jon Murphy (eight saves) earn his fourth shutout of the year.

Coach Trevor Johnson also cited the solid play of junior Brett Habkirk, sophomore Nick Snage and senior Jay Fitzpatrick.

The host Trojans improved to 6-4 overall with the non-conference victory.

Clarenceville lost a Western Wayne Athletic Conference game Wednesday to host Garden City, 2-1.

In a game they needed to win, the Trojans struggled to play with energy, according to Johnson, and came out on the losing end.

Andelija scored the only goal for the Trojans when sophomore Nick Siml was taken down in the box. Tommy Lang and Austin Fisher scored for Garden City.

The Trojans are 1-1 in the conference.

JOE SANCHEZ
Armin Andelija scored the winning goal for the Trojans.

PREP FOOTBALL

MICHAEL VASILNEK
Livonia Churchill quarterback Evan Cummins (left) drops back looking for a receiver Friday against Plymouth.

Big plays lift Chargers over Plymouth

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Riding wave after wave of spectacular, big-yardage plays, Livonia Churchill put a 54-28 hurt on Plymouth Friday night to spoil the Wildcats' homecoming game.

And after Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk had a brief huddle with his dejected players — while the Chargers congratulated each other across the turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — the veteran coach talked about his team being at a crossroads.

"We either come together or we go in the dumps right here," Sawchuk said. "This is uncharted waters for me. I don't think I've ever been 1-3. We just got to coach harder."

Sawchuk shook his head about players making repeat mistakes, including blown coverages on defense that led to several Churchill TDs.

"We've got kids that are still making the same mistakes they made in Week 1," Sawchuk said. "So we're going to keep coaching our tails off, staying positive and doing the right thing.

"It's time for them to take some ownership for themselves and let themselves get coached and take the coaching."

Livonia Churchill (3-1) got off to a 3-0 lead when sophomore Drew Alsobrooks kicked a 22-yard field goal at the end of the opening drive. But Alsobrooks left with an injury and the Chargers relied on junior Katherine Ristola the rest off the way.

Ristola did not disappoint, kicking a 26-yard field goal and six extra points.

"Katherine stepped right in," said Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo, who was thrilled with the contributions throughout his lineup.

MICHAEL VASILNEK
Lunging toward the goal line for Plymouth is sophomore running back Carson Miller, who scored twice against Churchill.

"We have a few things to clean up, but our kids have been playing very, very well," DeFillippo said. "That was a win over a good football team and our kids, especially in the second half, came out and took control of the game. It was good to see."

Blowing it open

Churchill took a 20-7 halftime lead and blew the game open with 27 points in the third.

The playmaking skills of senior quarterback Evan Cummins (15-of-23 passing, 284 yards) were on display all night, to the chagrin of the Plymouth fans hoping for more of a celebratory homecoming game.

"Our line did a great job tonight," Cummins said. "They really manned up, did what they're supposed to do. Mikey (Hill) caught the ball, everybody just did their job and had a great night."

Cummins led the Chargers on three long scoring drives in the first half, helping Churchill to a 351-280 edge in yards during that span.

Scoring Churchill's first touchdown of the night was sophomore Darrell Mason, who cut inside and burst through the line for a 12-yard score early in the second quarter.

After running back Carson Miller scored a 10-yard TD run with about nine minutes to go to make it 10-7, the Chargers answered almost immediately.

Junior Ja'Vante Van Buren galloped 64 yards on the ensuing kickoff to set up an 18-yard TD toss from Cummins to Hill.

"You can see, when he gets the ball, he's a big kid so he's got good speed," DeFillippo said about Van Buren. "And he can break through some tackles, too.

In the third quarter, the Chargers really had some fun.

Omar Morris got it going with a 14-yard touchdown carry, but the Churchill momentum was briefly interrupted when senior Darius Timmons bulled in from the 2-yard line with 6:04 left in the third.

Then came a 55-yard kickoff return by Allen and the Chargers kept going two plays later, when Tyrese Williams broke out of a logjam in the backfield and took it 43 yards for six.

Just over a minute later, following a Plymouth fumble, Cummins threw a pass in the right flat to Hill.

The wide out got away from defenders along the sideline and veered all the way across the field, ultimately scoring a 42-yard catch-and-run. That made it 40-14.

The final score belied the statistics for the KLAA South Division matchup, however. Churchill outgained Plymouth, 454-450.

THE WEEK AHEAD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 23
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Fordson at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Luth. NW, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Thurston at University Prep, 5:30 p.m.
HVL at Roeper, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Ladywood at Marian, 6:30 p.m.
Annapolis at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
HVL at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.
Thurston at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Belleville at Garden City, 7 p.m.
RU at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Ladywood at Hartland Tourney, 9 a.m.
Northville Invite, 9 a.m.
U of M Dearborn Invite, 9 a.m.
Novi Invite, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 19
Crestwood at RU, 6 p.m.
Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Fordson, 6 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Garden City at Belleville, 5:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Romulus at Thurston, 5:30 p.m.
RU at Fordson, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
Parkway at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23
Franklin at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 6 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 20
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
RU at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Fordson, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 6:10 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23
Charger Invite, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
CC Invite, TBA
Falcon Invitational, TBA
Monroe Jefferson Invite, 9 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Sept. 19
Ladywood at Luth. North, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Rochester Invite, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Ladywood at Mercy, 3:15 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 3 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 3 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Stevenson at John Glenn, 3 p.m.
S.L. East at Franklin, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Franklin at RU, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Thurston at Fordson, 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
RU at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Stevenson at Salem Invite, 9 a.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Chargers rally to defeat Canton

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Livonia Churchill's volleyball team pulled off a stunning come-from-behind five-set victory over host Canton Thursday night, 14-25, 17-25, 25-23, 25-12, 25-13, to improve to 11-6 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA South Division.

Spearheading the offensive attack for the winners were Annie Yost (14 kills, six blocks and three aces) and Sarah Dunn (15 kills). Brianna Fulton set the table for the Chargers with 44 assists.

Ally Facione was the defensive standout with 32 digs. Katelyn Seger also played well, Churchill head coach Mark Grenier said.

"We appreciate the great rivalry we have with Canton," Grenier said. "They are a great program with super kids and we enjoy the competition with them."

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PREP SOCCER

Northville edges Stevenson

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Northville scored the game's lone goal in the 21st minute to edge Livonia Stevenson, 1-0, Thursday night.

Padgen

"We played well enough to win, but you have to score goals to win games and we scored zero this week," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said.

The loss dropped Stevenson's record to 3-3-2 overall and 1-1-1 in the KLAA Central Division.

Drew Padgen recorded six saves for the Spartans, who were out-shot, 9-5.

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DUNNS

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ly game of one-on-one, the Dunns don't have to go far to enjoy their favorite pastime.

"It depends on the day (who wins at one-on-one)," Annabelle said, smiling. "We're pretty even. Sometimes if we're in a laughing mood, we stop playing."

Annabelle is a junior outside and middle hitter who played a key role in the Chargers' run to the Class A state semifinals.

Sarah is a freshman outside and right-side hitter who has already earned a spot in the highly-regarded Chargers' regular rotation.

On-and-off teammates since they were in elementary school, the Dunns both contribute to their team's success, like earlier this week against Plymouth when Annabelle served a point that Sarah finished with a kill.

"I like having a sister on my team," said Sarah, who is the Chargers' lone varsity freshman. "She gives me good advice and being the only freshman, having her on the team helped me feel more comfortable than I would have."

"We actually critique each other," Annabelle added. "We both know each other's strengths and weaknesses, and both of us welcome any advice the other one gives us."

Annabelle said there is also another built-in perk that comes with having Sarah on the team.

"Since she's the only freshmen, we make her carry the balls to the bus when we have a tournament," she said, smiling. "We can kind of boss her around a little, jokingly. Last year, I was one of the younger players on the team, so I was in her place."

The Dunns started playing when they were 8, learning the ropes in Westland (where they formerly lived) recreation leagues.

"The older we got, the better competition we faced and the better we got," Annabelle remembered. "It really helps having a sister who plays because we can go out in the back yard and play pepper."

"And after our matches, we watch the tape at home, so we can see what we can improve on," Sarah added.

Personable and fun-loving off the court, the Dunns' competitive juices start flowing once the first serve elevates into the air to commence a match.

"We both leave it all on the court, every match," Annabelle said. "We get pretty pumped up. It's fun, too. When Sarah gets a kill, we'll exchange high-fives."

When Churchill's volleyball tryouts rolled around in mid-August, the drama was intense for the Dunns, who weren't sure until the last moment if they'd be playing together this fall.

"I went into try-outs trying to play my best and hoping for the best," Sarah acknowledged, recounting the moment when she found out whether she would make varsity or junior varsity. "The coaches passed out an envelope to each player, and the team you made was highlighted. When I found out I made varsity, I was very excited."

The Dunns are both outstanding students. Despite a schedule loaded with advanced-placement courses, Annabelle has a strong 3.8 grade-point average.

Just two weeks into her high school academic career, Sarah already has an accelerated geometry class.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

John Glenn outlasts Wayne, 26-19

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Westland John Glenn's football team registered a potential season-saving victory Friday night when it outlasted arch-rival Wayne Memorial, 26-19.

The entertaining game was tight throughout and featured six lead changes.

Trailing 19-18 with 9:11 left in the fourth quarter, the Rockets scored the game-winning TD when David Graham broke free on a 76-yard jet sweep down the visitors' sideline.

Quarterback Matt Nutt's two-point keeper extended the hosts' lead to 26-19.

One play before Graham's long TD, John Glenn's Jared Tarrance alertly jumped on teammate Bobby Powell's fumbled punt return.

Wayne drove inside John Glenn territory on its next drive, but was forced to punt with 5:33 to play.

The punt was downed at the Rockets' 2-yard line, but Nutt engineered a clock-consuming drive that ended deep in Wayne territory and sealed the verdict.

The Rockets improved to 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South Division, while the Zebras slipped to 1-3 and 0-1, respectively.

Graham finished with 143 yards on 10 carries, while junior running back Dushon Faison picked up 96 yards on 15 attempts.

Nutt was solid all night, running for 102 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries, while passing for 52 yards on 4-of-10 passing.

Wayne's workhorse was senior running back Joshua Mitchell, who rushed 13 times for 92 yards. He also returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown.

Zebra QB Gjerdonte Williams completed 5-of-13 passes for 89 yards and a touchdown.

Trailing 7-0 following Mitchell's kickoff return, John Glenn cut its deficit to one when Nutt capped a three-play, 48-yard drive with a 3-yard run to pay dirt. The exchange on the extra point was botched, leaving the score at 7-6.

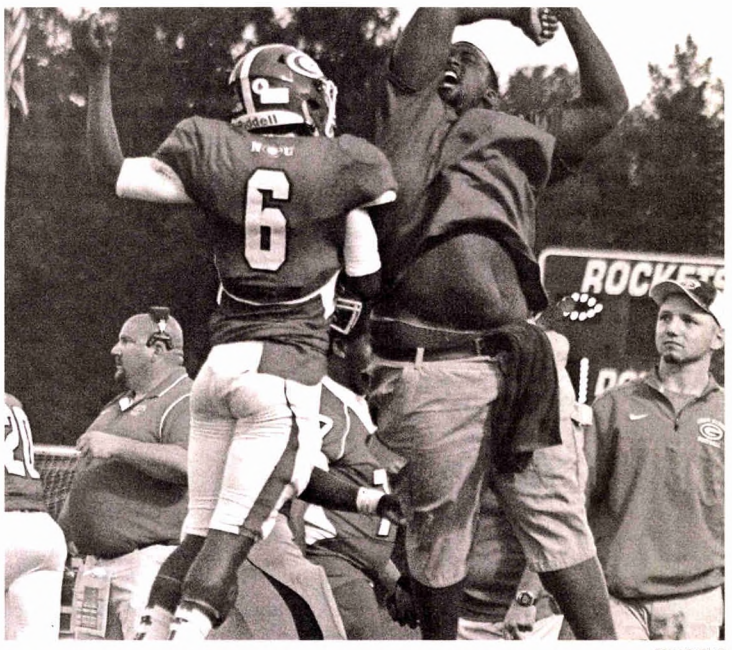
John Glenn's seized its first lead of the night, 12-7, with 11 seconds left in the first quarter on a 10-yard run by Graham.

The Zebras regained a 13-12 lead on a 44-yard touchdown pass with 7:11 on the second-quarter clock.

The Rockets came back with a 46-yard TD run by Nutt to earn an 18-13 halftime lead.

Powell picked off a pass to end the Zebras' next drive. The 5-foot-10, 143-pound senior also recovered a fumble earlier in the half.

Wayne's only second-half lead came with 1:48 left in the third quarter when Mitchell got the edge and scored from 10 yards out to make it 19-18.



ED WRIGHT

John Glenn's Bobby Powell (left) celebrates with an assistant coach following his third-quarter interception.

PREP FOOTBALL

Defense carries Chiefs past Patriots, 34-21

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Correspondent

On a night when Livonia Franklin was honoring the 50th anniversary of their state championship and graduating class of 1976, the Patriots came out inspired. With poise, they took a 14-7 lead over Canton behind quarterback Jacob Clark with 1:25 left in the first half and forced Canton to a 4th-and-5 on the Franklin 28-yard line.

Instead of kicking the field goal, Canton quarterback Jake O'Donnell rolled out and found tight end, Brennon Pelland, for a 28-yard score to cut the Franklin lead to 14-13 before half.

Canton took the momentum into the second half and won, 34-21.

"We had to finish the deal in the second half. We got physical and played hard. That is a really good football team," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said.

Canton (2-2) played inspired all night, especially in the second half. They held Franklin to just 161 total offensive yards in the second half.

The Canton defense was much improved overall, according to Baechler.

"They are very good offensively, so hard to defend. I'm really proud of our guys. They gave up three big plays; other than that, we played a lot better defensively; tackled better, most of the time," Baechler said.

Franklin (2-2) played with heart all night, but could not get over the hump. Every time it seemed they had Canton stopped, the Chiefs would convert a fourth down. Canton was 4-for-4 on fourth downs on the night.

"I just think the difference came down to the mistakes. We made too many mistakes. We knew we could play with them, we knew we could match up with them. They don't make mistakes, very few. We had to play mistake-free to beat them and that did not happen in the second half," Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said.

Defensively, Canton came out of the locker room at halftime knowing they needed to get stops as they trailed 14-13. They got three consecutive stops to start the second half before Clark hit Jake Giocobbi for a 78-yard touchdown with only 3:25 left in the game.

"Every week we are getting better. We learn from our mistakes and are correcting them on film. At halftime we knew we needed to come out and get stops and we did," Canton defensive back Eddie Lang said.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Livonia Franklin's John Diponio turns on the after-burners during a carry in Friday night's game against Canton.

Lang and Steven Walker held down the fort in the Canton secondary and limied big plays by Patriot receivers Giacobbi and Ke-Mauri Heard.

"Getting beat deep would happen sometimes, but this game, we didn't let that happen. We had a good, good week of practice," Walker said.

Franklin's first half lead was thanks in large part to Clark. He ran for a 51-yard touchdown in the first quarter and a 48-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Those runs ignited the Franklin defense which held Canton to just 192 first half yards.

"Jacob is a great athlete and really threw the ball probably the best he has all season. We're glad to have him," Kelbert said.

Clark completed 6-of-16 passes for 131 yards and the touchdown. He ran for 156 yards and the two touchdowns on 16 carries.

Giacobbi caught three passes for 82 yards and a touchdown.

Sandwiched between Clark's two first half touchdowns was a 1-yard plunge by Canton senior Julian Thornton (102 yards).

Reid McDonnell (51 yards) gave Canton its first lead of the night on a 1-yard touchdown just 2:06 into the third quarter. Markus Sanders (179 yards) rushed for two fourth quarter touchdowns of 33 and 51 yards, respectively.

"During halftime, Coach (Baechler) gave us a talk. After he gave us the talk, our blood was pumping and we got some momentum. His message was that we had the heart and the skill," Walker said.

Canton will play host to cross-campus rival, Plymouth (1-3), next Friday night and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field at 7 p.m.

Momentum is on the Chiefs' side after they have won two games in a row following an 0-2 start.

PREP FOOTBALL

Late Lion touchdown upends Stevenson

Ed Wright
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South Lyon quarterback Carlo Zoratti scored on a 2-yard touchdown with 23 seconds left Friday to lift the Lions to a 27-21 victory over host Livonia Stevenson.

The result left both teams with a 2-2 overall record in the KLAA Central Division opener.

Zoratti gave the Lions an early 7-0 lead when he scored on a 7-yard run.

Stevenson countered when Devin Dunn raced into the end zone from 6 yards out. Philip Vrzovski's extra point knotted the contest at 7-7.

The Lions regained the lead when Zoratti connected with Josh Travis on a 26-yard TD hook-up

Stevenson grabbed a 14-13 third-quarter lead when quarterback Chris Tanderys connected with Dunn from 60 yards out and Justin Schultz banged home the extra point.

The Lions jumped ahead again, 21-14, with a 25-yard Zoratti-to-Chris Job completion and the ensuing two-point conversion run by Zoratti.

The Spartans rallied back to draw even, 21-21, on a 21-yard TD pass reception by Parker Graham and a Vrzovski extra point.

That led to a long final drive for the Lions, which ended with Zoratti in the end zone.

Tanderys completed 14-of-33 passes for 195 yards and two touchdowns.

Dunn had a splendid night, leading the defense with six tackles and nine assists, plus catching two passes for 62 yards.

Ian Knoph led the Spartans' receiving corps with five catches for 80 yards.

Joe Kubesheski picked off a pass for Stevenson.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Clarenceville nets victory over Robichaud

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Livonia Clarenceville earned its first volleyball victory Thursday night in a three-set sweep of Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 25-9, 25-9, 21-19.

"We have a lot of things to work on, but it was nice to get a win to build from," coach Wendy Merschman said. "The whole team played a role in this win."

Maddie Jaber was perfect on the service line to lead the Trojans, who are 1-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and 1-9-2 overall.

Jaber was 18-for-18 with seven aces. She also had nine set assists. Josie VanDyke supplied six aces and six kills.

Other strong servers on the night were Kaitlyn Denny and Linda Hodzic, each with four aces and perfect serving. The defense was led by Desarae Hartfiel and Alyssa Craigge.

Clarenceville lost its conference opener Tuesday to Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 25-8, 25-21, 25-21.

"We got off to a real slow start, making lots of errors," Merschman said. "In the first game, the girls were playing very quietly, and we were just out of position and missing serves.

"In the second and third games, we just couldn't pull off the win, but we played with much better communication and played as a team."

Michelle Marzolo and VanDyke led the offense with six and five kills, respectively. Jaber was 10-for-10 on serve receive; she and setter Erica Bertera had five set assists apiece.

"Desarae Hartfiel and Alyssa Craigge put up a good defensive effort for us in the second and third games," Merschman said.

DRAW

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knew who is either battling cancer or did battle the relentless disease.

Franklin junior-varsity coach Chris Burnette coached Abby Rubenson's youth soccer team. Abby's sister, Liz, is a star defender for Livonia Churchill team.

The game

The scoreless result left both teams with identical KLAA South Division records of 2-1-1.

"The game was played at a very high pace," Franklin head coach Mike Bona said. "Both teams had seven or eight shots with three or four on target. Churchill did a good job of controlling the middle.

With 20 seconds left in the match, Franklin appeared to score when Austin Corona volleyed in a corner kick; however, the officials disallowed the goal due to a handball violation on the Patriots.

Michael Lubonja earned the shutout in the crease for the Chargers. The net-minding duties for Franklin were split by Zack Robinson (first half) and Scott Beebe.

Churchill played without star mid-fielder Devin McCulley.

"It was a tight, well-played match," Bona said.

To make a donation to the "Smiles From Abby Foundation", visit smilesfromabby.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy

Details: Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760-AM radio will emcee. Tickets are $100 and $20.

Contact: 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 22

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom," a 24-part video Bible series, features Catholic apologist Jeff Cavins. Registration is required for this course and there is a $35 charge for the study workbooks.

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, beginning Sept. 22

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish school library, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta, leads a Bible study on Ezekiel, emphasizing portions that relate to the Book of Revelation. Bring your own Bible.

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200

CELEBRATING NEW LOCATION

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25

Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Details: Worship service celebrates the church's move from the Comfort Inn in Belleville to Tyler Elementary School in Belleville.

Contact: 734-740-4230

FAITH FORMATION

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: St. Priscilla Parish activity center, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: "Prayer: The Faith Prayed - Making Room For God," is the first of the parish's "Growing in Faith Together - Intergenerational Sessions" for 2016-17. A light meal will be provided. Free will donations will be accepted. RSVP by Sept. 16.

Contact: faithformation@saintpriscilla.org; 248-476-4700

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group presents a documentary by filmmaker Michael Frolichstein about his life before and after he was diagnosed with Celiac disease.

Contact: tccsg.net

GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org.

Contact: Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Time/Date: Wednesday evenings, Sept. 28-Oct. 26

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. John Riccardo, and John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Visit www.goodmourningministry.net for more details. Register at olgcparish.net. The fee is $20.

Contact: 734-453-0326

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: $2 early bird admission, $1 after 9 a.m., free at noon; strollers welcome.

Contact: newburgmom2mom@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/Newburg-Mom2Mom

PRAYER DAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

Location: Capuchin's St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: A prayer service, with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir and the Dearing Dancers, will celebrate the International Day of Prayer for Peace. The theme is Let Peace Begin With Me and the featured speaker is Capuchin Friar Ray Stadmeyer.

Contact: 313-579-2100; TheCapuchins.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept 29; 9 a.m. to noon, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Livonia

Details: $2 admission per adult Thursday; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale.

Contact: 734-422-0149; www.facebook.com/NUMCRummage

STUDY SERIES

Time/Date: 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday, beginning Sept. 25; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 28

Location: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Six-week series, "Jesus in His Jewish Context" will focus on Jesus as seen through the eyes and minds of first century Jews and pagans.

Contact: 248-626-2515

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Deacon Andrew Dawson, the son and grandson of Anglican priests, talks about why he became a Catholic.

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

OCTOBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Location: Dave Bennett and his jazz trio perform.

Contact: 248-788-9338 or 248-661-1348; vivaceseries.org

FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: More than 40 vendors will display their products at the Body Mind Spirit Festival. Presentations will focus on self-massage techniques, balancing hormones naturally, meditation, chiropractic medicine and more. Admission is $5.

Contact: 734-421-1760

OCTOBERFEST

Time/Date: 5 p.m. vespers, 5:30 p.m. bratwurst dinner, 6:30 p.m. Luther lecture

Location: Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 41415 W. Nine Mile, Novi

Details: The lecture will be "What Does This Mean? Confession and Catechesis (1526-1529)." Donations will be accepted. RSVP should include number in your party.

Contact: 248-349-0565; welsnovi@aol.com

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington

Details: $7 bag day on Thursday, $4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately.

Contact: 248-474-6573

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required.

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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

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

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or www.livoniastmichael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: Pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

St. Innocent Orthodox Church

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

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386

Contact: facebook.com/stinnocenredford

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 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

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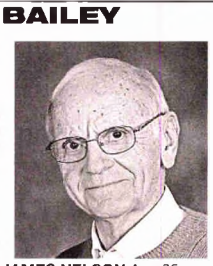

JAMES NELSON Age 85 died on September 8, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirlee Bailey just six weeks prior. Jim was born in Madison Wisconsin July 28, 1931, son to Olin and Mabel and brother to Patricia. Jim was an extrovert and optimist who loved life. Jim obtained his mechanical engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin on an ROTC scholarship, while still finding time to be in a fraternity and sing in a barbershop quartet. Jim married Shirlee Snell in Madison, Wisconsin on October 27, 1956, and they had two sons together (Curt and Tom). They had a dedicated and loving relationship and would have celebrated 60 years of marriage this year. Jim had a successful sales engineering career where he combined his engineering skills and natural gregariousness. He genuinely enjoyed learning about his customer's products and proposing highly technical solutions to their problems, while providing entertainment with his seemingly endless supply of jokes. Jim indulged his sons' interests. In the winter he would freeze an ice rink in the back yard on which they played hours of hockey. He owned multiple boats for lots of water skiing, and he had a continual supply of used cars for them to drive. He was a Sunday school teacher who was a favorite among his pupils. Jim and Shirlee were founding residents of Celebration, Florida, an innovative Disney community. In 1997, Jim started a seniors group, the Celebrators, which is still in existence today. In retirement, Jim was a hospice volunteer for over 15 years, providing companionship to patients and relief for caregivers. Beloved "FarFar" to his grandchildren, his enthusiasm for life was contagious, and it lives on in all of them. Jim was a believer in the power of optimism and chose an optimistic attitude each and every day. He liked to tell stories about how frustrating and difficult situations could be viewed as "adventures". Jim's last role in life was as compassionate caregiver for his wife Shirlee who suffered from dementia. With this final "adventure" of caring for Shirlee complete, he has now left us to join her. Jim is survived by sons Curt (Jenny) and Tom (Jenny), his grandchildren Ben, Danny, Pippa and Roland, sister Pat Bowers, and nephews Cliff and Perry Bowers. Donations may be made to Seasons Hospice Foundation, First United Methodist Church of Birmingham or the Alzheimer's Association. Please share a memory at

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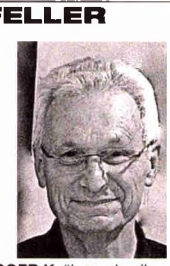

ROGER K. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," Philippians 4:13. After an eventful, exciting and full life, at the age of 78, closed his eyes and laid down to rest for his eternal life's journey on September 10, 2016 in Canton, MI. He was born on July 29, 1938 in Boeblingen, Germany to Dr. Roger and Margrit (nee Alff) Feller as their first child of three. After moving to the United States in 1954 he later graduated high school in Peoria, Illinois and enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served our great country and specialized as a parachute rigger and weapons mechanic while in active duty from 1957 until 1963, when he was honorably discharged. In 1966 he graduated from Northrup University with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. Roger started his engineering career with aerospace company, Pratt & Whitney. He was soon recruited to Michigan to work for Ford Motor Company. Roger has lived in the Plymouth/Canton area since 1972 with overseas assignments for work which included 6 years in China and 10 years in Germany. Roger enjoyed a successful career for 35 years with Ford Motor Company and Visteon enjoying what he did every day and continuing his knowledge and passion for cars into retirement. His dedication and love for his life's career was known by all and shared by those in his work and home families. Roger was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Mustang Owners Club of Southeast Michigan (MOCSEM). He enjoyed drives in his red Mustang convertible through the countryside of Michigan and along Route 66. He was an avid reader, and loved visiting Cobo Hall and The Henry Ford Museum for car shows. Most of all Roger treasured the time he spent with family and friends; especially his grandchildren. He will be remembered for his kind, loving, generous and quick-witted personality. Roger is survived by his daughter, Karen Baldwin; his son, Kurt (Katherine) Feller; his brother, Michael (Carolyn) Feller; his grandchildren, Carly and Joseph Baldwin and Eden, Brooke and Lucy Feller. He was also loved by Mary Kaluza; and the mother of his children, Reimute Feller. He was preceded in death by his parents and his infant sister, Alice Feller. A private service will be held at a later date. Monetary gifts to honor Roger's life may be made to The Yankee Air Museum (https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/savethebomberplant) OR St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Center (http://www.ihacares.com/locations/iha-hematology-oncology-consultants-ann-arbor). Please share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com.

GAHAGAN

THOMAS WILLIAM age 64 of Southfield, passed away Thursday, September 8, 2016, at Heartland Health Care Center-Livonia, NE. He was born on October 8, 1951, in Detroit, the son of John F. and Marion H. (Lynch) Gahagan. He graduated from North Farmington High School in 1971. Tom continued his education at Oakland University with a degree in Sociology and then a Masters at Wayne State University in Archival Administration. He worked at Goodwill Industries in Taylor and with Ever-Glo Janitorial Services through D&M Consultants in Southfield. He volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul in Royal Oak and Habitat for Humanity. Tom was an avid reader and a history buff, with a keen interest in anything pertaining to the state of Michigan, labor relations and political science. Surviving are two sisters, Ellen Gahagan of Hudson, Anne (Richard Dennis) Gahagan of Birmingham, a brother, Stephen Neil (Gail) Gahagan of Lake Orion, niece, Claire Dennis, two nephews, Griffin Dennis and Alec Gahagan and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sarah Gahagan. Cremation has taken place. Interment will be made in Calvary Cemetery in Hudson. A Memorial Mass is being planned for a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Brown-Van Hemert funeral home in Hudson. Memorials in Tom's name can be made to Easter Seals 2399 E. Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills MI 48326. Condolences and messages of comfort can be left at:

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HORNER

ESTHER Age 80, of Melvindale, September 14, 2016. Loving mother of Ernest (Eileen) Decaminada, Daniel (Patti) Decaminada and Pamela (Morris) Zaas. Dearest grandmother of Daniel Buchte, Cory Zaas, Amanda Taylor, and Travis Decaminada; and great-grandmother of Adam Zaas. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park), 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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LOWTHER

HON. CHARLES M. "CHUCK" passed away at home in Royal Oak on August 31, 2016 at the age of 71. Survived by his wife of 42 years, Dianna Jean Lowther and his children: Lisa (Ken) Veenstra, Charles (Jessica) Lowther, Joseph Lowther, Robert Lowther and Michael (Lindsay LeBow) Lowther. Born in Detroit on April 7, 1945, to Ruth and Russell Jack Lowther, Chuck excelled on the football field and graduated from Shrine High School in 1963. Chuck played football for MSU, earned his B.A. and also earned his J.D. and LLM from Wayne State. He was the City Attorney of Royal Oak and later became a judge for the State of Michigan. Chuck was a kind soul and friend to all. Memorial service, Friday September 23, 10 a.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), 248-549-0500. Family will receive friends Thursday, September 22, 2 - 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to North Oakland SCAMP, 6389 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, 48346 or The Chuck Lowther Athletic Fund c/o Shrine Catholic High School, 3500 West 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak 48073, Attention: Meg Armstrong. View obituary and share memories at

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MACCANI

DAVID PAUL Age 47. Passed away September 15, 2016. Loving husband of Diane for 23 years. Cherished father of Francesca and Marcello Maccani. Dear brother of Larry, Mike, and Vince; and son of Angie and Dino Maccani. David was an amazing husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He will be deeply missed. In state Wednesday 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 4000 Ave Maria Dr., Ann Arbor. Interment at Washtenong Memorial Park, 3771 Whitmore Lake Rd., Ann Arbor. Contributions may be made to ALS of Michigan in his name.

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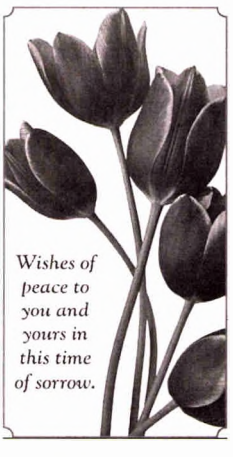
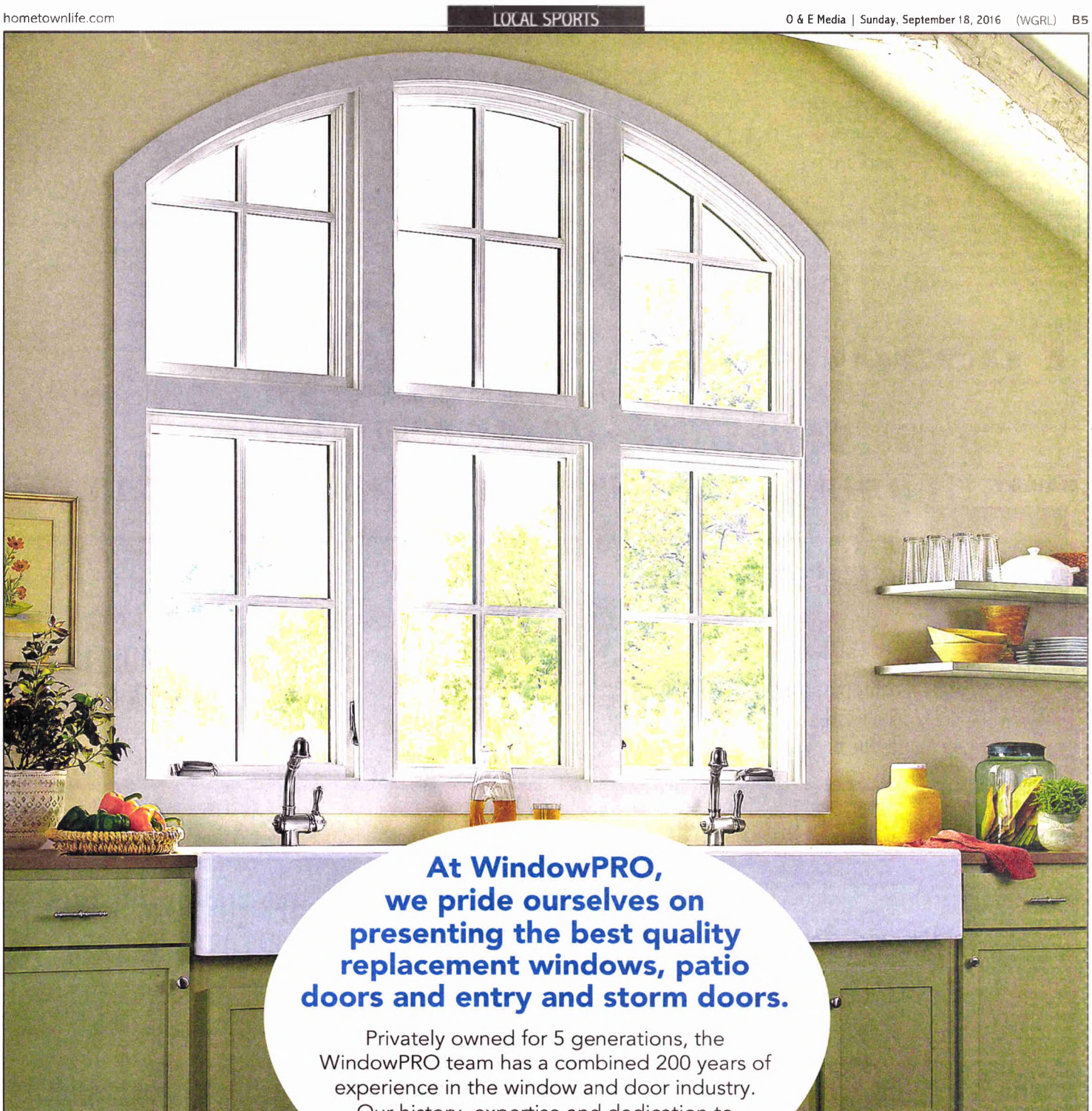
WITHROW

DORTHA JEAN "DOTTIE" (nee ELZINGA) 83, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 in Naples, Florida. She was formerly a 50-year resident of West Bloomfield, Michigan. Born in Detroit, August 13, 1933, Dottie spent her adult life dedicated to family and to fostering educational initiatives for children and teachers. Dottie is a graduate of Detroit Redford High School, Michigan State University (B.A., Education) and Oakland University (M.A., Teaching – Learning Disabilities). She was a special needs teacher in the West Bloomfield School District for many years. Dottie and husband Jack were active alumni of Michigan State University. She served on the MSU College of Music Leadership Council and established endowments promoting teaching excellence in the Colleges of Music, Engineering, Education, and Business. In recent years, Dottie endeavored to author three children's books that use simple stories to teach life lessons and build vocabulary. She also was a member of Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples where she was active in, among other things, a project to showcase religious art. She is survived by John (Jack) D. Withrow, Jr., her husband of 61 years, her children Jack David Withrow (Susan) of Orchard Lake, Michigan, Robert John Withrow (Deb) of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and Monica Sue Fox of Okemos, Michigan, grandchildren Stefan Withrow, Lauren Withrow, Jonathan Withrow, and William Withrow and brother Stanley G. Elzinga (Marilyn). She is preceded in death by her brother Ronald B. Elzinga and her grandson Devin John Fox. A Memorial Service will be held on October 8 at 10 a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.





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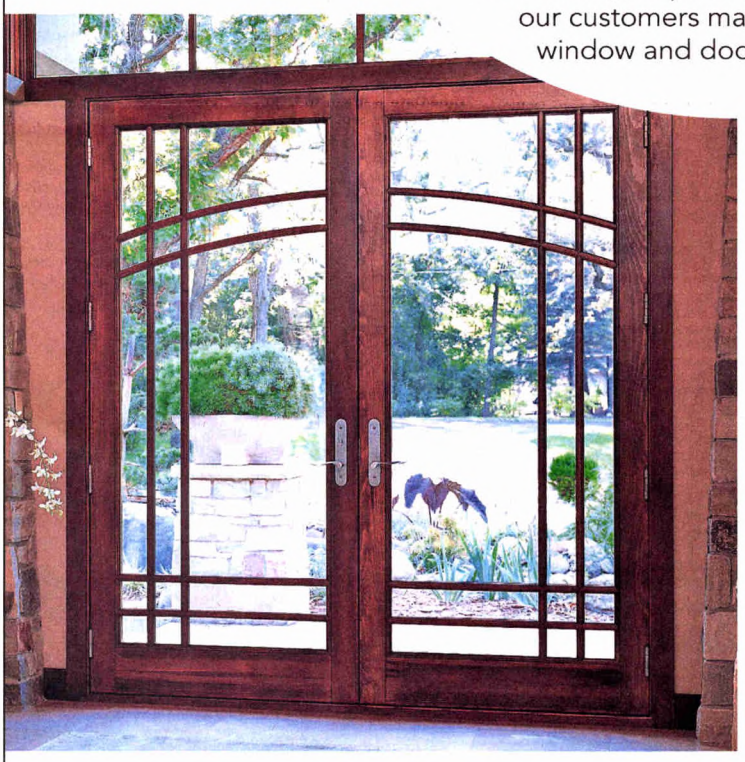

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