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Westland man killed in hit-and-run

Crash involved 3 vehicles; 2 drivers remained at scene

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Canton police are investigating a double pedestrian fatality involving three vehicles that occurred while two men were crossing Michigan Avenue at Lotz in Canton.

The accident happened shortly before 6 p.m. Sunday. Police haven't released the names of the men who were killed, only that they were a 54-year-old Westland resident and a 45-year-old Inkster man. Police say the two men were walking north across the east-bound lanes of Michigan Avenue at Lotz Road. The 54-year-old pedestrian was struck by what witnesses described as a dark blue or black vehicle, possibly a late-model Dodge Caravan, before the driver fled the scene.

"We're still looking for the driver," police Lt. Pat Sullivan said Monday morning. The same man was subsequently struck by a Buick Lacrosse whose driver did stop at the scene. The 45-year-old man, meanwhile, was struck by a Ford Expedition. That driver also stopped at the scene. The 54-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene. The 45-year-old was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where he later died. No injuries were reported

by the drivers or passengers of the vehicles which stopped. The driver of the Dodge Caravan was described as a Middle Eastern male, approximately 36-40 years old, clean-shaven with short black hair. He was wearing a dark, possibly black, suit with a red tie. Police say he briefly got out of his vehicle and then left the scene. Anyone who has information about the driver or who saw the crash is asked call the Canton Township Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Police say the Dodge Caravan or similar type vehicle should have significant front-end damage. Speed, alcohol and distracted driving do not appear to be factors in the crash with the two drivers who remained at the scene. The Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team was called in to investigate.

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Alexis Burgess, Cathy Mila and Jose Mila, all from Livonia, won't have any trouble finding their way with their bright noses.

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LIGHTFEST TO OPEN WITH CEREMONY THURSDAY

Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans and Wayne County Parks invite the public to attend the Lights On ceremony for the Wayne County Lightfest at 6 p.m. Thursday at Merriman Hollow Park located at 7651 Merriman in Westland.

The Lightfest is the largest holiday light show in the Midwest, displaying more than 50 animated themed displays and more than 100,000 lights. Among the attractions planned for the ceremony will be a performance by the Livonia Franklin High School Choir, a fireworks show and an appearance by Santa. The ceremony will conclude with Evans turning on the switch to kick off the first drive of the 23rd annual Lightfest. "I look forward to Lightfest and the joy and excitement that it brings to families during the holiday season," Evans said. "Lightfest has become a cherished and much anticipated tradition for so many people across the region. We are proud to host this community-wide celebration each year."

The Lightfest 8K Run/Walk took place Tuesday night in Merriman Hollow Park.



Runners and walkers share the pavement Tuesday night for the Lightfest 8K.

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Lightfest is considered to be one of the most popular and not-to-be missed events in Wayne County. Michelle Kuczmarski, a Wayne County resident who has attended Light-

fest for 17 years, said, "over the years my children have been awestruck by the Lightfest displays and each year gets better with new attractions to enjoy. As a family, we

look forward to Lightfest because it is a great time for us to bond during the holiday season. Lightfest really is a

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Man dies from apparent gunshot wound in Wayne

David Veselenak
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Wayne police say they are investigating an incident in which a man died from an apparent gunshot wound early Monday morning.

Police say they responded at about 12:30 a.m. Monday to a home in the 35000 block of John R on the report of an individual who had been shot. Police say officers arrived and found a deceased individual who had died from an apparent gunshot wound.

Officers from the Wayne Police Department and the Michigan State Police continue to investigate the incident, which police say is an isolated one, and that there is no immediate danger to the public. As of Monday morning, no one was in police custody.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Wayne Police at 734-721-1414.

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Turkeys on the table for Westland-area veterans in need

Vic Barra, president of the Wayne-Ford Civic League, Mayor William Wild and state Rep. Robert Kosowski will provide frozen turkeys with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce and choice of corn or green beans to veterans in need for Thanksgiving.

Westland veterans should call the mayor's office or Kosowski to register for a turkey by Monday, Nov. 21. The turkeys will be distributed 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22.

"As a veteran, I was proud to begin this tradition with Mayor Wild and state Rep. Kosowski three years ago," Barra said. "To see it grow as more veterans become aware of the effort is extremely re-

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warding and I appreciate the continued support of our local elected officials to help our veterans in need."

"This is the third year that we have partnered on this cause that is very important to us," Kosowski said. "We want to ensure that every veteran in our district has everything they need for a delicious Thanksgiving meal to show our thanks for their service. We would also like to extend a special thank you to this year's sponsors,

Meijer, Advance America, Brad Trombly of Allstate, the Westland Police Officers Association, Westland Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association and the Westland Police Community Partnership."

"The veterans of our community have given the ultimate sacrifice by putting their life on the line to defend those here at home. It is our duty to take care of those distinguished members who have served our country," Wild said. "Providing free turkeys on Thanksgiving is our way of honoring the veterans of Wayne and Westland."

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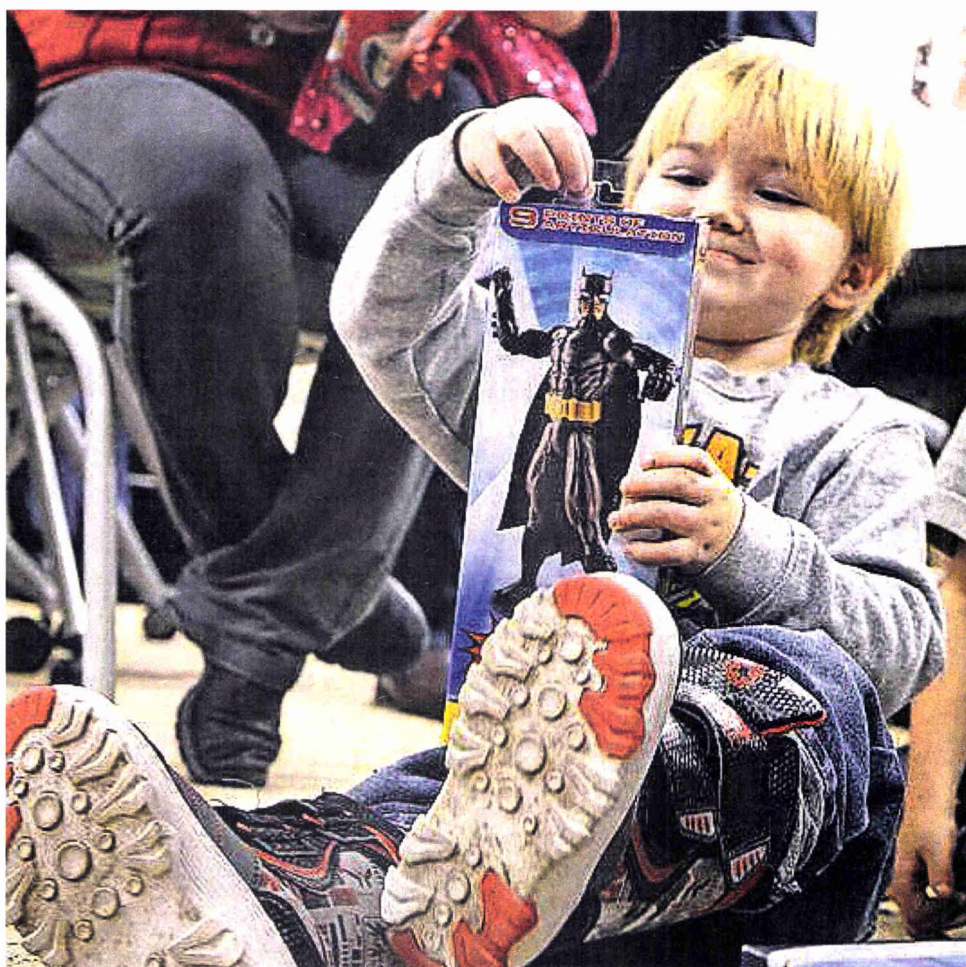
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A child receives a toy from Toys for Tots at a 2015 event.

FILE PHOTO

Area Toys for Tots groups begin prep for season

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With Halloween in the rear view mirror, that

means Christmas isn't that far off. And with the

season of giving starting, area Toys for Tots coordinators are ramping up their efforts.

The program has coordinators all across the region, and wants those in the local community to know who to contact if they're looking to donate or are in need of some assistance this holiday season.

Kim Felske, a regional coordinator with Toys for Tots, said the group wants to inform residents of who their area coordinator is to help assist them in making sure donations, collections and other information are going to the right person.

"We don't want people missed, (that) is our biggest concern," the Brownstown Township resident said. "We'd like the toys collected in their communities to stay in their communities."

Coordinators for certain parts of the area have changed. For those in Livonia, Wayne and Westland, residents and business owners can contact Nakii Adams at 734-258-2083 or via email at nakii4t@gmail.com. For those in Redford Township and Garden City, the point person is Phil Smith, who can be reached at 313-720-2754 or at psmithtoysfortots@gmail.com. For those living in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon or Milford, the contact person is Rebecca Yarbrough, who can be reached at 248-331-7433 or t4trebecca@aol.com.

These coordinators can be contacted if a family is in need of assistance this holiday season, if someone is looking to donate items or if a business wants to set up a donation box.

More information can be found at trenton-mi.toysfortots.org, novi-mi.toysfortots.org or detroit-mi.toysfortots.org

Felske said the organization still sees need all across the region. Some areas tend to be higher for donations than others, though she said the need across Metro Detroit hasn't gone down.

"What we haven't seen is the need going up. But that could be for many different reasons," she said. "We haven't seen a drop in need for many, many years."

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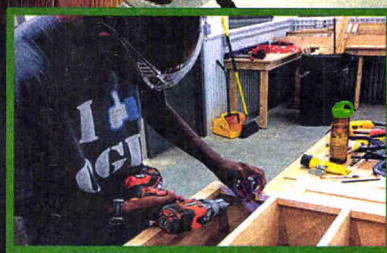
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Lego team wins inspiration award for deer-car crash solution

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Muir Middle School's First Lego League team couldn't get a robot to climb a wall, but might have what it takes to make a deer stop in its tracks.

The Vallibots, a team of sixth- to eighth-graders led by science teacher Jason Vallimont, took 12th place this month in regional competition, a two-part contest that involved programming a Lego robot to perform different tasks, plus an animal-related research project. The Muir students chose vehicle-deer accidents as the theme of their project.

"The research did extremely well. We did exceptional in interviews and average in the robot games," Vallimont said. "They did research to find out as much as they could about the problem. They had to come up with an innovative solution. They came up with KADTR, which stands for keep animals' deaths off the road."

The group devised an alert system involving two signs, infrared sensors, a sound system, reflectors and strobe lights. The sensors, stationed along the road, would detect if a car was approaching and if a deer was near or in the street. It would relay the information to another sensor near the deer. The device would send out a strobe light and random sounds to scare the animal away.

"There are deer whistles that are put on a car and work by air flowing," Vallimont said, "but this goes on the side of the road."

He invited Oakland County Road Commissioner Ron Fowkes and Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman to talk with students about their idea.

"The road commissioner said it was a good idea and he had a couple things that would need to be tweaked with it. The road signs on the side of the road are built so if a car hits one, it doesn't annihilate the driver," Vallimont said. "They would have to be solar-powered. That would be the next step."

The students created an image of their invention on computer, but did not build a working model.

Hoffman gave the team a thumbs-up for their research and presentation.

"I think the kids are absolutely amazing," he said in an interview this week. "They are very creative. They thought it through and they gave us a little demonstration. It sure makes them think."

He likened the team's idea to hidden or invisible fencing that keeps family pets from straying away from his home.

"It's all done with sound waves," he said. "It's more than possible. I would suspect that as time goes on, there will be something like this built into cars, so that as you're driving along, it would alert you to all kinds of things."

Although the Vallibots didn't qualify for the state tournament, they did earn the judge's inspiration award. Vallimont called the group well-rounded with "great core values" such as team work.

Vallimont will mentor a different robot team for another series of competitions, but he noted he'd be happy to work with the Vallibots if the group wanted to develop the deer warning system.

"The would be awesome," he said.



Alyssa Hagan, dressed as a deer, works with Lego League team member Johnny Thompson on the robot portion of competition.



COURTESY PHOTO

Skiing is a big part of the Michigan winter experience. Here is a skier at Boyne Mountain.

Discounts, lessons and more on tap at Michigan ski resorts

Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

From a new chairlift at Caberfae Peaks to an innovative instructional program at Mt. Brighton, Michigan ski operators are gearing up for the season.

"There are a lot of things going on this winter that people should be aware of," said Mickey MacWilliams, executive director of the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association.

Caberfae Peaks, near Cadillac, will add a triple chairlift to serve the North Peak complex, taking skiers 1,561 feet up and offering a 360-degree view of the Manistee National Forest.

Boyne Mountain will offer new shops in its village, including a new spa experience.

Other ski areas and

the association itself are offering a variety of deals for learners and frequent skiers.

At Mt. Brighton, for example, guests who pay \$349 for a series of four, two-hour skiing or snowboarding lessons during January will get skis or a snowboard to keep at the end.

Extend your weekend at Treetops Resort near Gaylord and participate in "Learn to Ski Monday," where a group lesson comes free with a lift ticket.

The Snowsports Industries Association also is offering its popular White Gold card right now. The card costs \$269 and offers one-day admission to 35 different ski areas in Michigan, as well as discounts on ski- and snowboard-related services. Only 400 are available. Buy them at

participating locations or at www.goskimichigan.com.

January has been designated learn-to-ski month in Michigan, and resort operators will offer a variety of lessons and programs as well as discounted lift tickets.

In a great deal for families, kids who sign up for the "Cold is Cool" passport at a cost of \$20 get to ski or snowboard for free at 30 different resorts when accompanied by a paying adult. It also offers discounts on helmets and at more than 50 participating ski shops.

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TYLER THOMPSON
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Tyler Thompson and Rita Thompson have the kids, 8-month-old Alex and 4-year-old Olivia Thompson, bundled up and ready to go in the Lightfest 8K run/walk. The Thompson family is from Livonia.

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beautiful experience."

Santa's Workshop

Returning this year is Santa's Workshop from Friday until Dec. 23 in Warrendale Park. Families have the option of visiting Santa or dropping off a letter in the

giant mailbox. Also returning are Toy Nights on Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20, where visitors can donate a new unwrapped toy in lieu of paying the entrance fee.

Lightfest runs from Thursday through Dec. 31, with a closure on Sunday, Dec. 25. The cost per vehicle is \$5.

Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in West-

land and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights.

Wayne County Lightfest Hours of Operation are 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

During Lightfest, Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 5 p.m. on the weekends.



Jessica Hamrick of East Lansing and her dad Vyto Kaunelis and mom Mary Kaunelis, both of Canton, warm up by the bonfire before the race begins.



The race begins at Merriman Hollow in Hines Park.



Selfie time for Kathy Stegbauer of Southgate, Karen Krolicki of Woodhaven and Allison Krolicki of Woodhaven.

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Grandma's Attic Sale at Greenmead

No admission or parking fee for Grandma's Attic Sale, which is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Alexander Blue House in Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Shoppers will find a house full of treasures. The sale benefits the Greenmead park.

Craft show

The annual Franklin High School athletic boosters craft show will take place during the day Saturday, Nov. 19, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy in Livonia. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1. Crafters, vendors, concessions and 50/50 raffle. No strollers please.

LPS foundation luncheon

WDIV-TV news anchor Devin Scillian is the keynote speaker at the seventh annual Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation luncheon set for noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center, 18100 Merriman Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 each or \$500 for a table of 10. Tickets may be purchased through PayPal at www.LPSFoundation.org or by check, payable to LPS Education Foundation, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. The luncheon's host is Steve Courtney, WJR sports director.

Durwood Coffey art displayed

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton presents more than 10 years of paintings by artist Durwood Coffey. The exhibit will run now through Nov. 29, in the Gallery@VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Following in the footsteps of childhood heroes such as Howard Pyle, N.C. Wyeth and Norman Rockwell,



Staff photographer Bill Bresler captured the November supermoon with an airliner passing overhead Monday evening.

Supermoon is a super sight

Spectacular is how the NASA website describes the November supermoon. And it surely was as our own staff photographer, Bill Bresler, captured this image Monday evening.

Bresler was in his backyard grilling a pork tenderloin on his deck in Livonia, casually keeping an eye on the moon. As the sky cleared around 7:45 p.m., he set up his Sony mirrorless camera on a tripod.

"I made a few shots,

but it was just a plain old moon. I was waiting for a bank of clouds to move in and partially cover the moon, but the clouds missed the moon. I shot a few more frames, but was not even looking through the viewfinder. Watching the moon with the naked eye, I thought I saw something pass in front of the moon, but I couldn't be sure. I don't even remember shooting it, but I got two frames," he said.

It was not until Tues-

day morning that he noticed this image of an airliner passing overhead.

The supermoon, according to the NASA website, is when the moon makes it closest pass to Earth in its orbit. This November's supermoon is especially "super" as it is the closest the moon will pass to Earth since 1948 and it will be 2034 before passes this close again.

— Dan Dean

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Numerous cultural exhibits will be featured in The Village Theater's lobby, and cultural items from around the world will be available for purchase. Enjoy an International Sweets Table where favorite international desserts from Metro Detroit area bakeries will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$2 per person at the door. Audience members can get their hand stamped and come and go as they please throughout the day. Seating for this main stage production is general admission.

On display

Artist Dawn Johnson will exhibit her works of art at the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Center Library on Five Mile in Livonia. The exhibit, which runs through Nov. 29, is hosted by the Livonia Arts Commission. Johnson loves painting all subject matter but is especially drawn to landscapes and wildlife. She enjoys painting en plein air (in the open air), on location outdoors. She is intrigued by the many colors she sees in nature and enjoys mixing each color as she sees it. She uses her love of photography as an asset to painting and often takes reference photos when her painting has to be completed in the studio. Dawn attended Ringling School of Art and later received her bachelor's degree from Madonna University.

Toys & Trains: Railroadiana

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers' Club will sponsor a buy-and-swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, at the Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer Road, between Merriman and Venoy Roads, Westland.

There will be approximately 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer set up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available for dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food will also be available to the public. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free.

For more information, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

Looking for volunteers

Are you look for volunteer opportunities in Livonia? If so, consider volunteering with Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia, a volunteer nonprofit group that provides weekend food to at-risk children in the Livonia Public School System. The group packs more than 220 bags of food each week and is in need of help packing the bags each Tuesday night.

Visit the SignUp Genius page at www.signup-genius.com/go/10c0c4da5a62aa0f94 filling. To learn more, visit www.biablivonia.org.

Town Hall speakers

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

Jan. 18 — Writer Doug Stanton, who will relate his writing on travel adventures and political pieces from national publications.

March 15 — Best-selling author Denise Kiernan will 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 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to purchase tickets.

Durwood Coffey learned the art of illustration and practiced this visual skill for more than 30 years in the corporate world.

His clients came from across the country, representing such firms as Detroit Edison, Anheuser-Busch, General Motors, SeaWorld, Capital Cities and Marvel Comics. Works of this award-winning artist will be on display Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as during public performances at the theater and also by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

Christmas tour

Livonia's 28th annual Christmas Walk/Home Tour, sponsored by the

Friends of Greenmead, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Tickets are \$10 or \$9 in advance and are available at Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia City Hall (Community Resources, 5th Floor), all Livonia public libraries, or from any member of the Friends of Greenmead. The tour will feature four private homes, St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, and the Simmons/Hill House and the A.J. Geer store on the Greenmead grounds. (Start your walk at Greenmead.) All proceeds benefit the restoration of Greenmead Historical Park. For more information, call 248-477-7375.

Celebrate internationally

Experience music, dance and drama from around the world when Canton's International Festival returns from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. This annual cultural and educational festival celebrates the diversity of Canton and surrounding communities through song and dance on the main stage of The Village Theater. Countries represented this year through dance, music and vocal performances include China, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Polynesia, Tahiti



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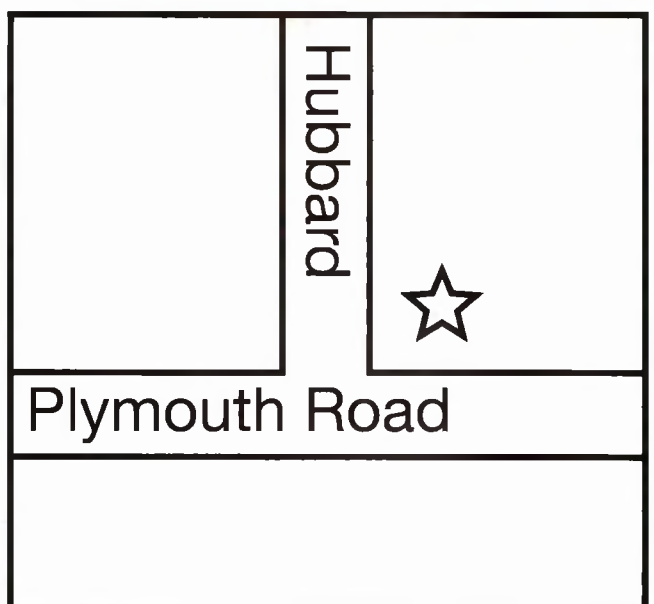
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Skate park draws opposition from neighbors

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Michael Shada sees a slice of nature when he looks across the street from his Milford home.

Supporters of a proposed skate park look at the same green space and see an underused drainage area that's perfect for development.

Shada is one of a handful of residents on Atlantic Street who have voiced opposition to the location of the proposed skate park at public meetings this fall. A few also opposed the site in July, when the village council approved the concept. As plans proceed, they want officials to know they still prefer a green space to a skate park north of Milford Civic Center. They hope an ad hoc committee that was created by council last month will consider another location.

But the committee is looking into the feasibility of building the skate park on the green space and will report its findings to the council at an undetermined date. The committee, which includes two council members, two parks and recreation members and three skate park supporters, also will recommend a design firm and construction proposal.

Pro-skate park residents, mostly parents, dubbed their group Project S-Park, and through a GoFundMe campaign established in July have raised almost half of \$25,000 needed for the design phase of the park. They hope to raise a total of \$220,000 to build the plaza-style skate and BMX park that would include green space and a play area for younger children. The village would own and maintain the completed park.

Village Manager Christian Wuerth, who sits on the ad hoc com-



The view of the green space from Michael Shada's living room window.

mittee as a non-voting member, said an engineering firm donated its survey work at the green space. Data from its work, along with information from consulting engineers, will help determine if a skate park is appropriate for the site.

"The (green space's) primary function today is as a drainage ditch," Wuerth said.

He noted that some

existing trees and other green elements can be integrated into the plaza-style park.

Colorful trees

In a letter to village council and Wuerth in July, Shada and his wife, Janice Watson-Shada, urged officials to conserve the green space "for all to see and appreciate."

"If you look at it from

our house across the street, you don't see drainage, you see beautiful red maples and beautiful orange crab apple trees," Shada said in an interview last week.

Shada, a retired Southfield police lieutenant and a football coach at Milford High School, also is concerned about accidents between skateboarders veering off the proposed plaza and po-

lice cars exiting the Civic Center on emergency runs.

Wuerth said the committee will consider other locations if the green space is not feasible. The committee must determine if it's possible to enclose the drain, maintain the drainage and build a skate park on top of it.

He said parents hope to start construction by

summer.

"That is optimistic. A lot of steps have to happen between here and there. The goal is that, hopefully, by early January, we'll be in a position to put out a request and get a design firm on board," Wuerth said. "No final decision has been made. This is very much a work in progress."

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MDOT says watch out for new, wider plow

Eric D. Lawrence
Detroit Free Press

"Do not crowd the plow."

That's the message the Michigan Department of Transportation is trying to get out ahead of inclement weather this winter. The agency is rolling out a new piece of equipment for metro Detroit, a tow plow, which will take up a wider stretch of roadway when it's in use than a plow truck by itself.

The tow plow, which will be attached to the rear of a traditional winter maintenance truck, will be in use during times of low traffic volume on select portions of major roads, including I-375, I-75, Gratiot and Woodward avenues and Fort Street, according to Charles Mackey, transportation maintenance supervisor at MDOT's Detroit Maintenance



The Michigan Department of Transportation announced Oct. 27 a tow plow will be used on select metro Detroit roadways this winter.

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Garage.

The tow plow and the truck hauling it will each be able to carry 10 tons of road salt. The combo, which MDOT parked on

Belle Isle for a media showing, will stretch 29 feet in width when the tow plow blade is out and the truck has its wing blade extended, effec-

tively like having two plow trucks operating. Tow plows are in use in other parts of Michigan, such as the Upper Peninsula, but this will be the

first one in metro Detroit. The new truck costs about \$200,000 and the new plow, about \$100,000, Mackey said. The combination will bring the num-

ber of trucks in MDOT's fleet at its garage on East Ferry Street to 14.

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Don't equate election results with market performance

If you had believed what all the talking heads on TV were saying, there was absolutely no reason to watch the election coverage. After all, all the polls and so-called experts had predicted that Hillary Clinton would be our next president. In fact, many of the so-called experts had said it would be an Electoral College landslide for Clinton — they were wrong. In fact, if you stayed up and watched the coverage, as it became clear that Donald Trump was going to be the next president, many of these so-called experts were warning people of the inevitable crash of the stock market. Once again, they were wrong.

In fact, not surprisingly, the market acted the exact opposite way and



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

the Dow Jones had its best week in five years. This is not the first time that the so-called experts had it dead wrong. After all, it was just less than six months ago that the same so-called experts predicted carnage in the market if the British voted to leave the European Union; once again, they were wrong.

It is important that as investors we recognize that just because someone is on TV and gives their opinion, that doesn't mean much. You and I have no way of knowing if the person expressing their opinion is qualified or just a good talker. It is

important that you don't rely on the talking heads; not only because so many of these so-called experts on TV have no clue, but because they don't know your individual situation. When it comes to investing, your individual goals and objectives and risk tolerance level are what should govern, not what's happening in the market. Unfortunately, too many people invest based upon what they perceive as the direction of the market; that is nothing more than gambling. After all, when you try to time the market you have to be right twice — once when you buy and once when you sell — and I don't know anyone who has been able to do that on a consistent basis. People can get lucky, but I'm not sure you want to risk

your retirement money based on luck.

I've also mentioned many times in the past that what prevents investors from being successful is when they let fear and greed dictate their investment decisions. When fear and greed enter into the equation, the general result for an investor is that they end up buying high and selling low. I can assure you that this is not the way to make money. As an investor, we need to filter out the noise and focus on what's important and that is our goals and objectives and risk tolerance level.

Whether you like President-elect Trump or

not is not the issue. The issue when it comes to your money is what you are trying to achieve and how long you have to achieve that goal. Those are the things that you should focus on, not if you like the person in the White House or not. Do I know how the markets will do under President Trump? No, I don't. Just like I didn't know how the markets would perform under President Obama or President Bush. What I do know is, in the long run, who's in the White House has little, if any, effect on the performance of the market. Let's not forget that we are in a global economy and markets are af-

ected by many factors and who is in the White House is just one of them. Therefore, as investors, you must have the discipline to avoid the partisan banter that goes back and forth. Just because someone says it on TV doesn't make it so. To be successful, the bottom line is you must focus on your individual situation and avoid the mumbo-jumbo that we so often hear.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAMMATIC 4(F) EVALUATION
FOR PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF OLD M-14 (ANN ARBOR ROAD)
LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Programmatic 4(f) Evaluation for the proposed reconstruction of Old M-14 (Ann Arbor Road) in the city of Livonia, Wayne County, from west of Newburgh Road to east of Market Street.

MDOT will conduct a public hearing in the 5th Floor Gallery Room at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., on Thurs., Dec. 1, 2016 to receive comments on the EA document. To allow easier participation for those in the study area, the public hearing will take place continuously from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with a formal presentation at 6 p.m.

The EA describes and analyzes the proposed work and the measures taken to minimize harm to the project area. The proposed project involves adding right-turn lanes on Newburgh Road; replacing the Old M-14 bridge over the Middle Rouge River and the Hines Drive bridge over Old M-14; a new sidewalk along the west side of Old M-14 from Newburgh Road to Plymouth Road; and a paved pathway connecting the Old M-14 sidewalk and Hines Drive pathway. The Section 4(f) Evaluation assesses the impacts to Edward N. Hines Park and the historic Hines Drive bridge, which is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

MDOT has encouraged public involvement throughout the study process beginning with a public meeting on May 15, 2014 and continuing with opportunities to comment at www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies. The EA is available for review and comment on-line and at the following locations: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., Livonia; Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Rd., Livonia; MDOT Taylor Transportation Service Center, 6510 Telegraph Rd., Taylor; MDOT Metropolitan Region Office, 18101 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield; and the MDOT Bureau of Development, 425 W. Ottawa St., Lansing.

A court reporter will record the hearing's formal presentation and public comment session, and will be available to take comments in private for inclusion in the public hearing transcript. Citizens also may complete a written comment form at the hearing or mail, fax or e-mail their comments to: Robert H. Parsons, Public Involvement and Hearings Officer, Bureau of Development, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909; Fax: 517-335-5696; or e-mail: parsonsb@mdot.michigan.gov. Comments must be e-mailed, faxed or postmarked on or before January 3, 2017. A copy of the complete transcript, including all of the written and recorded oral comments received, will be available for public review in January 2017 at the above listed locations.

With seven days advance notice, the document may be available in alternate formats, including large print, audio file and other languages. For more information on this public hearing, or to request accommodations, please write to the above address or call (517) 373-9534.

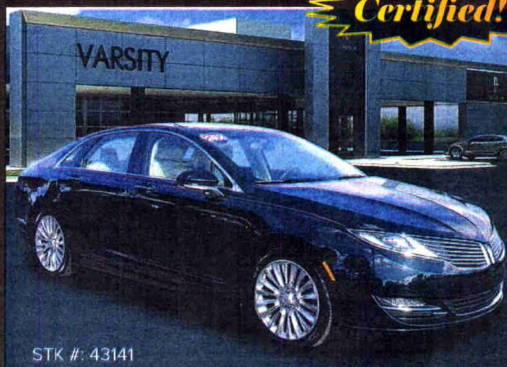
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Westland police briefs: Vehicles broken into

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Vehicle broken into

Westland police were dispatched Nov. 6 to the 33400 block of Bendon Court on the report of a larceny from auto that had taken place.

The resident said she noticed her boyfriend's vehicle, which was parked in the driveway, had been rummaged through while it was in the driveway. Her vehicle was parked behind his in the driveway but had not been disturbed. The woman told police it appeared nothing had been taken but she thought she should report it anyway. Police observed several items strewn around in the car, but everything appeared to be intact.

Attempted burglary

Police were called Nov. 6 to a residence in the 6800 block of Lakeview Boulevard on the report of an attempted burglary at an apartment.

The resident told police it appeared someone had tried to break into her residence sometime earlier that morning. Police saw there was some damage done to the door jam, but nothing was suspicious inside the apartment. The resident said there was nothing missing from the apartment.

Cash stolen from car

A resident who lives in the 2600 block of Cascade Court came into the police station Nov. 6 to report a larceny from auto that resulted in the theft of some cash.

The resident said he parked and locked his vehicle in his driveway earlier that morning.

When he went out later, he discovered the driver-side door was open and found some cash missing from the center console. He told police he didn't see any damage done to the vehicle or the door locks.

Military supplies taken

A resident who lives in the 37600 block of Laramie came into the police station Nov. 6 to report the theft of his military ruck sack and several other items inside.

He said he came home from training Oct. 29 and placed the bag in the garage. He discovered the bag was missing Nov. 4. He said the bag contained several items, including a three-layer sleep system, knee and elbow pads, rain gear, a first-aid kit and trenching tools.

CDs, duck call stolen from vehicle

A resident who lives in the 1600 block of Regene came into the police station Nov. 4 to report several items that had been stolen from his vehicle.

The resident said the vehicle was parked the day before. When he came out to it that day, he discovered several CDs and a duck call were stolen. There was no damage reported to the vehicle.

Broken-out window

A resident who lives in the 37700 block of Greenwood Drive came into the police station Nov. 1 to report her back window on her vehicle had been smashed out.

She said her vehicle was parked in the parking lot and an unknown person broke out the window.

Got kidney stones? Try a roller coaster

RJ Wolcott
Lansing State Journal

Does your insurance cover amusement parks? Maybe it should.

For years, David Wartinger's patients told him stories of passing kidney stones shortly after riding roller coasters.

"Most urologists wouldn't be surprised by this," said Wartinger, a professor emeritus with-in Michigan State University's Department of Osteopathic Surgical Specialties. Jarring motions and vibrations often jostle stones stuck on the outer area of kidney, enabling them to be passed.

But one patient's story prompted Wartinger to look at roller coasters more seriously. The patient told Wartinger he rode Big Thunder Mountain Railroad inside Disney World's Magic Kingdom three times in an hour and passed a stone shortly after each ride.



The Bizarro roller coaster at Six Flags New England, in Agawam, Massachusetts.

So Wartinger decided to test it himself. Alongside then-urology resident Mark Mitchell, Wartinger visited Disney in 2008.

He and Mitchell rode coasters with a backpack loaded with a 3D model of a kidney between them. Testing nearly 200 stones of different shapes and sizes, the pair found Big Thunder Mountain was particularly effective.

They found nearly 70 percent of stones were primed for passage when

riding in the rear car at Big Thunder Mountain. Other carts on the ride weren't nearly as successful. The pair also tested Space Mountain and Aerosmith's Rock 'n' Roller Coaster, which failed to replicate Big Thunder Mountain's success.

Rough-riding coasters with quick turns are most likely to help stones move along, Wartinger said. Anyone looking to try Wartinger's method should avoid coasters

with inverted loops or upside down movement.

The potential cost savings for patients, employers and insurance companies are substantial, Wartinger said.

"We want to offer people something cheaper than a \$5,000 Lithotripsy," he said, a procedure which breaks up large stones using ultrasound shock waves.

Coasters like Big Thunder Mountain won't work for everyone, Wartinger said. Much like a person's fingerprint, the inside of a person's kidney has a unique pattern. But for patients who know they have a small stone, recently had a larger stone broken-up or women looking to pass a stone before becoming pregnant, roller coasters are a logical proactive measure.

"I can tell you, if insurance companies want to save money, they'd cover visits to amusement parks," he said.

Livonia police briefs: Craigslist scam reported

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Craigslist fraud reported

A resident who lives in the 20500 block of Chesnut Circle came into the police department Sunday afternoon to report a fraud case that had stemmed from a transaction on Craigslist.

The resident said he contacted a company via Craigslist about redoing the driveway at his home in Livonia. He met Oct. 9 with someone from the company at his Livonia home and put down a \$200 payment for the work and was given a receipt. On Oct. 20, the victim gave the suspect another \$600 for the removal of the old driveway. The work was set to begin the next day, but

crews did not show up. The man has attempted to reach the contractor several times, but had been unsuccessful.

Perfume stolen

An employee at Walgreens, 17001 Newburgh, came into the police station Monday afternoon to report the theft of several bottles of perfume from the store.

The employee said a man and a woman came into the store with two children and went straight to the perfume case. They then used a key to access the locked display case and proceeded to take out several bottles of perfume and place them in a cart. The employee said they then left the store without paying for the items, which were worth more

than \$1,500. An employee heard the alarm and tried to stop them, but was unsuccessful. They left in a blue sedan. The employee was unsure where the suspect got a key to the perfume case from.

Theft of vitamins

Police were dispatched Monday afternoon to The Vitamin Shoppe, 12687 Middlebelt, on the report of some stolen items.

A manager said the suspects, a man and a woman, came in and selected several items off the shelves. They purchased one item, but left without paying for the others. An employee believed they were concealed in the woman's purse. Several bottles of vitamins appeared missing. The couple then drove off in a vehicle

with an out-of-state license plate.

GPS stolen from vehicle

A resident who lives in the 30400 block of Grandon came into the police station Saturday morning to report the GPS unit had been stolen from inside her vehicle.

She said someone entered her vehicle overnight and stole a Garmin GPS unit and a bean bag GPS holder. She said the car was unlocked overnight and the windows rolled up. She came out that morning and found the glove box open, with papers scattered all about inside. No suspect information was available.

—Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
AUCTION NOTICE**

The City of Westland will be holding a live auction to sell obsolete equipment on **Saturday, November 19th, 2016 from 10:00am – 12:00pm**. The auction will be held at the Department of Public Service Yard, located at **37137 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185**.

CASH OR MONEY ORDER ONLY

For more information, please visit www.cityofwestland.com/dpsauction

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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November 17, 2016

**CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 22 11/7/16**

Presiding: President Pro-Tem Cicirelli Bryant
Present: Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
2011: Minutes of regular meeting on 10/17/16.
- Traffic Control Order 2016-12: Install (2) "Handicapped Child In Area" signs on Avondale btwn. Henry Ruff & Shotka.
- Bid for Water & Sewer System Maintenance Svcs.; 2 yr. contract w/Liqui-Force.
- Bid for Portable Valve Operator to low bidder, USA Blue Book, amt. not to exceed \$6,450.
- Appr. Contract w/Quadrant 2 Education for Management JBCVC Learning Center; amt. \$38,000.
- Appr. Westland Wayfinding & Signage Design Proposal from OHM; amt. not to exceed \$21,000.
- Intro. Manpower Budget Amendment 2017-03; Increase 2 positions, add Sergeants.
- Waive procedure, declaring an emergency, due to time constraints, to allow the Intro & Adoption of Manpower Budget Amendment 2017-03 in the same meeting; Increase 2 positions, add Sergeants.
- Adopt Manpower Budget Amendment 2017-03; Increase 2 positions, add Sergeants.
- Placement of 2016 Winter Hazard/Board-Up Fees on 2016 Winter tax bills.
202: Conf. appt. of D. Adams as City's FOIA Coordinator.

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HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION RFP**

Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, January 10th, 2017** at which time the RFP's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each proposal shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Proposals shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late proposals will be returned unopened.
A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the Livonia Fire Department Station 1 Headquarters, 14910 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 at **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016. Proposals will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.**
Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info
All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the proposal must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed proposals in response to this request will not be accepted.
All proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN LIVONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT – STATION 1 HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the **City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154**.
No vendor may withdraw his proposal within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.
The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any proposal does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.
Shadd Whitehead
Livonia Fire Chief
Dennis K. Wright
Mayor
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Holiday Turkey Drive

Preferred Dental Group and The Salvation Army have teamed up to feed families in need this holiday season.

You can help by buying a frozen turkey for a deserving family. For every turkey donated, Preferred Dental Group will match the same amount of turkeys that are donated.

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Veteran's family reunited with his Purple Heart



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Allyse and Evan Denmark present a pair of glass eagle statues to Cadet Jay Choi and Lt. Col. Matthew Yandura as thanks for finding them and returning a Purple Heart Certificate Yandura found, belonging to their predecessor, Tech 5th Grade Robert Mathis, at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

Joe Guillen
Detroit Free Press

The chance discovery in a Jerusalem consignment shop of World War II veteran Robert Mathis' Purple Heart certificate led U.S. Army Lt. Col. Matthew Yandura on a three-year journey to reunite the award with Mathis' family.

It was a quest that involved contacting military agencies, scouring the Internet and reaching out to suspected family members, only to be told he had the wrong Mathis family. "It was maddening," said Yandura, now a military science professor at Loyola University in Chicago.

This summer, with the help of Army Cadet Jay Choi, Yandura tracked down Mathis' family, 72 years after he was killed in action defending the beachfront of Anzio, Italy, in 1944.

On Sunday, several family members and Jewish war veterans were among more than 100 people who attended an hour-long ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills to reunite Mathis' family with the Purple Heart certificate he earned on that beach in Italy. He is buried at a Jewish cemetery in metro Detroit.

"In reuniting Robert's certificate to his family, we dutifully return a soldier's lost honor," Yandura said Sunday during the ceremony. "We also restore a piece of a family's proud Jewish history and we also remind ourselves of the price of freedom and the cost of war."

Born Reuven Matusевич in Lithuania, Mathis immigrated to the U.S.



LEX DODSON | SPECIAL TO THE FREE PRESS

A group of Jewish war veterans thank Cadet Jay Choi for reuniting the family of Tech 5th Grade Robert Mathis with his Purple Heart Certificate during a ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.



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Gloria Zeitak of Israel and Faye Menczer Ascher of West Bloomfield, nieces to Tech 5th Grade Robert Mathis, share their stories and memories of him.

around 1939 and changed his name. After a couple of years, Mathis enlisted in the U.S. Army and was deployed with the 36th Combat Engineers. About the same time, Mathis' wife and child — whom he planned to bring to the U.S. — were killed by Nazis in Lithuania, along with his parents, Mathis' family members said Sunday.

As a combat engineer, Mathis was an infantryman technically versed in all aspects of detonation and explosives. He helped clear routes for combat teams and discarded captured enemies' explosives, said Choi, who met Yandura through Loyola's ROTC program and joined the effort to help find Mathis' family.

In Italy, "Mr. Mathis and his unit held their defensive position for 47 long, cold, grueling, aching days on the line without any relief," Choi said. "This never-quit, bend-but-don't-break attitude helped develop a unit motto — rugged."

Faye Menczer Ascher of West Bloomfield, Mathis' niece, spoke at Sunday's ceremony and recalled memories of her uncle. She remembered going to a toy store in Detroit with Mathis while he was visiting on furlough. She also remembered, as a girl 9 or 10 years old, seeing Mathis' Purple Heart in its box in one of her mother's drawers.

Exactly what happened to the medal and its certificate is unclear. The family believes the Purple Heart certificate eventually was in the

possession of Mathis' brother in New York. Later in life, the brother moved to Jerusalem to be near their sister. After they both died, the family thinks there was an estate sale and the certificate came into the hands of an antique map dealer whose goods were for sale at the Jerusalem consignment shop where Yandura came upon it in 2013 while he was stationed at the Jerusalem consulate.

"While perusing the maps, my eye caught a small, non-descript gold frame resting on the ground against another map," Yandura said Sunday during the ceremony. "As I knelt down to get a closer look, I immediately recognized that the frame contained not a map, but a Purple Heart certificate."

Yandura said he asked for the certificate so it could be returned to the family. But the map dealer insisted on \$100, Yandura said. He paid for it and pledged to find Mathis' family. The certificate and a new medal were presented to the family Sunday.

The ceremony drew relatives from Israel, England and across the U.S. Family members said the experience brought them closer together and taught younger generations unfamiliar with Mathis about his service.

The army's contact with his family began over the summer, when a researcher contacted Allyse Denmark, Mathis' great niece who grew up in West Bloomfield and lives in Atlanta.

The U.S. is a nation of immigrants, Denmark, 48, said, and learning about Mathis helped Denmark and her family better understand its history.

"Not everyone understands their immigrant story. But so many people who come to America are either fleeing some place in adversity or they're coming for a better life," she said. "We all have a story. This was our story."

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1336E, Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from R-1, Single Family Residential to PUD, Planned Unit Development, Parcels #017-99-0048-704, -0047-703 and -0047-001, South Side of Joy Road, east of Newburgh Road, Steven J. Schafer (Glenn Shaw Jr.) and

Case #1336F, Preliminary Plan Approval for Proposed Nankin Mills Village Site Condominium, Parcels #017-99-0048-704, -0047-703 and -0047-001, South Side of Joy Road, east of Newburgh Road, Steven J. Schafer (Glenn Shaw Jr.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2102A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Expansion of Parkside Credit Union, 1727 S. Newburgh, Parcel #059-99-0001-701, Northeast Corner of Newburgh Road and Palmer Road, Janet Thompson

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF GARDEN CITY
Wayne County, Michigan

To all residents and interested parties:
The following legal notices are available for review on our website.

The minutes (including approved ordinances) from regular and special Council meetings are available at:
www.gardencitymi.org/minutes

Current requests for bids and proposals are available at:
www.gardencitymi.org/purchasing

You may also access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours, or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

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3. 2005 Buick	2G4WS52J831166939
4. 2004 Buick	1G4HP52K044160013
5. 2003 Ford	1FMPU16L13LB95261
6. 1998 Plymouth	1P3ES47C7WD734627
7. 2007 Dodge	1B3HB48B97D500737
8. 2005 Mercury	2MRZA21295BJ05204
9. 2006 Cadillac	1G6DW677360166434
10. 1989 Chevrolet	2G1WH55K219154333
11. 2008 Dodge	1D8HB38N18F111259
12. 1984 Toyota	4T1SK12E4SU509193
13. 2000 Dodge	3B7HC12Y8WM286866
14. 2002 Ford	1FAFP42XX2F187986
15. 2003 Pontiac	1G2NW12E13C184357
16. 2002 Pontiac	1G2WP52K2SF130541
17. 1999 Dodge	1B7GG23XXFS118215
18. 2003 Dodge	1B3ES46C3YD672262
19. 1987 Hyundai	KMHWF35H94A991882
20. 1992 Buick	2G4WB54L2N1406097
21. 2000 Oldsmobile	1G3AZ57Y80E333445
22. 1993 Chevrolet	1G1BL52P68R147258
23. 2002 Cadillac	1G6KY5499ZU117629
24. 2004 Chrysler	2C8GM68404R560012
25. 1991 VW	3VWTE29M6YMO03703
26. 1989 Chevrolet	2G1WT58KX89288138

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MP Fashion focuses on stylish, practical outerwear

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

Fashion designer Mila Pershyna wants her customers to look stylish and feel comfortable in practical and versatile clothing.

"Those are the key words for every single piece I do," she said. "I design for women and I hear what women want. I don't design just for me. I listen to you."

But the 35-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman does take a cue from her own lifestyle – a busy mom juggling career and family – when creating outerwear for her MP Fashion collection. That means making some coats that can easily expand to accommodate changes in physique, including pregnancy, with sleeves that roll up to adjust for arm length and jackets that flatter the back with peplum styling.

"I know so many women have a problem, even if they're not pregnant, with the lower body or they have a stomach and they have a problem finding the right coat. It could fit on top, but not on the bottom," said Pershyna, who is expecting her second child.

"There's a lot of functionality to everything I do. You can buy just a regular-style coat in the store, but something that is timeless and versatile – if you gain weight, lose weight, if you are pregnant – five to 10 years from now, I want you still to be able to wear the coat. I want it to be an investment."

Asymmetrical cuts, big collars, hoods and fabric combinations with different textures are key to her signature outerwear designs that are sold in boutiques and through online retailers. She also creates a more limited line of dresses, slacks, tops and skirts for her online store and for sale at her Sylvan Lake studio.

Unique styles

"Last year, I carried her coats and they all sold out. Clients love them," said Yelena Reiber, owner of Silhouettes, LLC, a boutique in Farmington Hills. "At the moment, I have a lace-up tunic dress with a collar and it's multi-color stripe. I personally have a couple of her things I wear, a coat and a top. The coat I have, I haven't seen anything like it."

About 90 percent of Reiber's inventory comes from Europe, where she



Mila Pershyna shows off a design in her spring-summer collection.

finds designs that other local stores don't carry. But she also likes the idea that Pershyna makes many of her pieces in Michigan. Although large production runs, mostly for coats, are made at factories in New York, Pershyna designs, cuts patterns and makes samples in her studio. Most of the fabric Pershyna sources is domestic, although she plans to use some Belgian textiles for next year's collection.

"Why I carry Mila is that they are different. You can walk into 20 stores and won't see the same styles," Reiber said. "I will be looking at some coats for this year. I especially like what she had at the New York Fashion Week."

Pershyna, who founded her company in 2013, was among 36 designers who showed their work Sept. 10 at The Hotel Pennsylvania through Plitz New York Fashion Week. Hundreds of fashion shows take place during the twice-annual New York Fashion Week. The Plitz event gives up-and-coming, as well as seasoned, designers a chance to buy a runway package that includes, models, staging, lighting, photos and more. Their work is reviewed and must be approved by the event organizers before they are allowed to participate.

"It gave me more confidence in my work. I want to do a European show next," Pershyna said. "I was there to show what I could do, that I could handle a big show, the stress. Many designers would be very excited. That is a big step. I was pretty optimistic only because I have so much experience."

Playing with dolls

Her study in fashion design started with paper dolls and culminated in a master's degree from Wayne State University

in 2013. Pershyna, an only child, taught herself to make doll clothes while growing up in Belarus.

As a teen, she sewed all of her outfits and was known as a trendsetter at school.

"What probably pushed me to sew for myself was I wanted to be different. It was during the USSR time and you didn't have access to European clothes," she said. "If I had been born after the USSR fell apart, I don't think I'd be making anything now because I was forced to do something for myself, to be a little different."

After getting a bachelor's degree in linguistics in Belarus, she moved to Michigan in 2002 with the hopes of working to make enough money to pay for more education back home. She saved enough money for school, but ended up taking classes at Oakland Community College. At the same time, she worked in retail. Her resume includes managing a Lens Crafters store and a Sigrid Olsen store. Both experiences helped hone her business skills.

Pershyna considered attending law school, but her husband, a Russian native who is a photographer and fine artist, urged her to look into fashion design programs.

She gave birth to their son with just two classes left before completing her master's degree at Wayne State University. In 2012, she left her year-old son and her husband at home in Michigan to pursue a four-month internship with Diane Von Furstenberg in New York.

"It was a difficult decision to let me go," she said. "If I hadn't had that experience I wouldn't be where I am now. I wouldn't have started my company."

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High-tech learning continues at Jefferson Barns center

On Monday, Nov. 7, the Westland City Council approved a \$38,000 contract with Quadrant 2 Education for the continued management of the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center Learning Center. Funding for this partnership is provided by a Michigan State Police JAG Grant.

Quadrant 2 Education provides programming and teachers for the JBCVC Learning Center. During the first year of the program, beginning in December 2015, Q2E led more than 100 students, ages 10-18, through

computer science-related activities. This began with computer coding and has advanced to using devices such as robots, drones and white boards. Students are creating games and websites. Q2E also provides tutoring.

"Having Quadrant 2 as a managing partner has been enriching for many students who have utilized the learning center," Mayor William Wild said. "One student started the program with a 1.5 grade-point average. After working with the Q2E teachers, her grade-point is greatly improved and

she is a mentor for younger students."

During the 2016-17 school year and summer, Q2E will continue to guide the students as they pursue their interests in the computer science field. The program will also continue to provide tutoring in all subjects. All students, ages 10-18 are welcome to participate in the Learning Center. There is no cost to participate.

For more information, contact the Learning Center at sean@quadrant2coaching.com or call the JBCVC at 734-595-0288.

Transfer open house Nov. 30 at Livonia EMU campus

Eastern Michigan University will host an open house for prospective transfer students on Nov. 30 at the EMU Livonia campus, featuring a campus tour, opportunities to learn about transfer options and much more.

The open house is from 4-6 p.m. and will be held at

EMU-Livonia, 38777 Six Mile. Parking is free at EMU-Livonia.

All prospective students attending the transfer open house can apply for admissions free of charge, a \$35 savings.

Attendees of the open house can also expect to:

» Learn more about

EMU's more than 200 majors and programs on main campus

» Discover onsite transfer options at EMU-Livonia, including business, criminology, nursing and more

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Reality TV star teams with heart transplant patient

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

Everybody knows the Hardcore Pawn Chick has a heart of gold.

Ashley Gold, the former reality star of TruTV's Hardcore Pawn, has created a personalized beaded bracelet that she's selling on her website to benefit 16-year-old heart transplant patient Trevor Sullivan.

"My goal is to provide the greatest Christmas ever for Trevor and his family," Gold said. "So many people have helped me along the way ... when I heard about Trevor's story I knew right away that I wanted to do something."

The Team Trevor Bracelet sells for \$20 and is available exclusively on www.pawnchickshopping.com. The colors of the bracelet — blue and black — represent Sullivan's love for the



SULLIVAN FAMILY

Gold of "Hardcore Pawn" fame, right, with 16-year-old heart transplant patient Trevor Sullivan of Southfield. "My goal is to provide the greatest Christmas ever for Trevor and his family," Gold said.

University of Michigan, and the strength he's displayed through the transplant process.

Through word-of-mouth, Gold has been

selling over 20 bracelets a day.

"It's the power of social media," she said. "It can help change a life."

Strength in numbers

Sullivan received his new heart in November 2015. He was on the road to recovery until last July, when he suffered what doctors believe is a rare reaction to a viral illness. As a result of the setback, the Southfield teenager spent several months recuperating at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He's hoping to return to school later this month.

"He's getting stronger, and that's what counts," his father, Phil Sullivan, said Monday.

In the meantime, the family has had plenty of support from the community. Trevor's classmates at Groves High School included him in this year's Homecoming Court, and a few of them even trekked over to the Sullivan house to help with lawn work. Other neighbors have formed a

Meal Train to help with dinners.

A Go Fund Me page has been set up for the Sullivan family to help with some of the bills. Despite having insurance, the family is facing thousands of dollars in medical co-pays. In addition, Phil Sullivan has been missing work and staying at the hospital, while his wife Kimberly stays at home with their three other children.

Reality show vs. reality

It's an unusual partnership: a former TV reality star teaming up with a heart transplant patient. Gold spent six years on Hardcore Pawn, which focused on the Gold family and their pawn shop off Eight Mile Road in Detroit.

She still travels the globe for speaking engagements, along with running a successful

online jewelry business. She still enjoys the art of buying or selling.

But most of all, she enjoys being a mom.

"I have two young children, and it's impossible for me to even imagine what it would be like," Gold said. "When I met Trevor, I promised him we would take this viral — and that's exactly what I'm going to do!"

Gold said she also plans on working with Trevor to help promote organ donations.

"He has such an incredible attitude," she said. "I met with him and his family at a restaurant, and he was showing me photos of his open heart surgery ... he's just so incredibly brave and he's focused on helping out other people. I think that's amazing."

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Kidney Ball aims for \$6 million mark

More than 800 notable business executives and socialites will gather at MotorCity Casino Hotel Saturday, Dec. 3, for the 12th annual National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Ball in the hope of reaching the \$6 million mark in total annual Kidney Ball funds raised over the past 12 years.

Danny Zivian, a sophomore student at North Farmington High School, is being recognized at the ball for his outstanding fundraising. Danny, a kidney patient himself, has raised \$84,446 from 2009 to date during the foundation's yearly Kidney Walks making him the top youth fundraiser.

More than 250 auction items and hundreds of

children's toys, books and games will be featured in the live and silent auction events. This year's event expects to raise \$600,000 for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's many community programs and services to help the more than 900,000 people in Michigan with kidney disease.

"For more than a decade the community has supported us in raising the funds needed to create programs that aim to help the nearly one million people in Michigan with chronic kidney disease," said Dan Carney, president and CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. "This evening is vital to the community we serve as these funds provide the



North Farmington High School sophomore Danny Zivian has raised more than \$89,000 for the National Kidney Foundation.

life changing, and sometimes life-saving, programs for a disease that we know to be 70% preventable."

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan was ranked the number one charity in the category of diseases, disorders and disciplines in 2014 by Charity

Navigator, the nation's leading charity evaluator. This year, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan earned its ninth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. The designation puts the

National Kidney Foundation of Michigan in the top 1% of all charities in the United States.

Considered on the social scene as "the most fun black tie event in metro Detroit," guests will experience live entertainment from the band Your Generation in Concert featuring Fifty Amp Fuse along with the exceptional MotorCity Casino Hotel cuisine prepared by Executive Chef Raymond Bertschy.

The 2016 Kidney Ball Chair is Patrick Rugiero, executive director of Roman Village Restaurant Group. The Honorary Co-Chairs of the Kidney Ball are Duane McLean, executive vice president of Business Operations for the Detroit Tigers; and Ed J. Peper, U.S. vice president of GM Fleet & Commercial.

The Kidney Ball is presented by General Motors Fleet and spon-

sored by Lear Corporation, Madison Heights Glass, Meijer, Hour Detroit, Adrian Steel, Detroit Auto Dealers Association, Detroit Medical Center, Greenfield Health Systems, Henry Ford Health System, First American Tile, GKN Driveline, LaFontaine Automotive, Mars Snackfood, McCann Worldgroup, Miller Coors, Morley, MotorCity Casino Hotel, Northwest Detroit Dialysis, and Print Tech Inc.

The Kidney Ball will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. followed by the program, with dancing and entertainment in Sound Board to end the evening. Tickets for the event are \$250 per guest and can be purchased via the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's website, www.nkfm.org/kidneyball, or by calling the NKFM at 800-482-1455.

Holiday Craft & Vendor Event

Saturday,
November 19th
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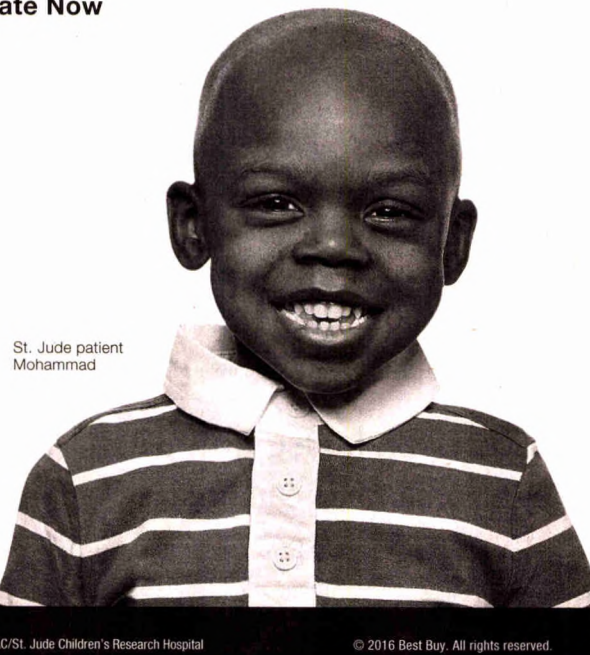
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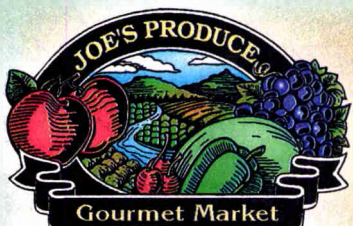
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Bedford sacks Churchill's tourney run

Chargers coach:
'They were clearly
better all three sets'

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Despite a strong legacy of girls volleyball history at Livonia Churchill, the Chargers found themselves as the underdog while facing some insurmountable odds in Tuesday's Class A quarterfinal at Gibraltar Carlson.

The opponent, Temperance Bedford, was a perfect 22-0 in Elite Eight matchups under

Hall of Fame coach Jodi Manore and the streak continued for the Kicking Mules, who roared into their 23rd MHSAA semifinal with a convincing 25-14-25-10, 25-22 victory.

"We came out real flat, but just give a lot of credit to Bedford," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "A typical Jodi (Manore) team. Outstanding defense. They hit the ball real well and they were clearly the better team all three sets."

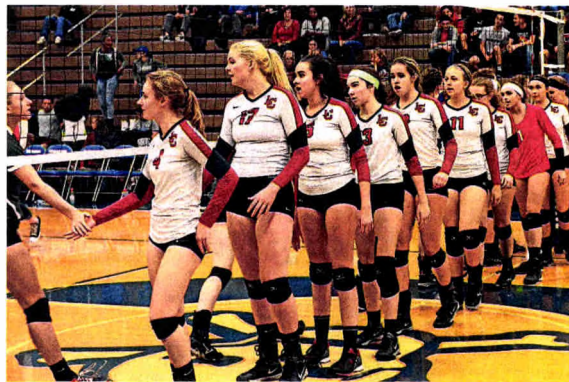
The Kicking Mules, who improved to 56-13-3 overall, played like a well-oiled machine during the first two sets.

"Tonight we definitely played the best we've played," said Manore, who is 1,237-327-

55 in 32 seasons at Bedford.

"We could do no wrong. We understand there could have been balls that could have been blocked that could easily been hit the other way. The volleyball Gods were with us tonight. Besides playing very well, we could do no wrong basically."

It took two sets for Churchill (35-14-3) to get its feet underneath itself, but by then it was too late although the Chargers were tied at 21-all in the third before Bedford closed out the match with a 4-1 mini-run capped by junior outside hitter Heidi Fauze's kill, her team-best 18th on the night.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Churchill players congratulate Temperance Bedford after Tuesday's Class A quarterfinal.

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HOCKEY

FARGO RINGS TRUE FOR BELL

Livonia's Evan Bell headed to Division-I Merrimack College to play hockey

Brad Emons
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Well traveled already at the age of 19, Evan Bell will be the first to tell you living and playing hockey in Fargo, North Dakota has its benefits.

"The 'Fargo' movie is totally opposite than the real city," Bell said. "It's a great place, a lot different than Livonia, Michigan, very spread out city and very cold in the winter compared to a nice, average Michigan winter. I live with the Nestler family. Great



Bell

family. They have two younger boys, one in middle school, one in high school, two dogs."

The 5-foot-11, 194-pound Bell, a second-year defenseman with the USHL's Fargo Force, will be on

the move again next season after signing an NCAA Division I Letter-of-Intent on Wednesday to play at Merrimack College (Mass.).

"I talked to Michigan State, the University of Nebraska-Omaha, but I chose Merrimack just because I did feel like I was home when I was there," said Bell, who plans to major in business marketing. "It's a very small, tight-knit school, very close to Boston. It's a small, quaint, perfect school for me when I was there."

After his rookie season with the Force, where he had one goal and nine assists in 57 games, Bell caught the attention of college scouts, who liked his skating ability and puck-moving skills as a defenseman.

"He brings a lot of energy to the rink each and every day, not only in practice, but in games," said Fargo coach Cary Eades, who coached for 15 years at the Uni-



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Livonian Evan Bell has been a mainstay on the blue line for the USHL's Fargo (N.D.) Force.



REBECCA HUNO

Standing on the blue line for the national anthem Saturday are Schoolcraft College hockey players and their young guests — the Livonia Timbits Mites.

HOCKEY

Schoolcraft icers give Livonia Timbits a chance to shine

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Andrew Lindsay plays hockey for Schoolcraft College these days, but it doesn't take much for him to recall when he used to run around locker rooms as a wide-eyed youngster.

"I'm going to be 22 in January," the Ocelots sophomore forward and team captain said. "Looking back, I still remember being a little kid running around at my dad's high school hockey games

when he was coaching, filling up the water bottles and being a part of the program."

So when he recently watched his uncle Ken Lindsay coach the Livonia Timbits Mites hockey team in a practice, he had a revelation.

Why not invite the young players (ages 6-8) to share pregame festivities and the national anthem with the Ocelots?

"My uncle Kenny is one of the coaches there," Lindsay said. "I had the idea because I went to their tryouts a couple

weeks ago.

"I saw them all skating around and I thought what a great idea it would be to give back to the community and have them come to our game, do the national anthem. Nothing's better than that. When I was a kid, I always wished I could have that opportunity."

Before Saturday's game at Redford Arena against the Lake Superior State Division II team, the little Timbits Mites had their big day.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi makes quick work of Mercy

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Often times, when a team wins a championship, the hardest part is trying to pull off the same achievement again.

Finding the fire within can take some time, with players trying to pick up the pieces and coaches setting loftier goals.

This certainly has not been the case for the defending Class A state champion Novi Wildcats, who showed little signs of struggle in their three-set decision (25-12, 25-15, 25-14) over Farmington Hills Mercy in regional final Nov. 10 at Howell.

Novi (51-1) advanced to the state quarterfinals against Birmingham Marian (48-13), which was scheduled for Tuesday at Troy Athens.

"They were really focused and fired up to play this match," Novi head coach Jen Cottrill said. "They honestly played their best tonight. They know what it takes to win, they're trained and they're prepared. We had a game plan and we executed it."

That sort of razor-sharp execution and firepower came from a variety of sources, but most notably in the form of a cannon – junior outside hitter Abryanna Cannon, to be exact.



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Mercy's Jessica Mruzik (37) executes a shot in Tuesday's regional semifinal match against Brighton.

The Notre Dame commit tallied nearly half of her game-high 19 kills in the first set alone, highlighted by a 10-4 Novi run to close it.

Cannon talked about the in-sync pattern she had going all-game long with junior setter Erin O' Leary (38 assists, 16 digs), who is University of Michigan-bound.

"The setter connection is an important thing in volleyball," Cannon said. "Erin is a great setter, so it's not super-hard to get that connection from her because she always

knows where you're at and always knows where you're coming in. Half the time, I don't even say anything and she sets me right where I want to."

The second set proved to be a tougher set for the Wildcats as Mercy (43-10) stayed within four points up until the very end.

Mercy spread out its offense, getting kills from setter Kennedy Kuffner, along with attackers Mallory Conrad and Lauren Hunter.

Following a tag-team block and kill by Marlins Jordyn Kreucher and Jessica Mruzik to pull within four, 16-12, senior Ally Cummings, junior Kathryn Ellison and Cannon each had a pair of kills as part of a Novi 9-3 spur down the stretch.

"Everything we threw at them, they dug up," Mercy coach Loretta Vogel. "They had very few errors and were able to put the ball away."

The Marlins grabbed their only lead of the set to begin the third set on an ace from Hunter, followed by sophomore hitter Logan Beyer providing a kill shortly thereafter to give them a 3-2 advantage.

A pair of errors, however, handed control of the scoreboard back to Novi, which cruised the rest of the way.

The Wildcats' lead grew to as many as 12 points through

out the match, which came courtesy of a Cummings kill to make it 22-10.

A well-played ball by senior middle blocker Emmy Robinson off an O' Leary set was the final touch to hand Novi its third regional title is as many years.

"Everybody on our team was locked in and we didn't let up at all," Cannon said. "I think it was one of our best games."

Vogel spoke highly of her players after the game, especially of Kuffner, a senior who moved over from her outside hitter position due to an injury to the starting setter.

"Early on, we lost our setter," Vogel said. "The young lady Kennedy Kuffner came in and never was a setter in our program. She carried us to here and I can't tell you how much respect I have for her. For everyone else, stepping in and playing well for us, we had a very successful season."

"As you proceed in the state tournament, it's easy to get wrapped in winning and all the scores and all those sorts of things," Cottrill said. "In the past, we've had success just focusing on what we need to do to win and the process and it really has paid off because it takes the pressure off to focus on volleyball."

BELL

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versity of North Dakota.

"He's one of our most improved players from a year ago. He had a solid rookie year and his ice time increased as the year went on. He's come back with a real veteran presence. He's playing a lot for us, both special teams, power play, penalty kill, and five-on-five."

Bell is among 11 recruits for Merrimack and Eades predicts a bright future in the collegiate ranks.

"He's the not the biggest guy in the world, but he plays physical," the Force coach said. "He checks real well and offensively he can make the rush from the blue line, good speed, jumps up on the play and has been helping us out on power plays. A lot of areas in his game translates in giving us a chance to win."

"The rest of the season with us will really groom him and make him ready. A lot of freshmen ... some play and some don't, but I think Evan, with his experience of junior hockey, and how much he continues to improve, has a real good chance to be an impact freshman."

Bell has also adapted well since coming to the USHL after being drafted in the sixth round by the Force.

This season, he has one goal and two assists in 13 games as Fargo sits in fifth place in the Western Conference with a 7-6 record (as of Nov. 10).

"More skill, a lot faster," Bell said of the USHL. "Guys are always going fast. It's the next step to playing college hockey. It definitely prepares you for the next level."

The Force play their home games in Scheels Arena (capacity 6,000), which also is home for the North Dakota State men's basketball team.

"We probably have the best fans in the USHL," Bell said. "Every Friday and Saturday night the barn is always packed."

Bell got an early start in hockey and switched positions at an early age.

"When I was younger, I used to be a center," said Bell, who wears No. 2. "In my Pee Wee year I changed into a defenseman. I liked it because I can control both plays. I can see the defensive side of the role and jump up into the play and become a forward, too."

After playing juniors locally for the U18 and U16 Little Caesars Midget AAA teams, Bell began his hockey journey in 2014-15 as a 16-year-old in McAllen, Tex. for the Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees of the North American Hockey League.

In 59 games with the Killer Bees, Bell scored four goals and added 14 assists.

"It was the most fun year I've ever played hockey, really nice, 70-to-80 degree weather all the time," said the 2015 Stevenson High grad. "Got to go golfing and go to the beach a lot. Really nice down there."

And despite being over 900 miles away from home, Bell has shown he can adapt to life away from home, which include his parents Robert and Cindy, along with a sister Ava (who attends Stevenson).

"Our guys live with housing families," Eades said. "They become their second family, but I'm sure he misses things about home. He's really fit in well here and has a good group of guys around him."

SPIKERS

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"We just kind of went back to what we do, which was some good defense and ball control," said Grenier, who has won 10 regional titles himself. "We were just never ever able to convert and put that ball down and score. And every time we had an opportunity, we just missed some key points, key balls. When you're at this stage of the game you better put it down if you're going to win."

In addition to Fausze's 18 kills, the Kicking Mules got 11 kills and three blocks from 6-foot senior outside hitter Jaycie Harris, while sophomore setter Levi Lennard added 42 assist-to-kills. Senior Erika Wilt also chipped in with eight kills.

"We had a young setter, a new setter, and two new middles," said Manore, who has won three state titles. "Brynn (DuVall) is a senior playing for us, but she hadn't been a middle at Bedford. And we had that combination of trying to train a setter and trying to train middles. It sometimes is ugly. I've been on them all year not going all out after stuff, or hesitating."

Churchill had lost to the Kicking Mules earlier in the season in the Bedford Invitational.

"We had an idea," Manore said of the rematch. "We knew their middles were the toughest. I thought their outside (hitter) was excellent. We dug a couple. We haven't been a good blocking team all year. I thought we had quite a few blocks. Serving errors ... not very many. So basically we kept the ball in play. I see only one serving error and when you do that good things can happen."

Churchill got a team-high nine kills from senior Samantha Zonca, while freshman Sarah Dunn added eight. Senior setter Megan Gendjar finished with 19 assists to go



THOMAS BEAUDOIN
Churchill's Megan Gendjar (right) saves the ball in front of teammate Annie Yost.

along with 12 digs.

Senior libero Alyssa Facione finished with a team-high 21 digs, while Colleen McGowan and Madison Mirabatur added 10 and seven, respectively.

Headed to play next season at Madonna University, Facione will miss the strong bond the Chargers displayed throughout the season.

"My last team has been the best team that I ever played for," she said. "The chemistry that we had ... these girls are

like my sisters and I'm going to miss that more than anything. And it's going to be sad to see them go."

The Chargers just couldn't get out of the chute offensively against the Mules, who were led defensively libero Taylor Haberland, who had 24 digs to go along with five ace serves (including three straight in the second set).

"I honestly don't know, we were just kind of slow to start and the energy wasn't there," Facione said. I don't we were



THOMAS BEAUDOIN
Churchill's Colleen McGowan comes up with the dig against Bedford.

expecting what they had. They were a strong team for sure."

Churchill loses nine seniors to graduation including Facione, Gendjar, McGowan, Mirabatur, Zonca, Annie Yost, Brianna Fulton, Katelyn Seger and Mary Kinney.

"This by far was one of my most enjoyable groups, teams and senior classes," Grenier said. "I'll miss just how they carried themselves and what they did day in and day out, and just the wonderful people that they are. They left a nice legacy for the next kids coming out."

But the Chargers couldn't overcome one of the state's premier programs in Bedford, which will face Rockford in the second semifinal beginning at 7:15 p.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. (The other semifinal pits defending state champion Novi against Fenton at 5:30 p.m.)

"Everything we saw was kind of what we knew they were going to do," Grenier said of Bedford. "They just did a super job executing and they'll represent real well."

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TIMBITS

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After running up the stairs to greet players and coaches in the Schoolcraft locker room, the Timbits players assembled.

Wearing skates, equipment and uniforms complete with their names, they waited along the outside of the boards while the Zamboni driver finished making his rounds following pregame warmups.

Those Timbits Mites youngsters, including Connor Cordle, Nathan Cordle, Liam Horgan, Carson Lindsay (Andrew's cousin), Natalie Moore, Brady Supplee and Jacob Warner, then stepped onto the fresh ice and mingled with the Ocelots.

Standing together

Each Timbits player had his or her name announced over the public address system and also stood on the blue line along with the Schoolcraft players for the national anthem.

"We thought it would be a great experience for them to come out and skate with a college hockey team," Livonia Timbits Mites head coach Steve Cordle said before the special event. "Stand out there for the national anthem and everything."

"Last year, there was the Five Nations Tournament (at USA Hockey Arena) and we got to go out on the ice and do a shootout during the USA vs. Russia game, which was really cool. All the kids loved that.

We're working to set that up again."

Cordle said his sons and the other players from his team were "pretty excited about it, it's going to be a fun thing. Any extra ice time is always good for the kids."

"This is great," Ocelots head coach Rob Lindsay said. "I went up in the locker room and three of the Timbits ran upstairs."

"I said to my players, 'Hey, you guys used to be these guys.' It's great to get them involved."

The little players and their bigger counterparts also congregated for a massive "team" photo following the anthem and then it was puck-drop time.

It already was a day the Timbit Mites will never forget.

But just for good measure, the Ocelots followed up by giving them a game to remember, too.

The home team broke out to a 4-0 lead after one period and a 7-0 advantage in the second before the Lakers rallied with five unanswered goals to make it relatively close.

Schoolcraft still hung on to win the American Collegiate Hockey Association contest, 8-5.

Back to back

In the game, which upped Schoolcraft's record to 7-5-0, forward Owen Hund (Garden City) scored twice in the opening 13 minutes to propel the Ocelots.

His second was right after Schoolcraft killed off a penalty. Hund and Zach Nichols worked a give-and-go down

the ice, with Hund finally snapping his shot into the Lakers' net.

Also scoring in the first were Jordan Martinez and Jacob Stanley.

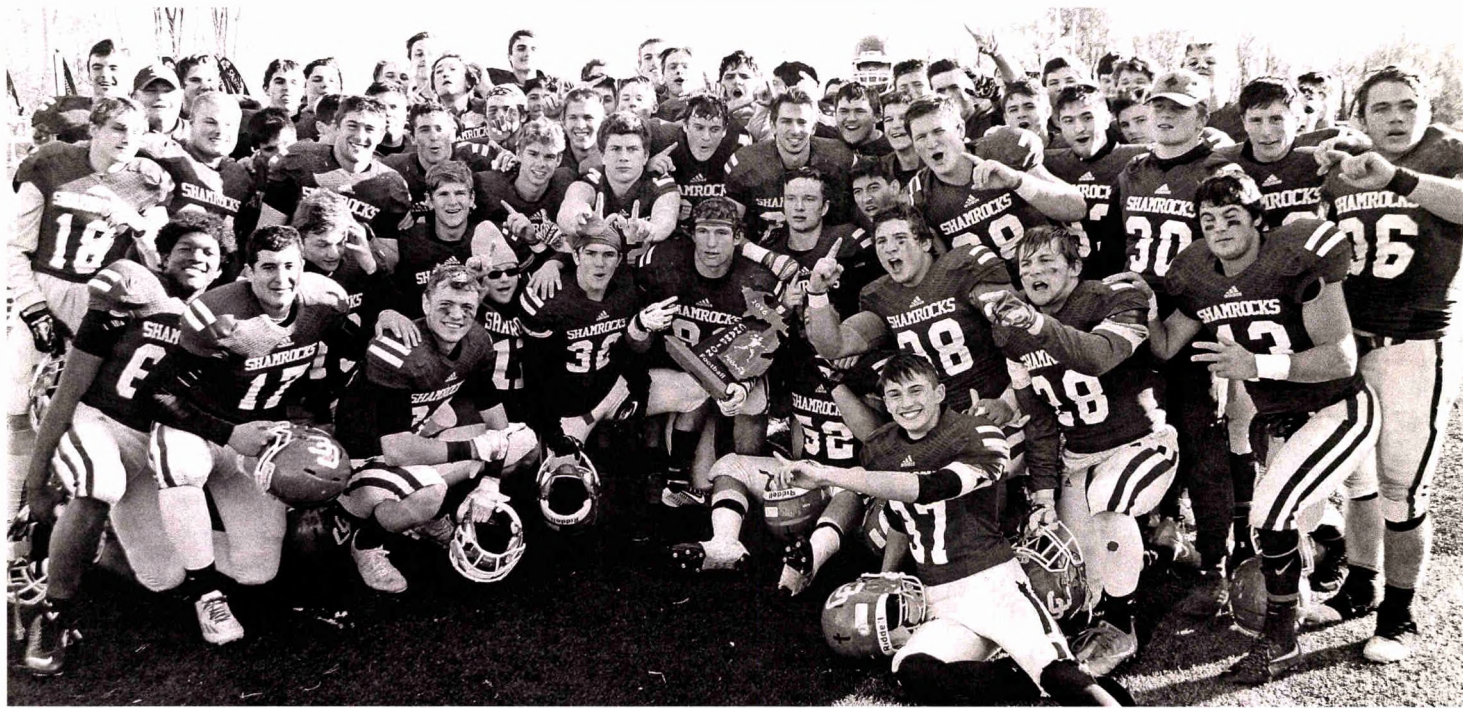
The lead grew to seven goals in the second, thanks to goals by co-captain Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson), Zack Finzel (Stevenson) and Lindsay.

Closing out the scoring late in the third period was Stanley.

Meanwhile, the Ocelots also won 8-4 Friday in the first of back-to-back games against the Lakers.

Glenn and Spencer Kovacs (Livonia Churchill) both scored a pair of goals.

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DENNIS BARNES

Catholic Central players celebrate after beating Grandville, 28-14, for the Division 1 regional title.

PREP FOOTBALL

SHAMROCKS STILL PERFECT

Catholic Central tops Grandville, 28-14, in Division 1 regional final

Brad Emons

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A preseason scrimmage may have provided the prime motivation for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's latest football victory.

In Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 regional final, the host Shamrocks kept their perfect season intact at Fr. Elmer Stadium with a 28-14 win over Grandville.

Ironically, the two teams met 13 weeks ago and it didn't go well for the Shamrocks, who now stand 12-0 on the season.

"They whopped on us," said CC senior fullback Cameron Ryan, who scored a on a pair of touchdown runs. "We approached this week of practice really seriously because of that four-way scrimmage. We knew we owed them one. Honestly, it was a big week for us and it showed we came together as a team."

Quarterback Austin Brown, who was 11-of-12 passing for 150 yards, scrambled out of the pocket and raced down the sideline 35 yards for what turned out to be the game-clinching TD with only 3:07 remaining in the final quarter for a 28-14 advantage.

Brown also remembered that preseason tilt.

"I wouldn't say they man-handled us, but they got us good," the sophomore QB said. "We were definitely ready for them. We had a little 'oomph' to us. We weren't going to let that happen again."

CC's defense once again met the challenge, holding the Bulldogs' potent wing-T offense to 188 total yards.

"The idea was to keep the ball away from them; otherwise they're going to keep it away from us scoring," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Our defense has been playing very good. It's very hard to stop that offense, so when you give them a couple of touchdowns, it's almost you know you're going to have to give them something. We were able to keep the ball long enough and score ourselves and turn the tide on that one."

After a scoreless opening



Catholic Central's Matt Young (right) scores a second-quarter TD helped by a Nicholas Capatina block.

quarter, CC struck first with a nine-play, 66-yard drive, capped by Matt Young's 6-yard TD run with 11:18 left in the second quarter.

Helped by a CC personal foul on ensuing the kickoff, Grandville answered by going 69 yards in 10 plays for a TD.

Brady Paganelli's 45-yard pass was nullified by a 15-yard block in the back to make it a 30-yard gain, but the Bulldogs, after converting on fourth-and-one, scored with 6:47 remaining in the half on Andrew Sundstrom's 1-yard TD run to make it 7-7.

On the ensuing CC possession, Brown hit Kevin Korte on a 34-yard pass and, six plays later, Ryan scored on a 3-yard TD run with 1:51 remaining in the half to put the Shamrocks ahead, 14-7.

"Cam is a very good back," Mach said. "He runs with reckless abandon. He gets you that tough yard when you need it and he's hard to bring down. I don't think one guy brings him down too often. It's the kind of fullback we always love at Catholic Central, since way back when."

Both teams missed an opportunity to add another score on their final possession of the first half.

CC defensive end Jack Morris came up with a big sack on a Grandville fourth-and-one situation at the Bulldogs' 47, but Ian Hall countered with sack of Brown after the Shamrocks got down to the Grandville 30.

CC enjoyed a 142-104 edge in total offense during the first half as Brown was an efficient 6-of-7 for 76 yards.

"We run the ball obviously pretty well, so when we keep running it we ended up opening it up and it opens up some pass plays for us," said Brown, who was also a full-time starter during his freshman year. "This week, I really watched film and asked my coaches a lot of questions on the coverages. I really did not want to lose this game after what they did to us at the scrimmage. I was definitely ready and so was my team."

On their first drive to start the third quarter, the Shamrocks marched 89 yards in 12 plays, with Ryan taking it in from the 1-yard line with 5:42 left. A 34-yard pass from Brown to Morris set up the touchdown.

"Ever since my freshman year, when I came to CC, we've had a good connection," Brown

said of his senior tight end. "He's been good with me and he's my main man right there."

But the Bulldogs responded with a 12-play, 76-yard drive, with Josh Atwell running a sweep for a 10-yard TD with 1:10 left in the third to cut the deficit to 21-14.

After the Shamrocks missed a 44-yard field-goal attempt with 5:54 to go, their defense held on third-and-six when Morris, rushing in from the blind side, batted down a Paganelli pass attempt.

"He's been doing that all year long and it's been working out really good for him," Brown said.

CC then put it away when Brown improvised for a 35-yard TD to make it a two-score game again.

"He sees the field very well," Mach said. "As soon as he saw that, he took off running and it was a great, great move on his part."

Grandville (10-2) wound up with just 155 yards rushing on 35 attempts, while Paganelli was just 2-of-8 passing for 33 yards.

"They're well-coached and they're physical up front," Grandville coach Eric Stiegel said of the Shamrocks. "I think more than anything they tackle extremely well and they make you execute. We did at times. We definitely didn't expect to come in and score 45 points on these guys. We felt we also left a few things out on the field."

CC had 320 yards total offense, with Nicholas Capatina (17 carries, 71 yards) and Ryan (16 carries, 69 yards) leading the way.

"We going to stick with what we do play — Catholic Central, hard-nosed football," the 6-foot, 220-pound Ryan said.

The Shamrocks now will face defending state champion Romeo (9-3) in the MHSAA Division 1 semifinals at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Howell High School. Romeo ousted the Shamrocks in last year's regional final, 40-29.

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COLLEGE SOCCER

Lady Ocelots lose tiebreaker in opener

The ninth-ranked Schoolcraft College women's soccer team tied third-ranked Laramie County College, 3-3, but fell in penalty kicks, 5-4, in the first match of pool play at the NJCAA Division I national tournament at Melbourne, Fla.

The game is officially a tie in the season record, but a loss in pool standings. It means the Ocelots (14-2-1) needed to beat Eastern Florida State College (5:30 p.m. Tuesday) to have any chance to advance.

The Golden Eagles opened the scoring in the 14th minute, when Jemma House took a

pass from Shauni Griffith and blasted a shot from distance past goalkeeper Lauren Auspitz. Twelve minutes later, Lauren Wynns fired a laser from the left side of the box to even the score. Jenna Smith had the assist.

In the 38th minute, Elliss Jenkins stole a ball of the Laramie defender, broke in on net and scored an unassisted goal to give the Ocelots a 2-1 lead. Four minutes later, Smith sent a pass from the top of the box to Jenkins on the right side. She put a shot past the Golden Eagles goalkeeper inside the far post to make it 3-1 at halftime.

In the second half, Nikita Woods found House, who put a shot in the net for her second goal to cut the lead to 3-2 in the 64th minute. Griffiths scored an unassisted goal in the 74th minute to tie the game. The teams played the last 16 minutes of regulation and the two overtime periods scoreless to send the game to penalty kicks.

Schoolcraft and Laramie County both scored on the first four shots of the penalty kicks. Jenkins went fifth, but put her shot over the crossbar. Laramie converted on its shot to win the game.



COURTESY NJCAA

Schoolcraft College freshman forward Elliss Jenkins drives the ball during Monday's first game of NJCAA Division 1 nationals.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 20

Location: St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: David Roth, singer-songwriter, performs. Tickets are \$20

Contact: unityoflivonia.org; 734-421-1760

THANKSGIVING EVE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: Worship service

Contact: 734-427-3660

THANKSGIVING EVE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Worship service

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

DECEMBER

ARTS & CRAFTS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3

Location: Lutheran High School, 33300 Cowan, Westland

Details: Juried show of hand-crafted items, hourly door prize drawings, face painting, bake sale, lunch available; \$2 admission, free for 11 and under

Contact: 734-422-2090

BETHLEHEM
MARKETPLACE

Time/Date: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3

Location: Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham

Details: Take a step back in time to the ancient city of Bethlehem where children will be provided with denaia to "spend" at the marketplace. They'll get a chance to help build a cradle and make a wooden drierel, weave fibers, knead bread dough, and more. A census taker, roaming villagers, storytellers and market vendors, along with live animals, round out the interactive event. Dinner will be available from 5-6 p.m.

Contact: Patty Glass at 248-646-6407, ext. 3130; pglass@fmc-birmingham.org

CANTATA, ADVENT
WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Dec. 4

Location: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Christmas Cantata followed by family Advent workshop

Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: An Advent Pageant of Lessons, Carols & Sing-a-long features the Adult Choir, Children's Choir and Contemporary Ensemble of the St. Aidan Music Ministry. Admission is a \$5 donation and two canned goods to benefit the church's Christmas food baskets program

Contact: 734-425-5950

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11

Location: St. Lazerus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 4575 E. Outer Drive, Detroit

Details: The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors its second annual Christ is Born! Glorify Him! A Detroit Orthodox Christmas Concert, which will include hymns and carols from Greece, Serbia, Romania, Ukraine and other countries, English language hymns sung by an Orthodox chorus, and a sing-along of popular carols. A reception follows the concert. Monetary and non-perishable food donations will be collected during the concert to support Orthodox charities

Contact: Olga Liss at 248-252-8184; Olgaliss0910@gmail.com

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; nancyel-lev879@aatt.net

FARMINGTON AGLOW

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. second Monday of the month

Location: Open Arms Church, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Aglow is an international full gospel ministry

Contact: 248-227-9103

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 Ezekiel. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.

FAITH COMMUNITY
WESLEYAN

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

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/stinnocentredford

EXERCISE

CLARENCEVILLE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

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

Location: 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-408-3364

FOOD

SALVATION ARMY

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

Location: 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. second Saturday of the month

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Food pantry assists nutritional needs of the needy

Contact: 734-421-8451; st-andrewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.org

HEALING SERVICE
THE ANTIOCHIAN
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OF SAINT MARY

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: 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fieszar at 734-658-2463

DUNNING PARK BIBLE
CHAPEL

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

ST. EDITH CHURCH

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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ST. MICHAEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

DETROIT WORLD
OUTREACH

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

STEVE'S FAMILY
RESTAURANT

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

CONNECTION CHURCH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

DETROIT WORLD
OUTREACH

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

FARMINGTON HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

MERRIMAN ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

FIRESIDE CHURCH OF
GOD

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET
CHURCH

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

WARD EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

ST. JAMES
PRESBYTERIAN

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

WAY OF LIFE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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

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

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

THE SOLANUS CASEY
CENTER

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

Location: A Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

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

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

ADAT SHALOM
SYNAGOGUE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

CELEBRATION CHURCH,
ELCA

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, with an education hour at 11 a.m. Social hour follows the service.

Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-421-0749; celebrationLC.com

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

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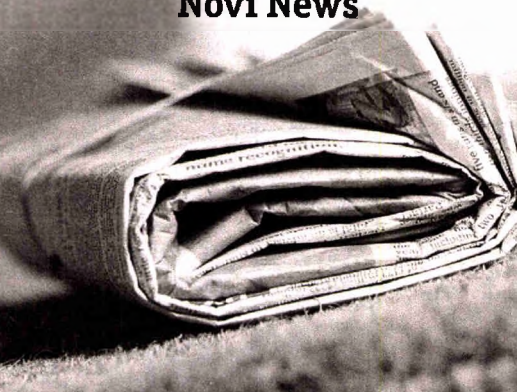
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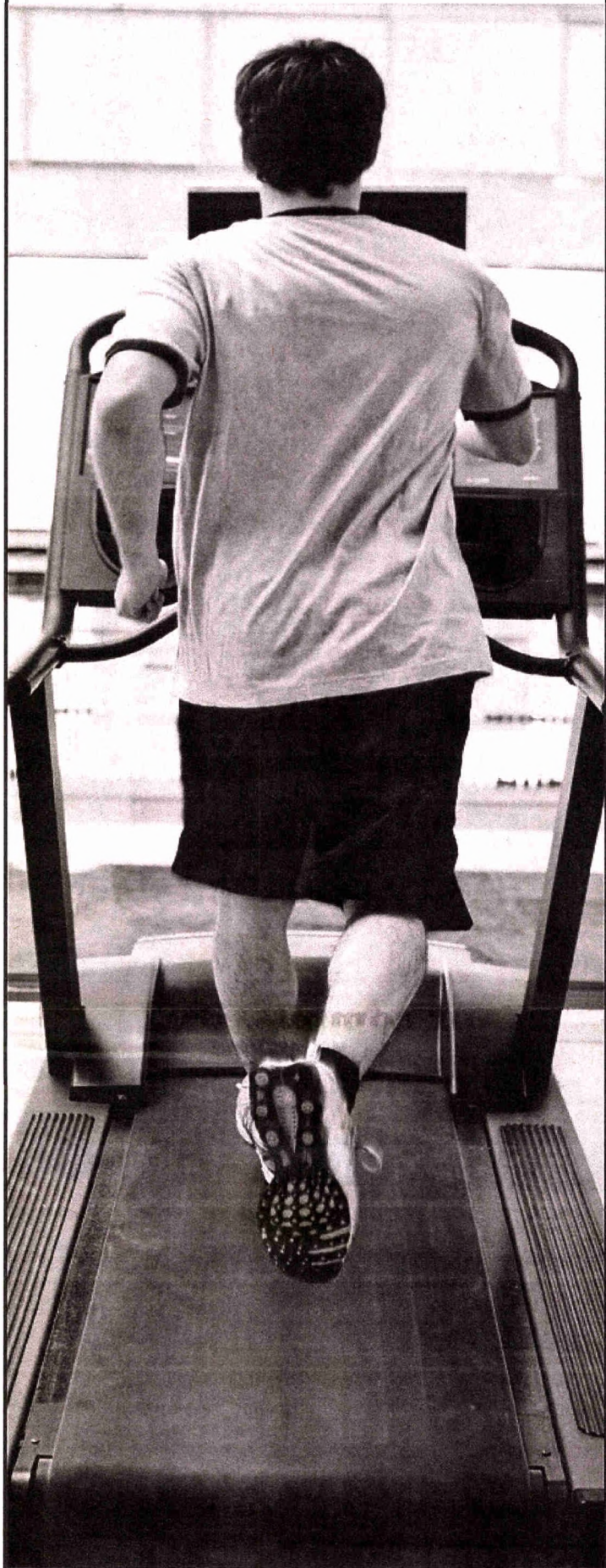
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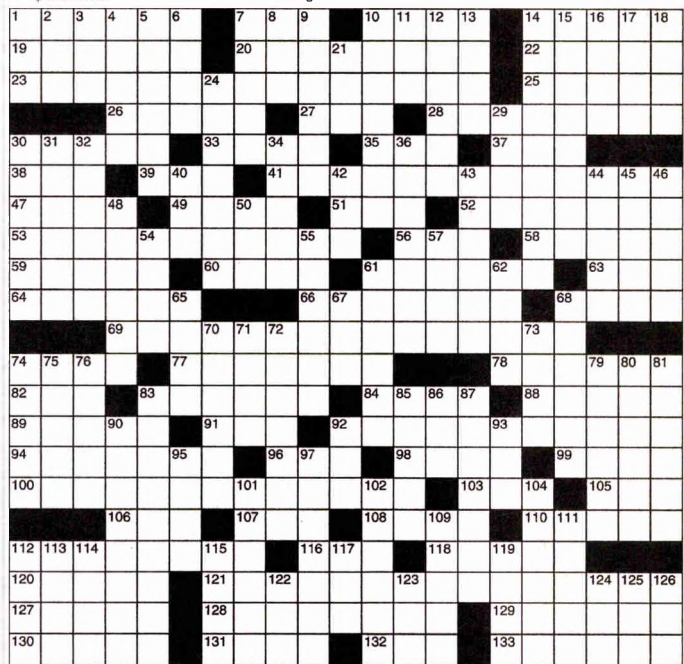
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Racket string
 - 7 Mornings, in brief
 - 10 Tip politely, as a cap
 - 14 Foe
 - 19 Goddess of the arts
 - 20 Single guy
 - 22 Cartoon art of Japan
 - 23 Flip one's lid
 - 25 Certain opening for a ball
 - 26 Proportional relationship ends?
 - 27 Millennium
 - 28 Bottle plugs
 - 30 Welsh pooch
 - 33 Brit's baby buggy
 - 35 "I think," to a texter
 - 37 Former miler
 - 38 Rainbow part
 - 39 Drake's genre
 - 41 Small, aggressive fowl
 - 47 24-hr. sources of bills
 - 49 Sorority letter
 - 51 Bluto pursued her
 - 52 Having ill will
 - 53 Free-swimming, stalkless echinoderm
 - 56 In addition
 - 58 Big blender brand
 - 59 "— Was a Lady" (Ethel Merman song)
 - 60 Crystal ball user
 - 61 Spring or fall
 - 63 Discontinue
 - 64 Martyr who's the patron of sailors
 - 66 Made red-faced
 - 68 24 hours —
 - 69 Rouse to action
 - 74 Close kin, for short
 - 77 Final deed
 - 78 Walks pompously
 - 82 Capote, to pals
 - 83 Distill brine from
 - 84 Put in a juicer
 - 88 Fertiliser compound
 - 89 "Crimewave" director
 - 91 "... bug — feature?"
 - 92 Wallow, as a pig in mud
 - 94 Erase from memory
 - 96 Crude
 - 98 Kansas city
 - 99 In — (testy)
 - 100 Language of Chaucer
 - 103 Gershwin's "Concerto"
 - 105 Prefix with user
 - 106 Suffix with urban
 - 107 Wormish lookalike
 - 108 Focal points
 - 110 Aspiring attys.' exams
 - 112 Make dinger
 - 116 — roll (hot)
 - 118 Mizrahi of fashion
 - 120 See
 - 97-Down
 - 121 Genre for a headbanger
 - 127 Carried
 - 128 Motorcycle attachments
 - 129 Dwell too much (on)
 - 130 Hog heavens
 - 131 Smell
 - 132 Vote against
 - 133 Word that can follow seven key words in this puzzle
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Half- — (latte order)
 - 2 Ocean east of Ga.
 - 3 Your, old-style
 - 4 Knighted maestro
 - 5 One-sided 6'10"-13" president
 - 7 Delect
 - 8 Risqué West
 - 9 Proposed arrangement
 - 10 Mass per unit volume
 - 11 Trite
 - 12 City near Sacramento
 - 13 Worry
 - 14 Pest control option
 - 15 Examines
 - 16 Loathsome
 - 17 Love god
 - 18 "I'm game!"
 - 21 Easter roast
 - 24 Server rewards
 - 29 Dos + seis
 - 30 Vexes
 - 31 Gulp down place
 - 32 Renovated
 - 34 Die away
 - 36 Toy dog
 - 40 1861-65 prez
 - 42 Neither fish — lowl
 - 43 Elected
 - 44 Falsified, as a check
 - 45 Kagan on the bench
 - 46 Dweebish
 - 48 Makes quiet
 - 50 Mao — lung
 - 54 Hot-rod engine
 - 55 PLO leader
 - 57 Island with 11
 - 61 Philosopher
 - 62 Chances
 - 65 Eye rudely
 - 67 Pen brand
 - 68 Exuberant cry in
 - 70 Downs a brew, say
 - 71 Ruler of yore
 - 72 Like escapees
 - 73 Sicilian lava spewer
 - 74 Play, as a guitar
 - 75 Shiraz native
 - 76 Put together
 - 79 Edenic
 - 80 Most factual
 - 81 Fights
 - 83 Sounds after hang-ups
 - 85 Nobelist
 - 86 — Z (total)
 - 87 Singer
 - 89 Etheridge
 - 90 Doctor's field
 - 92 1914-18 conflict: Abbr.
 - 93 Galloped
 - 95 Stagger
 - 97 With
 - 120-Across, from square one
 - 101 Sea nymph
 - 102 Tribal illness
 - 104 In a sauce of blazing liquor
 - 109 Itsy- —
 - 111 Italian for "pardon me"
 - 112 Smidgens
 - 113 Gershwin's "— Rhythm"
 - 114 Goa garb
 - 115 Really, really
 - 117 JFK's home
 - 119 "That's — blow"
 - 122 Ruckus
 - 123 History topic
 - 124 Subdivision: Abbr.
 - 125 "Kinda" suffix
 - 126 Texas hrs.



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SUDOKU

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

Here's How It Works:

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

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

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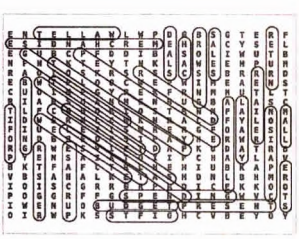
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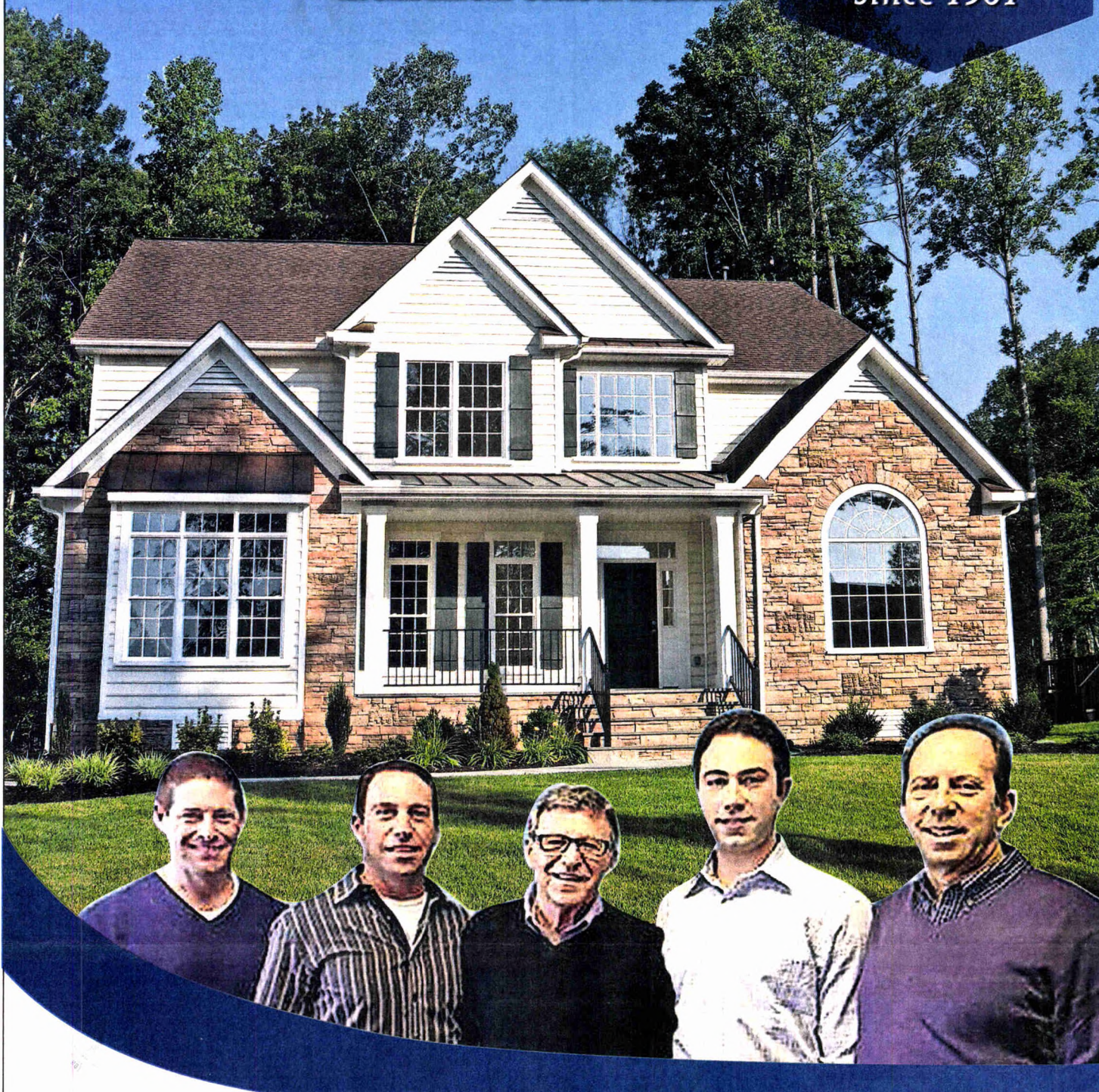
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FEATHER	STAR	TOO	OSTER
EADIE	SEER	SEASON	END
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