

W-W plan drives use of RESA funds

District wants to be 'good steward of resources'

Joanne Maliszewski
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Like a majority of Wayne County school district chiefs, Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Michele Harmala is ready to make the best use of the voter-approved Wayne RESA enhancement millage revenue.

"I am not just happy, but I am thankful of the support for the schools. I want to be a good steward of these resources," Harmala said.



Harmala

In unofficial Nov. 8 vote totals, the Wayne County RESA measure passed county wide 365,784 to 309,568. The measure called for levying 2 mills for six years, 2016 to 2021. Each of Wayne County's 33 school districts will receive \$385 per pupil. The differing total amounts of funding between the districts occurs when the 2 mills is levied on each community's property tax values.

That means the Wayne-Westland district will receive ap-

proximately \$4.4 million this year based on current student enrollment. The amount each district will receive during the six years will vary on enrollment, Harmala said.

Unlike some other county districts, such as Plymouth-Canton, Wayne-Westland is not a donor district. Donor districts typically pay more in property taxes than they receive in return funding from the state. Currently, Wayne-Westland receives \$7,511 per pupil in state funding.

School district officials plan to use the revenue — based on a strategic plan approved in June — on three specific items.

The first, Harmala said, will be continued implementation of instructional programs and services. "We have many and have had to update things on a rotating basis due to limited funds," Harmala said. This includes items such as classroom materials, supplies and professional development, she added.

The second item is to develop and provide competitive wages so the Wayne-Westland district can attract and retain staff in all areas — teachers, administrators, support staff and bus drivers.

Thirdly, according to the strategic plan, district officials want to replace the aging school

bus fleet.

"I want all of the voters, our parents and community members, to know that we very much appreciate their support for our schools by passing the millage," Harmala said.

The superintendent assured the community will be informed as the district progresses in meeting its needs.

Also like many districts, passage of the RESA measure in Wayne-Westland was due to a community effort that included meetings with a variety of civic groups and PTAs.

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Dionne Fitch handed her son, 2-year-old Cain Hawkins, to Santa. Cain doesn't look too sure about the bearded guy in the red suit.

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Lighting up the holidays

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The Wayne County Lightfest officially opened Nov. 17 with the Lights On ceremony at Merriman Hollow Park.

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 at the ceremony was a performance by the Livonia Franklin High School Choir, a fireworks show and an appearance by Santa. The ceremony concluded with Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans turning on the switch to kick off the first drive of the 23rd annual Lightfest.

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

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



Fireworks light up the sky.

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Four-year-old Lyla Cunningham enjoys a doughnut before Santa arrives.

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150 years later, a governor comes home

Ken Palmer
Lansing State Journal

Kinsley S. Bingham was Michigan's first Republican governor. He spoke against slavery, championed education and signed the legislation establishing an agricultural college that came to be known as Michigan State University.

But all of that was academic to Joshua Risner when he set about reproducing a portrait of Bingham to hang at the state Capitol Building.

Risner, the Capitol's decorative artist, felt an affection for the man based on the Lewis Ives portrait from more than 150 years ago.

"I think it's interesting how pleasant he looks," Risner said. "He looks like a guy who would be easy to get along with. It seems like the artist was able to capture this guy in an abstract way, an essential way. There's a kindness, a warmth that makes me think he was approachable."

Capitol Historian Valerie



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Joshua Adam Risner describes the handmade frame around his portrait of former Michigan Gov. Kinsley Bingham hanging in the Capitol Building earlier this month in Lansing.

Marvin had another word for it: "Grandfatherly."

However you describe him, Bingham has joined the ranks of leaders hanging in the Cap-

itol's Gallery of Governors.

His likeness went up last week in a second-floor hallway of the Capitol's west wing in front of the Speaker's Library. The portrait will be formally dedicated in a ceremony at noon today.

The Michigan State Capitol Commission hopes to have all of Michigan's governors represented at the Capitol someday. Last year, 19th-century territorial governor George Bryan Porter joined the fold through donation.

Bingham is number 36; 11 are still missing.

"He was a remarkable man," Marvin said. "He was one of the most respected 19th-century governors we had. I like that he has a strong personal connection with (the Lansing area). He grew up in a farming family in New York, learned law, served as a probate judge, a district attorney and was involved in politics for decades. He believed that agriculture education was very important. And he felt so strongly about the

slavery issue. That really became his life's work."

Bingham was governor from 1855 to 1859. During the early to mid-1850s, he broke with fellow Democrats over the issue of slavery and joined with members of the Free Soilers, Free Democrats and Whigs to form the Republican Party.

Before becoming governor, Bingham was speaker of the state House for several years and served in the U.S. House. After his two terms as governor, Bingham represented Michigan in the U.S. Senate. He died in 1861.

The Ives portrait of Bingham was on exhibit at the Michigan Historical Commission. Risner used it as inspiration for a larger version. He also recreated the elaborate frame using three different types of wood.

"The frame is what drew me to the piece," Marvin said. "When we went over to see those portraits the first time, I thought this was clearly one of the most elegant. I remember thinking, what do we do with a

frame like this? I was both shocked and very impressed when Joshua said, 'Let me try.' We're very fortunate to have him on our staff. He's a very talented artist."

The portraits are an important part of the ambiance at the Capitol, Marvin said.

"The portraits can spark conversation," she said. "They create an opportunity to educate people about these past leaders. They draw us in. They give us insight into who this person was, what their priorities were as governors. What did they accomplish? What, perhaps, did they fail to accomplish?"

"Just seeing that face on the wall every day encourages me ... to discover just who that person was, what made them tick."

As for who might be next to join the Gallery of Governors, Marvin isn't talking specifics.

"We've tossed around several ideas," she said. "We'll probably look at it again in the new year."

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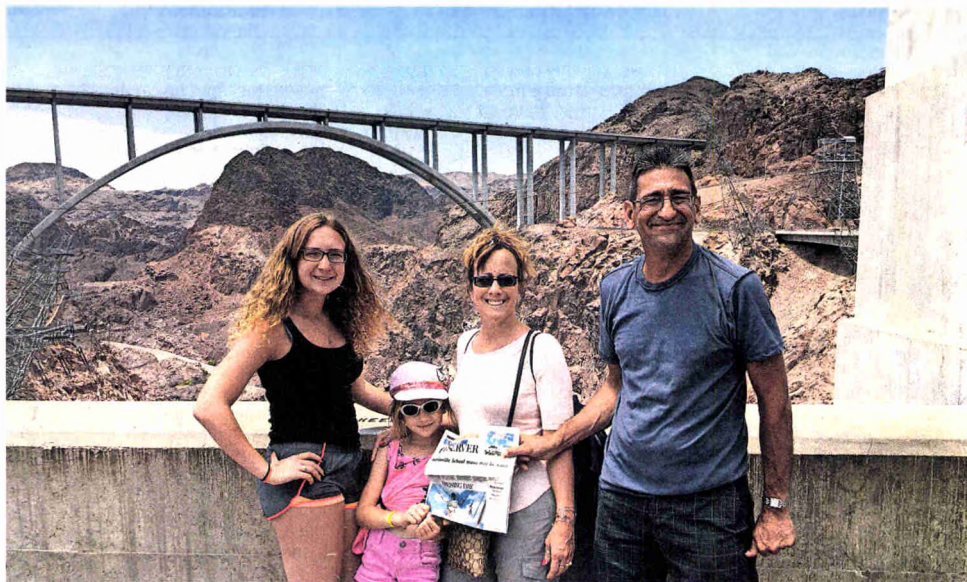
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The Kinney family (from left), Mary, Madalynn, Gwen and Michael, recently visited the Hoover Dam and The Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge with their Livonia Observer.

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Weather patterns continue to baffle

Gene Scott
Correspondent

Believe it or not, the Detroit metropolitan area this year set another new weather record — our hottest summer ever.

The National Weather Service recently reported that for the summer months of June, July and August, Detroit had an average daily temperature of 74.9 degrees. That's the average temperature during the 24 hours of each day and night, besting the previous record of 74.8 degrees set in the summer of 2012.

What's more, our August average daily temperature this year was a record 76.7 degrees, with that month's highest temperature only reaching 96 on Aug. 10. The Weather Service records go back to 1874.

These new records for this summer occurred even though the temperature never hit 100 degrees. Our hottest day was 98 on July 23. And, there were fewer 90-degree days this summer than in previous years.

Helping set the new record was a consistent pattern of nights with low temperatures in the 60s and 70s. And, it was humid, too.

The weather certainly ranks high as one of our most popular topics of conversation. Most of us like to talk about how the weather outside is frightful, about how cold it's supposed to get tonight. How rainy or snowy it is or was or is going to be, about how hot it is has been this summer or cold this past winter.

We usually remember the nastiest rather than the nicest days. Whether in Michigan or Moscow, the weather is the subject of universal complaint. Like most people, we tend to think our weather is unique.

Michigan and Detroit have had their share of unusual and unpredictable weather, but little of the really disastrous kind. At least, little that we know of. People didn't begin to keep reliable weather records until the mid-19th century. Weather-recording devices have been around for several hundred years and the mercury thermometer since 1714, following its invention by Dan-



The heavy snows of the winter of 2013-14 were piled high at Franklin High School in Livonia.

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iel Fahrenheit.

Remember the winter of 2013-14? Detroit set a new record back then for its snowiest winter: 94.8 inches, surpassing the previous record of 93.6 inches in the winter of 1980-81.

Think we have had some hot summers or cold winters lately? Unofficially (that is, before we had the National Weather Service), the winter of 1784-85 in Detroit may have been among the coldest winters the city has ever known. A device for measuring temperature at that time recorded 23 days of below zero in January and February.

That winter, the Detroit River had frozen over by Jan. 7 and February went out with a roar at minus 10 degrees. The ice on Lake St. Clair that winter didn't melt until May. On the other hand, the winter of 1824-25 was so mild that the grass grew a foot in January.

Is Detroit's record 71 inches of precipitation (rain and snow) in 1855 a myth? The modern day rain record (after 1874) for Detroit is the 48 inches that fell in 1880 (well above the city's

annual average of 30 inches). Incidentally, the modern day rain record for a city in Michigan is 64 inches at Adrian in 1881.

This is far from the record for the wettest spot on earth — 1,041 inches at Cherrapunji, India in 1860.

Unofficially, Detroit's coldest night ever came three days before Christmas in 1872 when the thermometer dipped to 24 below zero. Coldest night in Michigan was at Vanderbilt on Feb. 9, 1934 when it was 51 below. Coldest night on earth was 127 below at Vostok, Antarctica on Aug. 24, 1960.

Back in Michigan now, the winter of 1880-1881 may have been the coldest of all — 86 days when the temperature stayed below freezing. Ironically, the following winter was the warmest (in the 19th century) when the average daily temperature was 37 degrees.

The city's all-time record for a one-day snowfall — 24.5 inches — came on the unlikely date of April 6, 186 inches. Surprisingly, that is not far below the record one-day

snowfall for Michigan — 29 inches at Ishpeming on Feb. 23, 1972.

One of Detroit's driest years was 1889 when there was just 21 inches of precipitation. This was slightly eclipsed in 1963 with a new record dry year of 20.5 inches.

Although most of Detroit's snow is political, in 1900 the city had the most snow on the ground ever officially recorded, 26 inches, by March 5. Three winters later, there was snow on the ground from November to late March, a record 119 days for this area.

The year 1912 brought one of the coldest Januaries of the 20th century when temperatures averaged 13.1 degrees. This was not eclipsed until 1977 when the January average was 12.8.

Conversely, in the early 1920s, the city got three winters in a row without a below zero temperature reading. The record for warm winters, however, fell in the 1950s when Detroit had more than five years with no zero nights at all (December, 1951 to January, 1958). The winter of 1931-32

was the warmest of the century — an average daily temperature of 35.6 degrees.

Like the snow, most of the wind that blows in Michigan and Detroit is political too. Winds of gale force or higher are relatively rare, but a wind gust of 104 miles per hour was recorded in Detroit on July 22, 1960 and there was a sustained wind of 95 mph on June 17, 1890. Both were from the northwest.

Nothing seems to bring on the complaints about the weather like an icy, windy day or a hot, humid one. When a cold spell or heat wave lingers, the complainers become even more abundant.

Detroit's longest cold spell was in January, 1977 when it was below freezing every day the entire month. The longest period of below zero weather was 68 hours, from February 8 to February 11, 1899.

Through the years, the weather has remained an unpredictable and uncompromising phenomenon. No wonder the words weather and whether sound alike. Sometimes they really seem the same too.

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Couple expanding special-needs opportunities

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Starting small

Levi and Bassie Shemtov were raised in Jewish families, who believed a life well-spent was a life spent helping others.

They followed the teachings of an influential rabbi, who believed helping others was a large part of the reason God put them here on Earth.

And, like their families before them, the Shemtovs have done exactly that. But rather than sticking to helping those in their faith, Bassie and Levi have reached out to people of all faiths — especially children — with an outreach effort that benefits youngsters with autism, in particular.

The couple met through a connection with Bassie's brother, married in 1994 and moved from New York to Michigan. They started their outreach by establishing Friendship Circle (now one of more than 90 around the world), a nonprofit that provides assistance and support to thousands of people with special needs and their families by providing recreational, social, educational and vocational programming.

It focused on the Jewish community at first, meeting Levi's desire to help those with addictions. The group moved around for the first few years, finding space where it could in people's homes and even a trailer.

"We wanted to do social outreach," Bassie Shemtov said. "Levi thought it would be a good fit for him ... to reach out to the community suffering from addiction. As it grew, we were able to expand. Leaders told us there was a need in the special-needs community, so we reached out there, too."

The outreach started out small, with the Shemtovs finding a few teenagers to "do a good deed" and taking them to the homes of the special-needs children they were serving. The work was really aimed at helping the children — "We wanted to help the children and give respite to the families," Levi Shemtov said — but a funny thing happened on the way to the outreach.

"We found (the teens) were actually bonding with them," Bassie said. "It was supposed to be a one-way street, teens helping kids, but that's not how it worked out. They often became friends."

The nomadic nature of the center, though, couldn't keep up with the mission and left the Shemtovs wanting something more permanent. "We were borrowing space everywhere ... to feel like a real organization, we felt we needed a space," Bassie said.

Enter the Meer Center, opened with 23,000 square feet in West Bloomfield in 2005. The program grew exponentially — Meer Center houses LifeTown, a program that brings a sense of independence to autistic kids, with a Huntington Bank branch, a theater, a store and other avenues that teach the kids about money, socialization and other aspects of independence.

Learning about life

A wide range of districts use the LifeTown program to teach their special-needs students life skills. Milford High School special education teacher Jennifer Grubb just had a group there Monday and has another group going Nov. 30. A total of some 55 autistic



Levi and Bassie Shemtov, founders of Friendship Circle, opened Soul Cafe in April.

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and cognitively impaired students from Huron Valley Schools use the program annually, she said.

Huron Valley has been using LifeTown for "at least 10 years," Grubb said.

"It's a really great opportunity for our kids to learn those life skills in a safe, friendly environment," Grubb said. "It's been a very positive experience for our kids."

All of the outreach, particularly to those with special needs, fits with the teachings of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, who the Shemtovs call the most influential Jewish leader of their time.

Schneerson, who they refer to as "Rebbe," had a passion, Levi Shemtov explained, for understanding, as the underlying basis of the Jewish faith system, that each person "has a soul sent here by God with a unique mission."

"Rebbe doesn't see people; he sees souls. ... He dedicated his life to speaking to those souls," Levi Shemtov said. "We decided to take that message and use it to elevate other people."

Attracting donors

Word about that kind of work gets around and Friendship Circle has benefited from generous donors who like the work the group is doing and came calling with offers to help.

"A lot of our donors were people who were attracted to us instead of us reaching out to them," Levi said. "They saw the work we were doing and it spoke to them. They said, 'I see what you're doing and I want to be part of it.'"

That kind of work also gets around the professional communities. Muiyiwa Cornish, lead autism spectrum disorder teacher at Seaholm High School in Birmingham, said teachers around his district have heard about Friendship Circle and LifeTown through "word of mouth."

The Birmingham district is using LifeTown for the first time this year.

"It's a great educational opportunity" for ASD students, Cornish said. "They learn to use money, they learn to socialize ... it's a great opportunity to give them their independence."

Age progression

But what happens once the kids get past high-school age? It's a question Bessie and Levi didn't quite have an answer to, so they created one: The Farber Soul Center, opened in April 2016. The center houses

the Soul Café and centers where artists can draw and painters can paint, a weaving room and an art gallery and is a place, Bessie Shemtov said, where special-needs adults can create.

The Soul Café is a place where autistic adults can continue their independence. Some 40 percent of the staff at the café are autistic.

"These are your families," Levi Shemtov said. "If we went into it because we accepted this is our family, you don't stop just because they turn 18. The reason you're helping them is because they need the help."

That, too, fits in with Schneerson's philosophy that you shouldn't limit people with challenges.

"Rebbe believes if God gives someone a challenge, He also gives them an exceptional trait," Bessie Shemtov said. "Rebbe says when he sees someone with a challenge, he chooses to see them as exceptional. He sees something as its essence. The goal is to see deeper down and not just see the outside."

Being leaders in their faith runs in the family. Bessie's parents taught her to be involved and now Bessie is passing that faith down to her family. The Shemtovs' daughter, Mushky, and her husband, Levi Dubov, run the Chabad in Bloomfield.

Life's work

"My parents have raised us very strong in who we are and why we're here," Bessie said. "Everything we did was about helping people. My father gave us so much pride. He does what's right. It's being proud of who you are and never being judgmental."

It's been the couple's life's work and they hope they are fulfilling the destiny God gave them.

"I hope I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing here," Levi said. "We're never sure what our mission is in this world. The harder you work, the more you can say, 'Maybe this is the mission — to help them feel they are special, exceptional and that their life is not defined by their disability.'"

With Schneerson's encouragement that they "dedicate our lives to the purity of our soul," Bessie and Levi plan to continue the mission.

"When you know someone that holy and giving, it teaches you how to run your life," Bessie said of Schneerson. "When you know why you're here, it's calming, it's reassuring. Ever since we were little, we had a clear direction. It's an amazing feeling to get up every day and be excited to go out and make this happen."

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Learning about money is one of the benefits of the program at LifeTown.



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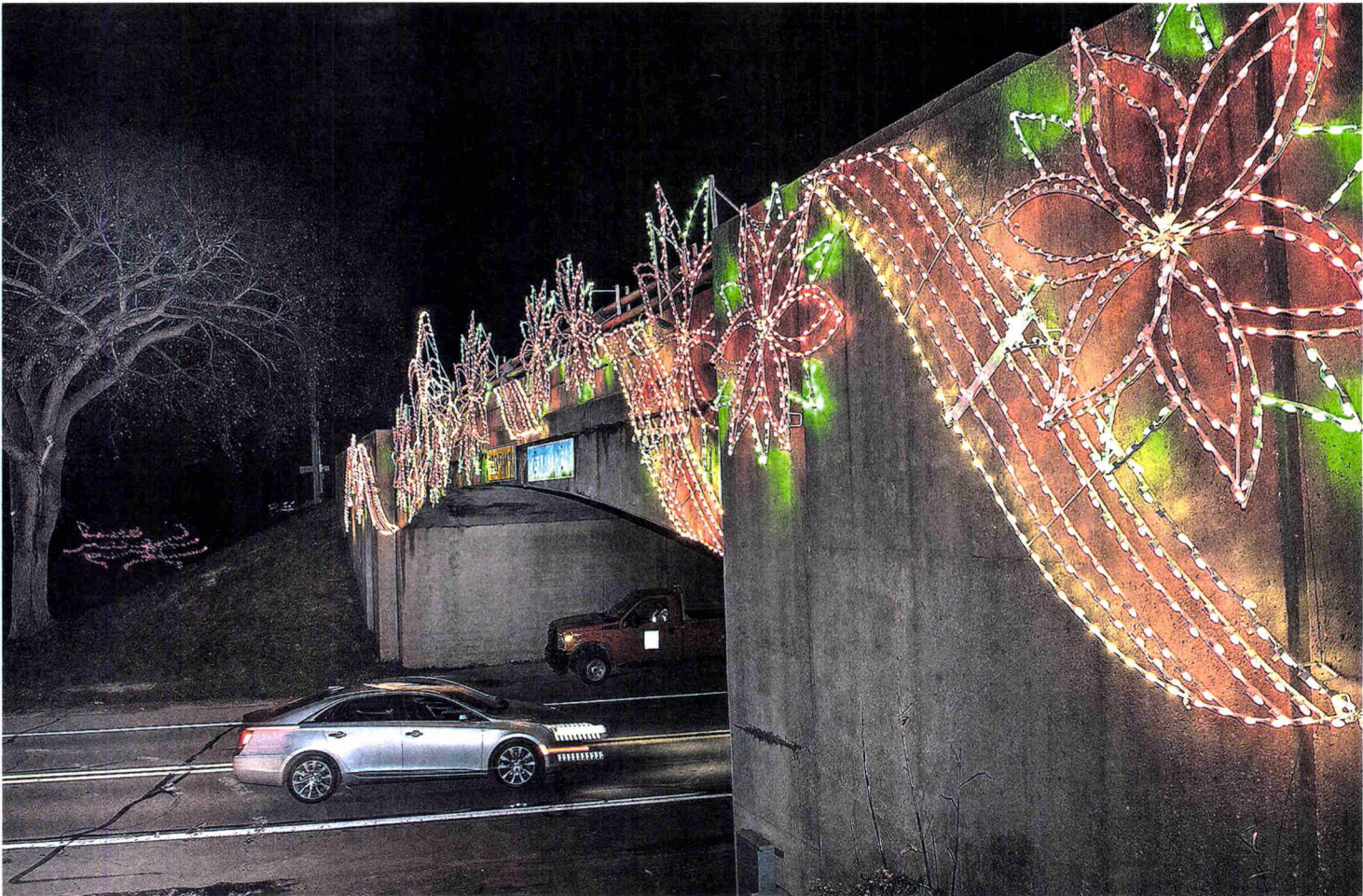
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Published: November 24, 2015



The procession of cars begins.

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Wayne County celebrates start of Lightfest



Franklin High School's bell canto choir sings holiday songs.

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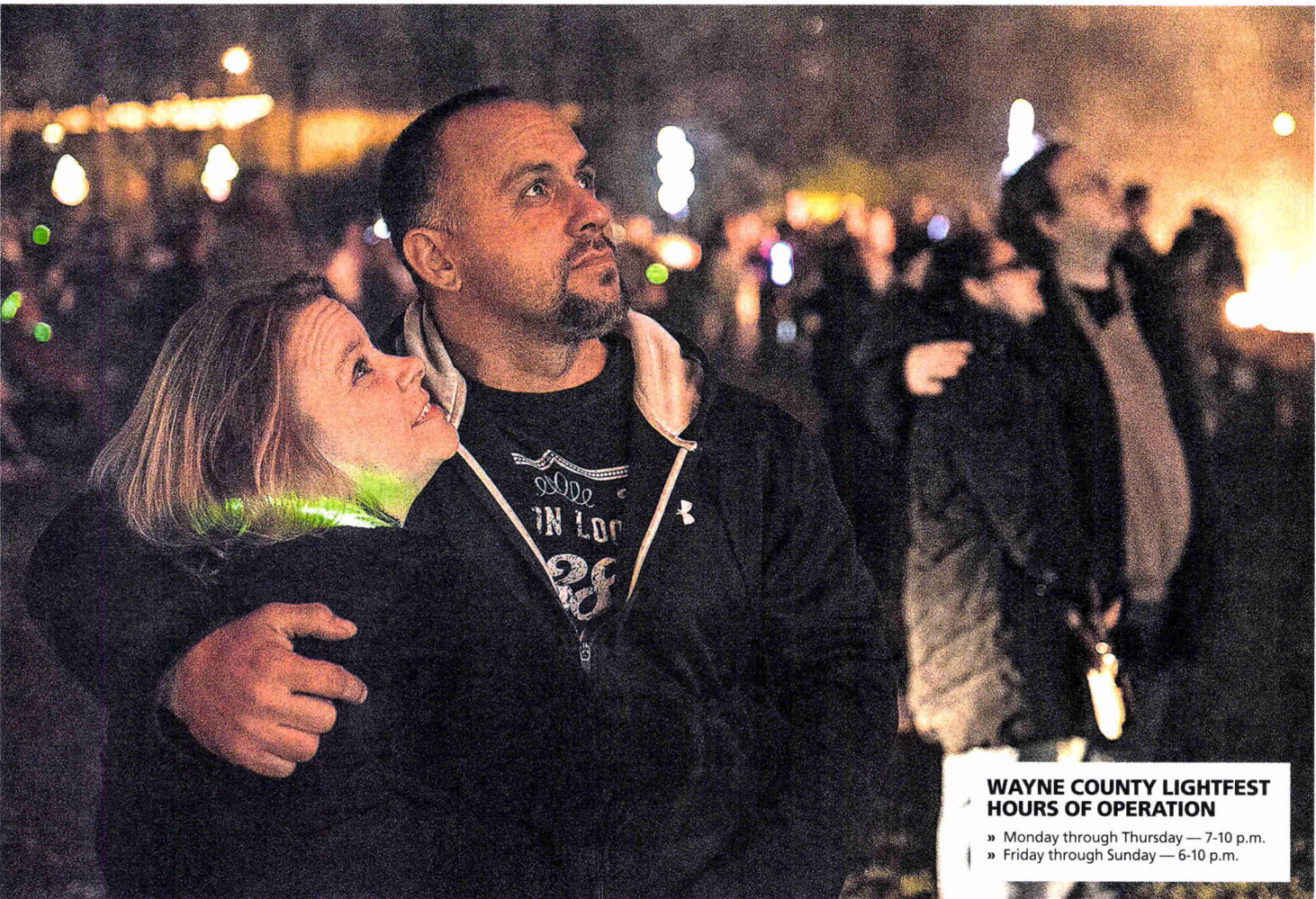
The crowd on stage freaks out at Santa's arrival and breaks into wild dancing.

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Santa Claus wows the Lightfest crowd.

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Jay and Monica Suarez have come to opening night of Lightfest for 10 years. They are from Westland.

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Westland teacher's Fallen Heroes published

John Glenn High School teacher Michele Anderson spent the last year researching the life of Sgt. Norman J. Stewart as part of the Understanding Sacrifice program. On Veterans Day, Anderson's eulogy for Stewart and lesson plan, titled Industry's Role in the Strategic Bombing Campaign, was published on ABMCeducation.org.

The 2016 Understanding Sacrifice program is a partnership between National History Day, the American Battle Monuments Commission, and the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media. The year-long professional development program is centered around Fallen Heroes of World War II who are buried or memorialized at an ABMC cemetery in Southern Europe or North Africa.

In July 2016, Anderson joined 17 other educators as they traveled through southern Europe, walking in the footsteps of history. Using their research, teachers created lesson plans, Fallen Hero profiles and eulogies now published at ABMCeducation.org.

Designed to reinvigorate the study of World War II in American classrooms, the lesson plans are multi-disciplinary. Using primary and secondary sources, videos and hands-on activities, students are transported from the modern-day home front to the war front of the past. Anderson's lesson plan is based upon a year of research using primary and secondary sources.

"Time restrictions often force teachers to generalize World War II events during instruction. I wanted to personalize World War II for students by providing a soldier's name, face and plane, while helping students connect how the



John Glenn High School teacher Michele Anderson.

soldier's hometown was linked to his role in the war," Anderson said.

Accompanying the lesson plan is a Fallen Hero profile for Sgt. Norman J. Stewart. "Sergeant Norman J. Stewart was a small-town boy doing his part in the war. He selflessly enlisted, rather than waiting to be drafted, and performed valiantly under fire, making the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He should forever be remembered as a true American hero," Anderson said. She hopes

students will walk away with a vivid understanding of the high cost paid by all Americans during this war.

"This partnership with the American Battle Monuments Commission and the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University has allowed us to take 18 extraordinary teachers to battlefields and memorials of southern Europe," National History Day Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn said. "Their unique experi-

ences can now help teachers around the world bring history to life with the materials added to ABMCeducation.org."

Each lesson plan is based on solid scholarship, integrated with Common Core Standards, and makes use of interpretive materials provided by ABMC. They are accompanied by research about fallen heroes of World War II who are honored at ABMC cemeteries in southern Europe and northern Africa.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Scarlett Marie Lewandowski

Jeffrey and Season Lewandowski, of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Marie Lewandowski, at 5:06 p.m., Oct. 29. She was born at U-M Von Voightlander Women's Hospital the same day the Wolverines defeated the Spartans. She weighed 9 pounds and 5 ounces and was 21-inches long. Grandparents are Walter Belcher, Ksena and Michael Denton, Richard Lewandowski, Patricia Glover.



Scarlett Marie Lewandowski

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Livonia police briefs: Business out thousands in scam

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

An employee at a business in the 12900 block of Wayne came into the Livonia police station Thursday afternoon to report a fraud that left the company out thousands of dollars.

The employee said she received an email from what appeared to be the company's owner, asking for a money wire transaction. The request was to send \$37,000 to another company in London. The transfer took place, and after it happened, the employee determined it was a fraudulent request. She said the owner was not sure how someone had gotten access to his email.

Basketball hoop stolen

A resident who lives in the 16100 block of Edgewood came into the police station Thursday evening to report a basketball hoop that had been taken from his

property.

He told police he left for work earlier that morning and then came home that night to find the hoop missing. He said his neighbor was out at about noon that day and noticed the hoop was missing then as well.

Cellphone taken from store

Police were dispatched Wednesday evening to the Sprint store at 29460 Schoolcraft on the report of a retail fraud that had taken place.

A store employee said two men came into the store and walked over to the iPhone display area. The employee said one of the men grabbed an iPhone, ripped it off its display mount and fled the store with the other suspect. They reportedly got into a vehicle and then drove off with the phone.

—Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

Two great holiday events on
Saturday, December 10th
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Holiday Stop *and* Shop

Join us for a fun and relaxing shopping experience. Vendors will be on site and you can shop while enjoying holiday cookies and cocoa.

You can also enter a raffle to win a 42" flat screen TV

Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association

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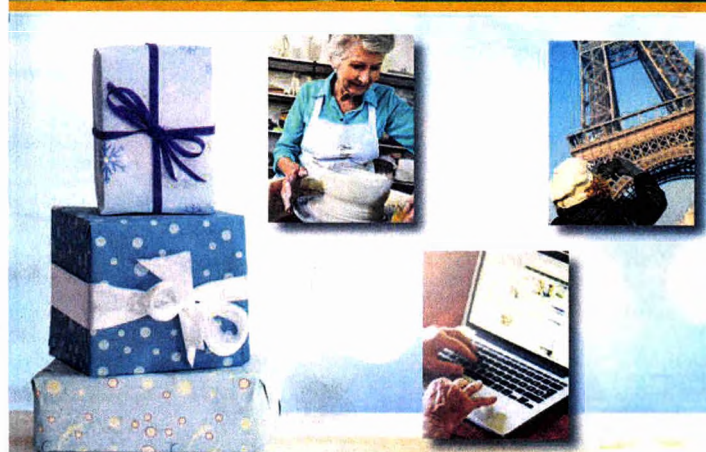
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McGladdery: Let's talk tribal libraries

Steve McGladdery
Wayne Library Director

This time of year, it is not uncommon for us to reflect on the history of our nation and its original indigenous residents. It certainly cannot be doubted that America's native residents have faced a difficult and unique set of challenges. In its mission to make library services available to all (see the ALA's library bill of rights), the American Library Association founded the American Indian Library Association in



1979. At the time, there was increasing awareness that library services for Native Americans were inadequate, particularly on or near reservations. Individuals as well as the government began to organize to remedy the situation.

Acting as an affiliate of the ALA, AILA addresses the ongoing information needs of all Native American groups. Their primary goal is to improve access to cultural and informational sources in school, public, and research libraries on native land. There are also a number of tribal colleges that function as tribal libraries. AILA is committed to circulating information about native culture, language, and values. These tribal libraries are not just limited to the Southwest or Northwest of the United States. These libraries exist from New Mexico and Oklahoma all the way up to North Dakota, Montana, and even as far as Alaska. They are as far west as Washington, and as far east as at least one or two right here in Michigan. However due to constant closings and re-openings, changing definitions of what makes a "tribal" library, and a lack of coordination between state and tribal libraries, their exact number is difficult to determine.

If the goal of library service is to improve access to information from all backgrounds, it certainly makes no sense whatsoever to ignore this country's native population. True cultural enrichment can only be achieved when our cultures can grow together. Supporting the work of organizations like the ALA and AILA, as well as your own local library, are all excellent steps in the right direc-

tion.

Host your event at Wayne Public Library

If you've ever visited the library, you've probably seen the beautiful, large meeting room near the entrance. For a small fee, you can rent out that room to host your next event. Do you have a wedding or baby shower coming up? Do you need a space for a party or business related event? Hold it here! Not only is there plenty of room, but our staff will even set up the room for you according to your wishes. It gets better – if you're a Wayne resident, you will receive a discount on the room rental fee. If your event is for a nonprofit organization, that's also a discount. If you're interested, stop by the library. Our staff is more than happy to show you the room.

MinecraftEdu

Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Wayne Public Library, the Wayne library now offers the award winning PC game Minecraft on all of the public computers in the children's area. For those who do not know, Minecraft is a game in which players can make various constructions out of textured blocks in a 3D world. There are various forms of gameplay including an adventure version where players must find resources in order to build and survive, a creative mode in which players have unlimited resources to build, and an adventure mode in which players can experience custom maps. The game has proven to be helpful for spatial learning and STEM education.

The library is able to offer this game largely thanks to a service called MinecraftEdu. MinecraftEdu provides low cost licenses to schools and other nonprofit educational institutions. Minecraft is an immensely popular game for players of all ages. Stop by the Wayne Public Library soon and play for free!

Support the Friends of the Library Through Amazon Smile

Planning on buying anything from Amazon.com? If so, please consider making your purchase through Amazon Smile and supporting the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

When asked to select your charity at smile.amazon.com, type in "Friends of the Wayne Public Library". Please make sure that you select the one in Wayne, Michigan! Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of your purchase price to our Friends group. It costs you nothing, but it will really help the library. We thank you in advance for your support!

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library are now holding their used book sale all year round. It's held in the periodicals room on the way to the adult side of the library. The sale has HUGE amounts of fiction, nonfiction, paperbacks, and children's books. Prices range from 25 cents to \$1, so stop in and find a bargain!

Holiday closures

In observance of upcoming holidays, the Wayne Public Library will be closed on the following dates: Nov. 24 and 25; Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

Upcoming events

The Mitten, a special youth story event

Share in this story of a lost mitten, and how the many animals of the forest find warmth and comfort in a surprising way. Library staff will take your imagination to the snow filled woods as we read Jan Brett's classic version of "The Mitten," a Ukrainian folktale. Bring along your favorite stuffed animal to keep cozy and join in the fun. Light refreshments will be served. This program welcomes children of all ages and their parents, grandparents, and caregivers are welcome to attend. Register at the youth reference desk beginning November 22, or call 734-721-7932 ext. 623. Where: Wayne Public Library; When: Saturday, Dec. 17, 2-3 p.m.

Holiday mug cakes

Library aide Chesney will provide a demonstration on how to make microwave mug cakes. This is a fantastic holiday program for patrons of all ages. Baking materials will be provided, just remember to bring your favorite mug! Contact the adult reference desk to register for this free program, 734-721-7832 ext. 630. Where: Wayne Public Library; When: Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne historic homes

Have you ever wondered about the history of your home? Do you have a friend or relative with an old or historic home? Then you will want to attend this workshop led by Tyler from the Wayne Historical Museum. Attendees will receive free information on how to research historic homes in the area. You will find out their history, their previous owners, and their place in the community's past. Contact the adult reference desk to register for this free program, 734-721-7832 ext. 630. Where: Wayne Public Library; When: January, date TBD

Schoolcraft College job seekers workshop

A representative from Schoolcraft College's career placement department will be at your library with all the information you need to find a great job in the area. She will discuss everything from how and where to look for jobs in the immediate area to creating or refining a resume' and preparing for interviews. This workshop is an absolute must for anyone seeking a great local opportunity. Contact the adult reference desk to register for this free program, 734-721-7832 ext. 630. Where: Wayne Public Library; When: Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Want more information?

The Wayne Public Library has a newsletter again! You can reach it through our website, or directly at <http://waynepublib.blogspot.com/>. You can also check us out on Facebook and Twitter!



John Glenn High School students participated in STEM Day.

Glenn students and STEM go together

John Glenn High School students attended the University of Michigan STEM Program last Saturday. This day full of science, technology, engineering and mathematics lessons provided an abundance of hands-on activities for the 43 ninth-grade and 10th-grade students.

"At STEM Day we did all different types of activities. From science to math we learned all about what STEM was and stood for," John Glenn student Cecilia Adams said.

Student Kyler Syess said: "We did a physics lesson. There was also a computer science class that taught us very basic game coding. I thoroughly enjoyed attending STEM Day for the sole purpose of seeing what the potential is for my future."

"We got to see the campus and do activities that explored STEM like making bottle rockets, looking at types of bugs and insects and coding a simple game," student Skye Piper said.

Student Madison Cummins, added: "We designed our own video games using code. We also learned the difference between insects and bugs."

In addition to the STEM activities, the John Glenn students

were given a tour of campus and participated in a student panel. They had the opportunity to ask the UM students about their college experience.

They also heard from Dr. Blackwell, the head of a medical department at University of Michigan. His message to the students was about what it takes to getting into college. He also met with students afterward.

"STEM Day at U of M was a wonderful opportunity to experience what college life is like on University of Michigan's Campus and truly be able to ask undergraduate students questions they would not normally be able to ask. Because these college students are only a few years older than our ninth- and 10th-graders, they have much in common and can relate to where our kids are at now," JGHS science teacher Greg Cooper said. "Our students were also able to ask many questions regarding STEM, not to mention any questions they might have about successful transitions from high school to college and any other questions you might imagine a curious high school student could ask a successful college student."

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The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

2017 STREET TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.govbids.com/scripts/mitn/Public/home1.asp

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the Director of Finance of the City of Livonia. Instructions to Bidders and Specifications for items required may be obtained at the Office of the Director of finance, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

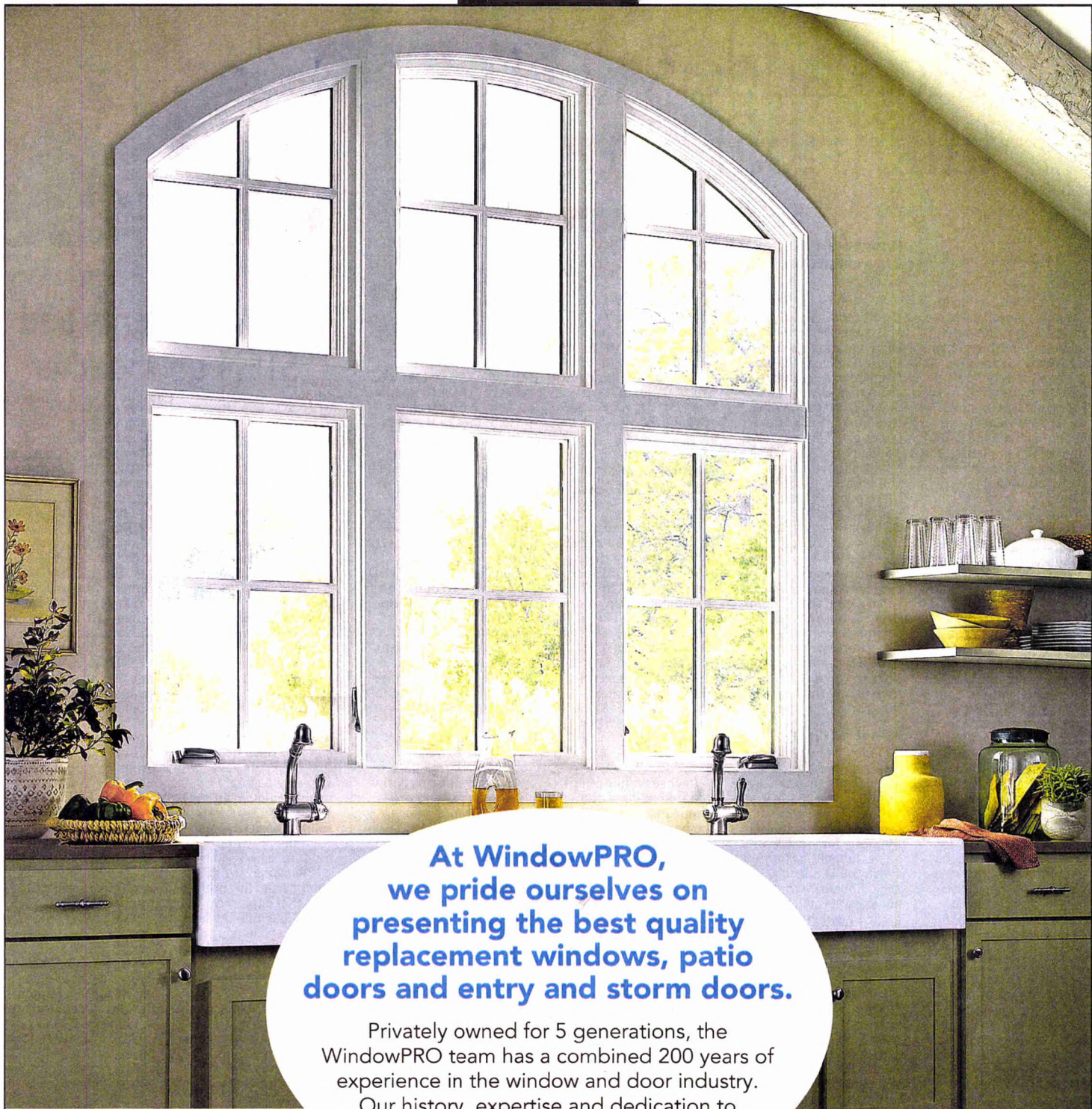
A **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** to explain the project and answer any questions will be held on Wednesday, **DECEMBER 7th, 2016**, at 09:00 a.m. Prospective bidders should meet in the West Conference Room of the Public Service Division, 12973 Farmington Road. For additional information contact Douglas Moore, Superintendent of Public Service, at (734) 466-2617

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A Bid Bond in the Michigan standard form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof. All work must be completed by November 15th, 2017, unless extended by the City. The City 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.

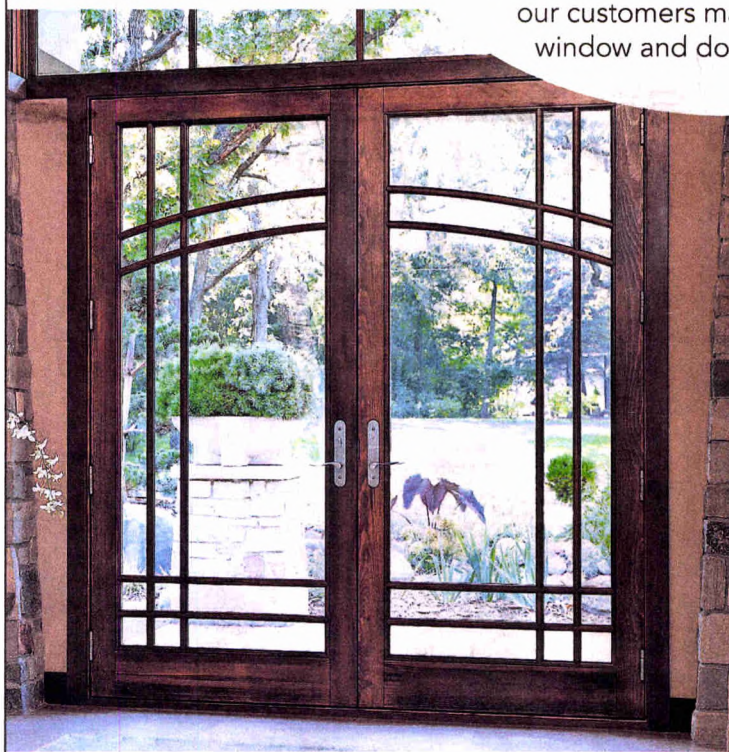
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Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan (right) gets around the corner on Romeo's Kade Messner en route to the Shamrocks' first TD.

Injuries, cold weather unable to stop CC in Division 1 semifinal

Tim Smith

hometownlife.com

A power outage Saturday at Howell High School forced a change in venue for Saturday's Division 1 football state semifinal.

But nothing — not 36-degree temperatures, snow flurries, the late move to nearby Parker Middle School or an injury that knocked out their quarterback in the first half — was about to

short-circuit Novi Detroit Catholic Central's quest to return to the championship game.

More than two hours in the cold weather didn't sap any of the power out of Catholic Central's running game, either, as the Shamrocks blanked defending D1 state champion Romeo, 17-0.

"This is what CC is known for, smash-mouth football," said Shamrocks junior running back Isaac Darkangelo, who scored on a 3-yard run with 25 seconds left to cap the win.

"We knew what we had to do. We came in and did it."

The Shamrocks, now 13-0,

will make a state-record 17th trip to the state finals, at 1 p.m. Saturday against undefeated Detroit Cass Tech at Ford Field.

Catholic Central clung to a 3-0 halftime lead, thanks to a 31-yard field goal by senior kicker Jacob Nichols midway through the second quarter.

Finishing touch

For a while, it looked like that would be all of the scoring as both offenses literally struggled to get a grip on the slippery football.

Two big gainers set up Nich-

See SHAMROCKS, Page B2

BASEBALL

Tanderys signs to play at Wayne

Tim Smith

hometownlife.com

Not only is Chris Tanderys a warrior on the baseball diamond, he is about to become a Wayne State Warrior.

Tanderys, in his senior year at Livonia Stevenson, recently signed a national letter of intent to play Division I baseball at Wayne State University.

And he can't wait to live and play baseball in Detroit.

"I am ecstatic to be able to be a Warrior and continue going to school at Wayne State," said Tanderys, in an email to the Observer. "I love downtown Detroit; it truly is such an amazing place with all of the renovations and construction that is taking place."

"It's going to be exciting to be a part of it all. It is really something special. The city and the efforts to revitalize it will take your breath away."

As for Warriors baseball, the versatile Tanderys said coaches "made me feel very comfortable about attending Wayne State and I get more excited every time I get the chance to get back on campus and talk with them."

Tanderys will be in the mix at catcher, second base and the outfield once he

See TANDERYS, Page B3



FILE PHOTO

Smoothly fielding a ground ball for Livonia Stevenson is Chris Tanderys, who will play college baseball at Wayne State University in Detroit.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



DOUG WITTE

Grand Valley State defensive lineman DeOndre Hogan is back in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

C'ville connection lifts Grand Valley

Hogan, Bryant help Lakers to 11-0 record

Brad Emons

hometownlife.com

As the elder statesmen of the No. 2-ranked NCAA Division II football team in the country, Grand Valley State's DeOndre Hogan is considered a father figure.

"I'm not grandpa, there's a couple of guys older than me," the sixth-year defensive lineman said with a laugh. "I have a daughter, so a lot of guys joke around and call me dad and stuff like that."

The Clarenceville High grad is one of the big reasons the Lakers (11-0) are undefeated

and earned a first-round bye as the top seed heading into an NCAA DII regional game Saturday at home against Texas A&M-Commerce (10-1).

It is Grand Valley's 18th playoff appearance in school history as the Lakers seek their fifth national championship.

The 6-foot-2, 280-pound Hogan, who red-shirted as a freshman (2011) and was a medical red-shirt (2014) after undergoing thumb surgery, is having another solid season. The honorable mention all-



Hogan



Bryant

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection has eight solo tackles and 19 assists with 2.5 sacks.

In 2015, Hogan made second team all-GLIAC with 65 tackles, while in 2013 he was a first team all-conference pick with 80 tackles, including eight sacks.

Busy schedule

But Hogan has more than football on his plate these days after getting married over the summer. He and his wife Sonya, a school teacher, have a 4-month-old daughter, Penelo-

pe. Nicknamed D.J., Hogan is also currently attending grad school, working toward a master's degree in public administration. He was an academic all-GLIAC pick in 2012.

"I'm just doing what I can now, just provide and set myself up for the future," Hogan said. "I like taking advantage of these extra years of eligibility, helping pay for grad school and try and finish that degree. I'm getting a lot of support from my wife. She enjoys watching me play and she knows I love doing this. She has my back 100 percent and that helps out a lot. We're on the same page about every-

See LAKERS, Page B3

MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Balanced Ocelots could surpass last year's juggernaut

Tim Smith

hometownlife.com

There's no question that Schoolcraft College has had a ferocious men's basketball team the past two seasons, featuring an all-around game with plenty of outside shooters and big guys around the rim.

The Ocelots won Michigan Community College Athletic Association titles in back-to-back seasons. Last season, Schoolcraft went 23-12 and reached the elite eight of the NJCAA Division II tournament before bowing out.

Believe it or not, Schoolcraft head coach Abe Mashhour insists the 2016-17 team is better than the previous two standout squads. Others agree; the Ocelots opened the season ranked No. 6 in the NJCAA Division II preseason poll.

"It should be the best one we've had in the last three years," said Mashhour, whose current squad is 5-1. "We're more talented, we're deeper and just more athletic. We shoot the ball better than we have, too."

An example of what MCCA teams can expect



Mashhour

once conference play begins in January is what transpired Saturday against Kalamazoo Valley in the KVCC Invitational. Schoolcraft won, 81-62.

"Yesterday against Kalamazoo, in the first half, we were up 50-21," Mashhour said. "And that's a pretty good team in their own gym. Up 30 at the half. When you're scoring 50 in a half, that tells you there's a lot of possessions."

"We did that to Owens (CC), who is multi-talented, we did that to Monroe (Community College) in their own gym in New York (102-71 on Nov. 5 in the MCC Kickoff Classic). When we are focused and locked in, we guard really, really well."

Mashhour said his team doesn't have any post players such as the burly Anthony Wartley-Fritz or hard-driving Canton alum Davon Taylor, both of whom were dangerous in the paint at both ends of the floor.

But that's not a problem, it

just means this year's team will go about things a little differently.

"We're more athletic up front, and my bigs can step out and shoot the three," Mashhour said. "You can't really guard them with big guys because they can put the ball on the floor and get to the rim off the dribble. They can shoot the ball, too."

Kudos for back court

Orchestrating the attack will be freshman point guard

See OCELOTS, Page B3

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Madonna spikers advance to nationals

For the fourth straight year Madonna University's women's volleyball team is heading to Sioux City, Iowa for pool play of the NAIA National Tournament.

The Crusaders qualified thanks to Saturday's 3-1 victory over visiting Point Park and are set to begin NAIA pool play Nov. 29. Madonna improved to 32-7. Point Park finished 20-15.

The Crusaders lead 21-11 lead with the utmost confidence that they would cruise to a set one victory. Point Park had other thoughts as they came marching back with a 13-3 rally that knotted the

score at 24-24. After a battle to grasp the two point advantage needed to collect the set victory, the Crusaders finally found their way to a 30-28 set-clinching lead.

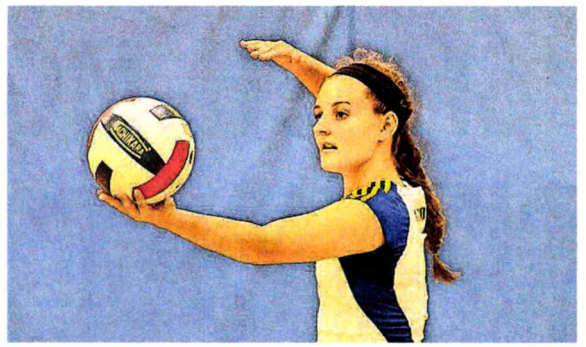
Sets two and three were split between the teams as the Crusaders handily won set two 25-12. With their backs against the wall the Pioneers forced a fourth set by grasping a 25-22 set three advantage.

The Crusaders answered the bell in set four with a 25-17 spread that has now propelled the Crusaders to the national tournament for the 15th time in the storied 30 year career of

head coach Jerry Abraham, who led MU to a pair of NAIA semifinal appearances in 2002 and 2005.

Karlie Kelly (Romeo, Mich./Macomb CC) led the way for the Crusaders today as she tied Amanda Hawkins (Livonia Stevenson) for a team-leading 16 kills. Kelly also tied sophomore libero Deanna Krumholz (Romeo) with a team high 14 digs. Krumholz also added two aces for the Crusaders.

Dearborn's Jasmine DeMare also put forth a quality performance for Madonna with 13 digs and a pair of aces.



MADONNA ATHLETICS

Launching a serve for Madonna University is libero Deanna Krumholz.

GIRLS SWIMMING

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There was a lot to like about Northville's performance during last weekend's MHSAA Division 1 girls swimming and diving state finals at Oakland University.

The Mustangs recorded their best finish since 2007 by taking fifth overall, while also earning all-state (top eight) honors in all three relay races along with seven other individual events.

Rockford came away with its first-ever state championship with 249 points, followed by Farmington Hills Mercy (239), Saline (231.5), defending champion Ann Arbor Skyline (221) and Northville (201).

"We had an amazing weekend at the meet," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "We had a lot of lofty goals, both individually and team-wise, and we were able to achieve most of them. We wanted to be fourth as a team, but fell just short and ended up fifth. No one was mad, though. Just about everyone dropped time and reached their individual goals, so we did all that we could have done."

The highlight of Saturday's finals for Northville was the 200-yard medley relay, which set a Division 1 meet record in 1:43.10, touching out runner-up Skyline (1:43.27) for first place.

Freshman Sophia Tuinman (backstroke leg) teamed with seniors Erin Szara (breaststroke leg), Kelsey Macaddino (butterfly leg) and Laura Westphal (freestyle leg) as the second seed behind Skyline after posting a time of 1:44.91 in the prelims.

"Since the beginning of the season, we knew we were good enough to win," McNeff said. "We were second going into finals and we knew it was going to be a close race. We were going to need a great race from everyone to win and we got it."

Westphal, the anchor, posted a 22.69 split during her 50 freestyle leg.

"Laura was about a body



EMMA PHILLIPS

Northville's first-place and Division 1 record-setting 200-yard medley relay team consisted of (from left) Erin Szara, Kelsey Macaddino, Laura Westphal and Sophia Tuinman.

length behind going into the freestyle, but she was able to catch up and win," McNeff said. "That really set the tone for the rest of the meet."

The Mustangs' quartet of Macaddino, sophomore Katelyn McCullough, senior Gillian Zayan and Westphal also placed fourth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:36.22), while Rockford took first in 1:34.37.

Northville's 400 freestyle relay team of Macaddino, Tuinman, Zayan and McCullough finished eighth (3:34.10), while Saline took first in 3:24.44.

Westphal was also runner-up in the 200 freestyle (1:49.06) to Saline's Maddie Luther (1:48.34), while Szara was runner-up in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.40) to Rockford's Sydney McDowell (1:01.94).

Also reaching the podium (top eight) for Northville were Macaddino, fourth, 100 butterfly (55.78, after going 55.60 in the prelims); Tuinman, fifth, 100 backstroke (56.20); seventh, 200 individual medley (2:06.73); Westphal, sixth, 500 freestyle (5:01.42); and McCullough, seventh, 100 backstroke (57.43).

The Mustangs also got points from freshman Lauren Heaven, who took ninth in the 100 butterfly (57.57).

"I was so proud of how everyone performed," McNeff said. "They really were prepared and focused and did everything they needed to do. I was especially proud of our seniors. They have been such a big part of the success of our team the last four years and

they really came through this weekend, as well. They have so many accomplishments and awards from their time here. It is going to be different next year without them. Luckily, they have been great teammates and have trained the younger swimmers well on how to compete and what to expect throughout the season."

Northville not only took fifth at the Division 1 state finals, but also won the KLAAs Kensington Conference crown this fall.

"This was a great season, right from the start," McNeff said. "We were very motivated all year long and all the girls on the team trained extremely hard to get to where they are. I'm so proud of all of them and for what they have done all

season. This was one of the best in our history."

Meanwhile, Novi sophomore McKaela Hill took 15th in the 1-meter diving event (336.75 points), which was won by Saline's Camryn McPherson (509.50).

Other Division 1 individual champions included Brighton's Taylor Seaman, who swept the 50 and 100 freestyles in 22.86 and 49.64, respectively; Skyline's Emma Cleason, 200 IM (2:00.86) and 100 butterfly (54.28); Skyline's Georgia Mosher, 500 freestyle (4:50.98); and Mercy's Katie Minnich, 100 backstroke (54.41).

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SHAMROCKS

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ols' field goal. First was a 38-yard pass over the middle from sophomore quarterback Austin Brown to senior tight end Jack Morris.

On the next play, Brown zig-zagged 29 yards before being tackled hard at the 3-yard line. He had to be helped off the field and did not return.

At halftime, veteran CC head coach Tom Mach reminded his team it was doing everything well except getting into the end zone.

"We had a lot of good drives in the first half, but we just weren't finishing," Morris said. "We were in the red zone, but we weren't finishing. That's what we talked about at halftime."

It took a while in the second half for the Shamrocks to gain some footing on the snow-covered turf.

After a three-and-out series with under four minutes left in the third and the game still 3-0, CC junior Joe Jasser — stepping in to punt after starter Chris Jakubik limped off with an injury — lined a kick that rolled inside the Romeo 1-yard line.

The Bulldogs (9-4) managed to move the ball to their 36 before senior defensive back Nick Capatina led a host of



SCOTT CONFER

Romeo quarterback Austen Malczewski is brought down by Shamrocks defenders (from left) Joe Natoci, Blake Bueter and Jack Morris during Saturday's D1 state semifinal at Howell.

Shamrocks tacklers to sack quarterback Austen Malczewski and force a punt.

Breathing room

Catholic Central took over at its own 32 and went on a productive 11-play scoring drive to make it 10-0 with 4:24 left.

Carrying the ball on each

snap, the CC trio of Darkangelo (eight carries, 61 yards), junior Cameron Ryan (20 carries, 85 yards) and junior Matt Young took turns bursting through the line.

Ryan, in particular, was tough to bring down, bouncing off tacklers and picking up key yardage. He ultimately scored on an 8-yard run through the

left side of the line.

"All our running backs run with a low pad level. We run hard," Ryan said, insisting that the cold weather wasn't a problem. "We just keep our feet moving."

The Shamrocks added the late insurance TD by Darkangelo for good measure. "We had to keep the ball on

the ground, keep the ball moving, keep the ball away from them, because they're a very explosive offense," Mach said. "They're a very explosive offense. I thought our kids did a great job coming back."

Catholic Central also overcame losing Brown.

"They knew when Austin went down that we had to control the ball on the ground," Mach said. "Our line had to come through, our backs had to come through."

"Just try to keep that ball away from them and not put them into scoring position."

Mach said the punt by Jasser "was gigantic, it just worked out. Great effort on his part, but it took the right roll and it kept going."

Romeo co-coach Jason Couch downplayed the impact of the Jasser punt.

"We got the ball out to the 35 or 40 on that series," Couch said. "It's just that (with) the change of the quarter, we weren't able to keep the momentum going."

He added that he was proud of his team, which wasn't able to knock out the Shamrocks for a second straight postseason. "They continued to battle the entire game and they did it with class."

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POMPON

Area teams take Mid American Pom by storm

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Livonia and Canton teams put the wow into Saginaw's Dow Center, where the Mid American Pompon Hip Hop/High Kick Competition took place Nov. 6.

Both programs left the venue with first-place championship trophies, while spectators who watched their performances also left with something — plenty of smiles and lasting memories.

» **Livonia Pompon**, led by head coach Andrea Shook, captured first place in the Middle School Large Team High Kick category.

The squad, which bested four opposing teams, is comprised of girls from all three of the Livonia district's middle schools as well as upper elementary schools.

Members of the Livonia team include Isabella Abate, Avrey Black, Abigail Boettcher, Sydney Castillenti, Ava Collyer, Allison Garpow, Rylee Guidash, Alison Gwizdz, Ainsley Johnston, Meghan Kelly, Ruby Klingensmith, Sarah



Livonia Pompon gathered for this team photo two days before competing Nov. 6 at the Mid American Pompon Hip Hop & High Kick Championship at the Dow Center in Saginaw. The team took first place in the Middle School Large Team High Kick category.

SUBMITTED

Lamb, Mackenzie Latham, Isabel Longoria, Brianna Martin, Morgan Matick, Izzy Migora, Emily Mitchell, Sophie Nomides, Madison Norton, Madison Prowse, Rachel Salutes, Sophia Schlatterbeck, Claire Sierota, Jenna Walters, Zoe Zagar and Emily Zimmer-

man. Helping Shook with coaching duties are Brittany Rees, Kari Barden, Jillian Henderson and Rachel Parrelly.

» **Canton Pompon**, led by head coach Jenny Kesler, also were victorious at the Dow Center, taking the top spot in

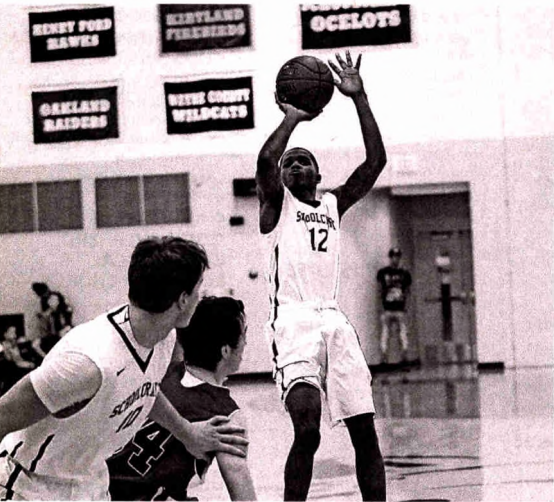
the mid-size category of the High Kick competition.

Canton performed to a mix of songs involving a cruise ship theme.

Teams are divided into categories according to size and level of team (elementary, middle school, junior varsity,

varsity and collegiate). They may choose to compete in the Hip Hop or High Kick divisions.

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Tyron Hamby (No. 12) takes a shot during a 2015-16 Schoolcraft game. Hamby and almost every other player from that team are gone from the current squad.

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OCELOTS

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DeLo Hansbro. So far, he has been impressive.

"Dre (Black, from Westland John Glenn) was so good, obviously," Mashhour said. "But DeLo shoots it better, he's a better shooter than Dre was. He's real good in transition, he's an excellent finisher around the basket.

"Overall, we have three really, really good point guards and four really, really good guards. That's what makes us better than the teams in the past. Our guard play was good (before); it's great now."

At the shooting guard will be Armani Tinsley, with returnee Esa Abduljami at small forward. Top backups in the back court will be Walter Kelsner and Rich Talley.

"Any one of my guards is worthy of starting on any team I've had," Mashhour said. "Even the backups."

Also ready when needed at guard is freshman Joan Andoni, from Livonia Churchill.

"He's played some; he's a reserve," Mashhour said. "But our guard play is so good. Joan's an exceptional shooter, but it is hard to find him time."

"Sometimes I play 12 guys in the first half just to get everybody some minutes.

That's really how deep we are."

Other guards on the roster include Kendrick Harris and West Bloomfield native Phil Nelson.

Up front, the Ocelots will look for muscle from sophomore forwards Charles Penn (6-7, 210) and returnee Carlos Taylor (6-6, 200).

Tariq Jones (6-7, 220), Kevin Hayes (6-6, 210), Daniel Dwyer (6-5, 190), Donovan Williams (6-8, 230) and DeYuan Heard (6-7, 185) also bring size.

And Schoolcraft also has the makings of a pretty relentless defensive team.

"Defensively, we were pretty good the last two years," Mashhour said. "But this team has the chance to be an exceptional defensive team."

Mashhour again will be helped on the sidelines by assistant coaches Corey McKendry (formerly of Livonia Clarenceville) and Michael Allie (formerly of Livonia Stevenson). Joining the staff are Mike Paletti and Timothy Edwards.

Next up for the Ocelots is a Nov. 30 game at Owens Community College. The next home game will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, against Glen Oaks.

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Grand Valley's Jalen Bryant (middle) scored his first college TD this season.

DOUG WITTE

LAKERS

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thing. She knows this will lead up to better things and so do I. It's a good routine, consistent schedule. That's helping and it's making it real easy. We found a good baby-sitter to watch Penelope during the day. I drop her off before practice and my wife picks her up after work. It's going good."

Hogan also monitors and manages a serious medical condition as a type 1 diabetic, but yet has evolved as a team leader.

"I'd say over the last couple of years, I've been getting more vocal," Hogan said. "And there are guys listening to what I say, which gave me more confidence. When guys are confident in me, I'm more confident in myself. I was a captain last season and voted a captain again this year, so there are guys still looking up to me. It's been pretty much a consistent role since my sophomore year, just a leader on the defense and defensive line."

Teammates again

One of those Grand Valley players who have literally followed Hogan's lead is third-year wide receiver Jalen Bryant, who was a freshman on the JV squad at Clarenceville when Hogan was a senior on the varsity.

"I watched every varsity game, so I knew him," said Bryant, who has five solo tackles and three assists as a special teamer to go along with a 6-yard TD return following a blocked punt against Truman State. "When he graduated, I

really didn't know what Grand Valley was. I was just, like, 'Hey, man, congrats and four years when you come back I'll be signing my letter of intent somewhere.' And, sure enough, I came and next thing you know, I'm at the same school as him. It really helped a lot when they started recruiting me, because I already had somebody that went to my high school. Basically, I had a big brother who let me know and showed me the ropes being a college athlete, telling me do's and don't's and everything like that."

As a senior at Clarenceville, Bryant rushed for 1,423 yards and 20 TDs as the Trojans made it all the way to the MHSAA Division 5 state semifinals.

After sitting out as a red-shirt freshman, Bryant is making the transition this season to another position in his third season.

"I'm loving it actually," the 6-2, 200-pound Bryant said. "I feel like I have a lot more confidence going in than what I'm used to at running back. It's allowed me to have new opportunities and I'm taking advantage of every opportunity I can get."

Team chemistry

Both Bryant and Hogan agree that this current Grand Valley team has created a special bond.

"We have a close group of guys," Bryant said. "We really emphasize our team chemistry and working along side each other. We know we're one-11th of the offense, defense and special teams. When we go out there, we're going to fight for the man who is next to us and we're going to do whatever we

can to get the job done. Our coaches really enforce that on us in practice. We make sure everything is right. We never get complacent. We want to be the best that we can be. I think that really helps us on the field and, actually, off the field for us. That's what is helping us push through the season, knowing the person next to you is doing his job and then you do your job."

The Lakers not only finished the regular season 11-0, but also won the GLIAC's North Division crown.

"During the course of the summer, fall camp and the season, we've just been growing stronger and stronger as a brotherhood," Hogan said. "We are player-led and that's really important. We've got older guys, but the younger guys are buying in what we're trying to accomplish. It really reinforces our value and we hold each other accountable. We believe in each other and fight for each other. We've got a saying, 'We all we got' and we try to live up to that."

The first-round bye couldn't have come at a better time for the Lakers, as they took advantage of the extra week and got back to the basics, according to their elder statesman.

"I know the coaches and players appreciate that because, once you get rolling week-by-week, you kind of stray away from the things that got you in the position you're in in the first place," Hogan said. "So this week, we're grateful to take advantage and get back to the basics. We're crossing our T's and dotting our I's, worrying about us and focusing on us and our craft and getting better every week."

TANDERYS

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reaches Wayne State in 2017-18.

"Having the opportunity to compete in college is what I have wanted to do since I was little," Tanderys said. "Wherever you can get the chance to play collegiate baseball is a special thing, so I can't wait."

"I am beyond excited to be given the opportunity to play baseball and get an education at such an amazing school."

And the best part is that amazing school isn't far from home.

"I think Detroit is a perfect place to go to school," he noted. "It's far enough away from home but it's close enough to where I can come home for a

family dinner."

He playfully added that, because Detroit "is so massive and reenergized that I don't know if I will want to go home."

With another season yet to go with the Spartans, the strong-armed Tanderys (who also starred as Stevenson's quarterback) is looking forward.

But that doesn't mean he can't look back.

He made sure to list all his previous coaches for their help. They included Daryl Bauer, Ken Way, Jim Hobson, Jim Rintala, Mike Massey, Randy Micallef, Scott Barrett, Rick Berryman, Sean Gallagher and — last but not least — "my dad," Jeff Tanderys.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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 driedel, 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; nancyl-len879@att.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/stinnocenredford

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; stan-drewsepisopalchurchlivonia.org

HEALING SERVICE
THE ANTIOCHIAN
ORTHODOX BASILICA
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 Fleszar at 734-658-2463

DUNNING PARK BIBLE
CHAPEL

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships,

receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

ST. EDITH CHURCH

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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; letf@dwwo.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: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

FARMINGTON HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

MERRIMAN ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.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.firesidehog.org; or email to adm@firesidehog.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

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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

CONGREGATION BET
CHAVERIM

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

CROSSROADS CHURCH

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday service

Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at W. Chicago Road, Livonia

Details: Service with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Sunday school and child care

Contact: 313-550-4301

DUE SEASON
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of

Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month

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

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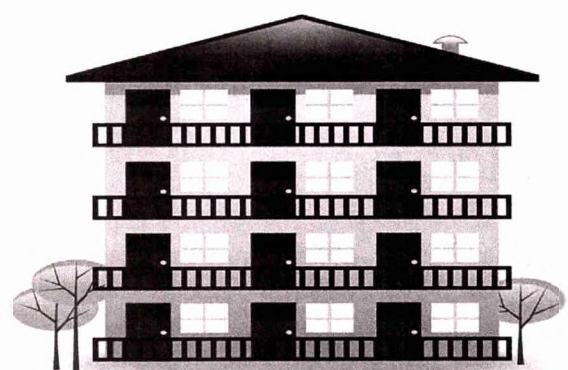
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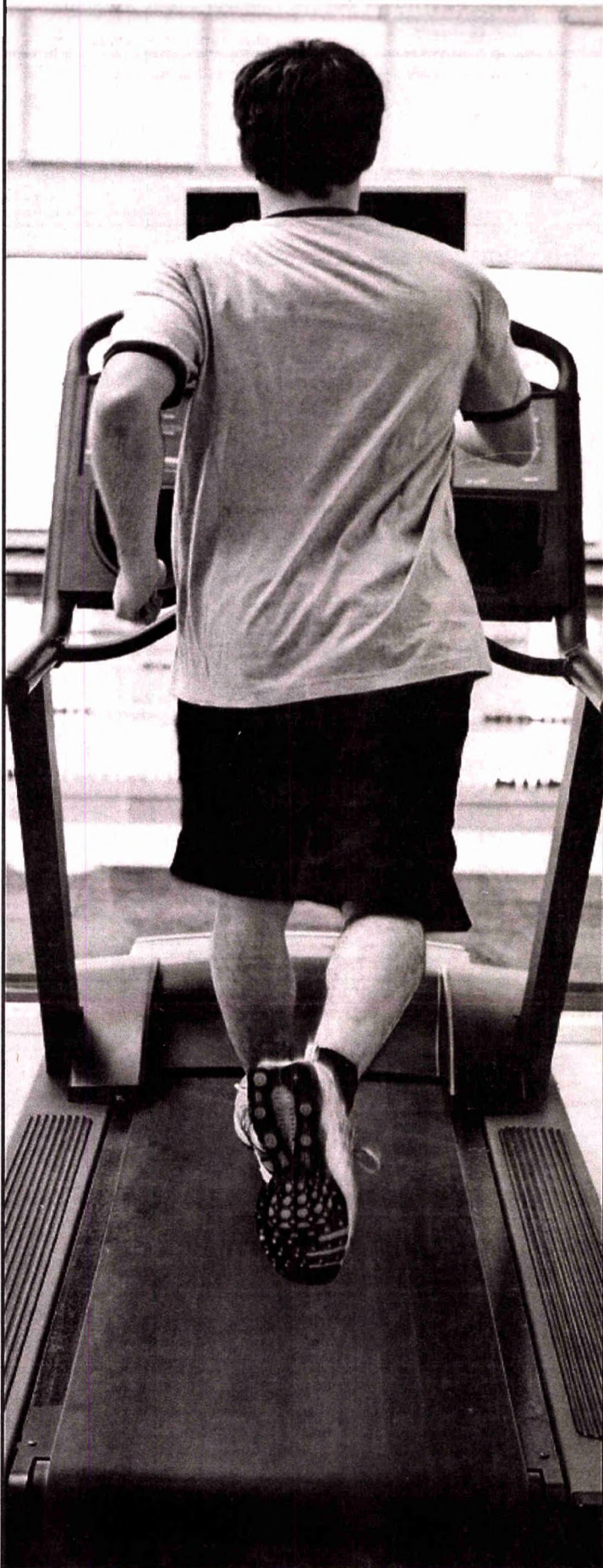
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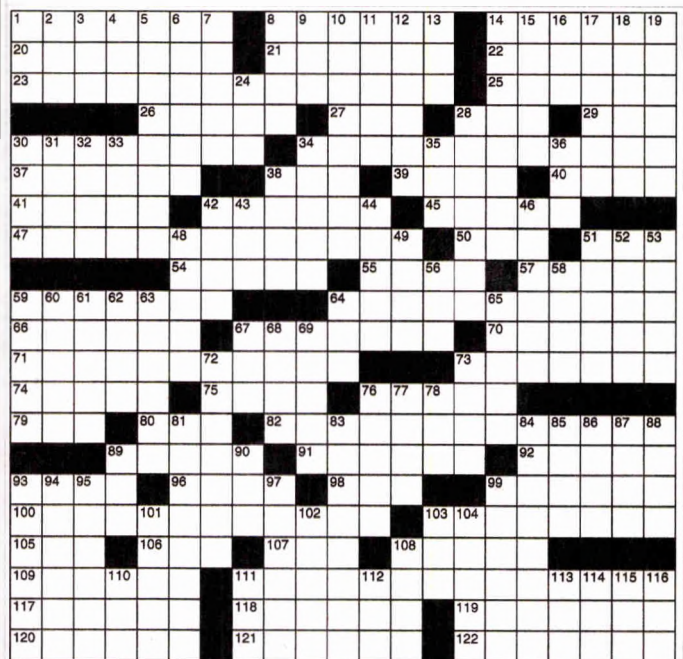
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29 In history
30 Book parts
34 What aviator Orville or Wilbur was called?
37 Found on these pages
38 Kitty treater
39 Fill up fully
40 Celtics rival
41 "What the Butler Saw" dramatist Joe
42 Does penance
45 Sprinter Bolt
47 Small songbird with a cartoon cat?
- 50 60-min. units
51 "Rockaria!" band, in brief
54 Singer Clay
55 San — (Italian resort)
57 Post W.H. —
59 Fusion
64 Old laundry machine that's totally on the fritz?
66 Raving sort
67 People debating
70 Bistro, e.g.
71 "Goodbye, Columbus" author when he's very angry?
73 Throw from a steed
74 Tea garnish
75 Apple debut of 1998
78 Mini-serving
79 Prior to
80 Flan need
82 Damage done to a periodical?
89 Pub buys
91 Find a new place for, as a pet
92 Islamic equivalent of kosher
- 93 Trial attire
96 Sleetas
98 "Mazel —!"
99 Hereditary sequence
100 Declaration upon pulling your valise forcefully?
103 Many a handcuffed person
105 — Jo ("80s track star)
106 That guy's
107 Certain Wall St. tracer
108 Paradigm
109 Hereditary
111 Actress Fay who was always cheerful?
117 Get free of
118 Silky goat or rabbit
119 Helm handler
120 Beaches
121 Observed in the vicinity of
122 Actor Erik
- 6 Like the pre-Easter period
7 — Allan Poe
8 Comic Jay
9 Bunyan's tool
10 Story for an anchor
11 Radials for a Rolls, say
12 Falls to stay poker-faced
13 Viper variety
14 Slickers and galoshes
15 Wilde with wit
16 Bison-hunting tribe
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19 Fancy ties
24 "the season!"
28 Gallery gala
30 Grub
31 Berlin man
32 Funnyman Johnson
33 Hireling
34 "... three — a lub"
35 Ocean liquid
36 Hotel relative
38 Cast a ballot
42 Take — view of
43 "Bad!" sound
44 Shopping jag
- 46 Old Testament book
48 Racial equality gp.
49 Part of YTD
51 Lawn gadget
52 Dirty looks
53 Ham — (dell classic)
56 Rx signers
58 Golden rule's second word
59 Plentecus
60 Bill of "Real Time"
61 Japanese film genre
62 Stitch's cartoon pal
63 Dive variety
64 "Yeah, no kidding!"
65 Taylor of "The Nanny"
67 Chair part
68 Traipse
69 Sporty auto
72 Tapes' kin
73 — Reader (alternative digest)
76 Sierra Nevada lake
77 Sea of — (waters off Ukraine)
78 Gaming "City" dweller
81 Non-Jews
- 83 Somehow manages with
84 Pair attached to an axle
85 Also — (losers)
86 Scores
87 Arose (from)
88 Painter Paul
89 Nectar lover
90 CIA worker
93 Searches and robs
94 Wise-looking
95 Bucking one
97 Card game expert John
99 Bestows
101 Triangle, e.g.
102 Fly into — (get furious)
103 Madison Ave. output
104 Find a new purpose for
108 — first you don't succeed ...
110 Corn spike
111 Once existed
112 — pro nobis
113 That gal's
114 Levin or Glas
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116 Time of note



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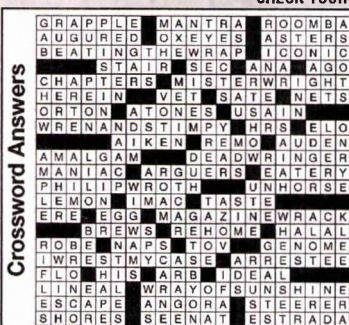
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