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Library receives holiday makeover

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The William P. Faust Public Library in Westland got a holiday makeover last week thanks to the Friends of the Library.

A Friends gift of \$500 from nearly a year ago paid for new Christmas decorations for the library, including artificial poinsettias, snowman, reindeer and sleigh figures and garlands.

The new decorations replaced 20-year-old adornments that were looking worn, said

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Submitted
New artificial poinsettias replaced some at the Westland library that were looking a little tattered.



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New decorations are on the fireplace mantle at the library.



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A life-sized snowman figurine and a new poinsettia adorn a vestibule at the William P. Faust Public Library.



Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer
Snow plow drivers Annette Lowe and Earl Casey talk about their years behind the wheel. They're ready for what winter brings.

WHEN THE SNOWS FALLS, COUNTY SAYS IT'S READY

David Veselenak
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Despite the almost spring-like conditions Wayne County's seen in the past few days, Beverly Watts insists the county would be able to get roads cleared of that fluffy white stuff if it shows up.

"If it snowed right now, we're ready," the Wayne County Department of Public Services director said Wednesday. "We're at the ready even if it were to snow tonight."

Watt was one of several county officials on hand at the county's central maintenance yard in Romulus for the annual media day, which details the county's plans and preparations for the looming winter season.

The county has rotated in 12 new trucks to bring the total to 162. Of these, 46 trucks have an additional nine-foot wing plow on the side, which allows for snow removal on an additional half-lane, primarily on the county's freeways. Those wing blades are helpful to drivers like Todd Strachan, a Livonia resident who has worked for Wayne County for 28 years.

"The side blades are just awesome in the right conditions," he said. "I don't think

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Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer
Todd Strachan of Livonia drives a snow plow for the county. Charles Garber of Westland spent years driving a plow and now trains drivers.

Santa visit for special needs children Sunday

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Steve Bockmann knows visiting Santa Claus at the mall for children with autism can be a stressful situation, something he realized with his son many years ago.

That's why he began offering a session with Santa designed for children with special needs many years ago. This year, he'll bring Santa to Livonia for another session for area families looking for a more special-needs-friendly visit.

The idea came as something he and his ex-wife wanted to do to provide their son, who has since grown up, an opportunity to visit with Kris Kringle.

"He wanted to have the same kind of Santa experience his friends were having," said Brockmann, a Farmington Hills resident.

They began hosting a special needs Santa event, complete with more lighting and quieter atmosphere, at various locations, including The Henry Ford and most recently at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. This year, Bockmann's program will take place from 9-11 a.m. Sunday at Laurel Park Place mall, 37700 Six Mile in Livonia. The event is free and will take place before the mall opens.

Bockmann, who has brought this idea to Novi-based Centria Autism Services, said the special-needs Santa event is one many families

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Steve Bockmann

Santa meets a child at a previous event for special-needs children. The event for kids is coming to Laurel Park Place in Livonia and will take place Sunday morning.



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Diane Mehl, the library's circulation director. "They were generous about providing us the money," Mehl said.

Mehl, the library's liaison to the Friends of the Library, and administrative assistant Sherri West set up the decorations last week.

"They are festive and they are pretty to look at," Mehl said. "It brightens the library up. I think the patrons enjoy those decorations."

Mehl said the Friends had actually granted the library's request for a donation for decorations just

before Christmas last year, but that it wasn't used.

"We asked if it was still available to us, and they said, 'Of course,'" she said. "We made good on that this year."

The library will host a Christmas singalong with in the Children's Garden beginning 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. Children and families can enjoy caroling, cookies, hot cocoa, a live reindeer, and, inside the library, crafts and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Register on the events tab of www.westland.lib.mi.us, and click on the Holiday Sing-Along event.

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CORRECTION

In last Sunday's story, "Westland soldier surprises daughters at school," the name of the kindergarten teacher was incorrect. Her name is Anne McKolay.

MDOT meeting discusses reconstruction of Old M-14

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It's still several years away, but that's not stopping the Michigan Department of Transportation from sharing information about the proposed reconstruction of Old M-14 in Livonia.

MDOT officials were on hand Thursday afternoon at Livonia City Hall for a public meeting to discuss the proposed project and the environmental impact of the work, which will take place along Plymouth and Ann Arbor roads from Market to Newburgh.

"This is part of our environmental process," MDOT engineer Adam Penzenstadler said. "In addition to the public meeting, it's also a public hearing for our environmental aspect."

One of the reasons the department held the meeting was because of the nature of the work taking place around Hines Park, along with the Hines Drive bridge and its historic classification. The bridge was one of the first structures built after World War II in the area. The bridge was completed in 1948, after being delayed because of labor issues and steel shortages from the



MDOT engineer Adam Penzenstadler speaks Thursday with Livonia city engineer Todd Zilincik at Livonia City Hall.

DAVID VESELENAK

war.

Several boards with information regarding the project, including potential detours and overview maps of the work, were shared. Work that will be done includes adding some right-turn lanes to Newburgh; completely replacing the Hines Drive bridge; adding sidewalks along Ann Arbor Road and connecting those new sidewalks

to pathways along Hines Drive.

As of now, the work is scheduled to take place in 2019, a delay from the original date. That delay has come because of a lack of funding, MDOT officials said. The project is currently budgeted to cost about \$12.7 million in 2017 dollars.

MDOT maintains several miles of both Plymouth Road and Ann

Arbor Road in western Wayne County, dating back to its years as M-14 before the current freeway was built. The stretch of Plymouth Road from Telegraph in Redford Township to the fork with Ann Arbor Road in Livonia is all maintained by the state. That route continues along Ann Arbor Road until it reaches the Washtenaw/ Wayne county line at Napier Road.

Work last took place in this proposed project area back in 2001 when a reconstruction happened from Newburgh to the Middle Rouge River, according to Mike Bellini of MDOT. Before that, some milling and resurfacing took place from the Middle Rouge River to Market back in 1993.

Todd Zilincik, the Livonia city engineer, said he'll be happy to see that area of town receive improved road, sidewalk and lighting.

"It's a project well-needed and it's a project that's been in the works," he said. "We're happy to have MDOT come in and meet the criteria necessary to get this moving forward."

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ilies appreciate having, especially because it could be difficult for certain children to fully enjoy a traditional visit with Santa at the mall.

"Every year, I've got a family that will come up to me and thank me for the opportunity," he said. He said last year's

event at Twelve Oaks Mall had about 60 families attend.

The event is free to attend, and photo packages will be available to purchase.

Dan Irvin, Laurel Park's general manager, said the decision to bring Bockmann's program to the Livonia mall was a no-brainer. Every child deserves a chance to see Santa, he said.

"Every kid should

have the ability to have every opportunity anybody else has," he said.

He said doors to the mall will remain open that morning and mall walkers who are typically there during Sunday morning are still invited to walk, but to respect the event taking place Sunday.

Bockmann said the event is fairly laid-back and allows for children who may need some

extra time to warm up to seeing Santa.

"The kids kind of are able to take their time to come up and see Santa," he said. "We've had some families where it takes an hour and a half to have the courage and bravery to walk up and see Santa."

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I'd want a wing plow out on Farmington Road, but out on the freeway, absolutely."

Wayne County maintains more than 5,000 lanes of roadway, which includes freeways such as Interstate 96, I-275 and I-94, as well as some main and mile roads in cities, such as Inkster, Merriam, Farmington, Five Mile, Six Mile, etc. The county is also responsible for all roads in townships, including Northville, Canton and Redford.

In addition to some new trucks, 18 more trucks will be equipped with cameras for residents to get a driver's view of the roads through the Compass mapping application.

Compass, which can be accessed via computers, mobile phones and tablets, allows motorists to view where trucks are in real time to have a better understanding of what roads have been plowed. Twelve of those trucks will have live feed cameras that will show the driver's perspective.

"We wanted to allow for the public to actually see what we're seeing," said Anthony Bellinger, a department manager in the county's roads division. "Oftentimes, we get calls about a particular road not being done. If they go out there and they see one of the 18 trucks in their location, they can actually see what we're seeing. We can see the traffic condition, the weather condition, we can see the surface of the road."

Improvements over the years

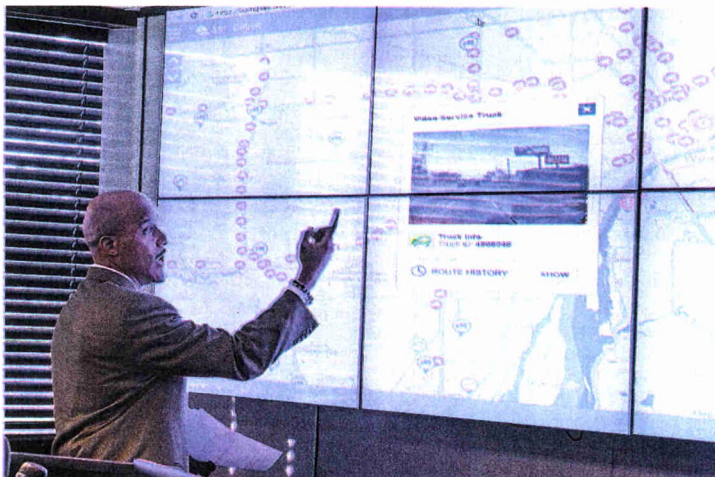
Charles Garber, who trains drivers for the county, said he's seen an improvement in the ways the county clears snow from the roads, especially with the advent of better technology.

"With this new communication system, we



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The command center is where roads are monitored.



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Tony Bellinger explains the Compass system that allows the public to see the conditions on the roads and where the trucks are that are clearing those roads.

know where people are at all times," the Westland resident said. "It's amazing how far we've come."

The application can be viewed by at compass.waynecounty.com. County Executive

Warren Evans said the county has worked closely to try and improve the snow removal process

and this year is no exception.

"We have over 4,000 lanes that need to be plowed in Wayne County. And we have almost 100 routes that folks have to run," he said. "We're trying to stay up with what's necessary to provide the level service in Wayne County that we think people deserve."

Strachan said his typical route is I-275 between Joy and Eight Mile in Plymouth Township and Livonia. He said he's

looking forward to an easier time cleaning up snow along the freeway, which saw major construction earlier this year north of Five Mile in Livonia.

"I'm ecstatic," he said. "They used to have the little markers that stuck up out of the roadway, the reflectors. It would shred your under blade."

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Westland Stake chooses new president



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Dave Johnson (center) was chosen to serve as the new stake president of the Westland Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Dan Hill (left), and Scot Bowie (right) will serve as his counselors.

Almost 1,000 members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gathered recently to sustain a new area presidency to preside over Westland Stake, a geographical area similar to a diocese, that encompasses much of western Wayne, Monroe and parts of Oakland counties.

Marshall Medley of Plymouth, a vascular surgeon at Beaumont Hospital, was released after serving as stake president for nine years, along with his counselors Kris Christensen of Canton and Dan Hill of Novi. Dave Johnson of Canton, director, Global Repair Product Planning at Ford Motor Company, was

called in his stead, with Hill and Scot Bowie of Canton, as counselors.

During the biannual stake conference, Medley bid a tearful goodbye to his congregation.

"This calling has changed me. You have changed me," he said.

Referring to Jesus Christ, he taught, "If you let Him, He will change you, but you must give yourself to Him. He has helped me with this calling and He will help you, too."

Johnson, the new stake president, recently returned from living in China for over four years.

"My heart is full of love for you," he said. "I am grateful that the Lord

qualifies those whom he calls."

He continued by sharing his testimony of Jesus Christ: "Seeing Him won't make me know any better than I do now that He is the Savior of the world. He lives!"

Local leadership within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including stake presidencies, are lay appointments, meaning they are unpaid volunteer positions. The new stake leaders are expected to serve for nine years while still managing work and family responsibilities. Medley averaged 12-15 hours of service per week during his nine years as president.

WESTLAND NEWS BRIEFS

City council meeting

The Westland City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5 in council chambers, 36300 Warren Road. New business on the agenda includes: Approval of vouchers; citizens comments or requests; comments from the mayor; comments from the city attorney; and council members requests/comments.

Jaycee Park play structure

The Westland City Council has approved a matching grant funds proposal from Game-Time/Sinclair Recreation for the purchase and installation of a custom hybrid playground structure at Jaycee Park. The structure is for ages 5-12. The matching funds grant will be paid for with the amount already approved in the existing 2016-2017 budget and will not exceed \$20,000. "Jaycee Park is one of Westland's most pop-



Wild

ular and frequently used parks," Mayor William Wild said. "This new, modern play

structure will be a nice addition to this neighborhood park."

The equipment will be ready to be installed in April. For more information, contact Aubrey Berman at 734-467-3200.

Decorating contest

The All American Holiday Decorating Contest will kicked off Friday, Nov. 25 and runs until midnight Saturday, Dec. 24. Residents can visit the city of Westland website to nominate themselves or a friend in one or all of the three categories: Best Traditional Display, Most Creative Display and Over the Top Display. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture along with their submission.

You can also enter the

contest by posting your picture publicly on Twitter or Instagram, tagging @CityofWestland and using the hashtag #westlandholidaypride.

Anyone can go onto the website, view the entries and vote for which holiday decorating display they think should win. Voting will close at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Winners will be announced and awarded with prizes at the first council meeting of the New Year on Monday, Jan. 9.

Deck the halls

Deck the City Hall and Tree Lighting is set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at city hall, 36300 Warren Road. Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus at this free community event. Also included are arts and crafts and light refreshments. Beat the lines and get a fast pass to see Santa by bringing an unwrapped gift for the Goodfellows toy drive. Or make a \$5 child or \$10 family donation for Shop with a Cop.

Get your holiday list ready for indoor market

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Shoppers can round out their holiday shopping list and gather farmer's market favorites for winter at Westland's All American Indoor Winter Market, which is set for 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Pavilion, 1901 N. Carlson.

A cozy fire will provide warmth and set the mood for shoppers exploring a wide variety of local goods, including jams, honeys, candles and much more — all from Wayne County based vendors.

Saturday's Winter Market will be the last farmer's market of the season and is "a great opportunity for shoppers to stock up on their favorite farmers market items," said Brookellen Swope, president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Swope said she expects close to 80 people at the event, which will feature stocking stuffers and other gift items from local merchants.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce has



FILE PHOTO

Last year, Patricia and Dennis Ducher of Westland sold seasonal craft items at the Winter Market.

hosted two Winter Markets for the past three years.

"We have a beautiful Pavilion that the city built, and it really is the perfect location for the winter markets," she said, adding that vendors are carefully selected to provide shoppers with merchandise suitable for the season.

Vendors at the upcoming market include Donna Beckerleg's

American Doll Clothes, and kids crafts; GoAnna Paper featuring greeting cards, wallets, mouse pads and small accessories; Day Dream Soaps' soaps and lotions; Precious Pammies' jewelry; jams and jellies from Lula Bre; candles from Walker's Hollow; scrubbies, crochet items, towels and more from Krafts by Kathy; Scott-Tish honey Vic the Breadman.

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Event to benefit Forgotten Harvest, Toys for Tots

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One Livonia company made a big impression earlier this year by organizing a water drive for the residents of Flint. Now, they're looking to get back to their charitable ways by hosting an event for two Metro Detroit charities.

The first Grains and Trains event will take place from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 9, at Quality Line Services, 13250 Newburgh in Livonia, just south of Interstate 96. The charity event will feature food, drink and a silent auction, among other items. The event will benefit Forgotten Harvest and the area Toys for Tots programs. Admission is free, though the group is asking for a donation of a toy or of cash to either of the charity groups that will be there.

"The water drive worked out so well, we figured, 'Why not give back to the community?'" said Kal Hakkani, a Canton Township resident who works at Quality Lines Services and EZ Run Events, the groups' putting on the event.

Representatives from



Moe Hakkani and Samir Ali assemble the sign for the drive.

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both organizations will be at the event to collect donations, something the company is encouraging people to bring. Hakkani said he's already gotten commitments for several bins of toys from area companies. The hosts hope to see a few hundred people at the event during the evening. It's

gotten backing from several area chambers of commerce, including the ones in Livonia, Westland and Canton, Hakkani said.

"We've already had some companies promise us they're going to collect toys inside their facilities and going to come bring them that

day," he said. "We're looking at hundreds and hundreds of toys."

The silent auction, which will benefit Forgotten Harvest, will feature several framed photos and pieces of memorabilia of local sports donated by Pro Sports Zone at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia.

Items include photos of Barry Sanders and, one that could be a hot item, a framed photo of the Detroit Pistons featuring the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Pistons announced last week they plan to move to the new Little Caesars Arena starting next season, leaving the Palace after

playing there since 1988.

"Pro Sports Zone really came through," Hakkani said.

The event name stems from the men looking at ways to give back to the area charities. When they looked at the logos for both organizations, they came up with the perfect name for an event.

"I've always loved Forgotten Harvest, he's always worked with Toys for Tots, they have grains and trains in their logos and its rhymes, so it all (came together)," said Samir Ali, a Belleville resident who works with Hakkani at the Livonia facility.

So far, the business has been able to secure sponsorships for many of the event's aspects, including some of the food, signage and other logistics. That drive for giving back, Hakkani said, is evident in the efforts to try and help raise money for Toys for Tots and Forgotten Harvest.

"This is the result of the community coming together," he said.

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Sugar is about to turn 3 years old.

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Photos of pets with Santa to help animal rescue

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Treat your favorite dog or cat to a photo with Santa and help keep local pets keep warm and fed at the 2016 Santa Photos for Pets and Children event, sponsored by Redford's own Mutts and Mutts Animal Rescue League at the Tireman Indoor Flea Market in Detroit.

For a \$10 donation, pets can visit Santa Claus on a decorated stage and

have a digital photo taken and printed onsite. Visitors are invited to take additional pictures with their own devices after the initial photo and donation to Donna Law's Mutts and Mutts. Proceeds from the event will help purchase food for needy animals and pay veterinary bills for sheltered animals.

It's a great opportunity to commemorate the Christmas holiday while donating to other dogs and cats in need this

winter season, Law said. "The winter is the worst season for donations. Everyone — both pets and humans — are all in need at that time," said the Redford resident, who has been involved with animal rescue since 1997.

From providing food for low-income families struggling to feed their pets to providing dog houses and sheltering unwanted animals, Mutts and Mutts is dedicated to helping local pets receive the care they need, Law said.

The animal rescue also provides help for pet owners in need seeking information regarding

low-cost micro-chipping and other veterinary services.

In addition to monetary donations, Mutts and Mutts is also seeking donations of garbage bags, paper towel, bleach and used or new dogs crates.

Dogs visiting the event must be securely harnessed or on a leash; small carriers are acceptable for small dogs. The events are set for noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18 and 22-23. The Tireman Indoor Flea market is at 14300 Tireman, Detroit.

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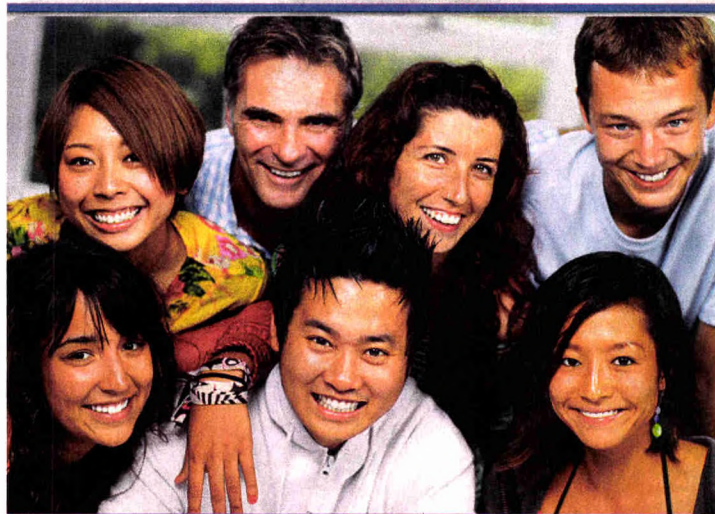
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Westland police seek credit card fraud suspects

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Westland police have asked for the public's help identifying two men they say committed fraud at a local gas station.

Police say the men entered the Speedway at 110 S. Wayne Road on Nov. 22 and attempted to make purchases using stolen credit cards. The first suspect, described as a male wearing a gray/light-colored hooded sweatshirt and some possibly facial hair, tried to make a purchase but was declined.

The second suspect then successfully made a purchase with a stolen credit card, police said. The second suspect is described as a male with



Suspect photo.

Suspect photo.

a burgundy-colored sweatshirt with a design on the left side. He also had a light-colored head band or hat underneath the hood.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Westland police at 734-722-9600 and reference case no. 16-31912.

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Donation box reportedly taken from Westland Taco Bell

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Westland police say they are looking for a suspect who took a donation box Nov. 26 from a Taco Bell.

Police say the suspect came into the Taco Bell at 201 S. Merriman and took a donation box that contains a game for patrons to try and balance coins on a shelf to earn free food items. The money collected in the box is used to help pay for college students tuition via reimbursement through an essay contest.

Police say the suspect is a white male in his 60s, about 6 feet tall with a



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police say the suspect got away in this vehicle.

medium build and light-colored hair. He was wearing a dark jacket, blue sweatshirt and light blue jeans. The suspect was then seen leaving

the restaurant in a red four-door vehicle, which could be a Ford Fusion.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Westland



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Westland police are seeking this man, whom they suspect took a donation box from a Taco Bell.

Police Department at 734-722-9600 and reference case no. 16-32278.

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Livonia police: Shoplifting suspect hides

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Livonia police were called Wednesday afternoon to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect that had fled the store.

An employee told police they saw the suspect take tags off shirts and place them onto two more expensive bags. She was reportedly seen selecting those bags and going to buy them in the checkout, but with the wrong tags. An employee attempted to stop her, but she said she had forgotten her receipt and then tried to leave out another set of doors. She was seen running northbound toward the Outback Steakhouse restaurant.

Police say she was seen entering the restaurant. They went in and spoke to an employee, who said someone who matched the sus-

pect's description came in and asked to use the bathroom, as well as get a table for one. When police arrived inside, the suspect went back into the bathroom. After an employee checked to see if she was in there, police entered and reportedly saw the woman crouched on top of the toilet in an attempt to hide from police. Police asked her to come out and she tried to flee from them, but was detained and arrested, police said.

Stolen Christmas projector

A resident in the 14900 block of Cavell came into the police station Thursday afternoon to report a stolen light projector from his yard.

He said a Christmas kaleidoscope projector that had been in his yard had been taken. He said his wife saw it when she left her home earlier

that afternoon. No suspect information was available.

Retail fraud suspect arrested

Police were called Thursday evening to Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

When police arrived, they spoke to an employee, who said they saw the suspect selected several items and go to the self-checkout. The employee said the suspect purchased some items, but not all of them. He did not pay for items such as a wreath and a burlap bow, the employee said. He was stopped by an employee and detained until police arrived, who arrested him, issued him a citation and released him at the scene.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

Westland police briefs: Vehicles broken into

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A resident in the 1900 block of Ackley came into the police station Monday morning to report her vehicle had been broken into.

She told police she parked on the street in front of her home two days earlier. When she went back to her vehicle Monday morning, she found the front passenger-side window had been pulled down and the car entered.

The resident said the car was locked during that time. The only thing missing from the car was the registration, and no damage was reported. She said another vehicle she owned had also been broken into earlier that month as well.

Tire slashed

Police were dispatched Monday morning to a home in the 35600 block of Palmer on the report of damage

to a vehicle.

When police arrived, they spoke to the victim, who said her rear-left tire had been slashed. Police observed a cut to the side wall of the tire. No suspect information was available.

Hot water tank stolen from home

A property manager who owns a home in the 29100 block of Eton came into the Westland police station the morning of Nov. 26 to report a burglary.

He said sometime between Nov. 25-26 someone kicked in the door at the home, which was vacant. The only thing missing was the hot water tank.

Car broken into

A resident in the 36600 block of Fairchild came to the police station to report a larceny from auto Monday afternoon.

The resident said he parked his vehicle in his driveway the night be-

fore. When he came out to his car the next day, he found several items missing from the car, including a backpack containing fishing equipment. He told police he believed the vehicle was locked overnight, but there were no signs of any forced entry.

Items taken from garage

A resident who lives in the 7200 block of Farmington came into the police station the morning of Nov. 24 to report a burglary of his garage.

The man told police he accidentally left his garage door open and came out to find several items missing, including extension cords, a leaf blower and lawn mower. The resident said he believes the items were taken in the evening.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2845-G. Trudell-32220 Warren

Req. for a non-conforming structure variance from Ord. 248 to construct an 8' x 10' addition to the front of the existing non-conforming home; whereas Sec. 5.2.3 states that a non-conforming structure cannot be enlarged without a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Petition #2846-L. Santiago Zuniga-5023 S. Middlebelt

Req. for 3 variances from Ord. 248 (a non-conforming structure variance, a 0.5' side yd. setback variance, and a 5.2' rear yd. setback variance) as a result of the construction of a 17' x 23' addition to the rear of the non-conforming home that was constructed 2.5' from the north side lot line and 29.8' from the rear lot line; whereas Sec. 5.2.3 states that a non-conforming structure cannot be enlarged without a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Sec. 7.4.2 requires a minimum 3' side yd. setback, and Sec. 7.45.2 requires a minimum rear yd. setback of 35'.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

Petitioner)

NO. J-2015-JC-137

vs.)

JAMES LEE HICKS, SR.)

Respondent)

IN THE MATTER OF:)

James Lee Hicks, Jr.)

DOB: 8/27/03

A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age)

MOTION AND ORDER FOR SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Petition for Temporary Custody and Motion for Summons by Publication and the Affidavit of Diligent Search that the whereabouts of the Respondent, James Lee Hicks, Sr., is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search, therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon James Lee Hicks, Sr. It is therefore, ORDERED that said Respondent be served by publication of the following Notice for four (4) consecutive weeks in the *Redford Observer*, a newspaper published in *Redford MI*.

TO THE RESPONDENT: JAMES LEE HICKS, Sr.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-121 and § 37-1-123, you are hereby summoned to appear on the **25th day of January 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**, and defend the above-entitled action in the Campbell County Juvenile Court, at LaFollette, Tennessee, and answer the Petition filed by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, and to serve your answer upon the Petitioner. In case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of the Campbell County Juvenile Court located at the Juvenile Court of Campbell County, 580 Main Street Jacksboro, Tennessee 37757. Since your whereabouts is unknown and the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you, a copy of this summons shall be published in the *Redford Observer* newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

ISSUED this 9th day of November 2016.

AMANDA H. SAMMONS
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

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CONSUMERS ENERGY DEDICATES \$18 MILLION LIVONIA BUILDING

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It was no secret the former Consumers Energy building in Livonia was in rough shape and needed a replacement. Wednesday, the company celebrated that milestone by dedicating the new, \$18 million building.

"It wasn't one of our crown jewels. Today, it is," said Daniel Malone, a senior vice president of energy resources for the Jackson-based energy company. "This place is just fabulous."

Consumers Energy gave a peek Thursday morning inside the new service center located at 11801 Farmington Road in Livonia just north of Plymouth. The company has torn down the old center, which was constructed in 1960, and replaced it with the new building that began construction in 2014. The new facility consists of a 63,000-square-foot office and maintenance facility, as well as an outdoor cold storage building, truck ports and aggregate bins.

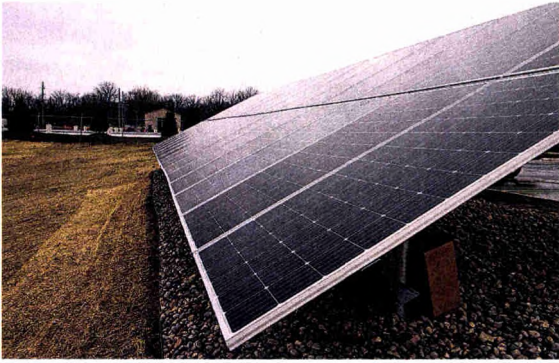
The company says the building was constructed using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, specifications. It joins a few other buildings in Livonia that are LEED-certified, including the Franciscan Center at Madonna University. About 225 people work regularly out of the Livonia office, the only one for the company in western Wayne County. Consumers also operates facilities in Royal Oak, Howell, Groveland Township and Macomb Township, among other Michigan locations.

While the number of employees based out of Livonia isn't expected to change drastically, company officials say they expect to see it get more usage in the coming years for employees not always able to drive to central Michigan.

"One of the things that we've always struggled with is getting talent to drive from Detroit to Jackson," said Charles Crews, a vice president of gas operations who



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Wall-sized graphics and other art featuring employees decorate the new building.



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A bank of solar panels are located near the vehicle and truck yard.



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The Livonia service center now includes an auditorium.



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A fueling station fills the tanks of 60 natural gas-powered vehicles and serves the public who own CNG-powered vehicles.

works out of Livonia. "People make this their office now. By that virtue, we are increasing the number of employees and talent will pull out of Metro Detroit."

Crews said the company wanted to try and stay at its current location, as that space is known as one Consumers Energy could be found for decades, as well as the easy accessibility to get onto Interstate 96.

The Livonia facility will serve as a hub for much of Consumers Energy's business in southeast Michigan, and houses employees that have jobs such as customer energy specialists, gas service and distribution field workers, meter readers and others. That office oversees the service of about 240,000 gas customers in western Wayne and western Oakland counties.

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright said he was happy to see the company make such a big investment into the city, and welcomed them to stay for years to come.

"Livonia's been fortunate to have Consumers Energy based here for over six decades. And it looks like you're going to be here for a few more," he said. "And it really looks great."

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Focus: HOPE seeking volunteers for holiday deliveries

Focus: HOPE is looking for volunteers to help make special holiday deliveries to hundreds of low-income senior citizens. The nonprofit organization is providing special holiday food boxes to an estimated 1,400 senior citizens in four counties — Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw — beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

The seniors who will be visited are in Focus: HOPE's food program and receive monthly supplemental food boxes. Focus: HOPE feeds 41,300 low-income seniors monthly. The holiday packages will include fresh fruits and vegetables, turkey, stuffing and dessert, and gifts for those homes who have young children living in them.

"During the holidays, we want to make sure that our seniors are able to enjoy a special meal in their own home," Focus: HOPE CEO Jason D. Lee said. "Although the monthly food boxes they receive contain plenty of nutritious items, this annual holiday box provides them with a holiday meal that allows them to celebrate with their loved ones in their own home."

Volunteers will pick up the food boxes from 8-10 a.m. Dec. 17 at the Focus: HOPE Food Warehouse, 1200-B Oakman Blvd., in Detroit. There, they will be provided with addresses to deliver the packages to, and other staff and volunteers will help load their vehicles for the deliveries.

Individuals can also choose to "adopt a senior citizen" for the holidays by donating and delivering fresh food and small gifts to the senior.

Additionally, Focus: HOPE is in need of food donations for the seniors' holiday food boxes.

For more information, call Yolanda Baker at 313-494-4932. Monetary donations can be made at www.focushope.edu.

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Holiday Stop *and* Shop

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REDFORD DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

The Redford Township District Library, 25320 West Six Mile Road, offers a variety of programs for kids, teens and adults. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Labor Day-Memorial Day.

The library will be closed on the following days for the holidays: Friday, Dec. 23; Saturday, Dec. 24; Sunday, Dec. 25; Monday, Dec. 26; Friday, Dec. 30; Saturday, Dec. 31; Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017; Monday, Jan. 2, 2017. Library phone number: 313-531-5960.

Programs are free, but reservations are required.

Annual donor appeal

The Redford Township District Library counts on annual donations to continue its mission. Thanks to past support and contributions, here are a few highlights accomplished last year:

- » Added *Consumer Reports* to digital resources, which provides access to up-to-date product reviews at home or in the library.
- » Registered hundreds of kids, teens and adults for annual summer reading program to inspire new readers and challenge all ages.
- » Performed building improvements to ensure a well-kept and inviting facility, including a parking lot repaving project!

Just for kids

Drop-In Winter/Holiday Crafts. Supplies provided. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. Make special holiday and winter decorations. Supplies provided.

Redford Readers Book Group

For kids in grades 4-7. RRBG meets once a month September through April from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesdays. Receive free books to read and discuss the next month. RRBG is limited to 10 members. On Dec. 13: "The Red Pencil" by Andrea Davis Pinkney.

123 Book Group

For children in grades 1-3 who love to read and would like to share stories, crafts and treats. The Group meets from 7-8 p.m., once a month from September through April on the following Thursday evenings: Dec. 29, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 30 and April 27.

Teen Book Discussion Group

For teens in grades 8-12. Meets the third Wednesday each month, from 7-8 p.m., for a total of eight meetings. Read the book before coming to group. Group is limited to 10 members and two absences are cause for expulsion. Dec. 21: "Say What You Will" by Cammie McGovern.

Candy Sushi Fun Saturday, Dec. 3, 1-2 p.m. Teens ages 12-19 are welcome to come play with their food. They will make candy sushi (nori maki) with a variety of delicious chewy and fruity candies, and then eat them. Creations will be photographed before they are eaten. All materials will be supplied.

Adults

Coloring for Adults: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. Coloring is a creative outlet that can help relieve stress. Colored pencils and a variety of coloring pages will be supplied.

Redford Recreational Readers

Adult book discussion group. No registration required. Visit the Reference Desk if you need a copy of the book. Meets at 7 p.m. Dec. 14: "The Uncommon Reader" by Alan Bennett.

Computer Classes

Sign up for computer classes is not required. Class schedules are available at the adult reference desk, or at www.redfordlibrary.org

Knit & Crochet Group

This is an informal group of come-as-you-are knitters and crocheters that meets twice a month. There is no instructor; this is a social group. Knit & Crochet meets in the second-floor Lounge on the following Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 17.

Beaumont opens renovated cardiac lab

Lifesaving care for heart patients is now closer for those living or working in and around Farmington Hills since Beaumont Hospital, Farmington Hills opened its renovated Cardiac Catheterization Lab on Nov. 21.

"With advanced technology and redesigned space in our Cath Lab, our outstanding interventional cardiologists and cardiac care staff stand ready 24/7 to save lives by restoring blood flow in people with heart blockages," said Connie O'Malley, president, Beaumont, Farmington Hills.

The hospital's Cath Lab was taken out of service Oct. 15 to install an advanced imaging system that significantly reduces radiation exposure and to renovate the space for function and aesthetics. Regulatory agencies, including the city of Farmington Hills fire marshal and the Oakland County Health Department, approved

the renovated Cath Lab for safety and effectiveness.

The Cath Lab team provides emergency percutaneous coronary intervention procedures for those experiencing heart attacks or angioplasty on an elective basis for those with cardiovascular symptoms. Performing these interventions locally eliminates treatment delays and allows patients to be treated closer to home.

"We are very pleased to have recruited Maher Rabah, D.O., a remarkable interventional cardiologist to lead our Cath Lab as medical director. Dr. Rabah has 29 years of experience with the heart programs at the Beaumont hospitals in Troy and Royal Oak and has an amazing portfolio of clinical results," said David P. Gowman, D.O., Cardiology chief and director of the Cardiology Fellowship training program at Beaumont, Farmington Hills.



Interventional cardiologist Dr. Maher Rabah leads a highly-trained care team in the newly renovated Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. — 600,000 deaths annually. PCI is considered one of the most effective primary treatments for narrowed or blocked heart arteries or heart attacks. Percutaneous means "through the skin." The procedure is done by inserting a thin flexible tube, or catheter, through the skin in the upper thigh or arm that is threaded through a blood vessel to the affected heart artery. A balloon at the top of the catheter is inflated to open the narrowed artery, restoring blood flow to the heart

muscle to minimize damage to heart function.

According to the National Registry of Myocardial Infarction, patients transferred to another facility for emergency angioplasty with a door-to-reperfusion time of 2.5-3 hours have a 60-percent increase in risk-adjusted mortality, compared with a door-to-reperfusion time of less than 90 minutes. The program at Beaumont, Farmington Hills allows local residents the chance to be treated within the 90-minute window of opportunity, greatly increasing their chances of survival.

Short-term investing is a losing strategy



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Q: I recently sold my business and I will owe about \$75,000 from the gain. According to my accountant, because of what I paid already in estimates, I won't have to pay the \$75,000 until I file my 2016 tax return. Generally, I file my return at the end of March. My question is, what do you think I should do with the money? Part of me says I should leave the money in the bank, even though it's not paying anything. The other part of me says that it is a waste to put the money in the bank and that I should consider investing the money. If I invested the money, I think I would put the money into the Vanguard S&P 500. My question to you is, what do you think I should do? I should mention that I generally consider myself a moderate investor, leaning a little bit toward being aggressive.

A: Without question, I think you should leave the money in the bank and, in fact, even if you said to me you were an aggressive investor, I would still tell you the same thing. The question isn't if I think the market will be higher four

months from now or if the Vanguard S&P 500 is a good fund or not. As far as I'm concerned, no one should be invested in the market for a four-month period. Anything and everything can happen over the short run and you don't want to be in a situation where you're forced to sell at an inopportune time.

As far as I am concerned, anyone who puts money into the market for a four-month period is not investing, they are gambling. One thing we should all know by now is that, over the short run, markets can be very volatile. Just this year alone, we've had our fair share of volatility as the markets tumbled the first couple of months of the year and also retreated immediately after the Brexit vote. On both of those occasions, markets eventually came back. You don't want to be in the position where, when the market is retreating, you have to sell in order to cover your tax liability.

I recognize that when you invest in CDs and money market accounts, your returns are extraordinarily low. I'm not happy with that, but let's not forget the primary goal, which is in four months you will use this money to pay your taxes. Return is only a secondary consideration. Leaving the money in the bank is the only investment that will accomplish your primary goal and the only smart move is to leave it in a guaranteed account at the bank.

The reality is that interest rates are low and are going to be that way for a while. Even if the Federal Reserve raises interest rates at its December meeting, we are still going to see low rates of return on CDs and money market accounts. Despite the low rate of return, for short-term money and emergency funds, there are no other realistic alternatives. One thing you can do is to shop around to see if you can receive higher rates. Credit unions and federally insured web-based banks will sometimes be more competitive with rates. The key is to always use

a federally insured institution. One of the beauties of the Internet is that it is much easier to shop rates around the country and to transact business with those institutions.

To be successful as an investor, you must remain focused on your goals and objectives. Every time you invest money, you should be asking yourself what your goal is with the money. If your goal is targeted at 20 years down the road, you don't need to be overly concerned about short-term volatility. On the other hand, if your goal is four months down the road, short-term volatility should be extremely relevant. Investors need to invest based upon their goals and objectives, not what is happening in the market. Letting the market dictate how you invest is sort of like letting the tail wag the dog. As investors, we can't afford to let that happen.

Good luck!

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Men take shave and haircut to new level

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One of the things friends Michael Haddad and Shaun Walford have in common is that they love their beards and they wanted to keep their facial hair in good shape.

"My wife didn't like how scratchy my beard was," said Haddad, a South Lyon resident.

"I wanted a long beautiful beard," adds Walford, who lives in Westland.

Researching beard care products, Haddad wasn't satisfied with the products he tried. "I ordered beard oil. I got stuff that smelled like medicine," he said. "There were products, your face was on fire or you get ingrown hairs."

Then there was the high cost for the products, heavy evaporation and the need to reapply products during the day. So, Haddad and Walford, who had been working at a gold store, started experimenting to come up with a product they liked better than what was on the market. That resulted in the men forming Detroit Grooming, which expanded to a range of grooming products after initially focusing on beards.

"We wanted a comprehensive product that would take care of the hair but not clog your pores. In the winter, you step outside and your beard dries out," Haddad said. "This is a process in a bottle. On your hair, you use shampoo and cream rinse. People blow dry their beards in competitions."

It takes time to shave but it also takes time to have a well-groomed beard. "I never thought not shaving would take longer than shaving," Walford said. "And taking care of my beard forced me to take care of other parts like my nails."

Haddad and Walford, the latter in charge of product development, starting coming up with beard grooming products at the back of the gold store. Finding themselves unemployed after the price of gold dropped and the store where they were working closed, the men decided to start selling their beard grooming products.

"I could have looked for another job. We made

"We wanted a comprehensive product that would take care of the hair but not clog your pores."

MICHAEL HADDAD

it for ourselves — it had vanilla and cedarwood. We wanted to share it without everybody — it felt so good," Haddad said. "We started from scratch. We wanted something to last all day."

Detroit Grooming's beard oils are named after places in Michigan — Orchard Lake has scents of orange and vanilla, it has sweet almond oil, vitamins A, B and E, said to be good for the face as well as the beard. Corktown has some pipe tobacco scent.

"Only two people didn't like Corktown. We say it smells like your grandfather — one woman didn't like that," Walford said.

Thanks to better grooming, Haddad said beards are accepted these days in professional settings. Even with the continuing popularity of beards, the name Detroit Grooming indicates the expanded offerings such as beard combs, pomades, safety razors with blades made from Detroit steel, hair and body products and cologne. The company's biggest seller is its basic beard kit with beard butter and oil.

"We're trying to avoid outside sourcing outside the U.S. We try to source it here through local artisans and makers," Haddad said.

Detroit Grooming products are available through the company website, Amazon, eBay and other sites, along with 190 retail stores.

Products are made and shipped overseas to countries, including New Zealand, Austria and Russia, from a warehouse in Ferndale.

Although they didn't want to get into a retail location, earlier this year Detroit Grooming open its barbershop on Woodward in Ferndale with a second location planned for Detroit's Corktown area.

The company partici-



Michael Haddad and Shaun Walford outside of Detroit Grooming.

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Inside Detroit Grooming in Ferndale.

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Products made by the Detroit Grooming Company.

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You are hereby notified that on October 19, 2016, Aaron Israel Hanson and Tiffany Joe'l Hanson filed a Petition for Adoption of said child in the Superior Court of Rockdale County, Case No. 2016-AD-1020 M.

All parental rights you may have to this child will be terminated and you will receive no further notice, nor be entitled to object to the adoption by the Petitioners herein unless, within 30 days of the date of last publication of this Notice you file a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to OCGA Section 19-7-22 and file notice of the filing of such a petition with the court in the case

set forth above, with a copy to the undersigned.

John J. Martin, Jr.

John J. Martin, Jr., Attorney for Petitioners
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IN THE MATTER OF:
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(DOB 04/09/2012)

A hearing regarding A PRELIMINARY HEARING REGARDING PARENTAL RIGHTS will be conducted by the court on January 3, 2017 at 11:30 A.M. in DISTRICT COURTROOM 101, 800 LIVINGSTON BLVD, GAYLORD, MI 49735 before HON. MICHAEL K. COOPER. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that MICHELLE WATSON personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

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Novi Emagine to add state's largest screen



Novi's Emagine movie theater will have the area's largest screen by spring 2017.

Julie Hinds
Detroit Free Press

Emagine Novi plans to have the largest movie screen in Michigan by spring 2017.

A \$4.5 million renovation plan for the location was announced Monday by Emagine Entertainment, which has 18 locations in Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota. Emagine Novi, which opened in 2002, was the company's original theater in metro Detroit.

The update will introduce roomier dimensions for seating to the auditoriums, replace the rocker seats with adjustable reclining chairs, introduce new food options and update virtually every aspect of the location, from the restroom to the ticketing area.

The plan also includes combining two of the 18 auditoriums into one space in order to introduce what the Emagine folks are calling the state's biggest movie

screen. It will be more than 86 feet wide and more than 50 feet high.

The new, expanded auditorium will feature laser projection with 4K imagery and a Dolby Atmos® immersive sound system. The cost is expected to be more than \$500,000 for that one state-of-the-art auditorium.

The Giant Screen Experience at the Henry Ford, which was formerly an IMAX-branded theater, previously held the

title of largest screen in the state, at 84 feet wide and 62 feet tall. Earlier this year, it switched to a digital-projection system and a screen with the somewhat smaller dimensions of 80 feet by 44 feet.

The Emagine Novi's grand reopening is expected to happen in May 2017. The theater, at the Twelve Mile Crossing at the Fountain Walk complex, will stay open through the remodeling process with a phased construction schedule.

Energy reform tops agenda of state lawmakers

Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press

The prospects for a crazy lame-duck session of Michigan's Legislature dimmed significantly on Nov. 8 when Republicans defied expectations and held onto their 63-47 majority in the House of Representatives.

As a result, there won't be such a resolve to get legislative initiatives done in the final weeks of the legislative session, because the GOP majorities in both the House and Senate will be able to reintroduce any of their pet proposals when the new House of Representatives is sworn in next year.

Still, the House hopes to consider energy reform passed by the Senate earlier in November, which includes expanding renewable energy mandates in the state. And several other subjects, including teacher pension changes, regulating ride-sharing services and tax incentives for large construction projects could be brought up in the final days of the 2015-16 legislative session.

In the last two lame-duck sessions, the Legislature met from morning

till dawn the next day on several controversial proposals, including right to work, more policies to restrict abortions, drug testing for public assistance recipients, laws that make it much tougher for lawmakers to get recalled from office and a proposal that voters ultimately rejected to fix Michigan's roads.

"My philosophy going into lame duck is that I'd like to see quality over quantity," said Speaker of the House Kevin Cotter, R-Mt. Pleasant. "That sense of urgency is a bit diminished. I don't stand here feeling like we have to do everything."

The Senate is even more relaxed about the final weeks of session because it is in the middle of a four-year term and still has two years with a 27-11 Republican majority to consider legislation. There will be one new senator in the chamber — Detroit Democrat Ian Conyers, who won a race to replace former Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, who resigned his seat after being convicted of malicious destruction of property for shooting at his ex-wife's car.

But there are some

priorities for the Legislature in the lame-duck session, which begins on Tuesday and is scheduled to last until Dec. 15.

One sure thing

Energy: The Legislature has been trying for nearly two years to pass energy reform legislation to update policy that was enacted in 2008. A bill finally made it through the Senate in October that got essential votes by increasing Michigan's renewable energy portfolio standards for Michigan utilities from 10 percent to 15 percent by 2021. That got Democratic votes for the package in the Senate and could attract a winning margin in the House of Representatives, but some Republicans are still holding out for an expansion of the so-called "electric choice" market. Currently, 10 percent of utility users — mostly manufacturers, school districts and some municipalities, can get energy for alternative suppliers, often at a significantly lower cost. The state's major utilities — DTE Energy and Consumers Energy — which supply the vast majority of the electricity in the state, want more restric-

tions on the choice market, while some businesses want alternative suppliers to have a bigger piece of Michigan's electrical pie.

Possibilities

Teacher pension reform: Many Republicans would like to see all new teachers switched from a defined-benefit retirement pension plan to a defined contribution plan like a 401(k). Under changes that became state law in 2012, school employees are now in a hybrid plan that combines a smaller defined benefit pension plan with a defined contribution plan. State Rep. Tom Leonard, R-DeWitt, will be the new speaker of the House next year and said, "In many of our schools, 35-40 percent of payroll is going to this broken teacher retirement system. It is certainly something we've got to attack. By doing so, it will save money in the budget and it will allow us to put more money into the classroom." But Doug Pratt of the Michigan Education Association said such a plan will cost the state billions because the new teachers won't be contributing anything into

the existing pension system for older and retired teachers.

Ride-sharing services:

The House of Representatives and Senate have vastly different plans to regulate ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft. The House plan, passed last year and awaiting action in the Senate, would put regulatory authority with the Michigan Department of Transportation. The Senate and Democrats have been pushing policies that would give locals more control of the regulations.

Probably not

Freedom of Information: The House passed legislation that would make the Legislature and governor's office subject to open records laws. Right now, both bodies are exempt from Freedom of Information laws. While the bills passed the House with wide bipartisan majorities, the Senate isn't expected to take them up before the end of the session.

No-fault auto insurance:

Republicans have tried for years to enact reforms to Michigan's no-fault auto insurance system, which results in some of the highest auto

insurance rates in the nation. But they haven't been able to reach a compromise on a plan that would cap lifetime benefits for people who are catastrophically injured in car crashes. Holding up progress are Democrats and Republicans from Oakland County, who have been following the lead of County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who opposes the plan.

Prevailing wage: The votes are there in the House to pass a bill, which has already passed the Senate, to repeal Michigan's prevailing-wage laws, which require union-standard wages on public construction projects. A vote was put off in the House to wait and see whether a ballot proposal got enough signatures to put the measure up for a vote that would be immune from a veto from Snyder. The ballot proposal fizzled when thousands of signatures were found to be duplicates. "It's definitely a priority for us — it still is," said Gideon D'Asandro, spokesman for Cotter. But Snyder said he would veto such a bill, which he said would hinder his skilled trades initiative.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Patriots grieve baseball 'voice' Chinavare

Dedicated volunteer always gave all he had for Franklin, LIAL

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Speaking up for the kids in the Livonia Junior Athletic League and Franklin High School always was part of Tom Chinavare's DNA.

For as long as anybody at Livonia Franklin can remember, his reliable voice could be heard at Patriots baseball games — announcing every batter in the lineup.

Sadly, Chinavare's voice has been silenced at age 52. The Westland resident died Nov. 26 and funeral services were held Nov. 30 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Detroit. He recently had been diagnosed with leukemia and suffered from several other health issues.

"The funeral service at Holy Redeemer painted a wonderful picture of what type of man he was," Franklin

varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier said. "So many family members, friends and former or current players came out to show their respect for a man that meant so much to them."

"I know when I say this that I speak for many. I know I am a better person because Tom was my friend."

Two of Fournier's players with the Patriots were sons of Tom and Sue Chinavare — including Jack from 2008-11 and Joe from 2013-16.

In the spring, Joe Chinavare celebrated senior day with his parents and received a large replica of a vintage 1965 Topps baseball card, complete with the player's photo.

"He was the type of person that you always looked forward to talking to," Fournier said. "His family, and helping others, were what he was most passion-



Last spring, Livonia Franklin baseball player Joe Chinavare was able to celebrate senior day with his parents, Tom and Sue Chinavare of Westland. Tom Chinavare died Nov. 26 at age 52.

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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

IT'S TIP-OFF TIME

Area KLAA teams feature new coaches, stellar returnees

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

It's a season of change around the Kensington Lakes Activities Conference, at least among the coaching ranks in varsity boys basketball.

Both Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin open the 2016-17 season with new men at the helm and hope to extend last year's success (in Churchill's case) or rebound from a disappointing season (Franklin).

The Chargers went 15-8 last season, finishing second in the KLAA South Division to the juggernaut that was the Canton Chiefs.

Churchill's Jay McCulloh and Franklin's Jon Djokaj are all about their respective teams doing the right things and gaining momentum as the conference season opens in January.

Following is a look at the Chargers and Patriots entering the new season, as well as 2016-17 outlooks for Livonia Stevenson and Wayne Memorial.

Livonia Churchill

McCulloh will bank on returnees such as senior guards Trojan Stinson, Alan Hammett and Genesis Barnes; and senior forwards Evan Cummins and Matt Smith to lead the charge on and off the floor.

Backing them up will be senior forwards Avery Anderson (a returnee) and Michael Labonja; junior forwards Luke Jaroszewicz, Taji Hall and Martell Dooley; and sophomore forward Joel Forgacs.

"I expect our team to approach every game with a high level of focus, aggression and intensity," McCulloh said. "We need to get 1 percent better on a daily basis to get where we want to be at the end of the year."

The Chargers open the schedule at 7 p.m. Tuesday against visiting Dearborn.

Livonia Franklin

After suffering a 2-19 season, including a loss in the district opener, the Patriots are going in a different direction with Djokaj taking the coaching reins.

"I'm still discovering a lot about our team, and I'm not too sure what to make of our group just yet," Djokaj said. "I know we've struggled mightily the past few seasons, but there seems to be some more optimism this year."

Djokaj wasn't around Franklin for those struggles as he spent the past two years as Walled Lake Northern's junior varsity head coach. The Pats tip

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Showing his athletic chops last season is Ian Knoph of Livonia Stevenson. He is one of the returning players the Spartans will bank on for a successful 2016-17.



Back for Livonia Franklin this season is Johnny Cantrell, shown shooting the basketball during a 2015-16 contest.

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JAY MCCULLOH, Churchill coach

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JON DJOKAJ, Franklin coach

Thurston boys cagers taking aim

Season starts this week for Redford Thurston, Redford Union and Clarenceville

Brad Emons
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Ready or not, the boys basketball season is right around the corner.

Redford Thurston went 13-10 a year ago, but the Eagles had their string of four straight Class A district championships snapped last year by Livonia Churchill in the final, 62-58.

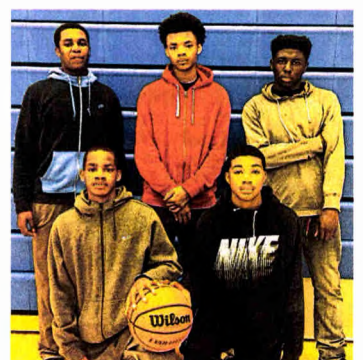
The Eagles lost all five starters to graduation, including leading scorers Deaunte Jackson (Madonna University) and Brandon Marshall. But 18th-year coach Brian Bates hopes returnees can fill the void — the senior forwards trio of 6-foot-2 Malik Hill, 6-3 De'Quan Gadsen and 6-4 Dorian Naylor.

"I think some of our strengths are defense," Bates said. "I think these kids get after it a little bit. I've got some kids who are pretty good on the ball."

Thurston also will count on three talented newcomers in 6-3 junior forward Kevin Newell, 6-1 sophomore guard Darrell Anderson and 6-foot junior guard Matteo Maisano to compete in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division.

"We need to get better at taking care

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BRAD EMONS

Thurston's basketball team this season will rely on (top row, from left) Zack Crofford, Kevin Newell, Matthew Acquah, along with (top row, from left) Karlos Berry and Darrell Anderson.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HOCKEY

Phelps preaches patience with Patriots

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Dan Phelps promises things are going to get better with Livonia Franklin's varsity boys hockey program.

The former Adrian College men's hockey coach is starting his first season as Patriots head coach (he was a volunteer assistant at Franklin in 2015-16 on the staff of longtime friend Dennis Gagnon, who took the top job at Milford this season).

And Wednesday's 7-1 loss to Salem — the Patriots were outshot 45-10 — was an example of the direction the coach wants his team reversing.

"You're not going to win any game when you give up 45 shots," Phelps said. "On average, we've been doing that (and) that's something we have to get away from."

"Not only do we have to become better defensively in zone as far as our positioning, but we also have to look at our accountability. And some of these things when it comes to playing with accountability ... it gives us something to work towards."

Phelps praised the performance of sophomore goalie Jacob Penny, who was in the proverbial shooting gallery all night at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"We knew building from the back out that was going to be something we could work from," Phelps said. "At least to give us some foundation on what direction we want to go."

"And yes, both (Penny and sophomore Will Augustine) have been outstanding regardless of their percentages and goals against. They've been tremendous in every single game."

But he emphasized that, although he saw some positives against the Rocks



Livonia Franklin players Quentin Smythe (left) and Hunter Musser rush up the ice Wednesday against Salem at Eddie Edgar Arena.

later in the KLAA South Division contest, growing pains will probably continue for a while with his inexperienced team during a season of change.

"We saw some improvements in things that we're looking at and small goals that we're trying to accomplish," Phelps said. "Like we told the guys just now, we understand that the scoreboard for most people is the judgment. That's not going to be the judgment for us right now."

"We need to keep working at sticking to the plan, sticking to the process and keep moving with the program."

The Patriots (1-3) now will gear up for more tough opponents, including Saturday against Plymouth at Canton Arctic Edge and Monday at Milford.

"This is a big week for us, even at the embryotic state we're at as a team," Phelps said. "Between our practices and everything else ... this is something that's going to test our mettle. This is going to show us where we're at."

Phelps then smiled about taking over the Patriots after longtime buddy Gagnon went to Milford. He talked about patience.

"I was a volunteer assistant here last year, I watched," Phelps said. "Dennis and I have been close friends for 30 years. Teammates, business partners. He did a tremendous job of rebranding the program and getting Franklin back to where it should be."

"My goal, it's going to take time to build, but I'd like to take this program to another level."

KLAA BOYS HOCKEY



Salem's Matt Schaumburger (right) gains a step on Livonia Franklin's Jack Ores during Wednesday's contest.

Franklin takes it on the chin

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

On the surface, Salem entered Wednesday's varsity boys hockey game against host Livonia Franklin sporting a 0-3 record.

But those three losses came at the hands of Trenton, Brighton and Cranbrook — some of Michigan's elite high school teams.

So when the Rocks hit the ice at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia for the teams' KLAA South Division opener, they stormed Franklin in the first period and didn't let up. The outcome was a 7-1 Salem victory.

"Wins are nice any time, but especially after starting the season the way we did," Salem head coach Ryan Ossensmacker said. "So it was good to get back at it today, after a tough weekend, and get a win in the column."

"The key was were we going to be able to keep up the tempo we played with over the weekend and (Nov. 18) against Trenton. I thought we did that early on."

Salem skated circles around Franklin players, especially in the offensive zone, outshooting the Patriots, 45-10. It took an outstanding game by sophomore goalie Jacob Penny (38 saves) to keep the score from likely reaching double figures.

"Those games they played with Cranbrook and Brighton, those are high-level teams at the high school level and it gave them some prep," Franklin coach Dan Phelps said. "They played against that brand of competition the last few games. They're used to that pace."

"And they did roll off it. They came in here like they were playing the Brightons, playing the Hartlands or Cranbrooks and they took it to us. I give them credit for that."

Letting it rip

Sparking the Rocks (1-3, 1-0) was senior captain Matt Schaumburger, with two goals and two assists. His motor was in high gear all game and he did not look bothered by a nasty gash on his left palm, suffered in the Trenton game, which required 16 stitches.

"It felt good, especially with the stitches," Schaumburger said, still sporting a wrap on the hand. "I haven't been able to shoot much. To put one in felt pretty good."

With 3:43 to go in the first, Schaumburger buried a high blast from the right face-off circle over Penny's glove to give Salem a power-play goal and 2-0 lead.

Starting the night's scoring was sophomore forward Logan Sowa at 5:49, chipping a centering feed from sophomore forward Colin Goleniak (one goal, one assist) over Penny's blocker.

Several others got in on the act. Collecting three points each were senior forward Shawn Weldon and senior defenseman Marty Mills (each with one goal, two assists).

Others with multiple points included junior defenseman Chase Kee (two assists) and junior forward Tyler German (one goal, one assist). Senior forward Joey Driscoll and junior forward Martino Zaia both picked up an assist to help the Rocks.

"It's always good to get the first 'W,' especially when your offense is working well," Schaumburger said. "We got a good cycle going and, when you get the pucks in the net, it feels good and helps build the confidence of all the players on the team."

Franklin milestone

Franklin's only goal was scored in the second period by junior Quentin Smythe, his first at the varsity level. Setting up the goal was senior defenseman Kolby Dewhirst.

Smythe cut the Salem lead to 4-1 with 7:52 left in the second period, giving the Pats a brief boost of momentum. He skated into the slot and whipped the puck off the left post past Rocks starting goalie Austin Goleniak (who played the first two periods).

Franklin made a bid to make it 4-2 with about four minutes remaining in the period.

Breaking in from the neutral zone was junior forward Trevor Vanvliet, but his shot hit "Salem" on the goalie's royal blue jersey. Goleniak came out above the blue paint to perfectly play the angle against Vanvliet.

About one minute later, the Rocks took a 5-1 advantage on Colin Goleniak's goal and capping off the big night in the third were goals by Kee and Mills, the latter on a power play with 1:58 remaining. Mills banged in a rebound after Penny denied Driscoll on an in-close opportunity.

With the game in hand, senior goalie Matt Visel started the third period for

the Rocks and was up to the task.

Visel made five stops as Salem needed to kill three successive penalties. He showed poise under pressure, grabbing a hard blast off the rush taken by Dewhirst.

"Both guys played well, (with) limited chances," Ossensmacker said. "But when they had the opportunity to make a save, they did. Matt played well in the third. They had a couple opportunities and he stepped up."

Meanwhile, Mills said his team learned from mistakes made in the opening three games and "I think you saw tonight that it worked out. Especially playing three strong teams, we were used to the quick speed. I thought we used that and we played well."

He smiled and nodded that the Rocks' seven goals won't hurt the confidence moving forward into Saturday's game against Novi at Western Michigan University, "especially on a good goalie."

Phelps would easily agree about the way Penny battled under a constant barrage of shots, particularly during the first two periods.

"We knew when we started the season with Jake and (sophomore) Will Augustine as well, both our goaltenders are very strong," Phelps said. "I would stack them up against the best goaltenders in the state, to be quite honest with you."

PLYMOUTH 2, NOVI 0: Goalie Brendan Olepa turned away all 21 shots to lead Plymouth (3-0, 2-0 KLAA South) past Novi (3-1, 1-1 KLAA Central) in a Kensington Conference crossover at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena.

Jack Chumley scored Plymouth's first goal just 17 seconds into the opening period, assisted by Tim Baldwin and C.J. Mullinax, while Jack VanDenBuerquary added a short-handed goal, assisted by Nick Yankee, at 5:01 of the second period.

"It was well-played by both teams and at a pretty good pace," Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said. "Neither team was giving up much defensively, but fortunately we were able to capitalize on a few of our chances. It was one of those games that required a total team effort and excellent goaltending, which we got from Olepa."

Novi goalie Manny Legace made 24 saves.

Plymouth went 0-of-6 on the power play, while Novi was 0-of-3.

BOYS HOCKEY

Stevenson's big third period crushes SLU

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Livonia Stevenson was proof positive Friday night of the old adage: "It's not how you start, but how you finish."

The host Spartans were tied 1-1 after one period against South Lyon Unified and led 3-1 after two before exploding for six goals during the final period en route to a 9-1 KLAA Central Division boys hockey win at Edgar Arena.

Teo Gomulka and Justin Alton both notched a hat trick in the victory, while Jack Williamson's goal, assisted by Cody Ciesliga and Morgan Gray, ended the game with 1:14 remaining on the eight-goal mercy rule as the Spartans improved to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the Central.

Gomulka, a third-year varsity player and member of last year's MHSAA Division 1 state runner-up team, notched his first hat trick as a Spartan. All three of the senior's goals occurred during the final period.

"We weren't playing our game," Gomulka said, referring to the opening period. "We got our heads in it. We came back, we played Spartan hockey and we got the 'W.' Spartan hockey is hard-nosed, hard on pucks, we do everything right, we do our systems and win. It's the little things. We practice the details and it showed today."

South Lyon (1-1-1, 0-1) took a head contact penalty just 2:04 into the first period. Just five seconds into the Stevenson power play, Alton scored off an assist from Alex Walkuski.

But after South Lyon took another penalty only 43 seconds later, Stevenson had a five-on-three power play for 58 seconds, but it backfired when Brett Cook knifed in and scored an unassisted short-handed goal at the 4:50 mark to make it 1-1.

"It was a slow start, but give (South Lyon) all the credit in the world," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "They came out and played hard. We got one early and then that five-minute power play was huge. They did a really nice job of disrupting what we were trying to do. It was 1-1 and we tried to talk about sticking to our game plan and get a little more pucks inside and be a little more physical and strong inside. I think we did a better job of it in the second and the third (periods)."

Junior defenseman Connor Jakacki stuffed home a rebound 6:23 into the second period to give Stevenson the lead for keeps, 2-1. Julian Decina and Easton Schlatterbeck drew the assists.

At the 14:06 mark of the same period, Julian Decina perfectly timed and batted home a rebound in mid-air, with Beaune and Alton drawing assists, to give the Spartans a two-goal cushion, 3-1.

After outshooting South Lyon 31-8 through the first two periods, the Spartans continued their assault, scoring six more times, starting with Alton's second of the game just nine seconds into the third from Beaune and Walkuski.

The Stevenson scoring parade continued with Gomulka scoring at 1:11 (from Gray and Ryan McCamant); Gomulka unassisted on a power play at 8:51; Alton at 11:30 (from Gomulka and Julian Decina); Gomulka at 15:08 (from Logan Dunham and Jacob Anderson); followed by Williamson's game-ender.

"I thought the first period (Stevenson) grinded on us hard and our guys competed," South Lyon coach Bill McCreary said. "We hung in there the second period. They got a couple and, again, they controlled the play and we were chasing a lot, which is very fatiguing. Then the floodgates opened, unfortunately, in the third. It's a learning opportunity for us and our guys. We got to get in better shape. We have to be more consistent and disciplined in our play and get better."

Stevenson peppered SLU senior goalie Jared Paugh with an unofficial total of 49 shots.

"Although our goaltender is a very responsible, accountable guy, he said, 'I got to do better controlling rebounds,'" McCreary said. "It's a team effort. Our forwards didn't collapse and help, our 'D' weren't tying up and we weren't smothering the rebounds."

Alton and Gomulka were the biggest thorns in South Lyon's side, accounting for two-thirds of Stevenson goal output on the night.

"Justin Alton, our captain, has been outstanding for this year, so it's nice to see him rewarded," Mitchell said. "Teo Gomulka is a kid who has all the ability to score goals. I give him all the credit in the world, because I challenged him a little between periods and challenged him to be a little stronger on pucks and, boy, did he rise up to the challenge. He accepted the challenge and took it like any real competitor does. He took it a little personally upon himself that he had to be better to help his team and that he did."



Gomulka

GARDEN CITY HOOPS

New coach promises 'GC' style of play

Morton moves up to Cougars varsity and expects team to get after it

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In recent seasons, Rick Morton got to see the boys basketball talent pipeline for himself as coach of Garden City's junior varsity team.

This winter, Morton moves up to the top squad and will get the chance to once again coach some of those players — albeit now, at the varsity level.

"I'm very excited to be coaching this group of guys," Morton said. "I feel that we have a pretty athletic team that can get up and down the court."

"I know that this group will work hard and play together as a team. I have coached most of these kids as JV players, so I think we are very familiar with each other."

The Cougars are coming off a 10-11

season in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and open with home dates at 7 p.m. Tuesday and 7 p.m. Thursday against Ann Arbor Huron and Livonia Churchill, respectively.

When those contests begin, players will be instructed to play the Garden City style of basketball, namely to "play hard, play smart and play together," added Morton, who has more than two decades of experience coaching at Garden City.

Leading the way in that regard will be returning starter and team captain Jacob Sadowski, one of six seniors.

The other five include returnees Brad Russell, Avery Emerson, Kyle Becker and newcomers Jacob Sears and Colin McHugh.

Junior Cameron Walter is another player who returns from the 2015-16 season.

Morton's options for minutes off the bench include junior newcomers Eian Castonguay, Emad Rehman, Houssam Hazime, Derek Van Dooren, Darius Benson and sophomore newcomer David McDaniel.



Garden City's team captain is Jacob Sadowski, one of six seniors on the 2016-17 Cougars.

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Girls recap

Garden City's varsity girls basketball team opened the season with Tuesday's 54-38 loss to Dearborn Edsel Ford and followed up with Friday's 40-37 defeat against visiting Dexter.

Against Edsel Ford, the Cougars were led by Kayley Hower (nine points) and Alex Leleniewski (eight points).

Friday's contest got off to a good start for the Cougars, who led 15-10 after one quarter.

The rest of the contest was a back-and-forth affair, with Garden City (0-2) up 20-19 at halftime and the game tied 29-all entering the fourth.

But struggles from the free-throw line (3-12) wound up costing the Cougars down the stretch. By comparison, the Dreadnaughts made nine of 16 tries.

"We played tough and worked hard," Garden City head coach Michele Tyree said. "We needed to hit more free throws. I'm proud of the team effort."

Leading the Cougars with a double-double (10 points, 12 rebounds) was Alea Montgomery.

Kayley Hower and Haleigh Maszatics contributed nine and eight points, respectively.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Brother Rice ices Port Huron; Sacred Heart cagers stumble

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Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice's hockey team had another balanced scoring effort in its 8-3 victory Thursday over Port Huron.

Seven different players scored goals and 11 different players were credited with assists.

The lone multiple scorer was defenseman Jack Clement, who scored a pair of goals. Will Duncan, Nick Dudley, Mitch Shults, Ethan Nystrom, Jack Reinhart and Blake Tosto were the other Warriors scorers. Reinhart's goal was a short-handed tally.

Matt Kesto had a pair of assists, while Michael McInerney, Ryan Giniel, Michael Boggio, Dominick DiPonio and Alec DeLuca were among others who earned assists.

Brother Rice led 4-0 after the opening period and hiked the advantage to 6-3 after the second. The Warriors outscored the Big Reds 2-0 in the final period.

Ryan Hoffman started and got the win in goal. Joe Valascho received some second-period playing time.

Brother Rice raised its record to 3-1.

Girls basketball

CLARENCEVILLE 29, SACRED

HEART 25: Sacred Heart enjoyed a 15-9 halftime lead and had a 21-16 advantage after three quarters. After that, host Clarenceville took over Tuesday with a 13-4 edge in the final quarter.

Sophomore Yana Allen led Clarenceville with 16 points, while teammate Desarae Hartfiel added seven.



Redford Union's tri-captains this season include (from left) Levon Hudson, Jacob Gagnon and Eric McCarter.

BRAD EMONS

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it off on their home floor at 7 p.m. Tuesday against Trenton.

"We've broken our season down into three phases," Djokaj said. "Learning how to work hard, learning how to compete, then learning how to win."

"Right now we are still in phase one, and we have made working hard a priority with hopes that over the next few weeks that will lead to us being able to compete during the season and in our league."

A quartet of solid returnees will help Djokaj push the Patriots in a winning direction.

Senior point guard Johnny Cantrell is "the wild card of our team. He is a super-talented player that is learning how to run a team under a highly structured system."

Also back are 6-9 junior forward Mark Mettie, senior forward Caleb Boyd and junior guard Roger Carpenter.

Although Mettie picked up his first college nibble from Madonna University, Djokaj said he has not committed to the school. "I would just say that he has gained a scholarship offer but is focusing on growing as a player since he's only a junior."

Boyd is described as versatile, "selfless and a great team player" while Carpenter is solid and quick on defense and ready to "accept any role to help the team."

Promising newcomers include junior point guard Keyon Brown and junior forward Matt Elrod. Another player to watch is Kemaury Heard, who is playing basketball again after taking a year off to focus on Franklin football.

"We are in a very tough division in the KLA South and we need to approach every day with urgency and willingness to learn," Djokaj added.

Livonia Stevenson

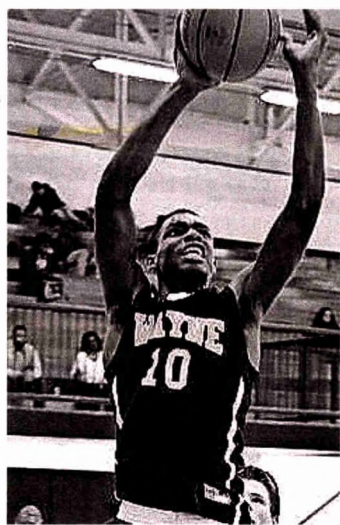
Kareem Smartt begins his fourth season as coach of the Spartans, 10-11 finishers in 2015-16 (including a district loss to Redford Thurston).

Yet, Smartt is confident his senior leaders (Chris Tanderys, Jeremiah Eason, Brennan Sanders, Spencer Eddings, Ian Knoph and Nadar Kandalaf) will jell and leave high school with a positive year to remember.

"Most of my seniors I have coached since they were freshmen and I was the junior varsity coach," Smartt said. "So I expect leadership and guidance for the junior class."

Knoph and Kandalaf (both co-captains) will start at forward, and will be augmented in the starting lineup by guards Eason, junior Devin Dunn and center Eddings. Another important player is junior co-captain Chris Faz-ica

Depth will tell the tale as to how much success Stevenson will enjoy in the tough KLA Central Division.



Taking the ball inside for Wayne Memorial last season is Keion Epps, who is a Division I college hopeful.

THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Smartt said the juniors will be called upon to provide "the extra firepower we need to be competitive for 32 minutes" each game.

Stevenson opens at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 against visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

"Expectations are the same as always," Smartt said. "Make it to the state finals. In order to do that we need to play flawless and perfect games. That has been what myself and assistant Chris Haldane have been trying to instill in these young men."

Wayne Memorial

Although the Zebras went 8-13 in 2015-16, games always were hard-fought and entertaining — with senior wing and Eastern Michigan commit Keion Epps leading the charge.

Third-year head coach Nkwane Young also will rely on returnees Terrence Williams and Isiah Lewis in the backcourt.

For Wayne to improve in the KLA South, newcomers Rashad Williams (who has Division-I offers to EMU and Cleveland State) and Travez Nyk will need to blend together well with the older Williams and Lewis.

If so, the Zebras will feature a fast lineup that will push defenses.

Several other players hope to join the rotation, including seniors Napier Bryant (forward) and Xavier Moore (guard); juniors Kope Price (forward), Voshawn Ward (forward), David Ziker (wing) and Martez Bonner (guard); and sophomores Eddie Edwards and Kahil Roizer (guards).

Wayne begins its season with Tuesday's Tip-Off Classic.

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of the basketball," Bates said. "Just getting more comfortable with the offense and more comfortable with each other. And getting used to the speed of the game. I have nine juniors and a sophomore. I have only three kids that played varsity basketball."

RU returns vets

Redford Union fifth-year coach Randall Taylor lost leading scorer Kevin Hogains (16.3 points per game) and leading rebounder Caleb Moore (11.7 per game) to graduation but believes his team is headed for bigger and better things

Hogains now attends the University of Toledo. Moore is playing at Kalamazoo Community College.

Despite those two key losses, expectations are much higher this season as the Panthers try to improve upon last year's 3-18 record.

RU returns a slew of seniors, led by tri-captains Levon Hudson, a 5-foot-11 guard; Jacob Gagnon, a 6-1 forward; and Eric McCarter, a 5-11 guard.

The Panthers hope to become a factor in the WWAC's Red Division.

"Our overall outlook on our season is to compete for a league and district championship," said Taylor, a 2002 RU grad who played basketball at Marygrove College. "We have a lot of experience returning. One thing that I've noticed is that our kids play hard for

each other daily."

New C'ville coach

For Livonia Clarenceville (2-18), it's nowhere but up as new coach Ty Wallace takes over the reins after being an assistant last season under Tony Paciore.

The Trojans will be one of the area's most inexperienced teams with only two senior returnees, the 6-3 forward Kameron MacIver, the team's captain, and 6-1 forward Torre Brown.

"The outlook is going to be a year of building for us," said Wallace, who worked in the corporate world for 30 years and is currently a substitute teacher. "With me being the new coach this year at Clarenceville, only one returning senior (MacIver), we're going to be a young team as indicated starting a freshman and a couple of sophomores as well. So we're really looking at building a strong foundation, starting to build up our culture, starting to get some of these guys some playing time and be competitive as we go out each and every day, every game, and leave it all out on the court."

Wallace, who previously coached AAU basketball in Memphis, Tenn., will also rely on 5-10 sophomore Rickey Scott and 5-6 freshman Tavian Cruze at the guard position, while 5-11 junior Trevor Hills will see plenty of time at forward.

"We were 2-18 last year, and I anticipate us not going to be that much better," Wallace said. "But we're going to be ultra competitive, go out and compete, and play."

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BOYS BASKETBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOK

REDFORD THURSTON Head coach: Brian Bates, 18th season League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Blue Division) Last year's overall record: 13-10 Notable losses to graduation: Deaunte Jackson, Brandon Marshall Leading returnees: Malik Hill, 6-2 Sr. F; De'Quan Gadsen, 6-3 Sr. F; Donan Naylor, 6-4 Sr. F; Karlos Berry, 5-11 Jr. PG; Matthew Acquah, 6-1 Jr. F; Zack Crofford, 6-3 Jr. F. Promising newcomers: Kevin Newell, 6-3 Jr. F; Darrell Anderson, 6-1 Soph. G; Matteo Maisano, 6-0 Jr. G. Bates' 2016-17 outlook: "Our players worked hard in the off-season to improve and I can see some of those improvements so far. If we can get some players to step up and help, I'm looking forward to a successful season. We are looking to improve on last year's record. We are working hard on improving our defense and develop team chemistry."	REDFORD UNION Head coach: Randall Taylor, fifth season League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Red Division) Last year's overall record: 3-18 Notable losses to graduation: Kevin Hogains, Caleb Moore Leading returnees: Eric McCarter, 5-11 Sr. G; Levon Hudson, 5-11 Sr. G; Antonio Boswell, 6-0 Sr. G; Dominick Slaughter, 6-0 Sr. G; Jacob Gagnon, 6-1 Sr. F; Justin White, 6-2 Sr. F; Marcus Evans, 6-2 Jr. F. Promising newcomers: Anthony Johnson, 6-5 Sr. F; Christian Montgomery, 6-2 Jr. F; Amir Huston, 5-11 Jr. G; James Gresham, 5-9 Jr. G; Malik Atkins, 5-11 Jr. G. Taylor's 2016-17 outlook: "We have had great leadership from our team captains Levon Hudson, Jacob Gagnon and Eric McCarter. Each guy has embraced their role as a leader by leading by example each day. Of course, as a team, we have some things to clean up far as X's and O's. But I can see that our guys understand the value of working hard each day to improve as a team."
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE Head coach: Ty Wallace, first season League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Red Division) Last year's overall record: 2-18 Notable losses to graduation: Mitch Kubiak, Quentin Banks	Senior Kameron MacIver (left) returns this season for new Clarenceville boys basketball coach Ty Wallace (right). Leading returnees: Kameron MacIver, 6-3 Sr. F. Promising newcomers: Rickey Scott, 5-10 Soph. G; Tavian Cruze, 5-6 Fr. G; Torre Brown, 6-1 Sr. F; Trevor Hills, 5-11 Jr. F. Wallace's 2016-17 outlook: "Based on our size, we're going to be an up-tempo team. We're going to push the ball whenever we get the opportunity. We've got some great ball-handlers and some kids that can run the floor. We're also going to be a very heavily defensive-focused team, create turnovers in the open court and take advantage of that as well. When we are in our half-court sets we'll be running high-tempo motion-type offenses also. Against zones we're going to stay in our high-tempo motion slashing to the basket and creating opportunities on pick-and-rolls."

MIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL



Lutheran Westland's varsity girls basketball team is jelling as a unit on the floor. The Warriors also have fun when they can, as shown here.

Warriors looking to stay on roll

Lutheran Westland set to build off strong 2015-16 campaign

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There could be a "MIAC Red Alert" this season thanks to Lutheran Westland's varsity girls basketball team. With much of last year's excellent 16-6 squad back for another shot at rivals in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference, a strong regular season and postseason could be in the works for the Warriors.

"We are looking to jell as a team and compete for the conference title again this year, as we finished second last year," Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade said. "We won it in 2014 (first time in 18 years) and would like the title back in our program."

Wade, starting her sixth season at the helm, said her group will be bolstered by five returnees from 2015-16, including scoring threats Taylor Jones (S-8 senior guard) and junior Rachel Reddeman (5-10 junior center).

They will help fill the void of 2016 graduates Bethany Hoehne and Elea-

nor Storck.

Also back are 5-8 junior guard Kelli Orme, 5-9 junior guard Emma Johnson and 5-10 senior forward Makayla Wylly (out until January after suffering an injury in volleyball season).

"The returners each bring two to three years of varsity experience to the floor, which is great for leading the younger sophomores and freshman on the team," Wade said. "I have a great group of girls that play with passion, heart and intensity on both sides of the floor."

Rounding out the roster for the Warriors are several promising newcomers, including 5-7 sophomore guard Riley Day, 5-6 freshman guard Emilie Fremder, 5-7 sophomore forward/guard Olivia Chote, 5-6 sophomore guard Faith McLeod, 5-8 sophomore forward Yvonne Rilett and 5-6 sophomore guard Breanna Moody.

McLeod, a transfer, isn't eligible to play until January, Wade noted.

PCA preview

At Plymouth Christian Academy, the 2015-16 season didn't go the way head coach Rod Windle and the Eagles wanted. PCA finished 4-17.

But most of that roster returns intact (save for the loss of Paige Perkey and Kelly Abraham to graduation), and Windle said many of the games last year were opportunities for youngsters to learn and figure out what it takes to be varsity players.

"Last year, our team learned to be competitive every night," Windle said. "This year, our returning upperclassmen are hoping to have a breakout year."

Back from last season are senior forwards Lydia Chapel, Taylor Mistele, Aliyah Pries and Rachel Witkowski; senior guards Kennedy Horne and Jordan Reed; and junior guard Robin Albert.

Joining the squad are senior guard Hannah Schultz, junior Alyssa Powers, junior forward Isabel Nunez and sophomore guards Harlee Collins and Sarah Fernandez.

"We have had a terrific preseason," Windle said. "The new players have energized our team and provided us with some depth at the post and guard positions."

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HOOPS

Spartans show mettle, help Anger to first win

Newman, Tanderys come up big as Stevenson defeats Harrison

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Karen Anger's first game as Livonia Stevenson varsity girls basketball coach got off to a nervous start for her and her players Friday against Farmington Harrison.

But her new team made sure the occasion would be one to remember. Sparked by two players battling injury or illness — senior forward Kelly Newman and junior guard Sarah Tanderys — the Spartans rolled to a 51-32 non-conference victory.

Newman, who is playing despite three torn ligaments in a pinky, tallied 13 points while Tanderys drained a career best five treys en route to 19 points.

"I can feel it, I know when I'm going on a good run," said Tanderys, who also dealt with a "little asthma attack there. I'm fine now."

Newman scored 13 points while senior guard Grace Lamerson chipped in with seven points, four rebounds, four assists and five steals.

There for each other

"Definitely I had butterflies," Anger said. "But my team had my back just like they have each others backs. They said 'We got it coach.'"

Anger, who was a standout performer during her high school career at Livonia Churchill, said the way Newman and Tanderys competed underscored that point.

"(Newman's) taping it up and playing and she was huge for us tonight with the rebounds and the easy putbacks."

Tanderys was held scoreless during the first quarter, which ended with the Hawks up 9-8.

Things started to change in the first minute of the second quarter, however, when Tanderys hit a triple from the right corner to put the Spartans in front.

Following up with a couple buckets in the paint was Newman and Stevenson was off to a 17-point frame (taking a 25-15 halftime lead).

The Hawks, still looking to get first-year head coach Shavon Caldwell her first win, clawed their way to within five points (29-24) midway through the third. Junior Nevada Hargress scored six of her team's seven points to open the stanza.

Spartan microwave

But Tanderys started to heat up again, just in time for the Spartans. With about a minute remaining in the third, it was time for another trey — this one from the left flank.

Tanderys then closed her big game out with an eight-point run. She nailed back-to-back triples within 15 seconds, to tie and break her career record (set last year).

Of course, she also led the way hitting the floor after 50-50 balls.

"The defense probably won us the game," Tanderys said. "I'm very proud of the girls who were able to do that at the end."

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Driving into the lane Friday night is Livonia Stevenson's Kelly Newman (left). Guarding her for Harrison is Nyla Warren.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gibraltar Carlson upends Thurston, 51-23

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Hannah Nagy scored a game-high 15 points Friday night as Gibraltar Carlson pulled away in the second half to beat host Redford Thurston in a non-conference girls basketball game, 51-23.

The teams were tied at 12-12 after one quarter before the Marauders went ahead 22-19 at halftime.

Thurston (1-1) got into foul trouble, with starting center Bryanna Burton (seven points) picking up four first-quarter fouls. She fouled out early in the third quarter and Carlson (1-0) took advantage by outscoring the Eagles 29-4 in the second half.

The Eagles also lost another starter, Megan Abela, to a first-half injury. She couldn't continue in the

second half.

Carlson made 10-of-15 free throws (66.6 percent), while Thurston was only 4-of-14 (28.5 percent).

Thurston returns to action at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Taylor Prep.

C'ville drops opener

On Friday, host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook evened its record at 1-1 with a 46-2 victory to spoil Livonia Clarenceville's season opener.

The Trojans (0-1), who got a free throw each from Desarae Hartfiel and Myla Hoskins-King, couldn't overcome a 23-1 halftime deficit.

Cranbrook was coming off a season-opening 56-18 loss to Madison Heights Lamphere.

Ladywood falls

In a low-scoring game Thursday, the host Trojans (1-0) got six points from Sydney Voss to pull out a 31-28 non-league victory over Livonia Ladywood (0-2).

Trenton led 18-9 at halftime before holding off a Ladywood second-half rally.

Brianne Rogers and Maggie Shirk paced the Blazers with eight and seven points, respectively, while Abbey Reppen chipped in four points and nine rebounds.

RU game canceled

Redford Union's home game Friday with Southfield Bradford Academy was canceled and it will be determined if it will be made up at a later date, according to Panthers varsity coach Scott Purdy.

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CHINAVARE

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ate about.

"His quick wit and big smile were always on display."

There to help

Fournier and everybody connected with Franklin baseball already know next season will be much emptier around the diamond without Chinavare.

"In the press box is where Tom loved to be on game days," Fournier said, adding that scorekeeper Jim Hopson, booth assistant Bill Binkiewicz and Chinavare "worked so well together."

"When a question came up about the correct scoring on a play, the three of them would spend hours, sometimes even days, researching why they thought their opinion was correct. Sometimes the texts and emails would go on while at work over the next few days."

Fournier said Chinavare, Hopson and Binkiewicz were close family friends who planned on working Franklin games for future seasons, even though each had their youngest child graduate this year.

"I thought we were going to lose them to graduation as well," Fournier said. "However, this past summer, while bouncing from grad party to grad party, they had decided they were going to come back to the press box (for 2017), not just to help, but to hang out with each other and watch baseball. That's how close those three had become."

Chinavare also helped set up team meals, raked the dirt on the infield and even sold hot dogs if needed.

"You name it, he did it," Fournier added.

It wasn't just baseball that Chinavare helped with at Franklin, partic-

"He was the type of person that you always looked forward to talking to. His family, and helping others, were what he was most passionate about."

MATT FOURNIER
Franklin baseball coach

ularly through his role as an athletic booster.

Sons Jack and Joe also played basketball for the Patriots, while daughter Kathryn was on the school's girls track and field and volleyball teams.

"Tom helped with every program in one capacity or another," Fournier said.

Former Franklin boys varsity basketball coach Jeremy Rheault echoed the sentiments expressed by Fournier about how much Chinavare meant to the high school's student-athletes.

"Tom was an integral part of our Franklin basketball program for 10 years," Rheault noted in a tweet. "Both Jack and Joe were four-year players. Tom helped build our program through his sacrifice and guidance."

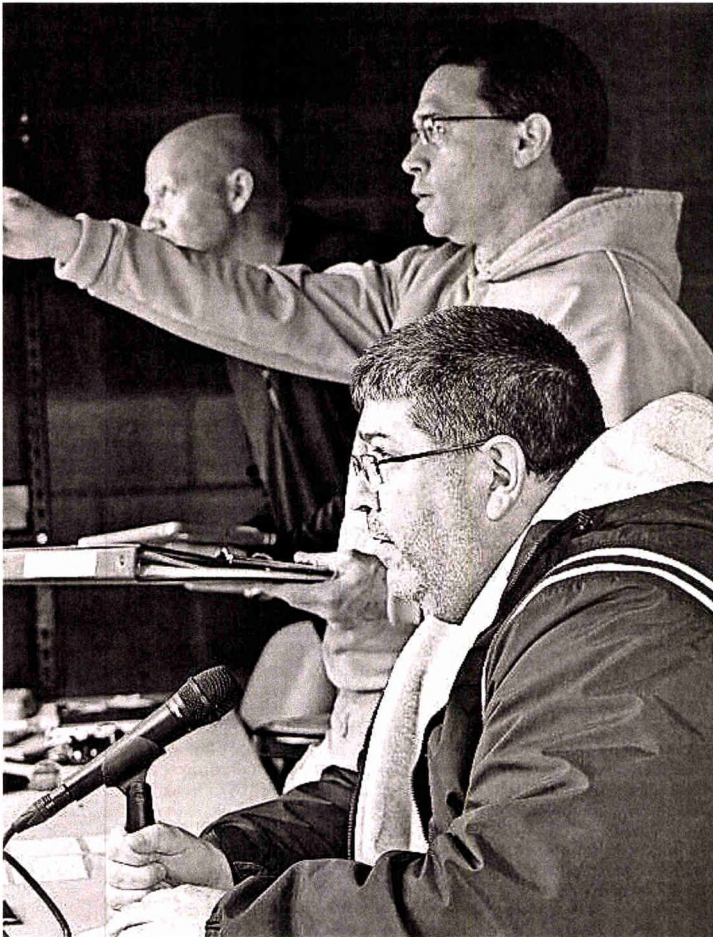
The Livonia Junior Baseball League also owes a debt of gratitude to Chinavare, who was the organization's baseball and softball director for years and helped with its basketball programs.

In addition to his wife and three children, Chinavare is survived by brothers Kevin (Heather), Brian (Colleen) and Karen (Mike) Ling.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to Livonia Junior Athletic League Baseball.

Meanwhile, Fournier said the Franklin baseball program is planning a tribute to Chinavare that will take place after the 2017 season begins.

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Longtime Livonia Franklin baseball announcer Tom Chinavare (foreground) works a Patriots game with help in the booth from close friends Jim Hopson and Bill Binkiewicz.

RELIGION CALENDAR

**DECEMBER
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

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25
Location: Open Arms Church, 33015 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Worship service

Contact: 248-471-5282

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers Christmas concert will include selections from "Laud to the Nativity" by Ottorino Respighi, and other sacred works, carols and Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus. Other performances are 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot Ave., Detroit; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell, Royal Oak; and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students over 12

Contact: detroitlutheransingers.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4

Location: Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville

Details: Recording artists David Britton and Jean Watson will present the "Sounds of the Season" Christmas concert. The concert will be a unique blend of musical styles that will delight the audience with a variety of Christmas favorites with a live band called the Nashville Bando-lies. All of the artists and the show is produced by Billy Smiley, a Northville native. Smiley went to Northville High from 1972-75. The concert is free.

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: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10

Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: The combined choirs of St. Timothy and Kirk of Our Savior, Westland, will sing the cantata, and soloists and small groups will perform popular Christmas songs. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted

Contact: 734-464-8844; sttimothy@sttimothypcusa.org

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

COOKIE WALK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 10

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: Early bird sale starts at 9:30 a.m. with \$2 admission. Cookies are sold for \$7.50 per pound and baked goods are individually priced. The church is giving away two \$25 gift cards at the event as a customer thank you.

Contact: 734-427-2290

COOKIE WALK

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

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26355 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: Festive selection of cookies sold by the pound

Contact: 313-937-2120

SING-A-LONG

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9

Location: Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 4800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Christmas carols and light refreshments

Contact: 248-662-5441

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; nancylen879@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; www.livoniastmichael.org.

**FAITH COMMUNITY
WESLEYAN**

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

**ST. INNOCENT
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

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

Contact: facebook.com/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; stan-drewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.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: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**DUNNING PARK BIBLE
CHAPEL**

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER**ST. EDITH CHURCH**

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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**ST. MICHAEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333

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, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

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; 248-787-5009

**DETROIT WORLD
OUTREACH**

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

**FARMINGTON HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

**MERRIMAN ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibro-group.com; or Ruthann 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; 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.celebratercovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

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**ST. JAMES
PRESBYTERIAN**

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730

**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

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Underemployed? Get back on the right track

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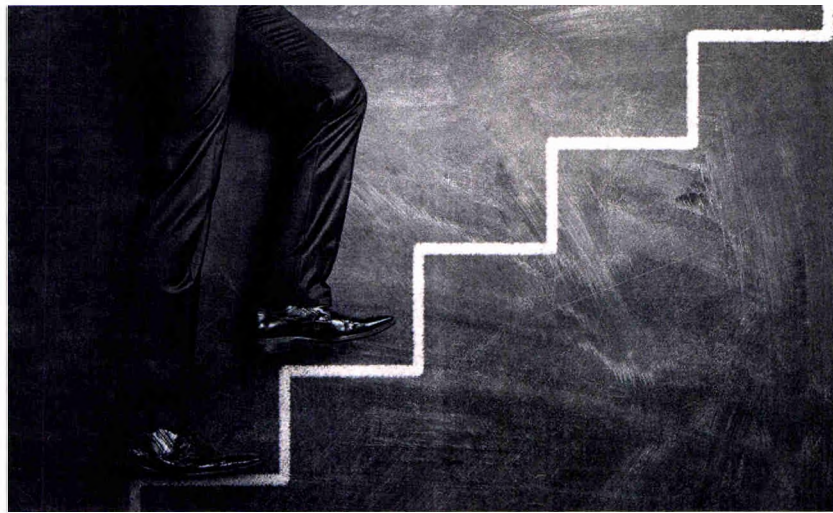
During the Great Recession, many laid-off workers were forced to take positions in low-skill jobs to make ends meet. While the recovery has enabled many Americans to get back to work, others still feel as if they are underemployed.

Perhaps you have a part-time job but want or need a full-time position. Or maybe you have a job, but it does not pay you enough. You might feel stuck in a position where your skills are being underutilized. Whatever your circumstances are, take the following advice to get back on track toward reaching your professional goals.

Own your situation.

People who are underemployed tend to blame external factors, such as their boss or the economy. However, that type of thinking "leads to a sense of helplessness, desperation and depression — none of which are good motivators," says Angelique Pivoine, owner of Good Thinking Agency, a career consultancy.

Instead, focus on what you can control and have the power to change. For example, if you're underemployed in a 9-to-5 job, Pivoine suggests proposing a new project,



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offering assistance to someone else's project or starting a side business.

Put your goals on paper.

"One thing that people who feel underemployed can do to start moving in the right direction is make a vision board, or at least write down all their career goals and aspirations," says Valerie Streif, a senior adviser at the career services company Mentat. "Once (the goals) are down on paper, it's important to start taking the steps they need to achieve them. If they are stuck in a job where they will never accomplish what they want to, it's

time to take drastic action and start searching for opportunities that will help them achieve what will fulfill them."

Learn a new skill.

"I think the main focus (if you feel underemployed) should be on developing existing or new skills around the type of work you want to do more of," says John Turner, founder of Users-Think, which helps businesses and individuals improve their websites. Gaining a new skill makes you "more valuable to potential companies looking to hire," he says, and with the vast number of free and inexpensive educational resources

available online, it does not have to be expensive.

Join a professional association.

This offers several benefits that can push you ahead in your career, says Mark Anthony Dyson, a career consultant who hosts a podcast called The Voice of Job Seekers. Not only will you get to know others in your field, you will also stay up-to-date on relevant news. "You will learn the latest trends of the industry, you'll meet the people who are creating new ideas and get career tips from them, and you'll be noticed for trying (or being courageous)," Dyson says.

Volunteer. "If you're not happy with your current career path, a well-thought-out volunteer role can give you an opportunity to test the waters for a new role or industry," says Leila Hock, founder of the career advising company Alignment Coaching. Volunteering, she says, "allows you to meet new people and be exposed to new opportunities. If you've chosen a volunteer opportunity that is meaningful to you, then chances are you'll do a great job, and those volunteering with you will notice that and keep you top of mind if they or their team need support."

Build your network.

Most career experts agree that building your professional network is one of the best ways to help you get out of a career slump. Your new acquaintances might be able to offer advice and act as mentors, and they could know of opportunities that you wouldn't have heard of otherwise. They may even be willing to put in a good word for you or act as professional references when you're ready to apply.

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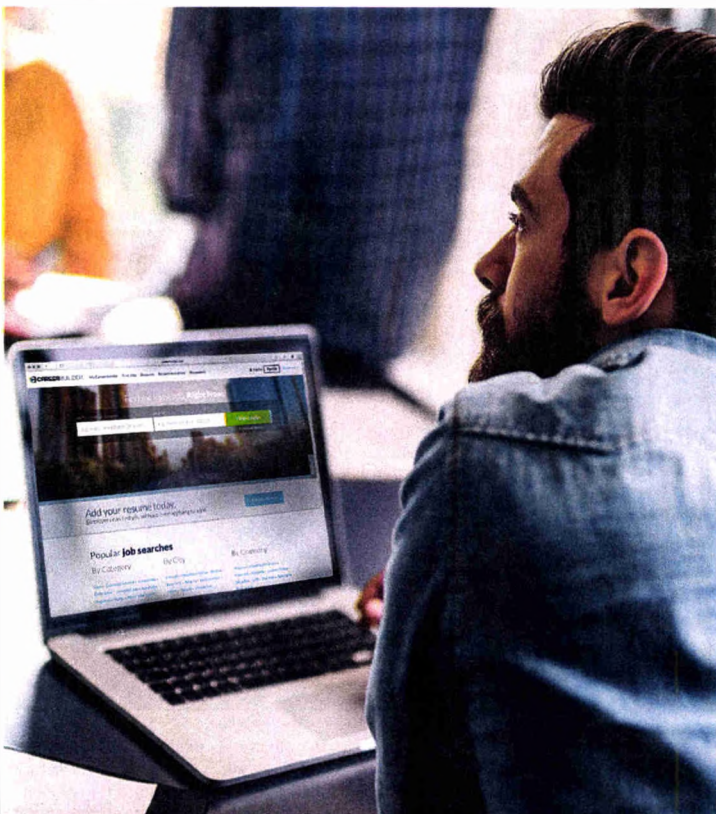
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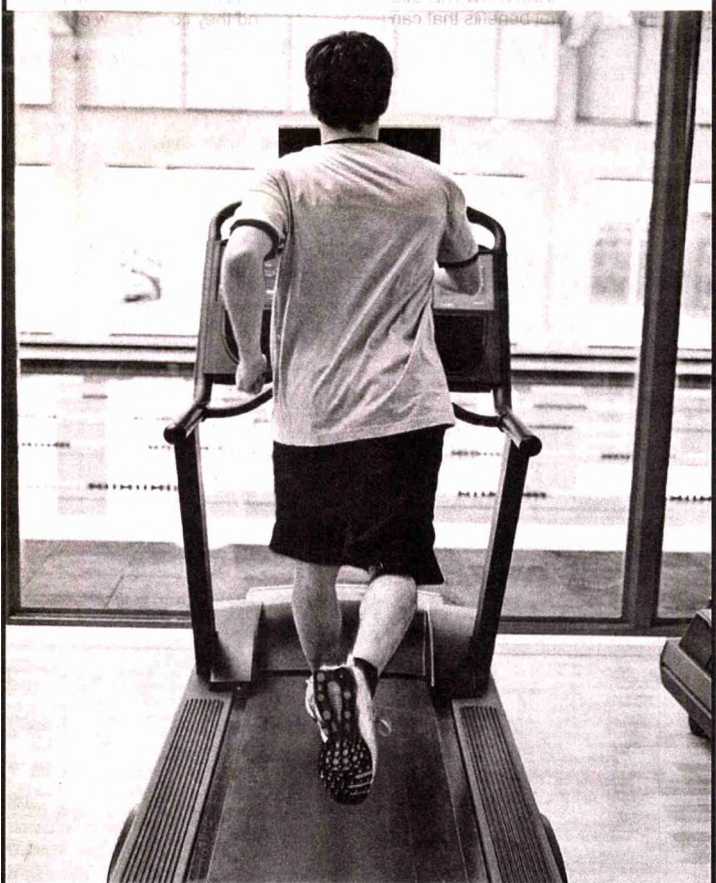
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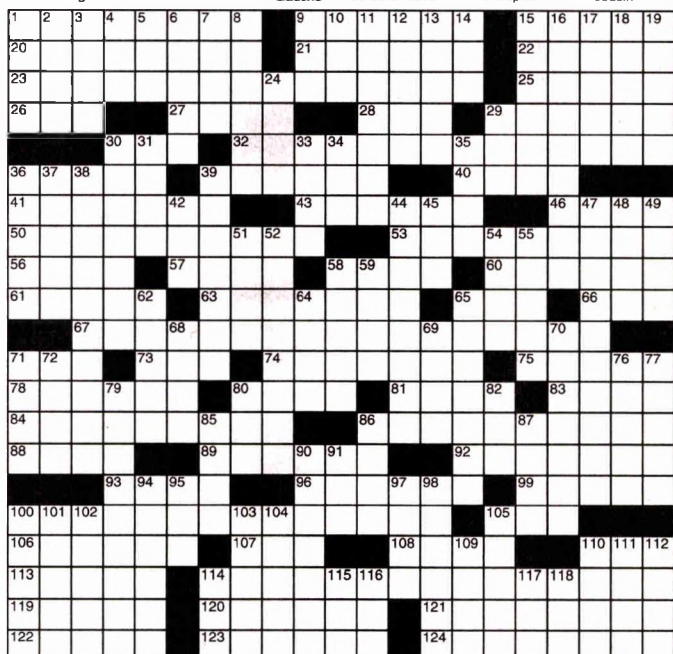
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70 Jailbreaker
71 Indy path
72 Shankar on the sitar
76 Edit, as text
77 Scandianavian
79 Hormones in some replacement therapies
80 Harry Potter pal Weasley
82 Draft inits
85 Its cap, is
86 Kaput
87 Toss high up
90 Brother of Iphigenia
91 Director Ang
94 Something novel
95 Sch. org.
97 Supply that's too abundant
98 Operating skyward
100 Theatricalize
101 Courage
102 Finish with
103 Weird
104 Out-of-the-way corners
105 Bygone Olds
109 Bygone Chevy
110 Swedish film shooter
111 French noun suffix
112 Gunky stuff
114 Use skillfully
115 Ending for Brooklyn
116 Abbr. in trig
117 Part of L.A.
118 Lemur cousin



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SUDOKU

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

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!

6	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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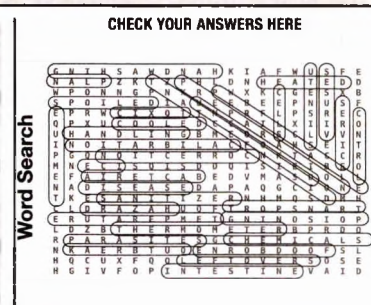
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Car Report

KIA RIDES DIVERSE LINEUP, QUALITY BLITZKRIEG TO UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH IN SALES AND BRAND EQUITY



By Dale Buss

appeal.

Even as overall auto sales were booming in the United States last year, Kia established one of the best growth marks with its best annual sales ever, nearly 626,000 vehicles, good for nearly an 8-percent gain from the previous year. That was merely 135,000 units short of US sales for its longer-established sibling, Hyundai, in 2015.

In 2016, Kia has picked up

where it left off, with sales rising for the year to date through August even as some big general-market rivals, including General Motors and Ford, began showing year-to-year declines.

"Despite signs that industry-wide sales may have peaked in 2015, Kia is up nearly four percent through August on the strength of double-digit year-over-year increases for Rio, Forte, Sportage and Sedona," said Michael Sprague, chief operating officer for Kia Motors America.

Indeed, the diversity of Kia's lineup has been one key for its continued gain in market share, as its small cars have withstood the segment-wide downdraft that has afflicted most other segment nameplates in 2016 and as Kia's Sportage and Sorento SUVs have posted stronger sales as well. Even the Kia Sedona minivan is enjoying a mini-boom.

"So much of this business is about

product, and since 2009 our brand has undergone a complete transformation of every vehicle, and we've introduced new ones," Sprague recently told me.

Another huge factor in Kia's ability to resist the growing headwinds in the US, and continue its growth story, is its stunning rise to the top of the industry in product quality. Not long ago looked down upon along with Hyundai as exemplars of relatively poor quality, Kia in 2016 managed to rank

quality of any brand in the important J.D. Power annual awards.

Kia's performance marked the first time in 27 years that a non-premium brand topped Power's rankings. The brand's achievement put it atop not only other envious general-market brands, such as Hyundai, which finished No. 3, and No. 4 Toyota, but also ahead of premium marques that typically lead the field in the J.D. Power evaluation, including No. 2 Porsche and No. 5 BMW.

"In 2001 we were dead last in the US in perceived



Soul is an important vehicle in the Kia lineup.

quality, and people were writing the brand off," Sprague said. "The company has made a very determined effort since then to fix quality." It helps that "for the millennial generation, we're a completely new brand."

It also helps that, as Sprague put it, "we're raising awareness for the brand and making sure the brand is right." Among other messages emphasizing Kia quality and utility is one about fun.

That was exemplified, for instance, by Kia's decision to advertise a mid-size sedan, Optima, in the most recent Super Bowl even though many Americans now are headed straight for the crossovers and SUVs on the showroom floor. The ad starred Christopher Walken demonstrating the sophistication and refinement of the 2016 version of the car — after a humorous episode in a

man's "Walken" closet.

And later this year, Kia brought back its animatronic hamsters to promote Soul, its fast-growing crossover that the brand introduced in 2009. Its record exemplifies Kia's booming growth: Back then, the brand sold only 35,000 Souls; in 2015, Soul sales in the US were 146,000 units.

Most recently, Kia launched a new campaign starring former pro-football stars Bo Jackson and Brian Bosworth for the Sorento SUV in a Tecmo Bowl-themed campaign. The former nemeses help Kia "play on technology in terms of blending the old video game graphics with the new advancements in the Sorento, illustrat[ing] just how far Kia has come and how advanced this SUV truly is," said Colin Jeffery, chief creative officer for agency David+Goliath.



Brian Bosworth and Bo Jackson star in Kia's new football-themed campaign.

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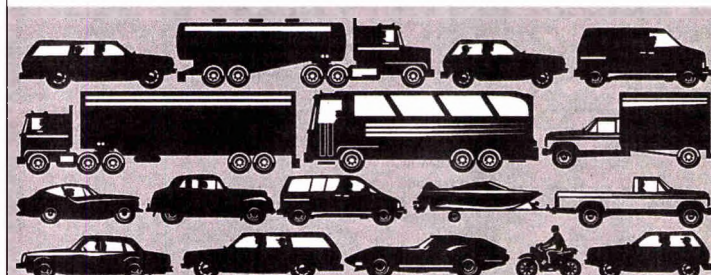
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