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High voter turnout expected Tuesday

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When it comes to predicting voter turnout, municipal clerks are good at making an educated guess. This year, that seems to be in the 60-70 percent range with lines expected at the polls drawn by the presidential election.

"I couldn't have gotten closer than my last prediction — I was within 12 votes," said Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc, who expects a 67-percent turnout for the election.

Westland has about 60,500 registered voters and has seen a jump in the number of voters who are on the permanent absentee voting list. After receiving permission from the state, LeBlanc did an outreach to voters over 60 asking if they wanted to be added to the permanent absentee voter list.

LeBlanc

Miller

"Literally, 50 percent said yes. A lot of those people would have been voting absentee ballot anyway but they weren't on the permanent list," LeBlanc said. "That will change the character of the election. Absentee ballot return rates always exceeds 90 percent."

Since LeBlanc became city clerk in January, the number of voters on the permanent absentee list has gone from about 4,600 to approximately 9,700. "The outreach was a phenomenal success. We did it at a minimum cost — we sent out a postcard," he said.

Likely thanks to comments from Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, LeBlanc said his office has a few requests from absentee voters to return their ballots for a do-over. "We've had a small handful of requests but the state is telling us other communities have had more requests. It was always a right and privilege but it really wasn't advertised."

Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller expects a turnout in the 60-70 percent range. "I'm always high — I'm an optimist," said Miller, about his turnout projection. "We'll handle 7,800 voters in absentees and six precincts. That's 1,000 voters per precinct. People need to prepare to stand in line. We'll make it as easy as possible and move them through as expeditiously as possible."

There have been 1,731 absentee ballots returned in Wayne. "That's very high for a regular election, but not that high for a presidential election," Miller said.

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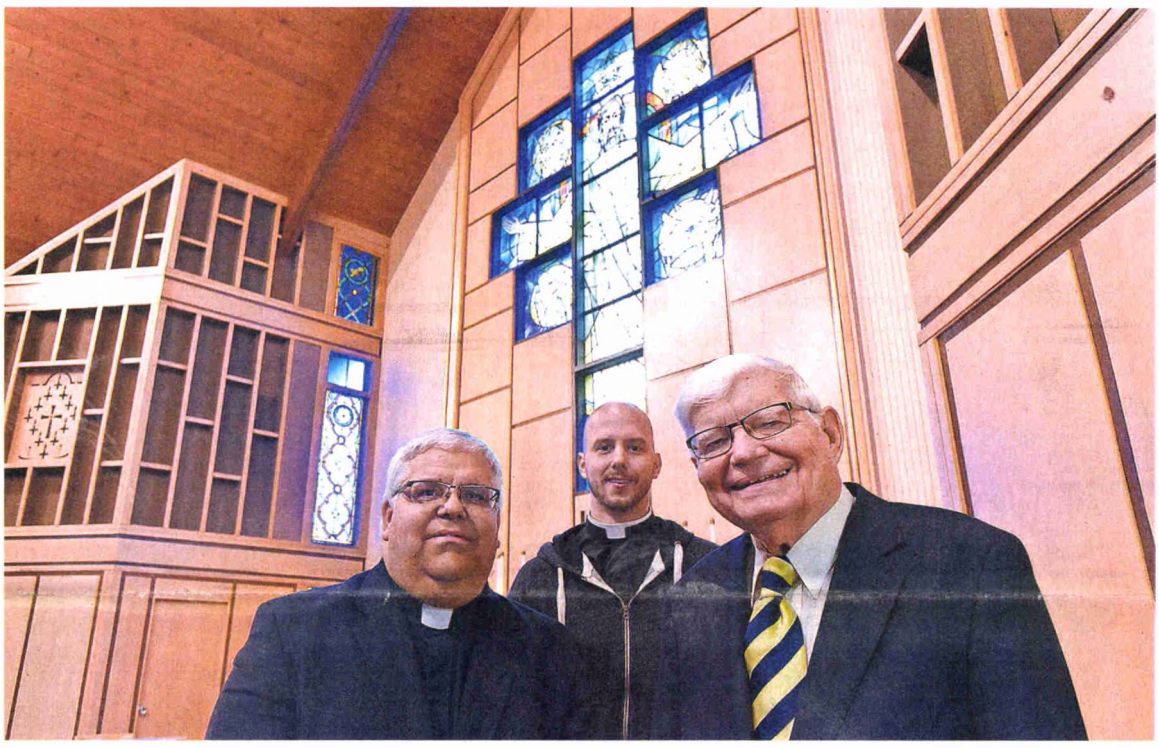

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The preachers of Grace Lutheran Church in the church sanctuary (from left): the Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, the Rev. Zachary W. Marklevitz and the Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth.

REDFORD'S GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

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Grace Lutheran Church's location may still be the same as it was in 1941, but you wouldn't recognize the surrounding area from what it was at the beginning of World War II.

"At that time, Redford was really a farming community. Beech Road was gravel," said the Rev. Dr. Victor Halboth, an assistant pastor at the church who has been there for about 60 years. "And there were nothing but farms as you went from Beech Road to to downtown Farmington."

Since September 1941, the church, at 25630 Grand River, east of Beech Daly in Redford Township, has remained a towering presence on the north side of the township. This weekend, it'll come together to celebrate 75 years in Redford with a celebration after Sunday services. It's believed to be Redford's first Lutheran church.

The church, which has roughly 1,000 members strung across Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties, has built several structures on the property since its founding, including the sanctuary, which was completed in 1959.

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Grace Lutheran Church is on Grand River in Redford Township.

Two worship services will take place Sunday, at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., with a catered luncheon afterward. The special speaker at both services will be the Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

For much of that time, the Halboth family has been at the helm of leading the parish: three generations have led the church since Victor Halboth's father came to Grace Lutheran in 1946.

"My grandfather came in 1946," said the Rev. Timothy Halboth, senior pastor at Grace Lutheran and Victor Halboth's son. "He was a chaplain in World War II."

Stability is key

While both Halboths have been at Grace Lutheran for decades, there is still room for some new faces. The Rev. Zachary Marklevitz, who recently graduated from seminary, was called to the church about four months ago.

Being new to the parish, he noticed right away the church was a steady place to be.

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Inspire Theatre stages 'Doublewide'

When faced with a problem, a wise person would attempt to find a reasonable solution. But not the residents of Tugaloo, Texas, the location of Inspire Theatre's latest offering.

Directed by guest director Mike Cuba, "Doublewide, TX," takes a trip to the craziest li'l trailer park in all of Texas. Threatened with annexation, the residents mount an all-out attempt to stop the city manager and his cohorts from absorbing their tiny community into the tax-grubbing metropolis of Tugaloo. Included in their strategy are plans for seduction, secession and a womanless beauty pageant. If not crazy enough, the antics take a strange turn when deceit and deception are discovered.

Written by the team of Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, collectively known as JONES HOPE WOOTEN, these three enjoy the reputation of being some of the most popular and widely produced playwrights in the United States. They specialize in writing laugh-out-loud comedies. Because of their commitment to and support of local theaters across the nation, they've built a following with legions of loyal fans and have been dubbed "America's Playwrights."

This is Cuba's fourth time directing a Jones Hope Wooten play. Borrowed from his duties as technical director at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth, Cuba insists that this cast is making his chore a delight.

"They bring a level of talent and experience to the production that makes my job a breeze," added Cuba. "This play is a celebration of family, friendship, freedom," he said.

Producer Len Fisher thinks the cast might be having too much fun, but he is thrilled to have Cuba join the production team and hopes he will return regularly.

The cast hails from Westland and the surrounding communities of Canton, Novi, Dearborn, Livonia and Garden City. One cast member, Sharla Fasko, evens drives home to Ohio every night. Doublewide cast

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Area Toys for Tots begins prep for season

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With Halloween in the the rear view mirror, that means Christmas isn't that far off. And with the season of giving starting, area Toys for Tots coordinators are ramping up their efforts.

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

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

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

FILE PHOTO

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

Coordinators for certain parts of the area have changed. For those in Livonia, Wayne and Westland, residents and business owners can contact Nakii Adams at 734-258-2083 or via email at nakiit4t@gmail.com. For those in Redford Township and Garden City, the point person is Phil Smith, who can be reached at 313-720-2754 or at psmithtoysfortots@gmail.com. For those living in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon or Milford, the contact person is Rebecca Yarbrough, who can be reached at 248-331-7433 or t4trebecca@aol.com.

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

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

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

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

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SUBMITTED

Actors Mark Soopchak and Judy Cook in rehearsal for "Doublewide."

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members Richard Pientak, Barbara Bloom, Judy Cook and Betty Berryman are veteran Inspire Theatre actors. Terry Viviani, Sharla Fasko, Mark Soopchak, Linda Trygg and Anne Morgan are newcomers. However, Mark Soopchak, is the only newbie to the stage. A friend saw the audition announcement and suggested he try out.

Casted as city manager, Lomax Tanner, Soopchak is learning a lot and having a blast, even if he does have to be the bad guy.

"Doublewide" opens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, and runs for two weekends. Tickets are $15 in advance or $17 at the door and can be purchased at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com. Inspire Theatre is at 33455 Warren Road, Westland in the Westland Center for the Arts in the shopping and dining district. For more information, visit inspiretheatre.com or call 734-751-7057.

TURNOUT

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Voters will be able to utilize a combination of older and new voting booths that allow people to be seated when completing their ballot.

"I predict my usual 100-percent turnout. I'm still hoping. Typically, we will have a 65-percent turnout in a presidential election," Garden City Clerk Allyson Bettis said. "I definitely want people to look at the sample ballot either online or in our office."

This election has a two-sided ballot with the biggest draw likely the presidential election. There are no city elections this year but Wayne is moving city elections to even years to coincide with presidential and gubernatorial elections.

In Westland and Garden City, former State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, is unopposed for a two-year term as Wayne County commissioner after being appointed to fill the year remaining on LeBlanc's term. Similarly, Al Haidous, D-Wayne, is unopposed in seeking a second term on the commission.

Seeking a third term in the state House 16th District, State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, is facing Republican Matthew Morrow.

Westland and Garden City residents in the 11th State House District will vote twice — to fill a partial term replacing the late Julie Plawecki and secondly, to fill a two-year term. Lauren Plawecki is the Democratic candidate to fill the balance of her mother's term ending Jan. 1. Jewell Jones of Inkster is the Democratic candidate for the full term. Republican Robert Pope is running for both terms.

Wayne County voters are being asked to approve a Regional Education Enhancement millage to be distributed to local school districts by the Wayne County Regional Education Services Agency. The proposal asks approval of 2 mills to be levied for six years and generate approximately $80 million annually. That means a tax of $2 per $1,000 of taxable value.

Along with voters in Macomb, Oakland and Washtenaw counties, Wayne County voters are being asked to approve a regional transit authority including a 1.2-mill levy for 20 years. Aimed at funding a regional mass transit system, the proposal would cost $1.20 per $1,000 of taxable value.

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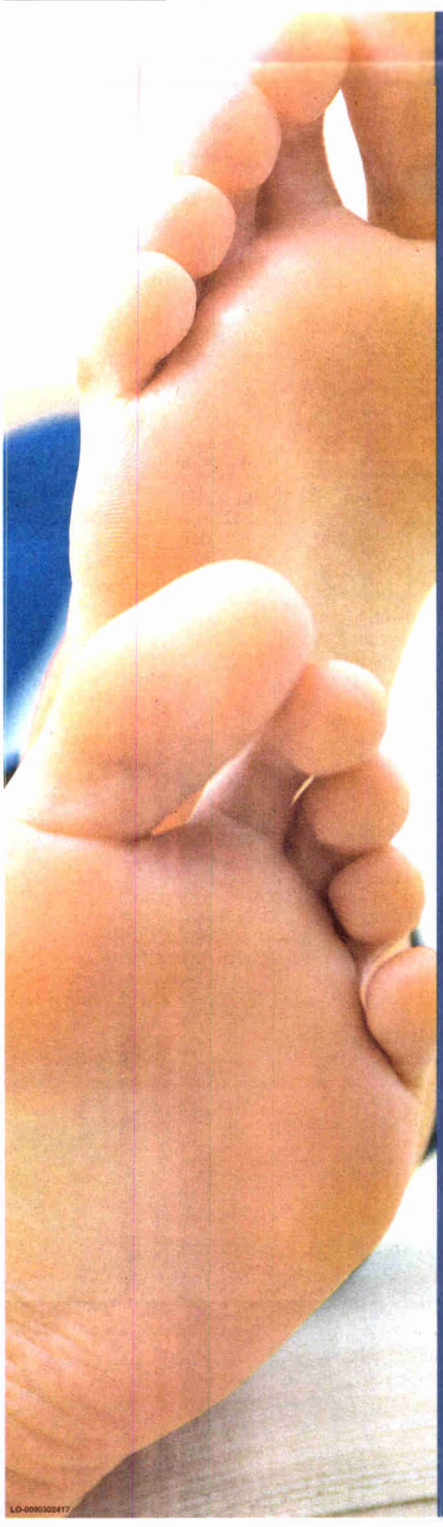

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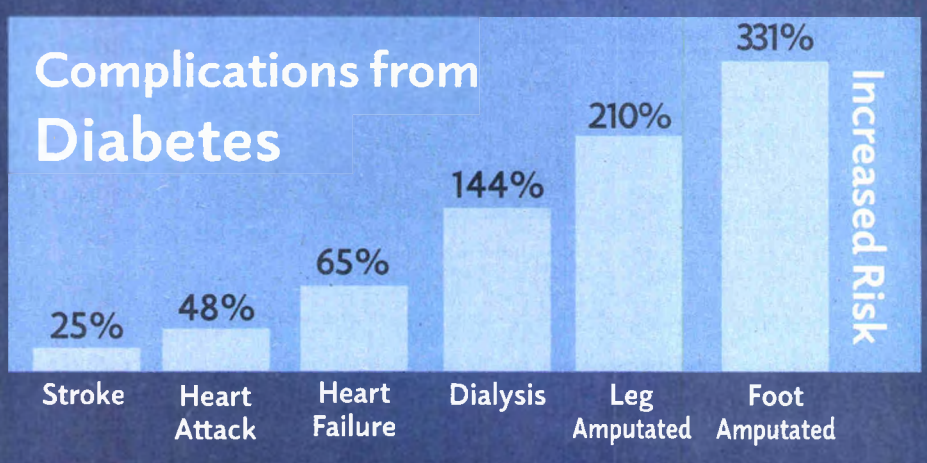

St John Providence | Ascension

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The Rev. Zachary Marklevitz brings the community prayer box indoors. The box sits in front of the church, next to the sidewalk. Neighbors or anyone passing by can request prayers and place the request in the prayer box.

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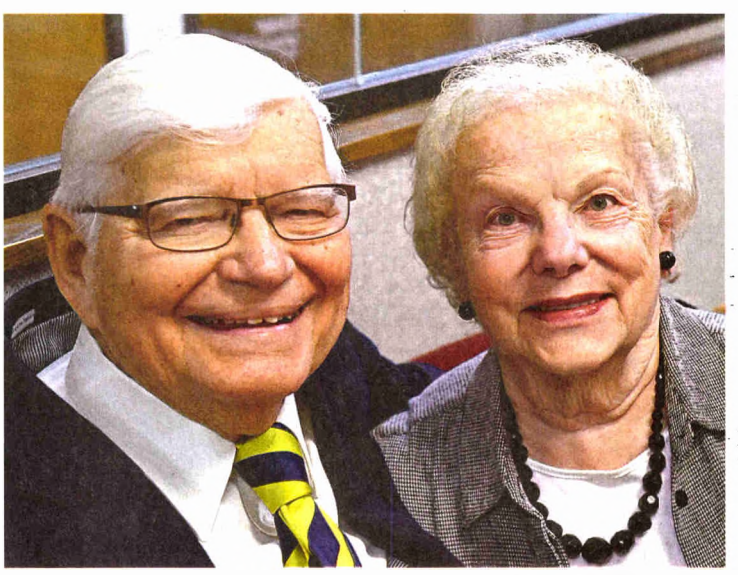
The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth heads for the church office where his wife Blanche Halboth has worked as church secretary for more than 45 years. The Halboths have been married for 60 years.



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The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth and Blanche Halboth, married for 60 years.

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"It's unique in the sense that there's already this stability within the church," the assistant pastor said. "A lot of my peers that receive their call would go into situations less stable."

That stability comes from parishioners desiring to remain at the church, who tend to remain with the church even after leaving the immediate Redford area. Timothy Halboth said one such example is a family who attended the church, moved to southern Ohio and eventually came back to the area, but lived in western Oakland County.

"They live in Milford, but they came back here," he said. "And I just confirmed their one daughter just last year."

Timothy Halboth said the style of worship and approach to the Gospel is another reason the church has been successful over the years.

"We remain true to the word of God and are very traditional and conservative," he said. "And I think that's a big thing here, too."

Victor Halboth said being in Redford has been a blessing for the congregation.

Many members are involved in activities across the township and the church is looking forward to many more years in the Redford community.

"You can have the beautiful church, but if you don't have the people, you don't have a church," he said. "And we have a lot of very active laypeople."

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Westland woman receives surprise bill from Amazon

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A Westland woman told police Oct. 24 that she received a $670 bill for purchases on an Amazon credit card that she had never opened. She said she also had never placed an order with Amazon.

Larceny from a vehicle

Overnight Oct. 28, someone stole a bottle of prescription diabetes medication and assorted coins from an unlocked vehicle, a resident in the 1600 block of South Linville told police.

A resident in the 35000 block of Glen told police that overnight Oct. 28, someone had gone into an unlocked vehicle and rummaged around, but nothing appeared to be missing.

Vandalism

A window was reported smashed on a vehicle parked in the 2200 block of Ackley overnight Oct. 26.

On Oct. 28, a resident in the 200 block of Marshmellow told police someone had smashed the rear window of his vehicle. The resident said he was home, but hadn't heard any noise.

Larceny from a vehicle

On Oct. 25, a Westland woman told police that her rental car was parked in the 5800 block of Newberry Estates overnight. Someone had stolen the keys and a debit card from the glove box.

A Westland man told police that overnight Oct. 25, someone had stolen his wallet from his unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the 6200 block of North Dowling. He said his credit card was used to purchase a cellphone online, but the transaction was canceled. The man told police he was later told by his district manager that his business credit card was used to make several unauthorized purchases, mostly at Westland Shopping Center.

A resident in the 32000 block of Grandview told police that someone had stolen a pair of sunglasses, assorted clothing and shoes, a laptop computer, a bible, a Movado watch and earrings valued at $2,375 from her vehicle overnight Oct. 19. She said she was on her way to airport for a vacation when she discovered the items missing and didn't make a report until Oct. 25, after she had returned.

Larceny from a vehicle

On Oct. 31. a resident in the 1400 block of Norris told police that overnight someone had stolen the passenger side rims and tires from her vehicle, leaving it sitting on landscaping bricks.

LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Livonia police say these two individuals took several thousands of dollars in gaming equipment Oct. 28 from a Livonia GameStop.

Livonia police seek suspects who allegedly stole from GameStop

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Livonia police continue to look for two men they say stole from a local video game store late last month.

Police say the two men entered GameStop, 29595 Plymouth Road, in Livonia just after 11 a.m. Oct. 28. Police say after the men entered the store, they went behind an unoccupied counter and grabbed about $2,000 worth of gaming equipment before fleeing on foot from the store in the Wonderland Village shopping center.

The first suspect is described as a male in his early 20s, stocky build, beard/mustache and possible gray baseball hat with a flat brim and army green color jacket. The second suspect is described as a male, early 20s, tall and thin build, with a mustache/beard, dark pants with a black zip front hooked sweat jacket with the word "cult" inscribed on the front.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470 and reference case No. 16-27297. Callers can remain anonymous.

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Jewelry store break-in reported; suspects sought

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WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A stolen Dodge Ram pick up truck that was later used to drive through a window at Leo's Jewelry.

Two suspects who reportedly used a pickup truck to break into a Wayne business are being sought.

Wayne Police released photos of the suspects who reportedly broke into Leo's Jewelry, 34900 Michigan Ave., about 4:40 a.m. Wednesday. One suspect drove a stolen Dodge Ram pickup truck through a large window on the north side of the store, police said.

A second suspect, who arrived on a motorcycle, joined the first suspect inside the business, police said. The pair were inside the store about 15 seconds, police said, and it appeared that nothing had been stolen.

Anyone with information on the incident and/or the suspects shown in the surveillance video is asked to contact Crimestoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP.

WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A suspect sought in a break-in at Leo's Jewelry store in Wayne.

Livonia police briefs: PlayStation stolen from home

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A resident in the 14000 block of Hix came to the Livonia police station Wednesday afternoon to report a burglary.

He said someone entered the attached garage of his residence through an unlocked door and took a PlayStation 3 and a red controller. He said he believes the incident took place sometime overnight from Sunday into Monday.

Wheels, tires taken

Police were called Thursday morning to a home in the 9800 block of Arden on the report of stolen wheels and tires.

The resident told police all four wheels and tires were on his vehicle the night before when it was parked in the driveway. He said his wife heard a noise outside in the middle of the night but did not got and see what it was. He said the wheels have been taken from his vehicle multiple times over the last few years.

– Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

Bicyclist critically injured in Westland crash

Westland Police are continuing to investigate an accident that left a bicyclist in critical condition Wednesday night.

The accident happened at approximately 7 p.m. on Newburgh south of Ford, involving a vehicle and a bicycle. The bicyclist, a 48-year-old Westland man, was transported to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and is listed in critical condition. The vehicle driver wasn't injured.

The initial investigation indicates alcohol may have been a factor in the accident on the part of the bicyclist, police said, with no indication of alcohol use by the vehicle driver.

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Get your holiday on with Garden City's Santaland Parade

The 2016 Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade is a month away, and this year's parade is shaping up to be one of the best ever, according to organizers.

The 2016 parade is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, and begins at Garden City High School, travels south on Middlebelt, turns east on Ford Road and ends up at the Downtown Development Authority events area, just south of Kroger where the DDA will host a post-parade event. (Pending the progress of the construction of the high school parking lot, modifications may have to be made to how the parade is staged.)

The theme for this year's parade is "It's a Gingerbread Thing."

The Grand Marshall for this year's parade is Garden City native Nolan Finley, the editorial page editor for "The Detroit News." Finley has been the editorial page editor of the Detroit News since 2000. He joined "The Detroit News" staff as a copy boy in 1976 while he was still a student at Wayne State University. Finley navigated the positions of reporter, deputy managing editor, business editor, city editor and opinion leader to eventually become the editorial page editor.

Finley graduated from Garden City East High School in 1973 and spent much of his childhood in Garden City. He was inducted in the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in 2012.

KEBERLY PHOTOGRAPHY
Nolan Finley

Nolan is co-host of MI-Week which airs at on Detroit Public Television.

Dozens of entries have already been confirmed by the Santaland Parade committee, including the Garden City High School, Livonia Franklin and Taylor Kennedy marching bands, local mascots — including Detroit Tigers' Paws, the Detroit Lions' Roary, the Detroit Pistons' Hooper and "W" the mascot from Wayne State University — and the Wayne State Warrior Cheerleading Squad.

Returning are favorites like the Great Lakes Garrison of the 501st Legion, known as the world's most definitive Star Wars costuming club, Stan the Fireman, the Royal Arch Masons, the American Legion Riders, the GCHS Cougar Cheerleaders and the high school and middle school pompon squads, the Redford Lawnmower Brigade and the Harmony Acres Arabian Horses.

To sign up to be in the 2016 Santaland Parade, visit www.santalandparade.com. The entry form can be filled out and submitted online or printed and mailed. The deadline to for groups seeking to be in the parade is Nov. 6.

Sponsorships continue to come in, including the $7,000 title sponsorship of the Garden City Downtown Development Authority. A new sponsor this year is the Buccilli Group, which contributed $2,000. Garden City Hospital and the DTE Foundation return as $1,000 sponsors. Inkorporate Graphics and Apparel once again is donating $700 in-kind. Fleming Financial, Barsamian Family Dentistry, John Santeiu and Sons and Garden City Medical Center return at $500 each. McKenna and Associates and Hemming, Polaczyk, Cronin, Witthoff, Bennett and Demopoulos contributed $300 each, Mayor Randy Walker and his wife, Garden City ACE Hardware and Dr. Harvey Ellis donated $250. Party Animal contributed $100.

The Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade will be shown live on GCTV (channel 12 on Comcast, channel 18 on WOW and channel 99 on U-verse) and streamed live to the City's U Stream channel. The parade will also be shown for the first time live on Facebook on the city's page at City of Garden City, Michigan.

Visit the Santaland Parade website at www.santalandparade.com or on Facebook at Garden City Santaland Parade.

SHELBY MANN
About 11 pallets were donated to the Lumbee Tribe in North Carolina earlier this fall at Ward Church in Northville Township.

Drive for hurricane victims a success

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hometownlife.com

The level of generosity of those who donated at Ward Church last month to support those affected by Hurricane Matthew blew away Shelby Mann's expectations.

The Livonia resident, along with other family members, helped organize a drive to benefit members of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina last month. After the weekend drive, almost 11 full pallets were collected and shipped to help the tribe recover from the hurricane, which left the community decimated.

"We got a lot of water, a lot of baby clothes, a lot of canned goods and dry food, too," said Mann, who has family who live in Lumberton. "It was pretty amazing."

Over the span of three days in late October, the drive collected a wide array of items at Ward Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, in Northville Township. The donations were packed into a truck and delivered to the community Oct. 25.

Mann said the truck driver who delivered the goods from Michigan to North Carolina called after it arrived and said he was welcomed with open arms.

"He had called my dad and said it was probably one of the biggest donations collectively at the same time they've gotten," she said. "(He) had called and said, 'These are, like, the friendliest people you've ever met.'"

Clean water remains the biggest need for the community, which was affected after flooding took place from a nearby river during the storm. Mann said they were able to go to Costco and purchase several cases of water to ship down.

"I think we had at least two or three pallets of that," Mann said.

It's something that's still needed, as a boil water advisory was recently put back into place in the community.

The tribe is still accepting donations for relief efforts. To donate, go to lumbeetribe.com.

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Tail Waggers celebrates 27th anniversary

Tail Waggers 1990, a local 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, is inviting residents from the city of Livonia to celebrate its 27th anniversary as a name in the community. Throughout November, Tail Waggers will be offering exclusive discounts to Livonia residents as a thank you for the continued support the community has shown over the past 27 years.

Tail Waggers will be offering two discounted packages to Livonia residents throughout November. A Livonia Canine Package will be available for $60, which includes Rabies, Distemper/Parvo, Leptospirosis and Bordetella vaccinations as well as a free heartworm test and fecal exam. Those looking to keep their cats happy and healthy, a Livonia Feline Package will be available for $25. This package includes Rabies and Distemper vaccinations, as well as a free nail trim and fecal exam.

Tail Waggers welcomes everyone regardless of income level — there is no need to qualify to use their services. Residents will find that the affordable, preventative care given at the Wellness Center will save them substantial money which can be saved if there is ever a crisis for their pet needing emergency veterinarian treatment, the group says.

To take advantage of the city special, a scheduled appointment is needed by calling the Wellness center at 734-855-4077. For more information, visit tailwaggers1990.org.

FILE PHOTO

Redford resident Nicole Lehmann and pet Lily wait for vaccinations to be given at Tail Waggers earlier this year.

Westland Friends book sale: Stock up for winter reading

Winter is coming, so it's time to stock up on some reading materials at a cheap price.

The Friends of the Westland Library will be holding their annual Winter Used Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18-19, at the William P. Faust Library on Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren roads.

The sale kicks off with a Friends only preview sale 3-6 p.m.Thursday, Nov. 17. The sale wraps up from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, with a $4 bag sale. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds of the sale go to support library programs.

Dive into history and uncover some Great Lakes treasure

Susan Bromley
hometownlife.com

Dan Harrison believes that as a people, we are always pushing the envelope.

As a maritime archaeologist, anthropologist, reference librarian and marine diver, he studies history found under water, shipwrecks and other semi-buried treasures that are a testimony to pushing too far.

"A shipwreck is a moment in time, when something went wrong," said Harrison, a Farmington Hills resident. "Every shipwreck is a failure of some kind — sometimes just a failure to know what the weather is like or where you're going or the failure of a ship to last forever. They get old, they leak and looking at failure gives me a sense of what humans are trying to do. We're always reaching and trying and pushing the envelope. Shipwrecks mark places where we pushed too far. It gives perspective on what we can do from examining our failures."

Harrison will share the results of three Great Lakes diving projects during "Under Your Keel: Researching the Great Lakes," at 7 p.m. Nov. 15, at the Novi Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. The free program, in which Harrison uses a series of slides for visual effect, is part of the Kaleidoscope series presented by the Friends of the Novi Library.

The program has three segments to it, with Harrison diving first into his involvement with researching a 250-year-old cannon found in the Detroit River five years ago by police. The cannon, which originated in Great Britain, is the sixth cannon found in the Detroit River and offers a key perspective to the city's colonial past, Harrison noted, and the critical importance of Detroit to the French, British, Canadians and Native Americans.

"That is the job of archaeology, to look at the things we left behind, lost, broke and threw away and get them to tell their story," he said.

Harrison has dived in the ocean and loves the Caribbean for its wealth of marine life, including sharks and barracudas, but is quick to point out the advantage that the Great Lakes has over salt water — fresh water is much better at preserving what is left under the surface. A wealth of archaeological treasure exists in the Great Lakes, as well as other bodies of water in Michigan, that is in remarkably good shape.

TONY GRAMER

Maritime archaeologist Dan Harrison surveys the wreck of an unidentified 19th century schooner in Lake St. Clair.

MARK HOLLEY

Maritime archaeologist Dan Harrison surveys the remains of the historic Old Mission dock in Grand Traverse Bay.

In the second segment of his presentation, Harrison, currently working on his doctoral dissertation about the St. Clair River, will show and tell about shipwrecks found in the St. Clair Flats. This unique environment is what Harrison and his fellow research divers call "a wreck trap" and where he has studied 35 shipwrecks, with several to be displayed on slides.

"There are three dozen shipwrecks still there, some well-preserved, and we study them to try and tell the story of the 19th century, when Michigan was really booming with the building of big cities and the industrial revolution coming to the Great Lakes," he said.

During the final part of "Under Your Keel," Harrison will take the audience along with him on a dive via video of a Lake St. Clair shipwreck, which remains a mystery as the name of the ship is unknown. Discovering its identity is a guessing game and part of the job of researchers is to sift through records matching wrecks without names to names without wrecks. Through old newspapers and insurance claims, Harrison may find a vessel that wrecked in an approximate location, but three or four others may have as well.

According to the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, there are roughly 6,000 shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, only 10 percent of which have been found.

Harrison has dived between 20-30 of these wrecks, most very well-known, some as a recreational diver.

"They are all wonderful, all so unique," he said. "Every wreck has a story to tell, each is a chapter in our history. If you take away a chapter, you lose the thread. The more information I can provide, the better sense we will have of our intimate connection in Michigan with our water. We are lake people and the more we appreciate the lakes, the more we can do to protect them. In turn, they will protect us."

For more information on "Under Your Keel: Researching the Great Lakes," go to www.novilibrary.org.

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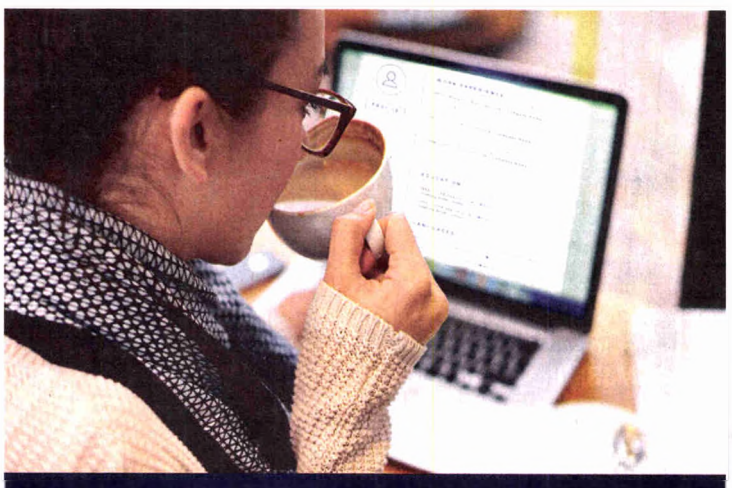

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Marching bands compete in Great Lakes Invitational

Diane Hanson
Correspondent

Autumn colors and smells delighted the senses Saturday, Oct. 29, but it was the unseasonably warm weather that added to the enjoyment of the hundreds that filled the Canton High School bleachers to watch 10 area bands take the gridiron with outstanding performances of music, marching, color and choreography.

The show opened with a performance by the Junior Color Guard, composed of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders from the Plymouth-Canton middle schools.

The bands, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton marching band — which played in a judged exhibition — and the P-C Boosters, performed their approximately 10-minute shows, developed over the season, to an appreciative crowd.

All four flights were represented – flights are determined by school enrollment, not by band size – with Flight I composed of the largest schools.

The Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, at Ford Field.

Great Lakes Invitational scores included:

Flight I: L'Anse Creuse, 93.2, first with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music and Outstanding General Effect; Novi, 92.825, second with a Caption Award for Outstanding Visual Performance; Clarkston, 90.9, third; Plymouth Canton, 95.425, Judged Exhibition.

Flight II: South Lyon, 90.525, first with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music, Visual and General Effect; Livonia Franklin, 87.3, second, Wyandotte Roosevelt, 87.175, third.

Flight III: South Lyon East, 88.075, first with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music, Visual and General Effect; Hazel Park, 85.55, second.

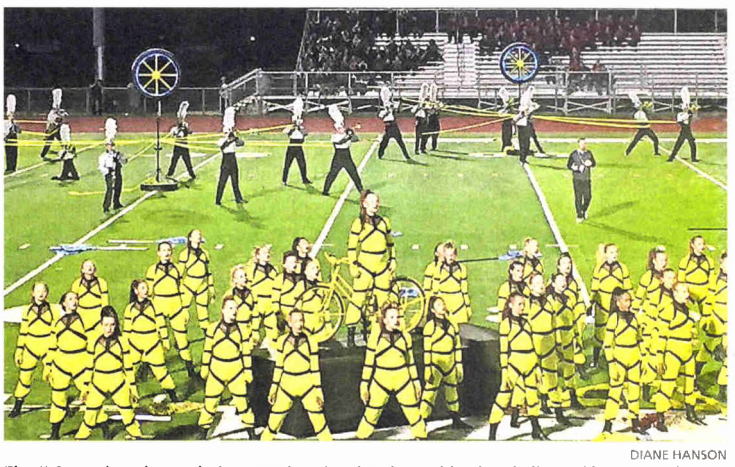
Flight IV: Ferndale, 90.175, first with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music, Visual and General Effect.

DIANE HANSON

The Livonia Franklin High School marching band put on a great show at the Great Lakes Invitational. The 63-member band, under the direction of Kristi Jasin, earned a Flight II second-place trophy with a score of 87.3 for its performance of "The Potion."

DIANE HANSON

The Junior Guard, composed of students from the Plymouth-Canton middle schools, opened the Great Lakes Invitational.



DIANE HANSON

The 176-member Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band, directed by G. Jonathan Thomann and Clayton Wachholz, performed its challenging and innovative program "Tangled In Greed" on its hometown field.

LETTERS TO THE WAYNE COUNTY EDITOR

Rev. Skiminis retires after 22 years

On Sept. 3, 2000, Rev. Skimins delivered a sermon titled, "Being an Authentic Christian," at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. I still have a hard copy of that sermon. For the past 22 years, Dr. James Skimins has exemplified what it means to be an "Authentic Christian."

In the message that morning, Dr. Skimins expressed the idea that it is a pity that we don't preach more often from the Book of James because it is aimed at the 21st century. The Book of James talks about doing the work of God by trying to live honestly and faithfully.

To quote Jim Skimins, "Oftentimes, in life, we can look at the disconnect between what's in our head and what we do and we wonder how to reconnect it together."

The Book of James begins to point us in a direction of how we can become authentic in our Christian living. Not perfect — but authentic.

We live in extraordinary times and are surrounded by major shifts in technology and our economy. The sheer rapidity of change, and, the uncertainty that it brings, is real.

Rev. Skimins has repeatedly offered sermons based on a verse from 2nd Timothy: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Sunday, Nov. 6, is the last scheduled worship service for Rev. Skimins, and it is quite appropriate, for this Scotsman, that it is St. Andrews Sunday. Our community has been very blessed with the moral example of Rev. Skimins for the last 22 years. Jim Skimins has lived by the words of John Wesley, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, for as long as ever you can."

Thank you, Jim. You did a great job!

John C. Stewart
Plymouth

Support Wayne RESA tax

Dear parents of Plymouth-Canton schools, I would like to thank you. So many of you have put in a tremendous effort to seeing the Wayne RESA Enhancement Millage pass. From putting up lawn signs, to organizing others to get lawn signs, or making posts about it, you have shown your support. Please know how appreciative all of the Plymouth-Canton teachers are to see our community rally behind this cause. The following letter is to those of you who are undecided or planning to vote no for the millage.

My name is Luke Haddad and I am a social studies teacher at Discovery Middle School. I have taught in our district for five years both at Discovery and Starkweather Academy. I am also a proud graduate of Salem High School, and went to Field, Miller, East and then Salem, respectively. My 16-month-old daughter, in a short few years, will be gracing the halls of Hoben as a Hornet.

I love our schools and I love this community. That is why I am asking you to vote yes for the millage. I know the reasons you are not. No one likes an increase in taxes and not every dollar you put in will go back to Plymouth-Canton schools. I understand, and if there was a different way, I'd be all for it. Unfortunately, there isn't.

There are two indisputable facts:

1. Plymouth-Canton Schools is underfunded. We currently get $7,511 per pupil (tied for the lowest in the state of Michigan) when the Michigan Education Finance Study found that for a school to be just adequately funded, they need $8,667 per pupil. We are short by $1,100. With a population of 17,500 students, we are $19.25 million per year behind where we need to be according to the finance study.

2. This is the only way Plymouth-Canton Schools can improve their per pupil allowance under Proposal A which passed in 1994. During that time, we were given 12 months to pass a millage to increase our funding but it was shot down at the time — twice. We are now paying for that decision. Ironically enough, in 1994, I was a second-grader at Field Elementary in Mrs. Bradley's portable, we could have really used the funding to be in a real classroom.

I hope that one day Proposal A is repealed, or at least reformed, which would allow for local millages to take place. I hope that one day Plymouth-Canton Schools has local control of funding, the way it should be. That is why next week, I will be voting a pro-public education ballot across the board. However, in the meantime, the immediate thing as a community that we can do is vote yes on this millage. Vote yes on Plymouth-Canton Schools. If there was anything in life to invest in, it is our future.

On behalf of Plymouth-Canton teachers,

Luke Haddad

Pobur supports voting reforms

Democracy works best when all citizens have a say in the policies that govern us. Young people, however, often have busy schedules that leave them unsure of where they are going to be on election day. In an increasingly hectic world, Michigan's current election laws don't accommodate the busy lifestyles of students and workers. Unlike other states, Michigan doesn't have no-reason absentee voting or early voting, both of which would make voting much more accessible.

Of the candidates for Michigan's 20th House District, Colleen Pobur supports these reasonable reforms to our voting system. These reforms are state-level policies, and we need a representative in Lansing who will lobby for them. Our representatives should be in the business of making voting easier, not harder.

Mario Gruszczynski
Walter Hanley
MSU students, Plymouth

Pray and vote

I had the pleasure of attending Franklin Graham's Decision America Rally in Lansing on the steps of our Capitol on Oct. 4. It was a truly great and epic event. (Please view https://decisionamerica-tour.com/a-time-for-decision/) . Billy and Franklin Graham implore us all to do our civic and heavenly duty. The choice is yours.

Please pray and ask yourself what God would ask you to do. I think the choice is clear. There is one party that supports life and religious freedom. The other party does not. This is not about two personalities, but rather what policies will accompany the winner of the election. Franklin Graham tells us, "Check their stance on pivotal moral issues and vote for those who best reflect Biblical values."

He also reminds us that the next president likely will have a huge impact on the Supreme Court as three of eight current justices are 77 years old or older.

Franklin Graham quotes Samuel Adams, one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence, when he said "Let each citizen remember, at the moment he is offering his vote, that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual — or at least that he ought not so to do, but he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society, for which he is accountable to God and his Country."

Franklin tells us that "This is the most important election of our lifetime!"

I agree. I humbly ask you to do two things: pray and vote.

Bob Cushman
Northville

Bring productive change

The Van Buren school board campaign is about voting for new people who want to bring about productive change. We are four concerned residents of the township, who are each running for a position on the school board. We met when we entered into the race and decided immediately that we shared similar core beliefs and knew we could do great things together for the students, administration and our community.

We have a vision to engage, educate and empower every student to succeed and become a contributing member of society; allow teachers the freedom to apply their own creativity within the appropriate structural boundaries to enable them to teach our students; and ensure the district maintains the highest standards and strives for the highest level of achievement through sound policy and fiscal responsibility;

A good school system is the most important contributing factor to any community. We are prepared to represent our community and make the type of changes needed to ensure we have the best to offer our students and our teachers. We would be honored to serve on this board and ask you to vote for productive change by voting for Victor De Libera, Susan K. Featheringill, Darlene Loyer Gerick and Simone Pinter.

Susan K. Featheringill
Van Buren

RESA tax unfair

The RESA tax increase is unfair to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district taxpayers. A total of $10,500,000 would be collected from P-CCS taxpayers and put into the pool to be re-distributed to Wayne County school districts. When re-distributed, $6,700,000 would come back to P-CCS and $3,800,000 would be re-distributed to the other 32 districts in Wayne County.

The $6.7 million to P-CCS is 64 percent of the total. This adds to the already disproportionate amount P-CCS taxpayers already pay to the state versus what the district receives back from the state.

P-CCS district taxpayers send $30-plus million in school property taxes and approximately $61 million in sales tax for a total of approximately $91 million to the state and we get back from the state $71 million in per-pupil foundation aid or approximately $20 million less than we pay. The RESA tax Increase compounds the problem of the taxpayers paying more than we receive. The solution should be to fix the way the tax dollars are distributed, not just increase taxes.

John Giummo
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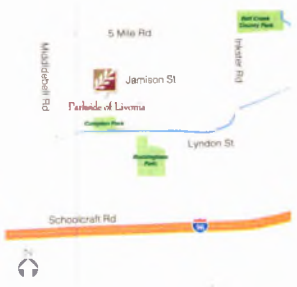

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Blues at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks is set for 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The concert is in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society. There is a $5 donation at the door. Bring your dancing shoes. The Dale Robertson Band returns with their crowd-pleasing rhythm-and-blues, toe tapping, dance-to music. Dale Robertson on harmonica and vocals, the famous Billy Davis on guitar, Robin Briggs on guitar and vocals, Michael Davis on bass, and Jake Segall on percussion and vocals. For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarboreIks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Holiday memorial service

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home presents its 22nd annual Holiday Memorial Service from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Canton Chapel, 42600 Ford Road, Canton. A keepsake gift will be presented to all who attend. Light refreshments will be served. Call L.J. Griffin Funeral Home at 734-981-1700 to make a reservation. When you call, let the funeral home staff know the name of your loved one to be honored and the names of guests.

Clean eating

The Livonia Public Library presents "Clean Eating: Protect Your Well Being in a Processed World" with Deborah Lieder at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.Lieder will discuss the modern food industry, how food affects our bodies, popular diets and dieting, and a mind-body-spirit approach to health and well-being.

Dale Robertson and his band will perform at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Club in Plymouth.

Durwood Coffey art displayed

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton presents more than 10 years of paintings by artist Durwood Coffey. The exhibit will run now through Nov. 29, in the Gallery@VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Following in the footsteps of childhood heroes such as Howard Pyle, N.C. Wyeth and Norman Rockwell, Durwood Coffey learned the art of illustration and practiced this visual skill for more than 30 years in the corporate world.

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

Good Morning Redford

Members and non-members are invited to attend the Redford Chamber of Commerce Good Morning Redford program Tuesday, Nov. 8, at McDonald's, 25830 Plymouth Road. Coffee is at 7:30 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8 a.m. Choices are hotcakes or oatmeal. The cost is $8 for members, $16 for non-members. RSVP to the Redford chamber office at 313-535-0960 or aa@redfordchamber.org.

Laugh with comedy fest

The Laughing Pig Comedy Festival to raise funds for The Art Center in Garden City is set for 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov., 13, at the Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford Road, Garden City. The evening features Ken Evans and Garden City's own Kevin Kramis and Travis Grand. Tickets are $20 per person and may be purchased in advance at the Garden City Downtown Development Authority, Fleming Financial Services or at the door the night of the show. For more information, contact John Fleming at 734-604-0227 or John@FlemingFinancialSvcs.com. Doors open at 4 p.m. Must be 18 years or older.

Christmas tour

Livonia's 28th annual Christmas Walk/Home Tour, sponsored by the Friends of Greenmead, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec 3. Tickets are $10 or $9 in advance and are available at Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia City Hall (Community Resources, 5th Floor), all Livonia public libraries, or from any member of the Friends of Greenmead. The tour will feature four private homes, St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, and the Simmons/Hill House and the A.J. Geer store on the Greenmead grounds.(Start your walk at Greenmead.) All proceeds benefit the restoration of Greenmead Historical Park. For more information, call 248-477-7375.

Emergency food distribution

The city of Livonia will distribute food, through the State of Michigan Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the vacant district court building, 15140 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile.

Applesauce, beef stew, shredded wheat cereal, pinto beans dry packed and tomato juice, plus other items provided by Forgotten Harvest will be distributed. This distribution is offered to Livonia residents enrolled in TEFAP with a TEFAP ID card.

Distributions are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. Senior housing residents should check with their housing office for TEFAP information. For more information, contact the Community Resource Department, Commodity Food line at 734-466-2673.

Celebrate internationally

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

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

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

On display

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

Wreath and blanket sale

The women of the Garden City Moose Lodge will host their 11th annual grave blankets and wreath sales.

All of the blankets and wreaths are handmade and decorated to fit customer needs. Customers pick colors and decorations. Blankets are 5 feet long and are $48, including two anchors. The wreaths are $22 and also come with a stand for grave sites. The 30-inch crosses are $35 including a 42-inch easel. The women also make the Christmas wreaths to hang on doors for the holidays.

Special themed orders can be made for an additional charge. All orders must be received by no later than Monday Nov. 14. Pick-up dates are Nov. 26 and 27 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Garden City Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford Road. To place an order, call Kim Dowidait at 734-564-5777 or email kdow14@yahoo.com. The items can also be ordered at the Moose Lodge.

Looking for volunteers

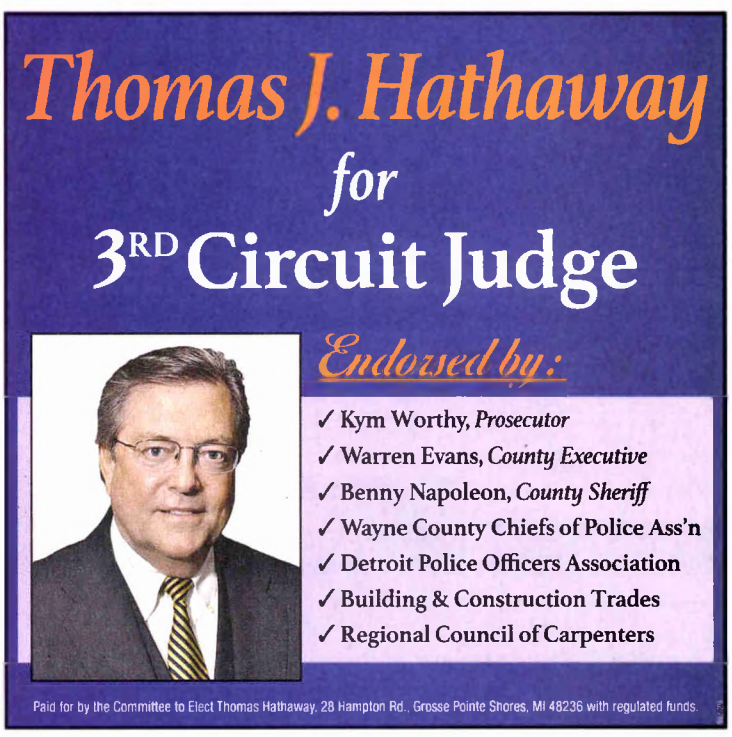
Are you look for volunteer opportunities in Livonia? If so, consider volunteering with Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia, a volunteer nonprofit group that provides weekend food to at-risk children in the Livonia Public School System. The group packs more than 220 bags of food each week and is in need of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

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

Neighbors and friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, will host a fashion show, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. Fashions from The Dress Barn will be modeled by members. The event will be at at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, in Livonia.

For more information, visit http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com.



Music makes singer forget about her pain

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Ali McManus tones her guitar in her dorm.

Jennifer Kincer is "very picky" about the singers she mentors.

When she met Ali McManus five years ago, Kincer didn't think twice about coaching the 19-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman.

"I think it's one of those things where I saw something special in her. There has to be a balance of passion, talent, kindness and a willingness to serve the community. She seemed to encompass all of those things," Kincer said.

"Ali is always willing to perform as much as she can. She has drive and passion. Her voice is unique. It has a unique tone and timbre. Her songwriting is genuine, real, and from the heart."

That McManus can sing at all is something of a miracle.

The spunky Oakland University freshman sings and breathes with 30 percent lung capacity. The voice work helps strengthen her lung muscles, although McManus occasionally runs out of air on long notes and lengthy warm-ups.

When McManus was 13, her spine bent to a curvature of 146 degrees, crushing her lungs and stomach. The severe case of scoliosis diminished her long-term lung function and hindered her ability to eat at the time.

"When you start getting scoliosis, you need to act on it when it's at 15 degrees. But with mine, my bones are weak, so they (doctors) were always like, we can't touch her," McManus explained. "I lost 20 pounds in a month because I could only eat a clementine a day. I had no neck whatsoever and my shoulder blade was to my hip. The main problem was within a year I would have stopped breathing."

Health challenges

The daughter of Julie and Mark McManus of Bloomfield Hills, McManus had a rough start in life, being born premature with a 50-50 chance of survival. During her childhood she had 10 surgeries, including a neck surgery that required her to wear a halo vest afterward, and hip surgery that led to a body cast for 67 days at age 9.

At 13, with lung capacity at 19 percent, McManus had no choice but to undergo spinal fusion surgery that would insert steel rods into her back and neck to fuse and straighten her spine. The 12-hour surgery took place at Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., where McManus had previously been seen for her fragile bones and scoliosis. The spinal fusion operation, and the halo traction that followed, meant McManus would live at the hospital for nine months.

"I made the best of it ... but I was being pulled up by my head with 40 pounds 24/7," she said, describing the traction. "My back isn't perfect but it is amazing compared to what it was. I grew seven inches in those nine months. I got a neck, which I love. It's short but I can wear scarves now and necklaces."

She entertained other patients at the hospital and earned the title "Patient Ambassador." As a child, McManus had discovered music helped take her mind off her pain. She learned to play piano, sang in the school choir, penned songs at age 11 and took up the guitar two years ago. The instrument was challenging because she can't bend her neck to watch her fingers play chords.

"I had to mentally picture my hands on the strings," she said. "If Stevie Wonder can play blind, I can play guitar."

She took that same confident attitude with her to a singer-songwriter camp at Interlochen two years ago. The experience proved to herself and others that she could live on her own. She graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School in June and began taking communications, writing and a music class at OU this fall.

100 shows

McManus zips around campus in her wheelchair, which she considers temporary. She's waiting for technology to improve and assurances that her bones won't shatter if she undergoes needed hip surgery.. Off-campus she stays busy with live performances and studio work. She has recorded two of four songs for an EP that she hopes to release next year.

"Her first recital for me was at the Royal Park Hotel, (in Rochester), Kincer said."Since then she has done about 100 performances."

McManus sang at Arts, Beats, and Eats this year, and shared the stage a few years ago with Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Her most meaningful shows are for patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan and at Children's Miracle Network events.

"I sing and speak about how important it is for music therapy to be in a patient's life. Music healed me and it really did save my life. Music is how I stayed sane and positive. Music is my three minutes of no pain."

McManus will participate in the For Kids Radiothon! Thursday, Nov. 17, which will be broadcast live from Beaumont Children's Hospital on 96.3 WDVD. Visit her website at alimcmanus.com.

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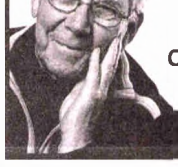

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City of Livonia – 10/03/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: White, Bahr, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, Jolly, and McIntyre
Absent: None.
Public Hearings Announced
Monday, October 10th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. – City Hall Auditorium.
1) Lawrence Leaman, MASCO Corporation, is requesting approval of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for land and building improvements, machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures at their facility located at 17450 College Parkway, Livonia, MI 48152. (Industrial Development District #117).
2) The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of Amrhein Road (Eckles Road to a point 3,500 feet East of Eckles Road) in order to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) LAP Program, scheduled for the 2017 Construction Season.

Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. City Hall Auditorium.
1) **PETITION 2016-08-01-05** submitted by Michael Gowen, requesting to rezone a portion of the property located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Newburgh Road and Jarvis Avenue (38105 Plymouth Road) in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, from C-1 (Local Business) to R-1 (One Family Residential).

Items were received and filed.
#375-16 Approving minutes of the 1,809th Regular Meeting of the Council on September 19, 2016.
#376-16 Granting Michelle Moccia from St. Mary's Hospital additional time to speak during audience communication.
#377-16 Approving the route for the Clarenceville High School Homecoming Parade.
First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Sections 030, 050, 060, and 090, Title 3, Chapter 12, (Senior Citizens Housing Tax Exemption) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.
#378-16 Authorizing expenditure of $750,000.00 in 2016 and $750,000.00 in 2017, increasing the not to exceed contract amount for each year to $1,100,000.00, for the mandated improvements to the City's water main and sanitary sewer, as required to satisfy the settlement agreement in the case of *Domino, et al. V City of Livonia*, Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 11-010285NZ.
#379-16 Approving Petition 2016-07-08-08, to construct an addition to the maintenance garage of Livonia Fire Station #6, subject to conditions.
#380-16 Accepting the bid of Degenhardt & Sons, Inc., for performing all work required in connection with the addition to the existing apparatus maintenance garage at Fire Station #6.
#381-16 Referring Petition 2016-08-08-10, in connection with renovation to the existing BP gas station at 17151 Middlebelt Road, to the Committee of the Whole, after the outstanding water and tax bills due to the City of Livonia have been paid, for its report and recommendation.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

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LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION
Advertisement for Bids

The Livonia Housing Commission, Livonia, Michigan, will receive sealed bids in its offices at 19300 Purlingbrook Road., 48152, Livonia Michigan until 11:00 a.m. local time, on Tuesday, **November 22, 2016.** A public opening will follow shortly afterwards. Any bid received after this time will not be considered. All work shall be performed per the plans and specifications prepared by Design House Architects and Designers, LLC, 10484 Range line Road, Berrien Springs, MI. Bid work shall consist of Intercom Systems for two high rise buildings and minor repairs of associated work. All bids shall be executed on forms provided in the specifications or approved equal provided by the bidder. A special board meeting date will be determined to award the contract.

Each bid must include a "non-collusion" affidavit and fully enclosed HUD 5369-A form, and a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid. This bond will be forfeit in case of any failure to enter into the contract at the bid price after notification of acceptance of such bid. The project is subject to Department of Labor Davis Bacon wage rates and the funding source is the Community Development Block Grant program.

Section 3 Performance as well as all other forms as outlined in the specifications must accompany all bids. Both the Architect and Housing Commission desire all prime contractors submitting bids to encourage all minority subcontractors to perform any portions of the work which will not be performed by the contractor's forces or could be performed by the minority subcontractor. Bidders must submit written evidence that they have solicited quotations from qualified Section 3 subcontractors at the time the bidder submits its bid to the Housing Commission for all portions of work the bidder is not proposing to complete with his forces. The Architect and Housing Commission also desire that the prime contractor will make an attempt at the hiring of those housing residents that can perform any function of the work successfully. All bidders shall comply with HUD Section 3 Clause of regulation 24 C.F.R. part 135.

The Livonia Housing Commission is in no way obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid submitted and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Livonia Housing Commission also may waive informalities in any bid if it judges to do so and to defer the acceptance or rejection of such bids until the financial arrangements for the project bid are completed.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from: The Livonia Housing Commission, 19300 Purlingbrook Road, 48152, Livonia Michigan on or after **November 7, 2016. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:00 am, November 14, 2016** at the Livonia Housing Commission office. Site visits will be by appointment only and made through the Housing office by contacting Mr. James Inglis at 248-477-7086.

Contractor awarded project will provide an acceptable Performance and Payment bond equal to 100% of the contracted price. These bonds shall conform to the forms prescribed by the State Board of Accounts. Plans, Specifications, and Instructions to Bidders are on file at The Livonia Housing Commission and **Design House Architects and Designers, LLC**, 574-276-1411.

Livonia Housing Commission
James M. Inglis, Executive Director
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City of Livonia

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'School of Rock' takes Churchill stage Nov. 10-12

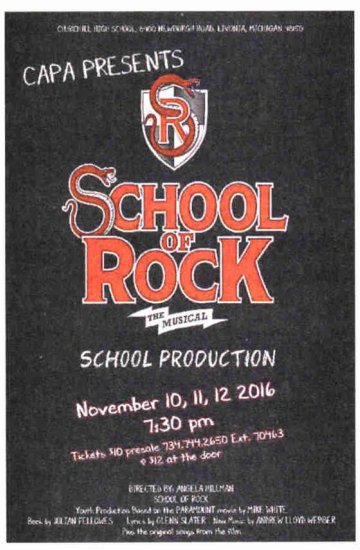
From the big screen to the Churchill High School theater stage comes "School of Rock," the latest show presented by the Creative and Performing Arts program at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10-12

Take a seat at this high school adaptation of the box office hit starring Jack Black, as CAPA students bring to life the music and drama from inside the walls of the Horace Green Prep School.

Dewey Finn, played by Brenden Smith, is a wannabe rocker who is broke and needs cash. He deceives the right people and lands a teaching position at the Horace Green Prep School. Wanting desperately to live out his own rock and roll dreams, Finn decides to form a student band and signs up for the Battle of the Bands competition. In the process, Finn discovers a lot about kids, education, life and himself.

Directed by Angela Hillman, "School of Rock" features performances in the major roles of Principal Rosalie Mullins, played by Sophie Tomasi; Ned Schneebly, played by Mathew Webb; Summer Hathaway, played by Helen Delphia; Zack Mooneyham, played by Alex Bartley-Livingston; Freddy Hamilton, played by Braden Fitch; Lauren-z Turner, played by Marie Boyd; and Katie Travis, played by Cate Visscher.

Tickets to see "School of Rock" performed by CAPA are $10 in advance by calling 734-744-2650, ext. 70463, or $12 at the door. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. Churchill High School is at 8900 Newburgh Road.



Life is golden for retriever who 'works' at Liblang Law Firm

Sharon Dargay
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Bart Liblang has his own Facebook page, a cushy bed at work and a pretty sweet job.

He's the official greeter at Liblang Law Firm in downtown Birmingham. When the elevator doors open to the second floor at 346 Park, the 10-year-old golden retriever welcomes clients with a wag of his tail, a broad grin and occasionally a favorite toy.

"He's such a people-oriented dog," said owner Dani Liblang,who took him to the Sportsman's Dog Training Club as a puppy. "I took him all the way through Canine Good Citizen (class), so he knows how to behave in an office. He's a pretty good boy. But also, I'm fortunate enough to work with a bunch of dog lovers. He has it made. Everybody pitches in if I'm out for the day, if he needs to go out, if he needs more water.

"I have a client that bakes homemade treats for him and sends him his own tin of treats every Christmas," she added. "The Fed Ex people bring him treats. The postal lady brings him treats. He has a pretty good life here."

Liblang created a dog-friendly environment when she moved into the Park Street building in 2008. She established her practice in 1982, a year after graduating from the University of Detroit Law School, and specializes in consumer law, with an emphasis on lemon law and auto fraud. Bart has been the office greeter since he was 2. She took Bart's predecessor, Jillian, who also was a golden retriever, to work with her on weekends and after business hours when the firm was located in an office building.

Office therapist

"I think bringing a dog to work is really wonderful. I know I enjoy it and he really loves it," she said. "Since the law is such a stressful business, I think he does add a dimension of calmness. He's definitely our resident therapist and stress reliever. And for clients, we also do personal injury and I've had some catastrophically-injured clients. When they come in for depositions or even when they have to tell their story and have to relive the story enough to tell it to us, it's very traumatic.

"I think one of the things Bart does is he seems to know when people need comfort and I've actually seen him rest his head gently or sit gently by someone's wheelchair and comfort them. And I've seen people be able to really relax and feel stronger when dealing with depositions. Because that is tough when you have the opposing side grilling you, but then you have a nice big dog there."

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Life is sweet for Bart, the golden retriever. Owner Dani Liblang gives him a hug in her Birmingham law office.

She has taken Bart to visit at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City and hopes to have him certified as a therapy dog. She also took Jillian to visit patients at a hospital in Grand Rapids.

Liblang has been an animal lover since she was a youngster. She grew up in Waterford with her parents and three siblings and rescued "everything," including orphaned bunnies, squirrels and even birds that had fallen from their nests.

"We went from one extreme to another. We had a great Dane for a little while and we had a little Yorkshire terrier," she said. "But I've always gravitated toward big dogs, like Bart."

When she and her husband Eric, who's also an attorney, moved from a condo into a house in Birmingham, the couple brought Jillian into their new home.

"She was the prettiest golden I'd ever seen," Liblang said. "Just the best dog. I was heartbroken when I lost her. She lived to be 16."

She was so heartbroken that her staff pitched in and bought her Bart for Christmas. Now she's considering dog adoption. She noted that October is National Dog Adoption Month and encourages dog lovers to adopt pets, foster dogs, volunteer at shelters and donate to rescues.

"I'm trying to talk my husband into adopting another dog to keep Bart company," she said. "One of the reasons I like golden retrievers — but I love all dogs — is they are so good as therapy dogs. And their temperament is perfectly suited to be an office dog. But there are many other breeds that are just as well-suited. And there are many (mixed breed) dogs that are very well-suited and have great personalities."

In the meantime, Bart has most of the office canine amenities to himself, although office manager Eileen Wheeler brings her dog Willow to the office nearly every day, too. Willow mostly stays in Wheeler's office, which is outfitted with a dog bed, a crate and other canine items.

"Bart likes Willow. Willow is pretty standoffish to Bart," Liblang said, with a laugh.

His territory

His food and water bowls are kept on the floor in the office kitchen. His toy box and bed are in Liblang's office, near her desk, which is decorated with his photos and a sign, "Live, Laugh, Bark." In the winter, Bart likes to stretch out in front of the fireplace in the room.

Liblang has been tapped a few times to work on cases involving dogs, even though it's not her specialty. .

"I'm such a dog person that probably everyone who meets me hears about dogs. I'm sure that's how I got the calls in the first place," she said. "I do think the law should recognize that most pets aren't just property, that they are members of people's families and, that when bad things happen to pets, that can be devastating to the family."

Recognizing that some clients may be afraid of dogs or may be allergic to fur, she posted a sign inside the elevator at her office, advising them to call before they walk into her office suite.

She can think of only one time Bart exhibited "bad dog" behavior at work. He swiped a sandwich from a court reporter's purse during a deposition. When he was caught, the sandwich was still in one piece, but an office staffer photographed him wearing a "dog shaming" sign and posted it on Facebook.

"We had actually been hoping he had stolen it from the defense counsel because we like the court reporter," she said. "The court reporter liked him so much that she actually wanted to trade treats with him. He's a good dog."

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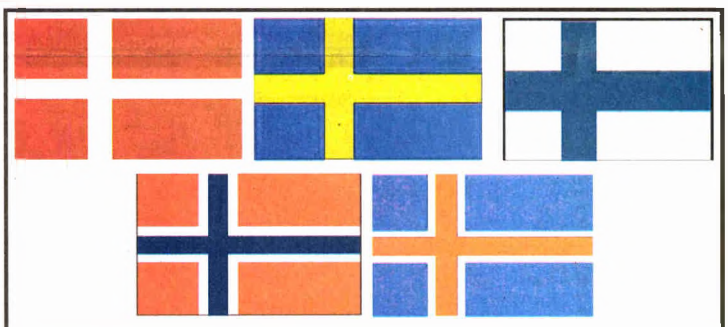

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Fallen Muslim Marine recruit to be honored

The Michigan Muslim Community Council will be honoring the sacrifice of U.S. Marine recruit Raheel Siddiqui at the 30th annual Michigan Muslim Unity Banquet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Burton Manor in Livonia.

His parents emigrated from Pakistan more than 25 years ago and he grew up in Taylor. He was valedictorian at Truman High School and went on to study at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, working part time at Home Depot. He dreamed of serving his country and, despite his mother's fears, he enlisted in the Marines. He spent a year preparing for his enlistment in the Marines by learning swimming, long distance running and getting himself in good physical shape. He started basic training for the U.S. Marines in March 2016 at Parris Island, S.C.

Unfortunately, within two weeks of starting his training, Siddiqui was killed after falling from a third-floor stairwell. The circumstances of the death are under investigation, but 20 Marine officials currently face disciplinary measures directly due to the tragic death. U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn, has played a critical role in ensuring justice will be done. Siddiqui is survived by his parents and sister.

"Raheel Siddiqui and his family made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and we are proud to call him an amazing Michigan Muslim. They are an example of how immigrants and new Americans embrace their country and make America great." executive director Imam Mohamed Almasmari said.

The 30th annual banquet brings together the diverse Michigan Muslim community and its friends to celebrate the achievements and success throughout the year.

Pantry gets help feeding families

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Volunteers scramble at Open Door Ministry during one of its food distributions.

A Canton-based food pantry that feeds hundreds of families across western Wayne County is getting a boost as it heads toward the Thanksgiving holiday.

Open Door Ministry, which feeds about 430 struggling families every week, has been chosen for a food drive by Bayloff Stamped Products, a Belleville-based auto parts stamping plant, and Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Westland.

Adrienne Erwine, Bayloff administrative assistant, said it's important for those who have jobs and food to help those who don't.

"We recognize that we are very blessed," Erwine said. "We have jobs. We don't have to worry about providing for our families. We also have the capability to give back to our community."

Open Door helps families from communities such as Canton, Westland, Plymouth, Wayne, Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Belleville and others as far west as Ypsilanti and as far east as Inkster.

The latest food drive occurs 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Texas Roadhouse on Ford Road, east of Newburgh, in Westland. Erwine said items such as cereal, canned goods and "anything that has a long shelf life" may be dropped off at the restaurant. Donors who give five or more items will be entered into a drawing for two main floor, general admission tickets to country singer Kip Moore's concert Dec. 8 at The Fillmore in Detroit. Everyone who donates will get a $5 coupon for Texas Roadhouse.

Steve Darr, Open Door Ministry director, said the organization depends on the help of the community. He said businesses, scouting organizations, school groups and many others pitch in.

"It just blesses my heart to see all all these organizations come out to help us or donate money," he said. "We do depend very much on all the donations we get."

Open Door has distributed about 900,000 pounds of food so far this year, compared to 1.1 million pounds for all of last year. It gets much of its food from Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners Community Food Bank, but it also relies on help from local groups.

Open Door is in its 14th year. During that time, it has touched the lives of 6.500 families and more than 20,000 people within its service area.

For more on Open Door, go to http://www.opendoorfoodministry.org/.

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Rash of catalytic converter thefts reported in Livonia

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Livonia police are warning residents to be on the lookout after several vehicles had their catalytic converters stolen this past week.

At least four reports of stolen catalytic converters were made with police Thursday. Two occurred in the 28600 block of Buckingham.

Police were patrolling the neighborhood in that area Thursday morning on a possibility of stolen catalytic converters. An officer spoke to a resident in the area who was out and asked if he could check his vehicle to see if anything had been stolen. When the officer checked, he reportedly found the catalytic converter stolen out of the vehicle, which was parked on the south side of the street.

Later that evening, a resident who lives in the same block came into the police station to report his catalytic converter stolen off of his vehicle. He said he parked his vehicle outside of his home the night before. When he came out the next morning, he discovered the catalytic converter missing.

Another incident was reported Thursday afternoon, this time in the 14800 block of Arcola. A resident came into the police station to report her catalytic converter stolen sometime overnight. She said she went to start her car that morning and then discovered it was missing. She said her mother heard a loud noise around midnight the night before, but didn't see anything when she looked out the window.

One last theft was reported to police Thursday morning that took place in the 30000 block of Grandon. The resident there shared a similar story to the others: after starting her car that morning, she thought she had problems with her muffler. She took it right to a repair shop and they informed her her catalytic converter had been taken.

She said she believed it may have been taken sometime between 11:10 p.m. the night before and 6 a.m. that morning, as that's when her sensor light on the garage had been unscrewed and disabled. She said the light was working properly around 11 p.m. the night before.

No suspect information in any of these cases was available. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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SPORTS

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Churchill can't be doused in district

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A school fire alarm accidentally went off in the middle of the third set during Thursday's Class A volleyball district final at Livonia Stevenson, causing a five-minute delay.

But no need for an evacuation or practice drill as Livonia Churchill had already caused smoke inhalation for the host Spartans after taking the first two sets while leading 14-7 in the third before going on to post a convincing 25-10, 25-17, 25-11 victory.

The alarm went off at 7 p.m, exactly one hour into the match.

"The fire drill was kind of an interesting deal," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose team improved to 33-13-2. "What I thought could have been a little bit of a momentum switch

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MARYBETH GENDJAR

Churchill's Megan Gendjar (left) and Anne Yost (middle) go for the block during Wednesday's district semifinal win against John Glenn.

PREP FOOTBALL

TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Thorton Cain (left) makes a cut against a Divine Child defender.

Rough second half dooms Panthers in district final

Mike Rosenbaum
Correspondent

Redford Union, a team that few predicted would make this year's state playoffs – let alone earn a tournament victory – had realistic hopes of pulling off another surprise Friday against Dearborn Divine Child. A series of plays late in the third quarter and early in the fourth ended those dreams, as the host Falcons broke through for a 31-7 victory in a Division 3 district final.

The Panthers trailed just 17-7 midway through the third quarter, when the momentum seemed to briefly turn their way. Divine Child had reached the Redford 36, but on third-and-10, Blake Hartsfield burst through and sacked Falcons quarterback Theo Day for a 7-yard loss. Then, after taking possession at the 24 following a punt, Thorton Cain swept left for what appeared to be a 45-yard gain. But the play was called back for a holding penalty, leading to a three-and-out and an RU punt.

"I think we were picked to finish last in our league; we finished third in our league. Nobody had us going to the playoffs, nobody had us winning the district."

MILES TOMASAITIS
Redford Union head coach

The game then took a nasty turn on the punt return, when the Panthers' Talil Groves absorbed a big hit. Although the officials ruled it legal, several Panthers took exception to the block, which was behind the play. Quarterback Carl Ware charged at the Divine Child bench, followed by some teammates. Order was quickly restored, but after a flurry of personal foul and unsportsmanlike penalties were sorted out, the Falcons had possession at the RU 40, having gained an extra 15-yard penalty. Even worse, Ware had been ejected from the contest.

Panthers coach Miles Tomasaitis said he "didn't totally agree" with all the officials' rulings on the play, but noted

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Bedford's triple-option QB sinks Patriots

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Taking a page out of the U.S. Naval Academy's famous triple-option attack, Temperance Bedford used Joey Wiemer as its main torpedo.

The 6-foot-4, 200-pound senior quarterback cruised through and around Livonia Franklin's defense all night long, accounting for 306 yards total offense Friday as the host Kicking Mules captured the MHSAA Division 2 district title with a 39-22 victory.

"That's normal, he's a freak of nature, he just plays hard," Bedford coach Jeff Wood said of his senior QB. "He read the option better than he has all year. He pitched the ball on the option, which created bigger plays because (Franklin) widened the outside (line) backers, which gave him the lane. We ran four different option plays tonight and he was just like the conductor of the orchestra. He just did a great job."

The Patriots, who made a run all the way to the Division 2 state semifinals last year, ended their season with a 7-4 record.

And Wiemer, who rushed for 203 yards on 32 carries while going 4-of-4 passing for another 103 yards, was the one most instrumental in Franklin's second-round exit.

"The kid (Wiemer) is a phenomenal player and they had that offense down pretty well," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "When you try to do something, they know how to attack you. With the quarterback as good as he is, that makes things very difficult. The hard part was their in-game switches and stuff that they would counteract what we were doing. It's hard to prepare for a kid who doesn't get tackled unless you've got

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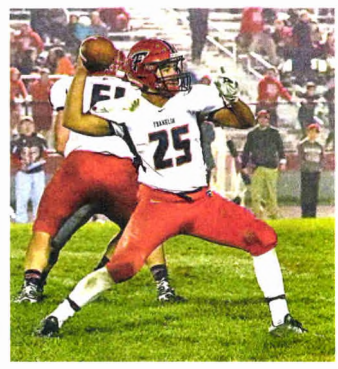

NANCY ERWIN

Franklin quarterback Jacob Clark fires a pass during Friday's district final at Bedford.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Rice wins regional; Seaholm places second

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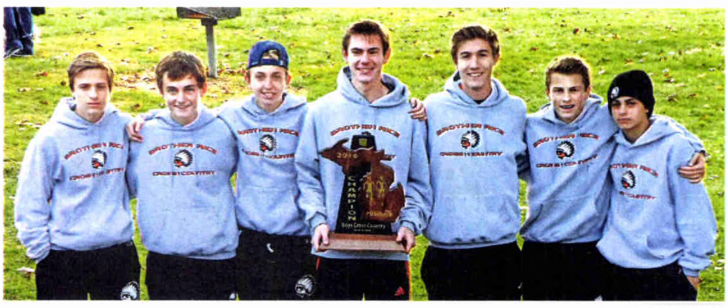

PAT DAVEY

Brother Rice raced to its first regional title since 2009 thanks to the efforts of (from left) Cole Gellatly, Kevan O'Brien, Grant Davey, Kyle Chisholm, Michael Tremonti, Alec Miracle and Jacob Hannawa.

PAT DAVEY

Junior Mike Tremonti (right) was Brother Rice's top finisher at the Division 1 regional.

Brother Rice and Seaholm dominated the Division 1 boys cross country regional Oct. 29 at Metro Beach Metropark.

The Warriors and Maples both had three runners among the top 10 in the 138-person, 20-team field to finish first and second overall.

Brother Rice won the regional title — its first since 2009 — with 48 points. Seaholm was just 14 points back, with 62 points. Grosse Pointe North was a distant third with 130 points, followed by Royal Oak (155), Fraser (171) and Bloomfield Hills (183) to round out the top six.

The top three teams are now headed to the state championship meet, scheduled for Saturday at the MIS Speedway in Brooklyn. Action in the four divisions begins at 10 a.m., with the Division 1 boys race set for 2 p.m.

"It was a great accomplishment for us," Brother Rice veteran head coach Bob Stark said about winning his first regional in seven years. "We ran very well, probably the best team effort we've had all year.

"I know Birmingham Seaholm is a strong team and well-coached and we were glad to get first place ahead of them," he added. "I think we have a talented group of runners."

The Warriors were led by junior Mike Tremonti, who placed fifth overall in a time of 16:13. Sophomores Alec Miracle placed seventh in 16:16 and Kevan O'Brien took 10th in 16:21.

Rice's other scoring runners were junior Grant Davey, 12th in 16:25, and senior Kyle Chisholm, 14th in 16:36.

Sophomore Jacob Hannawa (36th in 17:05) and sophomore Cole Gellatly (67th in 17:47.50) also raced for Brother Rice.

Seaholm runner-up again

Seaholm, with four runners returning from last year's squad that also finished as regional runner-up, earned its second straight state-qualifying berth.

Seniors Luke Wallace and Ben Williams were second and third overall, respectively, while sophomore George Nummer took fourth.

"We finished second because we have great leaders in our top two runners, Luke Wallace and Ben Williams," said Seaholm head coach Dave Hamway, whose team has now advanced to the state meet in three of the past four years. "These boys have done a great job staying focused, running well and guiding this team throughout the season."

Wallace, who earlier this season set a school record with a time of 15:38.3 in winning the Benzie Central Invitational, was second overall in 15:46. Williams was right behind at 16:04 and Nummer was fourth in 16:11.0 to set a new personal-best time by 28 seconds.

"George ran a smart tactical race and moved up nicely through the front pack to finish fourth," Hamway said.

Seaholm's two other scorers were sophomore Jacob Sayers, 21st in 16:52.0, and senior David Seago, 32nd in 17:01.0. Juniors Calum Walton (55th in 17:30) and Basheer Mossallam (60th in 17:41) were the other Maples participants.

The Maples placed 10th overall at last year's Division 1 state meet. Hamway hopes for another top 10 finish this year.

"I think we have a solid front three that can run with any of the top teams in the state," Hamway said. "So if our fourth and fifth runners, Jake Sayers and David Seago, have a quality race at the state meet, we'll finish well."

Bloomfield Hills was led by senior Finnley MacKillop, who placed 20th with a time of 16:51. The other Black Hawks scorers were Damian Jankowski (27th), Ben Kaufman (35th), Noah Kellman (49th) and Jacob King (52).

Birmingham Groves senior Alexander Ross was eighth overall in 16:19 and qualified for the state meet.

DIVISION 2: Detroit Country Day and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood finished in the lower end of the field at the regional Oct. 29 at Metro Beach Metropark.

The top three state qualifying squads were Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (65), Linden (78) and Lake Fenton (88). Detroit Country Day was 10th with 290 points and Cranbrook Kingswood 12th with 373.

DCD's top two runners were seniors Rahul Khambete (45th in 19;00.40) and Revanth Manam (52nd in 19:22.50). CK's top two runners were junior Tristan Sirls (65th in 20:38.40) and senior Qingyi Wang (71st in 21:45.10).

SPIKERS

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BRAD EMONS

The Churchill volleyball team won the Class A district title Thursday with a three-set win at Stevenson.

really didn't turn out. We came of that and ended up scoring on their serve receive ball. Not like the (Cleveland) Indians (weather delay in the World Series)."

Churchill, which gave Grenier his 12th district crown, moves into the regional semifinals beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Garden City, where they will face the winner of the Detroit Renaissance district.

Churchill had beaten Stevenson (8-24-8) earlier this season in an invitational, but wasn't about to take the Spartans lightly in the rematch.

"We knew it was going to be a good match and everything," said Churchill senior outside hitter Samantha Zonca, who finished with a team-best 11 kills. "We saw them at the Northville tournament and we had a good match there, so we knew it was going to be a good match tonight."

Stevenson, however, was on its heels defensively for most of the night as the Chargers got contributions all across the board, led by senior setter Megan Gendjar, who finished with 33 assist-to-kills.

Also providing offense was senior Anne Yost (eight kills, four aces, two solo blocks), freshman Sarah Dunn (seven kills) and sophomore Summer Clark (six kills), a recent call-up from the JV squad.

"Whenever you play your crosstown rival, it's always a great match and Stevenson was a wonderful opponent," Grenier said. "We played great as a team. Everybody contributes and that's really what we do. And what we do well is everybody does their share and it doesn't matter who gets it done."

On the defensive end, senior libero and Madonna University commit Alyssa Facione led the way with 19 digs. Senior Madison Mirabuter and freshman Jessica Maladecki added 10 and seven, respectively.

And like many of Grenier's past teams, the Chargers like to hang their hat on defense.

"His famous saying is, 'ferocious defense,'" Zonca said. "He loves the defense. If we're getting the balls up off the floor and we're always on the floor, he's happy."

Stevenson opened district play Oct. 31 with a five-set win over Livonia Franklin before eliminating Redford Thurston in Wednesday's semifinal, 25-10, 25-10, 25-7 as senior Beth Scupholm led the way with 10 kills.

Junior Julia Bice served eight of Stevenson's 13 aces, while senior Lexi Jenkins had a team-high 23 kills.

But the Spartans struggled on the offensive end against the Chargers in the final.

"He's got some big, strong girls across the front line and we were trying to run in a certain type of defense and we got a lot of balls up, but not where we needed them to be," Stevenson first-year coach Julian Wargo said. "I got to take my hat off to Mark's team."

Junior Claire Beaudoin was Stevenson's top attacker against the Chargers with six kills, while juniors Mallory Vensko, Audrey Lackey and Emilie Wassermann, along with senior Mallory Vensko, each added three. Setter Emily Ehrheart finished with 12 assist-to-kills.

Jenkins finished with a team-best eight digs, while Lackey added six.

Throughout the season, Stevenson was a work in progress under Wargo, who has also been head coach at Westland John Glenn, West Bloomfield and Dearborn Divine Child.

"First of all, they're a great bunch of kids," Wargo said. "I had five fantastic seniors who showed me a lot of leadership and a lot of acceptance. For a lot of these kids, I'm their fourth coach in four years. And just to be embraced by the team they way they did and the parents ... and we really worked hard and we improved from the beginning.

"I tried to borrow a lot of Jim Harbaugh and I know it sounds like a cliche, but 'better today than yesterday, better tomorrow than today.' We worked a lot on composure and confidence. And I don't think we lost our composure today. I'm very proud of the girls in terms of that. We really battled hard today."

Churchill disposed of John Glenn in the other district semifinal Wednesday, 25-9, 25-15, 25-15, led by Annabelle Dunn (12 kills), Gendjar (30 assists, seven digs), Facione (19 digs) and Yost (10 kills, three blocks).

The Chargers hope to catch fire again and make another deep run in the state tournament.

"You got to compete, you've got to play well, but I like our chances," Grenier said. "We were a final four team last year and this primarily represents the same team minus one kid. They have a little moxie and, if a little luck goes our way, we'll be successful."

The Chargers lost only one senior starter, all-stater Rayna Yetts, off last year's Class A semifinal team that took Romeo to five sets.

"Our team has this chemistry, honestly, that can't be broken," Zonca said. "That's the thing that has kept us going. Rayna was a great player, but we have all these players that have stepped up this year."

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BHT gallops to title

Livonia's Black Horse Tavern recently won a triple-header to capture the men's fall league softball playoffs in the Livonia Parks and Recreation fall league. BHT (finishing 13-1 for the season) defeated Team Chalk, 19-18; Livonia Detour, 25-15; then the Christadelphians, 23-13 in the championship game. Team members include (front row, from left) Mike Gerou, Dan Dooley, Bob Carver, Bill Otto and Kevin Percin and (back row, from left) Roger Garvin, Steve Damron, Bryan Wilson, Rob Davidek, Pat Wilson, Jim Lechner, Tony Wilson, Ryan Jones and Andrew Grabowski.

PRO HOCKEY

Moss retires content after NHL career

Brad Emons
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After playing 12 professional seasons, including nine in the National Hockey League, Dave Moss quietly turned in his retirement papers to the NHL last month.

"I wasn't good enough to hold a press conference," joked the 34-year-old Moss, who played 501 NHL games that included six seasons with the Calgary Flames and his final three with the Arizona Coyotes.

Moss

The Livonia native and Detroit Catholic Central High grad now is transitioning into a new life outside of hockey as he embarks on a sales training position with Dell Technologies.

Now residing in South Lyon with his wife Erinn, a former "Survivor: Tocantins" contestant, along with two infant sons — Hank, 15 months, and Owen, 3 weeks old — Moss leaves the game feeling content.

When word trickled out that Moss was calling it quits, he received a ton of emails and calls from his friends and past coaches.

Moving forward

"All those people and I said, 'God, that's what I'm going to miss,'" said Moss, who scored a total of 78 goals while adding 100 assists during his NHL career. "The relationships that you build from the sport of hockey, you're not going to have anymore going forward. And that's the thing that I'm going to miss."

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound forward suffered his fair share of injuries during his nine-year NHL career. He missed time due shoulder, head, leg and ankle issues.

"It's noticeable," Moss said. "You don't think about it too much until you get older. I'll be 35 in a month. I think now I notice it more. When I'm playing with my kids, I'll be rolling around the floor, I'll get up and my knees will lock up and my ankle that I had surgery on ... it takes me a while to get going."

After graduating from CC, Moss played junior for the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders of the USHL before signing with the University of Michigan, where he racked up 93 points, including 36 goals, in four seasons (2001-05).

In the 2001 NHL Entry Draft, Moss was selected in the seventh round (222nd overall) by the Flames before being assigned to play for the Omaha Ak-Sar-Ben Knights of the American Hockey League, where he led all rookies during the 2005-06 season with 21 goals and 27 assists.

ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Livonia native and Catholic Central High grad Dave Moss (right) played 12 pro seasons, including nine in the NHL, before retiring.

NHL arrival

On Dec. 19, 2006, the Flames called up Moss from Omaha to make his NHL debut in L.A.

And until the day he dies, Moss will cherish his first NHL game more than any other. It still remains as his signature moment as he made his debut in a 5-3 victory against the Kings.

"In the NHL, I never made it far in the playoffs, but I would say the one thing that sticks out in my mind was the first game that I played," Moss said. "It was always a dream of mine to play in the NHL. When I got called up, I scored in my first game. I just remember thinking after the game, 'This is awesome.' I thought maybe that was the only game I'd ever play; who knows? But I'll always be able to have this puck and show my kids one day and say, 'Hey, I actually played a game in the NHL.' Now that I look back, it's like, 'Wow.' At the time, it was super fast. I just feel so humbled and lucky to have a career that was over 500 games."

In 2008-09, Moss enjoyed his most productive offensive season with 20 goals and 19 assists as the Flames made the playoffs for the third straight year. But during his time in Calgary, the Flames never got past the first round.

After becoming a free agent and signing with Phoenix in 2012-13, Moss went on to play three more seasons with the Coyotes.

Playing for U.S.

During his stint in Phoenix, Moss also represented Team USA in the World Hockey Championships in both 2010 and 2013, as he had five goals and five assists in 16 total games. In the 2013 Worlds, Moss won a bronze medal with the U.S. and played the against the host Germans at Veltins-Arena, which at the time set a new world attendance record of 77,803.

Not resigned after the 2014-15 season, Moss looked for a two-way NHL contract entering 2015-16, trying to latch on with another NHL club and seeking a two-way deal with Nashville before getting a tryout with the Milwaukee Admirals of the AHL.

But a deal never was reached and Moss landed in Europe last November with EHC Biel of Swiss National League A.

"My wife and my son came with me, it was awesome," Moss said. "We had a great time. It was a good experience. The country, first of all, is beautiful. And the people treated us so well. We got to see Europe, travel around, Germany, Italy and traveled all over Switzerland."

And the level hockey proved to satisfy Moss as well.

European style

"It's the No. 1 league in Switzerland," he said. "I'd say probably go NHL, KHL and then Swiss League. The hockey is really good and you get really good players in that league. It's different. You play in an Olympic ice and there's really not much physicality to it, but it was a good experience for me. In terms of lifestyle, I don't think it gets any better. There was very little pressure, a limited schedule; they play 50 games. It's not as demanding and Switzerland is a small country. There was literally not one overnight trip, bus the day of the game, an hour or two, and then come home. For a family life, it was great."

Once the Swiss season ended in April, Moss returned home and thought he might return to Europe for another season.

"The hockey is really good and you get really good players in that league. ... You play in an Olympic ice and there's really not much physicality to it, but it was a good experience for me."
DAVE MOSS

"It was so good that we considered going back there," said Moss, who graduated from U-M with a degree in sports management. "I told the team and I said, 'Hey, if you can re-sign me, I'll come back in a heartbeat.' We talked for a while and they ended up deciding to go with another import with a young Finnish kid. You can only have four imports on a team, so the jobs are tough. After that, I kind of gave myself until June to find another job in Switzerland, but the way things kind of work over there they wait a long time to sign guys. My wife was pregnant with my second kid, so I needed to know fairly soon. By that time, I made the decision, 'You know what? I don't want to move my wife and family with two young kids now,' so I just said, 'Hey, it's time.'"

Time had come

The decision was final and there was no looking back. It was time for Moss to retire.

"I think it's just the people, the relationships," Moss said. "There's a lot of things when you retire that you don't miss. When I said I was retiring, my wife said, 'How do you feel about this?' And I said, 'It's not that bad.'

"I'm not going to miss my body getting beat up every single day, all those things, but you miss going to the rink every day from what I thought was the greatest job ever and I was lucky enough to do it as long as I did."

Moss plans to continue to dip is toe in the hockey waters as a volunteer assistant coach at his alma mater Catholic Central, serving under his former University of Michigan teammate Brandon Kaleniecki.

"I can still skate," Moss said. "I can push pucks around the ice at CC."

Meanwhile, Moss has numerous hockey memories throughout his career.

He played for his state championship high school hockey team and in two NCAA Frozen Fours. He also played in the the famous Cold War outdoor game between Michigan and MSU (before what was then a world-record crowd of 74,544), along with three outdoor NHL classics and three NHL playoff series.

PANTHERS

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that Ware's ejection "was actually valid. One of our kids didn't behave like he was supposed to."

The Falcons took advantage of the situation quickly.

First, they capped a five-play drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass from Day to Scott Combs. Following the kickoff, Tavian Groves-Knox, who replaced the ejected Ware at quarterback, fumbled a snap and Divine Child recovered at the Redford 16. Three plays later, on the first snap of the fourth quarter, Day hit Combs from 14 yards out to give the Falcons their final margin.

Another fumbled snap on Redford's next series was again recovered by Divine Child, allowing the Falcons to run most of the remaining time off the clock and seal their victory.

Redford Union finished the season 7-4, while Divine Child improved to 9-2.

Divine Child dominated most of the first quarter, opening with an 11-play, 65-yard drive that reached the Panthers' 3-yard line. Redford did gain a red zone stop, forcing the Falcons to settle for a 20-yard field goal. But after a Panthers three-and-out, Divine Child drove 51 yards in five plays, capped by a 12-yard TD pass from Day to Liam Soraghan.

TOM BEAUDOIN

RU's Blake Hartsfield sacks Divine Child quarterback Theo Day during Friday's game in Dearborn.

Redford Union then suffered a second three-and-out, but on the first play of Divine Child's ensuing possession, Panther defenders knocked the ball loose and Isaac Grant recovered the fumble at the Redford 49. The Panthers then followed with a 51-yard drive that featured a pair of fourth-down conversions – a 17-yard sweep by Cain on fourth-and-four and an 8-yard carry by Grant on fourth-and-three. Grant's run set up Marquise Hathaway's 1-yard TD plunge, trimming the margin to 10-7.

On Divine Child's next possession, Trevontea Owens knocked the ball away from a scrambling Day and Hathaway recovered at the Falcons' 36. However, on fourth-and-five play the 31, the Panthers lost their fourth-down magic, as Divine Child recovered a fumbled pitch-out. The Falcons then marched 63 yards on eight plays, ending the drive with Day's 13-yard touchdown pass to Combs, just one minute before halftime.

Redford Union gained 183 rushing yards, led by Cain, who ran 11 times for 136 yards. Divine Child did most of its damage through the air, as Day completed 14-of-21 passes for 229 yards and four TDs.

Overall, however, Tomasaitis called Redford's season – which included the school's first football state playoff victory, at Warren Fitzgerald last week – "a great year for our kids. I think we were picked to finish last in our league; we finished third in our league. Nobody had us going to the playoffs, nobody had us winning the district. For a half, we were playing with a team that's eventual district champions."

As for 2017, Tomasaitis noted that while his current team had "a lot of seniors ... we've also got a lot of underclassmen coming back. Isaac Grant's coming back next year, Thornton Cain's coming back, a couple big parts of our offense. ... We have some high hopes and high expectations for next year."

PATRIOTS

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three or four guys on him."

The Patriots struggled defensively during the first half as Wiemer rushed for 105 yards and was 3-of-3 passing for 91 yards.

His 33-yard pass to David Jeffers made it 7-0 with 4:51 left in the first quarter to cap a 93-yard, 10-play drive.

But Franklin senior QB Jacob Clark, who had 330 of the Patriots' 385 total yards, responded with a 75-yard keeper just 19 seconds later to knot the count at 7-7.

After Franklin made a big fourth-and-three stop at its own 40, the Patriots turned the ball over when Jordan Cooker recovered a fumble at the Mules' 26.

Running a reverse play, Wiemer pitched it to split end David Jeffers, who then hit Gabe Caris wide open for a 70-yard pass to set up a 12-yard TD run by Joey Oehlers with 10:18 remaining in the second quarter. But the Mules missed the extra point to keep it at 13-7.

Bedford then went up two scores with 4:18 left in the first half, marching 64 yards on seven plays while getting helped by a pass interference call. Wiemer carried it in from 9 yards out to make it 20-7 (following Wes Doxsie's extra point).

The quick-strike Patriots, however, answered on Clark's 82-yard TD pass to Jake Giacobbi just 19 seconds later. On the extra point, a high snap from center forced Giacobbi, the kicker, to scramble as he ran into the end zone for a two-pointer, cutting the deficit to 20-15.

But the Mules, getting a 26-yard pass from Wiemer to Caris, followed by a 19-yard run where he broke away from several Franklin tacklers, then a 32-yard pass to Brady Nowak, went up back up 27-15 at the half when Wiemer scored on a 1-yard keeper with only 48.9 seconds left.

And it was all Wiemer in the second half as well.

The Mules took their first possession of the third quarter and marched 74 yards on eight plays, capped by Wiemer's 25-yard TD keeper to make it 33-15 following the PAT.

Franklin came back on Clark's 33-yard TD pass to Giacobbi with 2:28 left in the third to cut the deficit to 33-21.

But Bedford put it away with a 17-play, 80-yard drive when — who else? — Wiemer carried it in from the 1 with 5:33 remaining.

The key play to keep the drive going occurred when Mules lined up for a punt for the first time all night, only to have Wiemer run a fake and gain 9 yards for a first down on fourth-and-three late in the third quarter.

"It's just a fake roll-out punt," Wiemer said. "They kind of let the edge go, so we just run it."

Meanwhile, Kelbert took the blame for Bedford getting the critical fourth down.

"That was poor coaching," he said. "We didn't execute there, so that's on us."

Bedford (9-2) racked up 510 yards total offense and ran 61 plays to Franklin's 37.

"Our O-line was tremendous," Wiemer said. "I was getting hit 10 yards downfield and Joey (Oehlers) was getting hit 10 yards downfield. They were definitely giving us the big push up front."

Bedford's defense also limited Franklin's top ball carrier, senior Nyassinu Crowell, to just 38 yards on eight carries.

"We knew that they would overload, try and take away our 'buck,'" Kelbert said. "We came in with our read option play and they were giving Clark, so we were taking it. And that's just something that just developed that way. But their game plan was probably to take away (Crowell)."

With as many as eight players going both ways on offense and defense, Franklin's 23-member senior class will be sorely missed.

"Franklin football was in a dark place two years ago and what they've done that last two years and getting us back into the playoffs and having these two playoff runs ... I thank them," Kelbert said. "It got us back to being successful again."

Meanwhile, Bedford advances to the regional final next weekend against the winner between Detroit King (8-2) and Oak Park (7-3).

"We played so great as a team," Wiemer said. "We love each other so much, this is unbelievable. We're so happy and we're going to celebrate tonight."

RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Livonia Civic Chorus performs "Celebrate Freedom" concert with musical selections honoring veterans and first responders. Admission is free. Donations of such items as men's white socks, gift cards, and toasters, will be accepted for Vets Returning Home, which provides a living environment and support services to 250 homeless veterans. Free will offerings also will be accepted for The Police Family Survivor's Fund and the Wounded Warrior Project

Contact: 734-542-9071; info@livoniacivicchorus.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Pianists Ralph and Albertine Votapek play music by Mozart, Gershwin and more. Tickets are $28 general admission and $25 for seniors and students. Order tickets from Joyce Cheresh at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

Contact: vivaceseries.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11

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

Details: The American Boychoir performs. Tickets are $15 general admission; $10 for seniors and students

Contact: kirkinthehills.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

Details: The Ehnes Quartet performs music of Mozart, Bartok and more. Tickets are $30, $27 for senior citizens, $10 for students under 25 with identification. Pre-concert refreshments served at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: 586-5353; chambersoloistsdetroit.org

CONCERT

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

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: unityoflivonia.org; 734-421-1760

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. to midnight, Monday, Nov. 7

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

Details: Eucharistic adoration for religious freedom, and respect for life

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

LIVONIA CARES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Nov. 14

Location: St. Collette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Livonia Cares, an organization consisting of Livonia Churches, Goodfellows, and local government, invites churches to attend a luncheon and find out if the organization is a good "fit." Livonia Cares helps individuals and families in need, resolves problems and points them in the right direction

Contact: Linda at 734-522-6830 or Mary at 248-471-1322

THANKSGIVING EVE

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

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

Details: Worship service

Contact: 734-427-3660

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising, 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Nov. 6

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

Details: An informal reception will follow the Mass. It will include letters of thanks and military tribute made by St. Michael School students

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

DECEMBER

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

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

CONGREGATION BETH AHM

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

OUR LADY OF LORETTO

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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

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

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

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

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

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

Contact: facebook.com/stinnocenredford

EXERCISE

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; standrewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.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: Ethanie 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 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

DETROIT WORLD OUTREACH

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

STEVE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

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

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

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

CONNECTION CHURCH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

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

DETROIT WORLD OUTREACH

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

MERRIMAN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

FIRESIDE CHURCH OF GOD

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

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

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET CHURCH

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

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

THRIFT STORE

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

WAY OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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

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

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

THE SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

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

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

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

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

WORSHIP

ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

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

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

CELEBRATION CHURCH, ELCA

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

Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-421-0749; celebrationLC.com

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

Contact: 734-522-6830

CONGREGATION BET CHAVERIM

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

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

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

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

CROSSROADS CHURCH

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Location: Lower level of Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Non-denominational

Contact: crossroadsnow.org; 734-338-5149

DEVON AIRE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

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

Contact: 313-550-4301

DUE SEASON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

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

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

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

Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking

Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

Contact: 734-421-7620

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Contact: 734-427-3660

GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELS)

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service

Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi

Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township

Contact: 734-637-8160

HIS CHURCH ANGLICAN

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

HOLY CROSS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.

Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-1414

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 9600 Leverne, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford

Contact: 313-937-2424

IN HIS PRESENCE MINISTRIES

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford

Contact: 313-533-1956; detroitinhispresence.org

NEW BEGINNINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford

Contact: 313-255-6330

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: 734-846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. weekday Masses; 8 a.m. Saturday Mass; 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8 a.m. Monday-Friday; Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m. Monday through 3 p.m. Friday in the Day Chapel; Sacrament of Reconciliation, starting at noon Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-453-0326

PLYMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty

Details: Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services.

Contact: 734-453-5534

RIVERSIDE PARK CHURCH OF GOD

Time/Date: 5 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: "Sunday Night Lights" service designed for younger families; other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Contact: 734-464-0990

SALEM BIBLE CHURCH

Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 9481 W. Six Mile, Salem

Contact: 248-349-0674; sbc4christ.org

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Contact: 734-421-8451 or standrewslivonia@mi.rr.com

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ACTON-BASSETT

JOAN 89 Joan Acton-Bassett of Livonia was born in Detroit, Michigan, December 26, 1926. She was welcomed into the kingdom of Heaven on October 29, 2016. Joan had an unwavering love of people. She never sought to win applause or fame: no headlines ever blazed her name. But oh was she a shining light to all she touched day and night! Joan was predeceased by her loving sister Irene "Red" Matis and by her mother Tessie Gilchrist. Joan is survived by her son David (Dianne), her daughter Diane Burda (Greg), son Ken (Sandy), son Al (Tammy), son Larry (Kathy), and son Greg. Joan is also survived by thirteen (13) grandchildren, Gregory B, Karen, Nicole, Andrew, Kristi, Steve, Gregory A., Danielle, Erik, Amy, Michael, Justin and Tyler. Joan had eight (8) great-grandchildren, Hallee, Haddie, Grace, Badyn, Brynnlee, Zack, Isaac, Audrey. Her daughter Diane and husband Greg lovingly cared for her the last five years of her life. The family gives them and everyone else who cared for Joan their heartfelt gratitude. A Service celebrating her life will be held Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI. Should friends desire, Joan asked that contributions may be sent to St Jude's Children's Research, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 Or National MS Society-Michigan Chapter, Main Offices, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing. Joan Loved Psalm 23 and 24.

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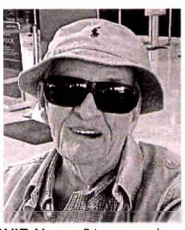

DAVID V. age 81, passed away October 29, 2016. Lifelong resident of Plymouth, and proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. Beloved husband of the late Margaret. Dear father of Michael (Kris), James, and Jeanne (Orlando) Stratton-Fuller. Grandfather of Andrew, Jodi, Morgan, Gabrielle, Jimmy, Trisha, and J.D. Brother of the late Carol Nalepka, and the late Peggy Kobe. Loving companion of his late feline friend, Emma. He was a 53-year friend of Bill W. Memorial Service Saturday, November 12, 12 p.m., at Harvest Bible Church, 6420 N. Newburgh, Westland. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Lighthouse, 575 S. Main St., Ste. 6, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

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Everyone has days when they wish they could walk out of their job, never to see or speak to their boss or co-workers again. It's normal to have days when you feel frustrated, angry or tired of dealing with the daily grind — after all, no job is perfect. But how do you know when enough is enough?

"You know your job is no longer working for you when the difficult days outnumber the good," says Alyssa Krane, chief talent strategist for Toronto-based Powerhouse Talent Inc. It's not worth constantly feeling dissatisfied, stressed or undervalued, she says. Below are some more indications it may be time to leave your job once and for all.

1. You're not advancing. "A major indicator that it's time to quit your job is if you're not growing professionally," says Maddie Stough, a team lead at LaSalle Network, a national staffing and recruiting firm. Perhaps you were passed over for a promotion with no guidance on what's needed to advance. Maybe you don't feel challenged anymore. Or perhaps you feel as if you're not fully using your skills. If you feel bored or pigeonholed, it may be time to move on.

2. You dread going into work. "It's time to quit when you wake up dreading the day," says Elene Cafasso, founder and president of Enerpace Inc. Executive Coaching. If you feel depressed on Sunday night thinking about the week ahead, your boss or co-workers are abusive, or your health is suffering, these are red flags that you need to leave, she says. "Life is too short to spend the bulk of it miserable."

3. You've lost all ability to care. It's definitely time to quit when you "go to work feeling like a zombie," says Gregory Golinski, a human resources coordinator for Hotel Carmel in California. "If things aren't great in your office but you have arguments with colleagues and managers, at least it proves that you still care," he says. It's when you don't have the energy to complain or try to fix your situation that you need to start looking for a new job.

4. Your boss doesn't support you. If you've talked to your boss about why you are unhappy and have asked for more challenging assignments or guidance on how to advance, but he or she is not responsive, it's probably time to move on.

5. Your goals don't align with your employer's. "If you find yourself being steered away from the career path you wish to pursue, it is definitely time to start looking for a position which will allow you to follow your own career objectives," says Lee Fisher, chief of human resources for Roman Blinds Direct, an interior-goods company based in the United Kingdom. Otherwise, the longer you stay in the job, the further you will get from where you want to be, Fisher says.

Before you make the decision that it is indeed time to quit, make sure you have exhausted all your other options first. Start by talking to your boss. "Oftentimes, employees aren't communicating to their boss that they either want to grow in their role or that they are unhappy," Stough says. "Their managers may be more understanding and willing to help than the employee thinks."

Alternatively, you can contact the human resources department to see if there is another position available in a different department or team to which you could transfer.

It may also help to find someone else who has gone through a similar experience and seek his or her advice on what to do, Stough says. That person might be able to provide additional insight that could help you in your current job or save you more heartache and frustration at your next one.

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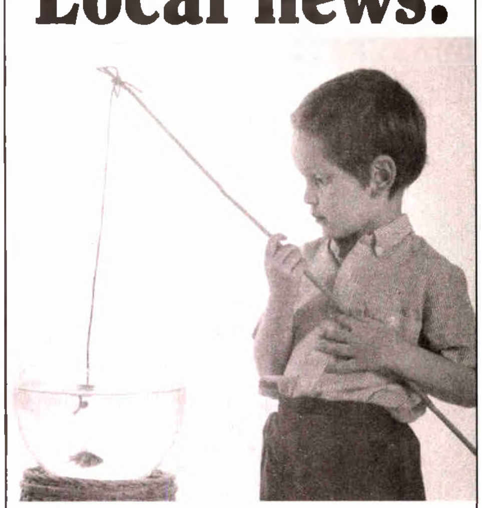

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26 Many times, in verse
27 "What — I tell you?"
28 Bygone rival of Delta
29 Using an Rx, say
31 Restaurant chain, literally
37 Synchronize
40 One in sales, briefly
41 Big letters in fashion
42 Strong coat fabric
43 TV pioneer Jack
44 "— For" (1995 Nicole Kidman film)
46 Wildly
49 It carries a small charge
50 Dog chain, literally
56 Swivel about an axis
57 Tan shade
58 Baseball great Casey
61 Cry a river
64 "It's my turn to go"
66 Kipling's Rikki-tikki- —
68 "— pity" ("Alas")
69 Mountain chain, literally
76 Jewish month
77 Arouse
78 Skin opening
79 Beer belly, e.g.
80 It's not a pretty sight
84 Casts forth
87 Give a summons to
89 Food chain, literally
95 Native Coloradan
97 Pop's Stefani
98 Jeans giant
99 Nastase of tennis
100 — -Croatian (language)
102 "BTW" part
105 Gigi's refusal
106 NFL lineman
108 Island chain, literally
113 Pedal pusher
114 Badger
115 "It's so cold!"
116 OS computer
119 Stephen King's rabid dog
120 Walch chain, literally
126 Time period
127 Asbestos, e.g.
128 Sean Penn film
129 "Woe —!"
130 Celebrities of daytime dramas
131 Clear record holder

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2 U. lecturer
3 Finn's craft
4 Thespian Hagen
5 Police line
6 Otter relative
7 Tai —
8 Bit of a laugh
9 Legal rider?
10 Damon and Dillon
11 Somewhat
12 Cubans, e.g.
13 Sweetened drink
14 "Bad" Brown
15 Camille Saint- —
16 Lisa's role on "Friends"
17 Excessive display of distress
18 Way in the past
19 Org. with bag screeners
24 Curious
30 Large pike, for short
31 Copies a happy cat
32 Slangy ending for switch
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34 Offer a view
35 "Kapow!"
36 Deep desire
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39 Recess game
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45 Think piece
47 Postgrad degs.
48 Hitter Mel
51 Double- — (tourney type)
52 Arizona tribe
53 "I got — in Kalamazoo"
54 Impose, as a tax
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59 Jacob's wombmate
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61 — -Ball
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70 Rick's love in a classic film
71 Kong's kin
72 — roast
73 Hocus- —
74 Author Leon
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86 Revel in
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94 Split second?
95 Kind of port for a PC
96 Servers in saucers
101 Flagship U.K. TV network
103 Ended a phone talk
104 In-box fillers
106 Like the Tatar language
107 To another continent
109 Hero shops
110 University of Maine's city
111 Strain at — (fuss pettily)
112 Hitting stat
116 Flat-topped hill
117 "What —!" ("Such fun!")
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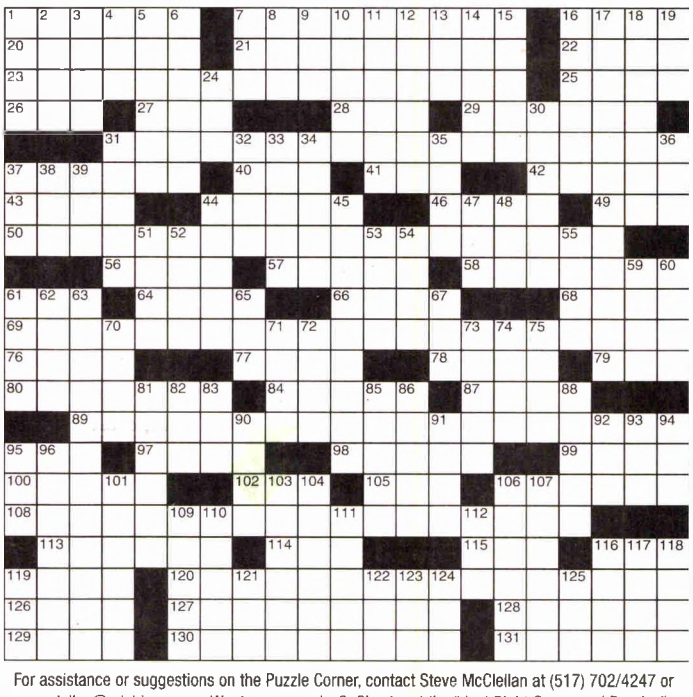

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which 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!

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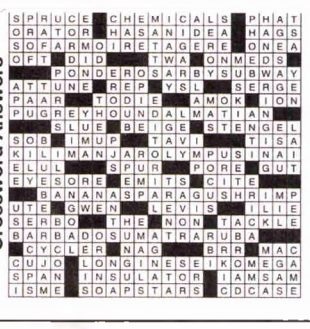

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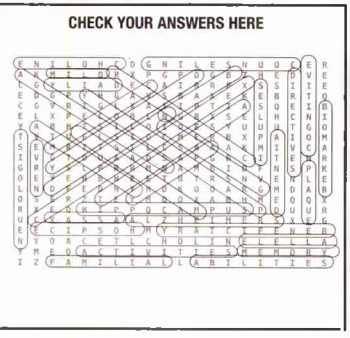

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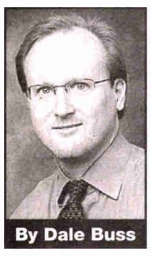


By Dale Buss

Ask them to answer a multiple-choice question about what is the buzziest segment in the U.S. auto business these days, and most Americans probably wouldn't guess: It's cargo vans.

Arguably the most mundane of all vehicle types, commercial vans -- not aspirational Mustangs nor tough-talking F-150s -- were the vehicle Ford hyped most on the huge stage of World Series television broadcasts with its incessant promotion of the Transit.

And Ram has just launched a new marketing campaign into the swell, to try to capture more sales for its ProMaster and ProMaster City models.

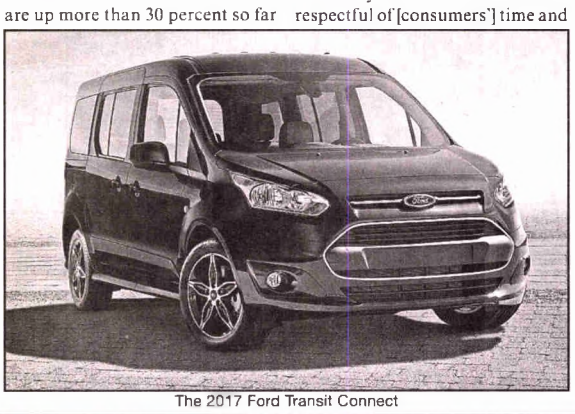
Ram commercial sales overall are up more than 30 percent so far this year compared with a year ago, and industry-wide commercial sales are more than 15 percent higher, representing 2.6 percent of the total vehicle market in North America, FCA said.

By contrast, after a record seven-year run, the total U.S. vehicle market is losing gas, as year-to-year sales are expected to fall in October for the third straight month.

Enter Ford's marquee positioning of Transit in the Fall Classic and Ram with a campaign that shows off the utility and versatility of ProMaster and ProMaster City with TV ads and digital elements that illustrate these qualities.

Ram's video includes "test drives" of a day for four different actual small businesses, such as Andrew's Honey, a beekeeper in New York City, and Veestro, a food-delivery company in Los Angeles.

"We're trying to reinforce that we're easy to do business with and respectful of [consumers'] time and that we've got some great, efficient offerings for them to look at," Jim Morrison, head of the Ram brand, told me.



The 2017 Ford Transit Connect

Ram introduced its new generation of commercial vans beginning in 2013 with ProMaster and followed with the smaller ProMaster City in 2014.

These sales are becoming more important. The segment has boomed in part because of a proliferation of offerings, with Ford Transit and Transit Connect, and the new Mercedes-Benz Metrix, along with associated advertising, creating more interest. Plus, FCA's entire truck fleet has taken on even more responsibility as the company's biggest profit driver while sales of its cars dwindle.

"The [commercial] segment will sell around 450,000 units this year, which is a lot," Morrison said. "And also there's a lot of other volume linked to commercial-van sales. A business might have a fleet of 10 pickup trucks, and since we recently upgraded our fleet of vans, now we have a chassis cab for them.

"Before, if they had the trucks but needed a van, they had to go to two different dealerships. This way they can have one relationship, with one dealer, one guy who does their regular maintenance and service on the whole fleet, and one purchase order."

Right now is "commercial truck season" also, Morrison said. "Business owners are wrapping up their finances for the year and taking advantage of tax breaks. They're upgrading fleets. So we're explaining what we have to offer them. For some people, it's just getting their recognition of our full line of commercial vehicles."

A commercial featuring the 2017 Ram ProMaster City

Morrison acknowledged statistics which continue to show a decline in the formation rate of new U.S. businesses over the last several years and an increase in the failure rate.

"But I think small businesses are getting more confidence in their wealth, so they're coming in and buying," Morrison insisted. "Also we're attracting them with our efficiency message, about having the most fuel-efficient work van and about total cost of ownership. Also ProMaster City is very easy to maneuver. And ProMaster is available in both gas and diesel. A lot of customers are trading in old rear-wheel-drive V8 vans, so they can both upgrade and save money."

Ford seems to encourage a certain amount of non-commercial consumer interest in its Transit Connect small commercial van, even offering it in a seven-passenger version. Why doesn't Ram do likewise?

"Well, that's a function of the fact that Ford doesn't have a minivan," Morrison explained. "Whereas FCA has minivan leadership for consumers with the new Chrysler Pacifica. We don't try to stuff people into cargo vans."

Morrison also dismissed the fact that there's been a crescendo of discussion about declining viewership of NFL games on TV, where Ram – per the industry norm for trucks – launched its ProMaster campaign. But he insisted he's not concerned overall.

"There are still a lot of people watching football," he said, "and they're not DVR-ing it."

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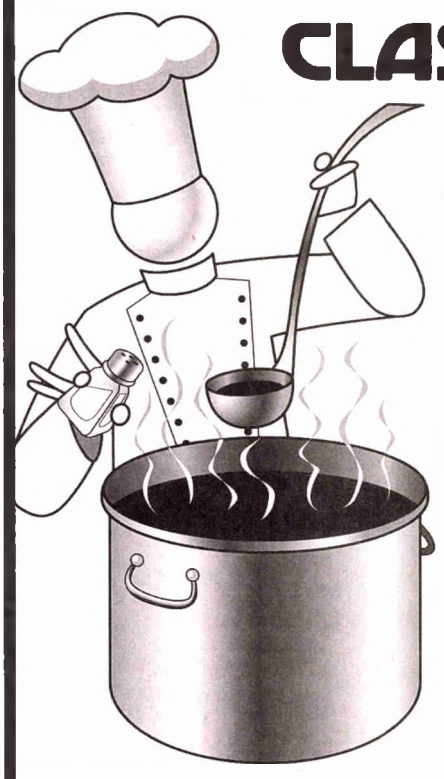

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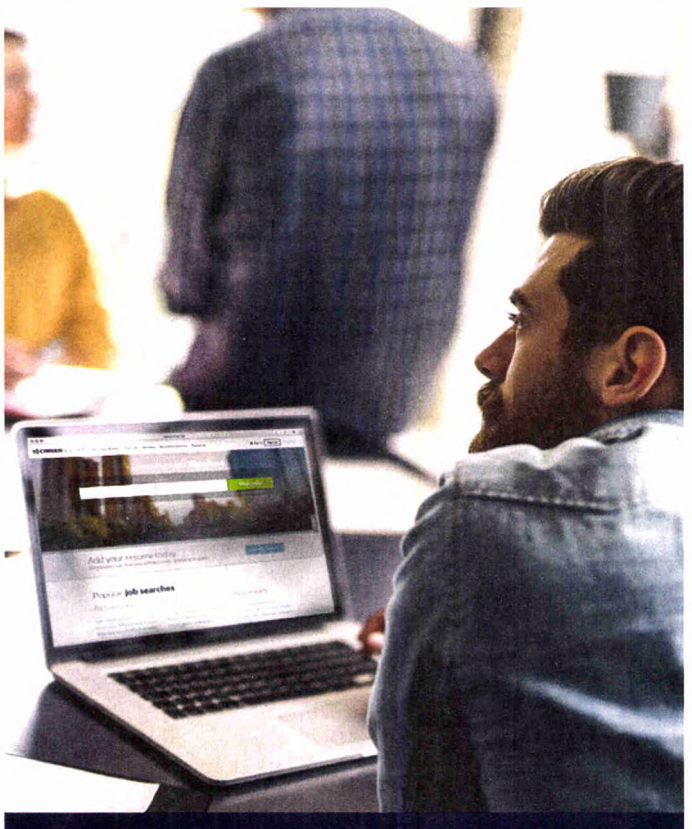

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