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Township, county reach DeHoCo deal

Tax-foreclosure purchase has money-back guarantee

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Plymouth Township's tax-foreclosure purchase of 323 acres of former prison property five years ago now has a money-back guarantee.

The township and Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree

have settled months-long negotiations over reimbursing the township for the 190 acres of the old Detroit House of Correction site that the township lost after a nearly three-year legal battle with the city of Detroit.

Detroit retained possession of the 190 acres, which had

been part of the DeHoCo prison farm, when judges decided the county had improperly foreclosed on it.

The reimbursement deal, approved unanimously Tuesday by the township Board of Trustees, calls for the township to keep the entire sum, just over \$606,000, in back taxes that it paid for the 323 acres at Five Mile and Ridge once the township's

remaining 133 acres — or part of that — are sold. The township will also keep attorney fees, to a maximum of \$135,000, and any money spent on demolition and infrastructure improvements, according to the deal. The deal also protects the township financially from any further legal claims related to the 323 acres.

Supervisor Shannon Price estimated the value of the 133

acres at between \$3 million and \$5 million and said the township could see between \$1.5 million and \$2.5 million, including tap fees for water system improvements. Under state law, any additional proceeds from the sale of the land by the township will go back to the county.

Price, who will be leaving

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A rendering of First Step's planned animal ARK.

First Step to offer new animal ARK

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

First Step, the Wayne County-based domestic violence shelter, is going to the dogs — and the cats and the birds and the hamsters — in the best possible way.

For the past five years, First Step has been raising money to build the ARK, an on-site animal shelter that will allow victims of domestic and sexual violence to bring their pets with them when leaving an abusive situation. Volunteers expect to hit their fundraising goal with next month's fundraiser, Bark for the ARK,

to be held Oct. 13.

Amy Youngquist, CEO of First Step, said abuse of pets is very common in households that experience domestic violence:

Often, the abuser will threaten pets, harm them or even kill them to terrorize the family.

"It sounds horrific, but it really does happen," she said.

And it's a legitimate safety concern — not only for the dogs and cats, but also for the women and children who love them. When First Step sur-



Youngquist

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THERESA BIZOE, associate director at First Step

veyed callers to its 24-hour helpline in 2010, half of them said their family pet had been threatened or abused and 25 percent indicated that concern for their pet's safety prevented them from leaving the abusive situation, for fear that their animals would be harmed.

Not all shelters accept pets. As of right now, First Step deals with them on a small scale, offering foster care through a corps of Animals Receiving Kindness volunteers.

Alisa Blunk chairs the ARK committee. She's a Northville resident and works for the

Northville Public Schools early childhood department.

"We've all had dogs or cats or a bird in our houses," she said. In the past, she's taken in a dog named Kimmie, as well as a chihuahua whose owner was injured and had to be hospitalized. Blunk's son and his girlfriend ended up adopting the little dog.

For the most part, she's seen happy endings and pets have been reunited with their families when they leave First Step. Still, she said, it means a lot to people to start the emotional healing process with

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Judge rules robbery defendant is competent to stand trial

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

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

could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Charges against Stachowski arose after he was accused of going inside Village Wellness Center, wielding a knife and robbing owner Sherry Sieber of \$187. The alleged incident happened about 4 p.m. March 3 at the business on Ford



Stachowski

Road, near Haggerty, in the heart of Canton's bustling retail corridor.

The case had stalled after Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas Cameron in April ordered a psychiatric evaluation to determine whether Stachowski is competent to stand trial and whether he could be held criminally responsible. After receiving a report on Stachowski, Camer-

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1000 Degrees puts American twist on Neapolitan pizza

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Neapolitan pizza has come to Plymouth Township.

Make that neo-Neapolitan. 1000 Degrees Neapolitan Pizza, which just opened on Ann Arbor Road, specializes in what owner Mark Kassab says is an American twist on the traditional thin-crust pizza that originated in the Italian city of Naples.

Kassab, who has previously owned a party store with a

Buscemi's Pizza in it and, more recently, a Menchie's Frozen Yogurt franchise, said he was influenced to go Neapolitan by the fare at a favorite pizzeria close to home.

"I never really knew that it was Neapolitan," he said. "Once you start eating it, in my opinion ... it's hard to eat the others any more."

And 1000 Degrees means just that. The pizzas at Kassab's place are baked in a

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Roads topic of visit by Wayne County executive

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans is coming to Canton to answer questions about roads, veteran services, parks and children and family services, among other topics.

His visit occurs 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center. It is presented by the Canton, Plymouth, Northville and southwest Wayne County Democratic clubs.

Evans will make a presentation and there will be time for questions and answers.

Questions may be forwarded in advance to CantonDemClub@gmail.com.



Evans

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office in November after losing the August Republican primary to Kurt Heise, a term-limited state legislator, said he'd also like to see the township keep part of the 133 acres, along the Johnson Creek, for a possible public park.

"We're going to end up walking away from this thing with money in our pocket and a park," Price said, adding that the township, in negotiat-

ing a land sale, will also influence how the parcel is developed. "This is a good thing for us all the way around."

Plymouth Township bought the 323 acres in September 2011. But Detroit officials claimed the city still owned 190 acres of that site; the 133-acre parcel had been sold in 2006 to a development company. Both the developer and the city had been behind in property taxes.

The city sued the township and Wayne County, in April of 2013, claiming the foreclosure

had been improper. A circuit court judge agreed and, earlier this year, so did a three-judge Michigan Court of Appeals panel. As municipally owned property, the 190 acres were exempt from forfeiture under the state's general property tax act, the judges wrote.

The township appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court, which declined to hear the case.

Price estimated total legal bills related to the case at around \$100,000. The 323 acres are

west of another parcel of former DeHoCo property near Five Mile and Beck, on which sit dilapidated prison buildings. Those 125 acres are owned by the state land bank.

DeHoCo in Plymouth Township was a Detroit-run penitentiary from the 1920s until the 1980s and after that a state-run correctional facility. It closed permanently in 2004.

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on ruled Aug. 29 that the defendant should, indeed, face trial, court records show.

Stachowski has remained jailed with a

\$300,000 bond since the incident happened. Sieber and other witnesses notified police and directed them to an area across Ford Road where the suspect had fled. Police caught up with him near two hotels and fired a Taser gun to subdue him after he alleged-

ly held a knife to his own neck, police have said.

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

Police say Stachowski is a repeat offender. He already spent time in prison for bank robbery and armed robbery. He was paroled in July of

last year after he served time for robbing the Bank of America branch at Five Mile and Beck in Plymouth Township.

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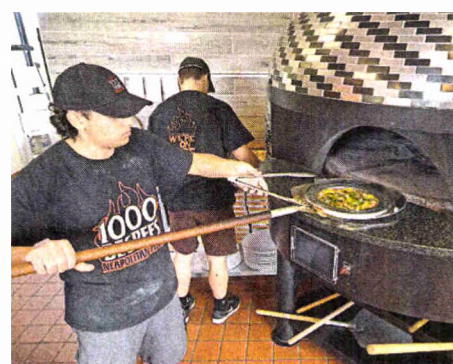
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domed brick oven on a rotating stone platform heated to 750°F. The air circulating in the oven reaches 1,000°F and the air near the top of the dome around 1,400°F, he said.

The baking platform makes a complete rotation every 60 seconds and each pizza takes just two rotations to fully bake.

"I don't think everyone realizes it's a two-minute cooking time," Kassab said. Diners at 1000 Degrees, he added, will typically be served within three to seven minutes of ordering.

Kassab said he researched franchise opportunities after his Menchie's in Macomb County was purchased by a company buying Menchie's territory in Michigan. Pizza seemed a natural, he said — "I love pizza" — and he traveled



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Lukas Kassab removes a pizza from the oven.



Kassab

to different company restaurants to view operations.

Statistics, he said, regularly show that pizza is the world's most popular food item.

1000 Degrees has several signature pizzas, like the Classic New Yorker (marinara, mozzarella and oregano) and Hawaiian Fire (siracha marinara, mozzarella, Canadian bacon, banana peppers, pineapple), or diners can order a custom pizza and choose from nearly 30 toppings, including 14 vegetables.

"There are so many

things you can put on a pizza nowadays," Kassab said.

Customers can have as many toppings as they can fit on a pizza at the same price. Crusts are handmade on-site, using a special Neapolitan flour.

Kassab's favorite is the Meazza, a pizza with Grande mozzarella, pepperoni, bacon, sausage and meatball crumbles, followed by the Smokey Pollo — chicken with barbecue sauce and mozzarella.

The restaurant also carries beers on tap (cur-

rently four Michigan craft beers), has several varieties of wine, five flavors of gelato, a type of Italian ice cream, and one selection of sorbetto, a non-dairy frozen dessert.

1000 Degrees opened Aug. 25 and Kassab gave away 970 10-inch pizzas to celebrate.

Kassab said he picked the Plymouth area because of the tight-knit community.

"You almost have that small-town feel, where everybody knows each other," he said.

1000 Degrees is open from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The phone number is 734-667-3795.

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Documentary on influential blues musician scheduled to premiere Sunday in Detroit

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A local documentary highlighting Detroit blues musician Uncle Jessie White — told by one of his former piano students from Canton — is premiering 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at Hastings Street Ballroom, 715 E. Milwaukee Ave., in Detroit.

The documentary has been 22 years in the making and features White, as well as many other local Detroit blues players, entertainers, assembly line workers and fans. It will be placed in film festivals and a web-documentary will also be released soon after premiere.

Titled "Uncle Jessie White - Portrait of a Delta Blues Man in Detroit," the Detroit Blues Society's "Blues in Schools" program also will use it

in a nationwide effort to teach children about the history of blues music and its people, according to a press release.

Organizers say White kept the blues alive at his home in Detroit at a time when the city was torn with racial strife in the late 1960s into the 1980s. He and his family hosted jam sessions at his home on 29th Street, near the old Tiger Stadium, from Friday evening until Monday morning. They only stopped for the week so the musicians could go back to their jobs on the assembly lines in Detroit's auto plants.

These jam sessions spawned some of Detroit's local favorite blues artists — Johnny Bassett, the Butler Twins, Johnnie "Yard Dog" Jones, Eddie Burns, Johnny Lee Hooker, Mississippi Al and others, according to the

press release. White and his racially diverse jam sessions are credited with demonstrating how music and culture could keep the communities together.

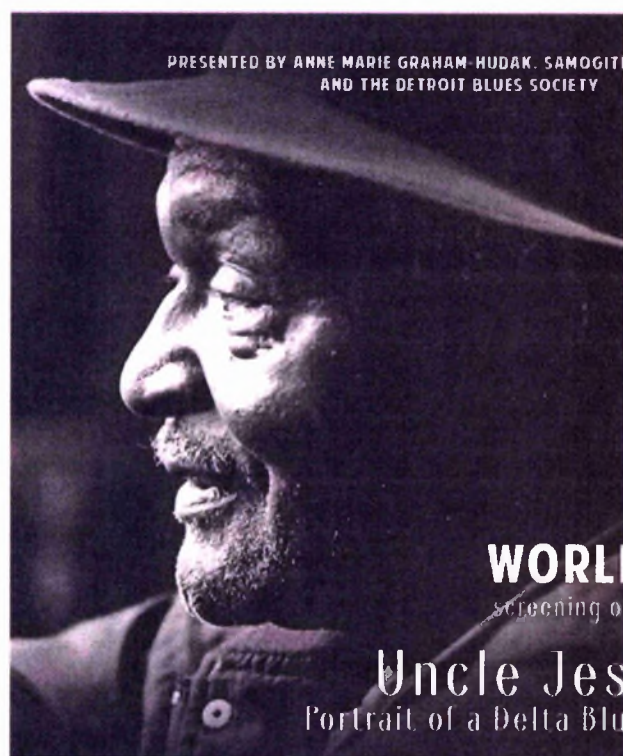
White's story is told by one of his piano students, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak of Canton, along with many interviews from musicians who jammed with him at such places as the Attic Bar in Hamtramck, his house in Detroit, the Detroit Soup Kitchen, Ann Arbor Blues Festival and other places in southeast Michigan. His story begins in the South where he lived, worked and played until his parents died, when he moved his family north to Detroit for a better life.

This documentary has previously received support and grants from the Detroit Blues Society, Detroit Cultural Affairs

Department, Detroit Recreation Department, the Detroit Filmmakers Coalition, the MotorCities National Heritage Area, the University of Michigan Screen Arts and Culture department and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. It is co-produced and edited by professor Stashu Kybartas, an award-winning documentary-maker. Douglas Drummond Jr. was the line producer. It also was supported by many professionals giving hundreds of thousands of hours of their time in order to let this story be seen and told.

Tickets are \$20, available at the door, and include the documentary, a live blues band and appetizers.

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A documentary about Detroit blues musician Uncle Jessie White is set for the screen.

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their pets by their side. And it gives them peace of mind to know that their animals are safe from the abusive environment, as well.

"Families that come and stay at a domestic violence shelter have to leave their homes, their toys, their schools, their friends, their family and go into seclusion," said Theresa Bizoe, associate director at First Step. "Having your pet there really makes a difference — it makes your home away from home feel more like home."

Building plans

The new ARK resource center will be located just a few steps away from the Wayne County shelter.

It's to be fully heated and air-conditioned, with four dog

kennels, three cat cabins and a special area for small pets like gerbils, bunnies, hamsters and birds. Also included will be a bathing room, a quarantine room (where new arrivals can stay until examined by a veterinarian) and space for families to play with their pets.

"There'll be an outdoor area where dogs can play, a visiting area with toys and fun stuff that animals like ... it's going to be a great benefit to families," Youngquist said.

Operating expenses for the pet shelter are estimated to run about \$20,000 a year to cover heat, electricity, water, pet care supplies, food and veterinary costs. First Step residents will be required to care for and clean up after their pets throughout their stay.

The ARK building will also serve another purpose: storage space, something that's in tight supply right now. The shelter houses about 50 people a night,

providing a temporary 90-day residence. The storage area will house donations, with space for things like a diaper depot, school supplies and clothing. "When someone leaves, we like to be able to load them up with a whole startup kit: shampoo, dish soap and anything in between," Youngquist said.

Project: ARK

As head of the ARK committee, Blunk is leading the effort to get the pet shelter funded and constructed. She got involved in fall 2011, back when the Wayne facility first opened.

Blunk had been part of a group that did an extreme makeover at the shelter, transforming a former conference room into what is now the dining room. At the dedication, someone mentioned another item on First Step's wish list: a place for animals, so that when women and children left their

abusers, they could take their pets with them.

"My friend and I were both there and we both love animals," Blunk said. They contacted their friends and recruited a committee of 12 women to carry out the project — some working, some retired, some stay-at-home moms.

In the beginning, it was a lot of research and a lot of statistics. The next summer, the ARK team got some quotes for the work and started fundraising. The project will cost a total of \$150,000, according to a recent estimate from their architects. So far, First Step has raised more than \$60,000, collected through events and private and corporate donations.

Bark for the ARK

On Oct. 13, First Step is hosting what Blunk hopes is the final fundraiser: Bark for the ARK, a cocktail-style eve-

ning gala at the Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive.

The event will include a strolling cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, speakers and testimonials. There will also be live and silent auctions, plus fun features like the "smooch a pooch" photo booth and an appearance by Noodles the Math Dog, who can add and subtract up to 10. Tickets are \$75 per person, available at www.firststep-mi.org/events/bark-for-the-ark.

When shovels will hit the ground ultimately depends on how soon the rest of the funding can be raised. Blunk is pretty confident that the October event will give them the boost they need. "I'm hoping that it will put us over our goal and we'll be able to start building in spring of 2017," she said.

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Northville Township approves Meijer on Five Mile

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

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

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

Supervisor Bob Nix, Treasurer Margorie Banner and trustees Marv Gans and Fred Shadko voted for the project, while Clerk Sue Hillebrand and trustees Mindy Hermann and



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

Samantha Heath opposed the plans. Board members who supported the plan said they felt they had to do what is best for the township. Those who opposed the PUD took issue to a large degree with plans for the Meijer. Hermann and Heath said they recognized the strong opposition to the store.

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

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

big box grocery store dominated the comments.

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

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

Redico's \$120 million plans for the acreage include a Meijer, a movie theater, hotel, 78 townhomes with price tags in the mid-\$300,000, retail shops in a walkable setting, a gathering site for

events, a gas station and bank as well as a multi-tenant building.

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

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

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

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

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

But by all appearances, few residents in the crowded auditorium cared about the potential impacts.

"This is not a design we are looking for. This is not Northville," one resident said. "We deserve more than the same old thing."

An Oxford Court resident added, "If the property goes back to the state, so be it. I almost would rather see a woman's prison here."

Joe Xuereb, a Northville resident and attorney who represents the Shell gas station across Five Mile in Plymouth Township, com-

plained the PUD is far too dense. "It doesn't add anything to our community," he said, adding it would decrease property values.

On Friday morning, Northville Township Manager Chip Snider issued the following statement:

"Several residents voiced their opposition to a Meijer store being included in the PUD for the Five Mile and Beck development. Many of those who spoke were part of a well-funded machine, founded by a Canton attorney, representing a Plymouth business. This hired gun may have very well destroyed the entire MiTech plan that local state and county officials have been working diligently on for over two years.

"Losing this development will hinder the plan to transfer funds to the Seven Mile site for environmental cleanup. Road improvements will be jeopardized on both Five Mile and Beck and loss of taxes will further our fiscal challenges," Snider continued. "Many valid points were brought forth concerning an 'upscale' appearance for this affluent community and criminal activity within the store. The director of public safety would work in partnership to ensure a safe environment."

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Area colleges looking to provide aid to displaced ITT Tech students

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

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

Some schools, like Schoolcraft College, are setting up methods for former ITT Tech students to be in touch with

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

"Really, what we want them to do is come in and talk to one of our counselors and just kind of get an idea of where they're at in their program and help us to evaluate their transcripts and what are the possibilities we can do," he said. "We

don't know until we talk to each one of them individually."

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

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

Informational meeting at OCC
Oakland Community College will host an in-

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

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

"We don't want them to have to wait until win-

ter semester," OCC spokeswoman Bridget Kavanaugh said.

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

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

"It may take a while to get the loan discharged and the paperwork and

everything done," Leadley said.

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

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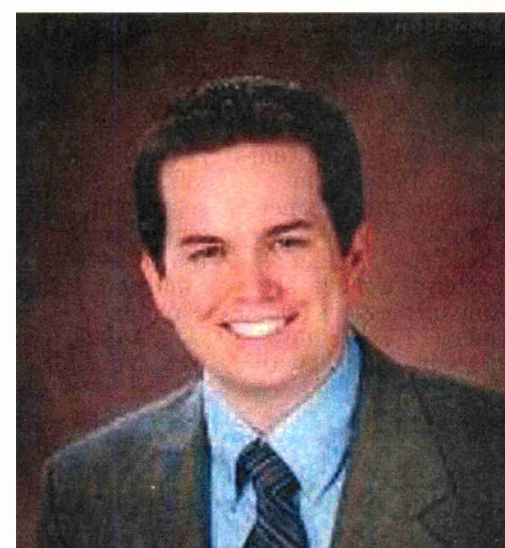
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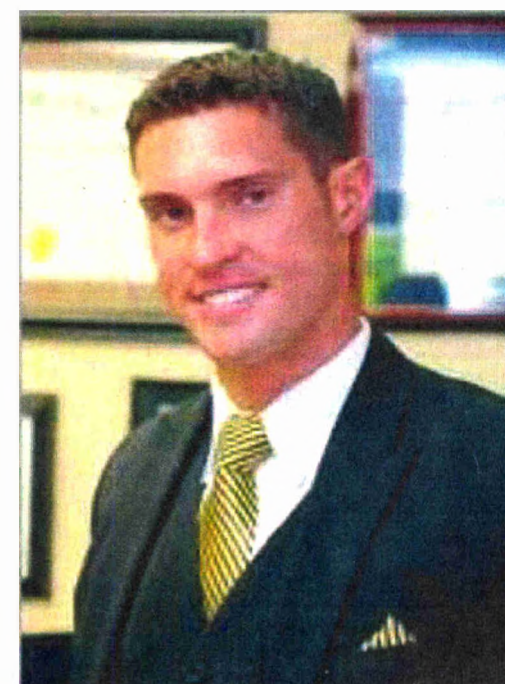
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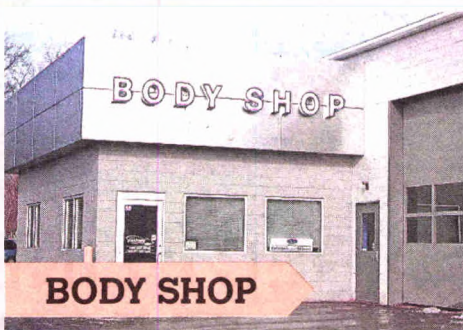
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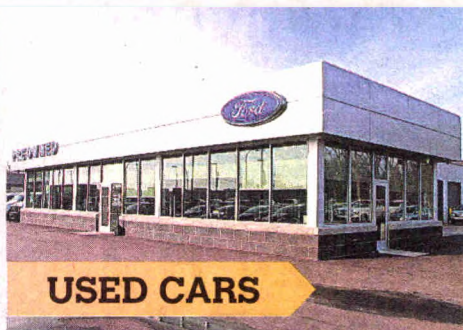
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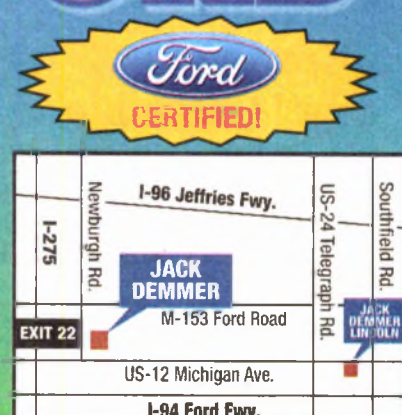
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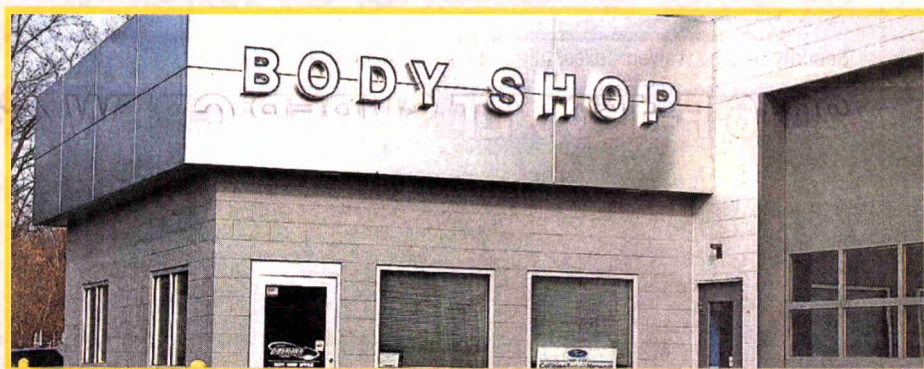
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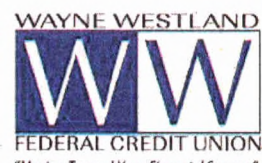


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Of Mutts and Masterpieces: Artist does animal portraits

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stroh: Actually, my piece "300" includes all sorts of animals that have been at the Michigan Humane Society since January ... dogs, cats, bunnies, birds,

roosters. I had to draw the line with snakes, though. The Rochester shelter had a few when I went to take photographs and, seeing as I am not a fan of snakes, I chose to leave them out of the project.

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

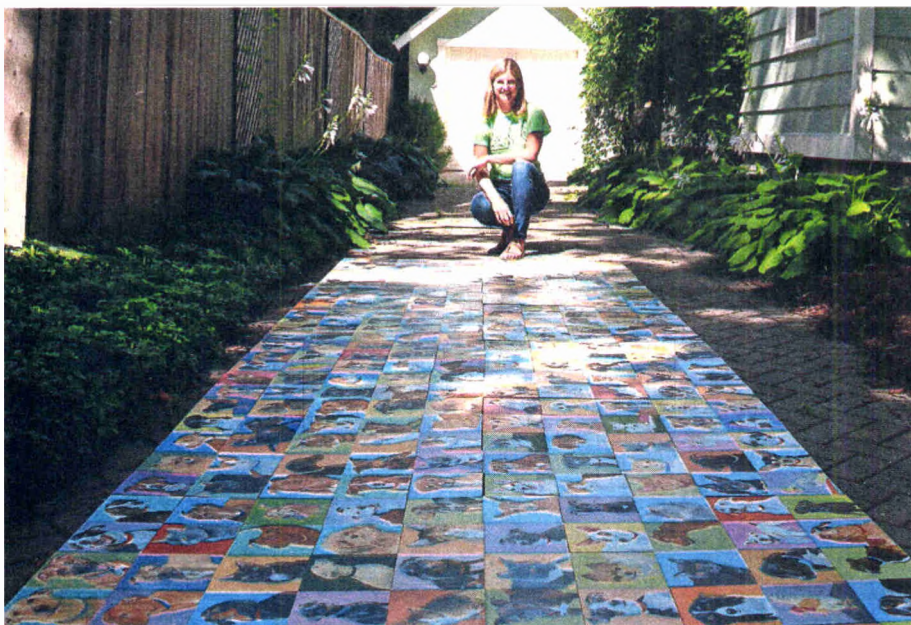
Q: Animals play such a huge role on social media. Is that interest helping out with adoptions at rescue shelters?

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

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

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

Stroh: I wish I could paint that fast! Starting



MANDY LOONEY

Artist Weatherly Stroh displays a collage that she entered in the ArtPrize 2016 competition.



MANDY LOONEY

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

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

Q: Did you reward them with dog bones or

try! About a year after that, I was asked to paint my first horse portrait and, again, I said yes. That is one of the things I love about what I do, it is always evolving and going into new directions.

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

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

My studio helper, Kenai, of course wanted to be a part of the project (her portrait is one of the 300, by the way) and decided to walk all over the 5-foot by 15-foot mosaic. Now there are paw prints on my deck from her tracking the paint with her.

If you come to Grand Rapids for the show, you will see that Kenai traipsing over my work made the final cut in the video. She's been part of the process the whole time, usually sleeping on her bed in my studio, so I think it's fitting she is in the video.

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

Stroh: I grew up around horses and have always loved them. When I started my business, I was painting landscapes until a friend of mine asked me to paint their yellow lab, Georgia, who had recently passed away. I had never painted dogs before, but I figured, why not, I'll give it a

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Suspect sought in rape, robbery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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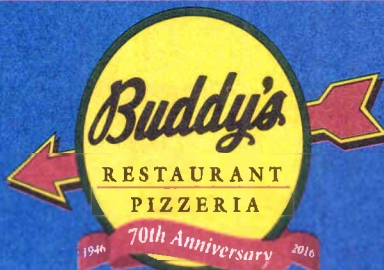
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Construction closures planned for NB M-5 ramps

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Thought major road closures in the western suburbs were finished? Think again. The Michigan Department of Transportation announced Wednesday morning that the ramp to northbound M-5 from various freeways such as Interstate 275 and I-696 will close for several weeks as crews complete the construction that began in May with I-275 from Five Mile in Livonia to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange in Oakland County.

Starting at 10 a.m. Thursday and running through 8 p.m. Friday, the northbound M-5 ramp to 12 Mile in Novi will close so crews can do sawing concrete patching. The ramp will then reopen for the remainder of the weekend, but close again at about 10 a.m. Monday for about three weeks to replace concrete.

Several restrictions will be in place over the weekend through 5 a.m. Monday, including:

- » Eastbound M-5 will have one lane open at Haggerty.

- » The southbound M-5 ramp to eastbound M-5 will be closed.

- » Southbound M-5 will have one lane closed south of 12 Mile.

After the weekend, ramps to northbound M-5 in Novi will close for three weeks for work. Those ramps include the one from westbound I-696, westbound M-5 and northbound I-275.

MDOT says the detour for this closure will be westbound I-696/I-96 to Beck, then eastbound I-96 to northbound M-5. During the closures, MDOT says the only available ramp access to northbound M-5 will be from eastbound I-96.



FILE PHOTO
Work continues Aug. 26 on I-275's northbound stretch north of Five Mile. The northbound portion of the freeway reopened Aug. 30.

In addition, Haggerty over the interchange in Oakland County will be closed from Grand River to just south of 12 Mile from Saturday morning through 5 a.m. Monday morning. Motorists are advised to use Meadowbrook as a detour.

The northbound ramp closures will come a week after a portion of southbound M-5 reopened after being closed for several months. Traffic was recently reintroduced in those lanes south of 13 Mile in Novi, which pro-

hibited access to eastbound M-5 and eastbound I-696. Northbound I-275 reopened to traffic Aug. 30 after being closed just shy of two months.

The closure of the northbound M-5 ramps signals the last portion of the \$75.1 million project, which has been taking place since May. MDOT says work on the project is about 89 percent complete.

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Don't file joint return unless it's accurate

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

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

It is important to understand that when a taxpayer signs a return, whether it is an individual return or a joint return, they are attesting to the fact that they believe the return is fair and accurate. As a result, if the IRS audits your return and it discovers irregularities, not only can you personally be on the hook for the additional tax liabil-



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ity, but also interest and penalties. If the IRS determines that there was negligence involved, you can see penalties as high as 50 percent.

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

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

There are many situations where a spouse will sign a joint return and then it turns out

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


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

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

Good luck!

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Eat your veggies: Mom launches 'Nosh Pit'

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Karen Kahn Schultz was between jobs, a single mom temporarily relying on food stamps to make ends meet, when she began cooking vegetarian meals from scratch at home.

"You know how you eat well on 50 bucks a week? You cut out the cheese, do nothing from boxes. If you do vegetables, greens, you can live well on 50 bucks a week. That was my cooking transition, at a time when I had no money. That's when I started making my own sauce, my own breads."

Six years later, Schultz has parlayed her cooking and baking skills, her graduate business school knowledge of strategic management, a knack for problem-solving and a whole lot of research and persistence into one of the area's newest food trucks, Nosh Pit Detroit, whose tagline promises "no bologna sandwiches."

She and her business partner, Stefan Kudek of Redford, serve vegan and vegetarian soups, sandwiches and desserts, with some gluten-free options, from the bright green food truck that, since its grand opening late last month, has been booked at numerous events throughout southeast Michigan, from a bat festival in Clinton Township to South Lyon's Pumpkifest to a horse farm celebration in Plymouth.

Nosh Pit Detroit has entered the food service industry at a time when the popularity of food trucks has exploded.

"I was in Columbus (Ohio) for the sixth annual food truck festival. There were over 80 trucks," said Chris Ramos, founder and CEO of Detroit Custom Coach, an Oak Park company that designs and builds only food trucks. "Southeast Michigan is opening up and a lot of cities want to be on board. A lot of corporations are inviting trucks in. They see the value of having a different kind of lunch."

More licenses

In Oakland County, where Nosh Pit Detroit is licensed, a total 59 food truck plans was submitted to the county's health and human services department in the past nine months, compared to 43 in 2015.

"You can see how much it has increased in the last two years. We're already doing more than we did in all of 2015," said Tony Drautv, Oakland County environmental health administrator. He said the county has issued annual licenses for a total 215 food trucks.

"It's very popular right now and a lot of people try to pursue it," he said.

He's not sure how many try and fail, how many submit plans but don't follow through, how many buy a truck but run short of cash.

Schultz and Kudek were determined to avoid those pitfalls, although they encountered a few speed bumps along the way. It took them more than two years to get



Karen Kahn Schultz talks with customers during the grand opening of Nosh Pit Detroit food truck.

SHARON DARGAY



Karen Kahn Schultz is in the driver's seat of her new food truck.



The menu board at Nosh Pit Detroit food truck.

SHARON DARGAY

Nosh Pit Detroit on the road after Schultz floated the idea in early 2014 during a monthly potluck cooking club they both attend. By that time, Kudek was working as a baker, after being laid off from his job in the music industry. Schultz had bounced back from unemployment and had been working for Waste Management for a couple of years. She had married and currently lives in Troy with her husband Eric, her two teenage children and her grandmother.

"Time after time the best food was from Stefan. He does the cooking at home and took cooking classes in France," Schultz said. "We were sitting in his kitchen and I said, would you ever

start a food truck? And he said, I'd love to start a food truck. I said let's find out how we can do that."

She quickly discovered there was "no single resource" to find all of the answers.

Getting started

Almost as soon as they began research, her husband's work took the family to Israel for several months. Before she left, they talked about a menu and came up with a business name. Kudek took a course at FoodLab Detroit and, when Schultz returned home, she went to food truck rallies, approached food truck owners, watched television shows about food trucks and read food truck-related books.

She quit her job to work on the food truck concept full time and wrote a proposal to Hebrew Free Loan, hoping for \$30,000 to \$50,000. Members of Snactics, the potluck cooking club, co-signed for the loan. Meanwhile, she sold her house in Royal Oak, where she had lived as a single mom for several years.

She wishes more food truck owners had been willing to talk with her. She and a handful of other industry insiders are talking about starting a group to communicate with each other and to answer questions from startups.

"It needs to happen. You can't have a whole bunch of restaurant owners reinventing the wheel every single time and that's what's happening," she said. "I'm lucky to have so many friends helping me. I ran into one of my professors from business school, who went through my business plan and all my numbers. Another blessing is Hebrew Free Loan hooked me up with a mentor. I've been emailing and meeting with Eric Ersher, the owner of Zoup! He has been awesome."

Catering

Kudek, the chef, mostly is responsible for the sandwiches and soups and Schultz, the CEO, bakes desserts and has handled licensing and financial requirements. She took food safety classes and earned her food safety manager

certification, a requirement for the food truck, and they began catering private events last year while awaiting word on the loan. When it came through in April, Nosh Pit Detroit was ready for a truck and licensing.

Schultz found a vehicle through Craigslist. It had been stored in a barn in Howell.

"I got it from a guy who got it from another guy who was going to turn it into a food truck, so it came with a sink," she said.

After its engine was repaired, Schultz headed for Detroit Custom Coach. The company builds new food trucks, upgrades existing trucks — as it did for Nosh Pit Detroit — and facilitates customers with plans and interior layouts that are submitted to health departments.

"Requirements are pretty specific. They (the county) want to know who your food sources are, how you're cooking each item, what equipment you're using. They need spec sheets on every single piece of equipment," Schultz said. "We're different from other food trucks, because all we're doing is grilling. Other food trucks have fryers and burners. We're keeping it simple."

STFU vs. mobile unit

She applied for a mobile food unit license, meaning that Nosh Pit Detroit's truck must return to a kitchen every day. The other kind of license, a special transitional food unit (STFU), allows a food truck to operate independently, like a restaurant on wheels.

"I really rely on that kitchen for the mobile unit, but I don't have to have everything inside the truck. As long as I can have enough tongs and soup ladles to last the whole trip, I don't have to be constantly washing."

The STFUs need 10 times as much water, because they are going to wash their own dishes."

Schultz and Kudek cook their soups, prep ingredients for sandwiches and bake desserts in the off-site kitchen they rent. They reheat soups such as their spicy tomato "Shakshuka," in crock pots on the truck. They assemble sandwiches as customers order them and currently offer six selections, including lentil sloppy joes and a grilled cheese made with marinated mushrooms and banana jam. Desserts — beet cupcakes, macarons and three varieties of Schultz's vegan cookies — round out the menu.

Schultz had hoped to become the first kosher vegan/vegetarian food truck in southeast Michigan, but after meeting with rabbis, calling synagogues and touring several kitchens, hasn't found exactly what she needs to serve items from her truck that are prepped in her commissary.

In the meantime, Nosh Pit Detroit is concentrating on serving customers "good food, good healthy food," Kudek said.

"We're refining the menu as we go along. We're doing the Pumpkifest in South Lyon and I've got a pumpkin soup I make. I'm going to try that," Kudek said. "I like cooking new things. I don't want to get too set on the menu."

For a list of upcoming events, go to noshpit-detroit.com or go to its page on Facebook.

Planning to start a food truck business? Check out foodlabdetroit.com, and detroitcustomcoach.com. Get a planner packet from Oakland County at oakgov.com/health or for Wayne County, go to waynecounty.com/hhs/foodlicensing.htm.

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Couple finishes grueling race, raises cash

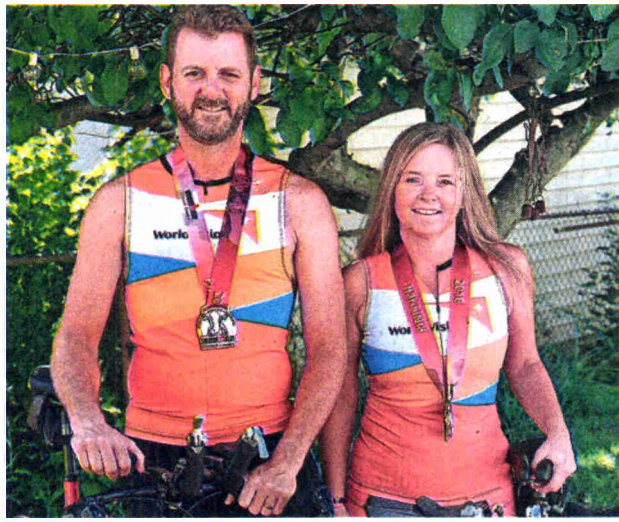
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Since Garden City residents Matt and Hollie Thompson were former smokers, they amazed themselves by finishing a grueling Ironman race in Wisconsin.

On Sept. 11, Hollie, 45, came in with 21 minutes to spare after swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles and running 26.2 miles. Athletes must finish within 17 hours or they're disqualified. Matt, 47, finished in 13 hour, 52 minutes.

"It was brutal and completely exhausting," Matt said. Pure delight took over on the finish line. "It was relief for me and a huge accomplishment."

Although their finish times were important, their real focus was on how much money they raised for World Vision to provide clean drinking water to African villages. The Thompsons set out to get \$10,000 in race sponsorships and a few days after the race they were at \$10,362. While they've



Matt and Hollie Thompson competed in an Ironman competition.

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surpassed their goal, they're hoping people will continue to donate to their fund at teamworldvision.org/participant/MattThompson.

A bigger race

Their commitment to World Vision began four years ago, when a representative spoke to their church congregation about the organization.

Hollie was still smoking and Matt had quit three years before.

They signed up for a World Vision half-marathon in 2013 and there was no looking back. As their strength and athleticism grew, their goals got bigger. Hollie quit smoking and the two began an intense new life of training, running marathons, completing a half

Ironman and now finishing the full Ironman. Amazingly, Hollie didn't know how to swim before the half-marathon.

"I became stronger and I wanted to keep going," said Hollie, who finds time to train when she's not working in housekeeping at Westhaven Manor in Westland. Matt works at the University of Michigan Hospital as a fire alarm electrician.

Their running, biking and swimming training got intense this year.

"Most of the summer, we were exhausted," Matt said. "It took over our lives. But health-wise, we've never been better. A lot of people think we're crazy."

After the Ironman in Wisconsin, their daughter Casey posted on Facebook that she couldn't believe her parents are "real life super heroes."

The real heroism is keeping a focus on raising money for people without access to clean water.

Hollie collected more than \$1,000 in bottle and

can returns and Matt, who makes Michigan-shaped wind chimes, Adirondack chairs and other accessories in his side business, Thompson Woodworks, raffled some of his products for the cause.

"Eighty-five percent of all that is collected by World Vision goes to address the problem and not for administrative costs," Matt said.

Numbers tell story

Matt rattles off horrific statistics about the need for clean water around the world:

» One in five children in Africa, 5 years old and younger, dies from health problems, including diarrhea, caused by drinking filthy water.

» On average, children walk four miles daily to fill drinking cans of water from ponds "where there is animal waste." Once clean water becomes available, often-times these children are freed up to attend school for the first time.

» Fifty dollars is enough to give one child

enough clean water for life.

» In 2010, there were 884 million people worldwide who didn't have access to clean water. Progress is being made, Matt added, because now there are 663 million, still an unfathomable number, but one that is on the decline.

"By 2030, this water crisis will be solved," he said. "Our generation can see this ended, which is pretty incredible. World Vision doesn't just drop off cases of water, they create sources of water and they stay in the villages for up to 10 years to make sure the residents know how to maintain the new water source."

Matt and Hollie have three children: Brooke, 27, Matt, 23, and Casey, 19, who are all Garden City High School graduates. They recently added one more person to their clan by sponsoring an African girl, Laila Anshisew, with monthly contributions for her welfare.

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'Sexy vegans' star in calendar to aid Sasha Farm

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According to Debra Levantrosser's calendar, 2017 will be the year of the sexy vegan and rescued farm animal.

Levantrosser, owner of Shimmy Shack food truck, recently launched the "2017 Sexiest Vegans in Michigan" wall calendar. Sold through Shimmy Shack's website and at the truck, the calendar includes photographs of vegans, both men and women, with farm animals at Sasha Farm, an animal sanctuary in Manchester.

Shimmy Shack released its own calendar in 2015 and 2016, but this is the first time it has partnered with Sasha Farm.

Fifty percent of profits from the sale of the 2017 calendar will go to the animal sanctuary and another 10 percent will be donated to the Jim Ward Scholarship at the Center for Creative Studies.

Ward, who died last year, was a partner in the food truck, which is based in South Lyon.

"Sasha Farm's values match our values. We believe animals have personalities and deserve love. To us, eating a pig is the equivalent of eating a dog. If people got to know pigs, they'd see pigs have personalities, just like dogs, and the same with cows," Levantrosser said. "We like what Sasha Farm does and how they do it."

Levantrosser also hopes the calendar also



Vegans and their four-legged friend model for the 2017 calendar at Sasha Farm.

puts a face on veganism. Vegans follow a plant-based diet that excludes animal products such as dairy foods. They also may refrain from using items, such as leather

shoes or purses, that contain animal products. "We believe veganism is often misunderstood and misinterpreted," Levantrosser said. "We're trying a multitude of

ways to reach people, to show that vegans are fun, sexy, smart and we thought the calendar was an additional way to reach people, to visually show and highlight great people

we have in southeast Michigan who are vegans.

"I think vegans are often seen as strange, hippies, liberal and, while some vegans may be those things, not all of us are. We're very diverse. There have been stereotypes attached to vegans and those are the stereotypes we're trying to break."

Vegans were selected for the calendar through an application process via social media. Applicants indicated how long they have been vegan, explained why they wanted to be in the calendar and identified their favorite Shimmy Shack menu item. Levantrosser said the models ranged in age from 18 to 50-plus.

"We even have a centerfold of nudes — just their backs — but it's a very cool photo of seven women on a big baler."

The calendars cost \$18. Find a list of Shimmy Shack events and buy the calendar at shimmyshack.com.

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Annual walk will raise funds for Angela Hospice

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

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

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

This will be the fourth

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

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

Because of the exceptional care her husband

received, Ojala tries to give back to Angela Hospice in any way she can, including participating in the walk.

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

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

"The scenery of the walk is beautiful, but the most beautiful part of the walk for us are the participants," said Bob

Alexander, Angela Hospice's director of development.

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

Registration for the walk includes a T-shirt and is \$35 for adults, \$15 for children ages 6-12. The event is free for kids



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

5 and under. Day-of registration begins at 9 a.m. and an opening ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. To register in advance or to get more information about the

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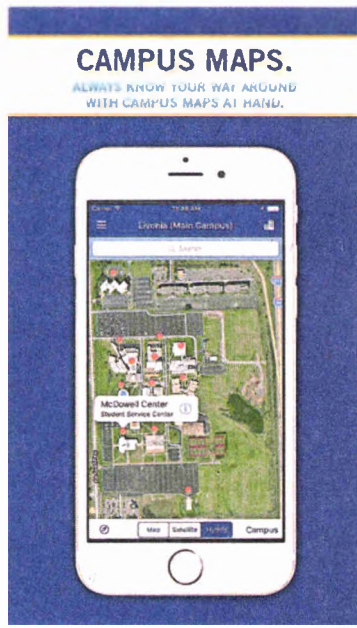
Schoolcraft launches app for students

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Patrick Turner has seen plenty of students at Schoolcraft College looking down at their phones as the school year begins. One more option to look at on their phones is now a part of their college experience.

Schoolcraft College recently launched a new app designed to be a portal for students access important information, register for classes and, for those unfamiliar with the school's layout, maybe even help get them around the Livonia campus with a map that identifies what each building is.

"We have a lot of folks that end up in various buildings," said Turner, the college's vice president and chief information officer. "Now they can just use their phone and walk



Campus maps are just one feature of the newly-launched Schoolcraft College app.

themselves right over." Students can also access their course schedule, check their grades and keep up with news postings and athletic updates from the school with campuses in Livonia and Garden City. Many of the more detailed features, such as paying a student's bill, requires them to log in with their Schoolcraft College credentials.

The app is a free download on the Apple App Store and on the Google Play store for Android. Turner said it's been downloaded several thousand times as the new school year begins.

The ease of execution is also there for those who use it, Turner noted. He said he recently was at a conference when a local executive spoke to him and mentioned how he wanted to enroll in a class at the college. Turner pointed

him to the app, where he was able to join a course right there from his cellphone.

"He was pretty blown away by that," he said.

While the app launched in early August, Turner said his office wants to continue adding to it, including additional educational resources that students use on a regular basis. Tighter integration with Blackboard, a program used by educators during classes, is just one of the goals in the coming months for the app.

And keeping it updated is important, Turner said, because the lifestyle of today's student will continue to push toward mobile.

"It's going to become an increasingly important tool for educators to meet students in their lifestyle," he said. "The sky's the limit on how this technology can enhance the learning experience."

Canton's library offers healthy lunch program

If you're tired of your kid complaining every day about the same old peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch — or if you're tired yourself of eating the same bagged lunch Monday through Friday — visit the Canton Public Library to learn some healthy lunch alternatives.

It all happens 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, and involves a Healthy Lunches program that gives parents the opportunity to put an end to the monotony of packing the same old thing, week after week.

"Personally, when back to school comes around, I dread having to pack lunches again," said Laura Fawcett, program librarian. "I know I can't be the only one who has a hard time coming up with healthy ideas that the kids will actually eat. I figured September would be a great time to offer this program and I hope folks learn something that will make daily life just a little bit easier."

The Canton Public Library is hosting chef Kristi Zebrowski for the Healthy Lunches program. Healthy foods can mean more than celery sticks and whole wheat bread and Zebrowski, a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Chicago, sets out on a mission to teach everyone that healthy eating can be fun and easy.

Zebrowski has worked across the country in restaurants and she works as a personal chef. She works with HAP's work-site wellness group to produce cooking demonstrations on the ease of cooking food with quality ingredients in a way that still offers flavor.

"Cooking can be quite fun and I try to reflect that in my programs," she said.

Registration is required for this Canton Public Library program and those interested can go to the library's website at www.cantonpl.org or call 734-397-0999.

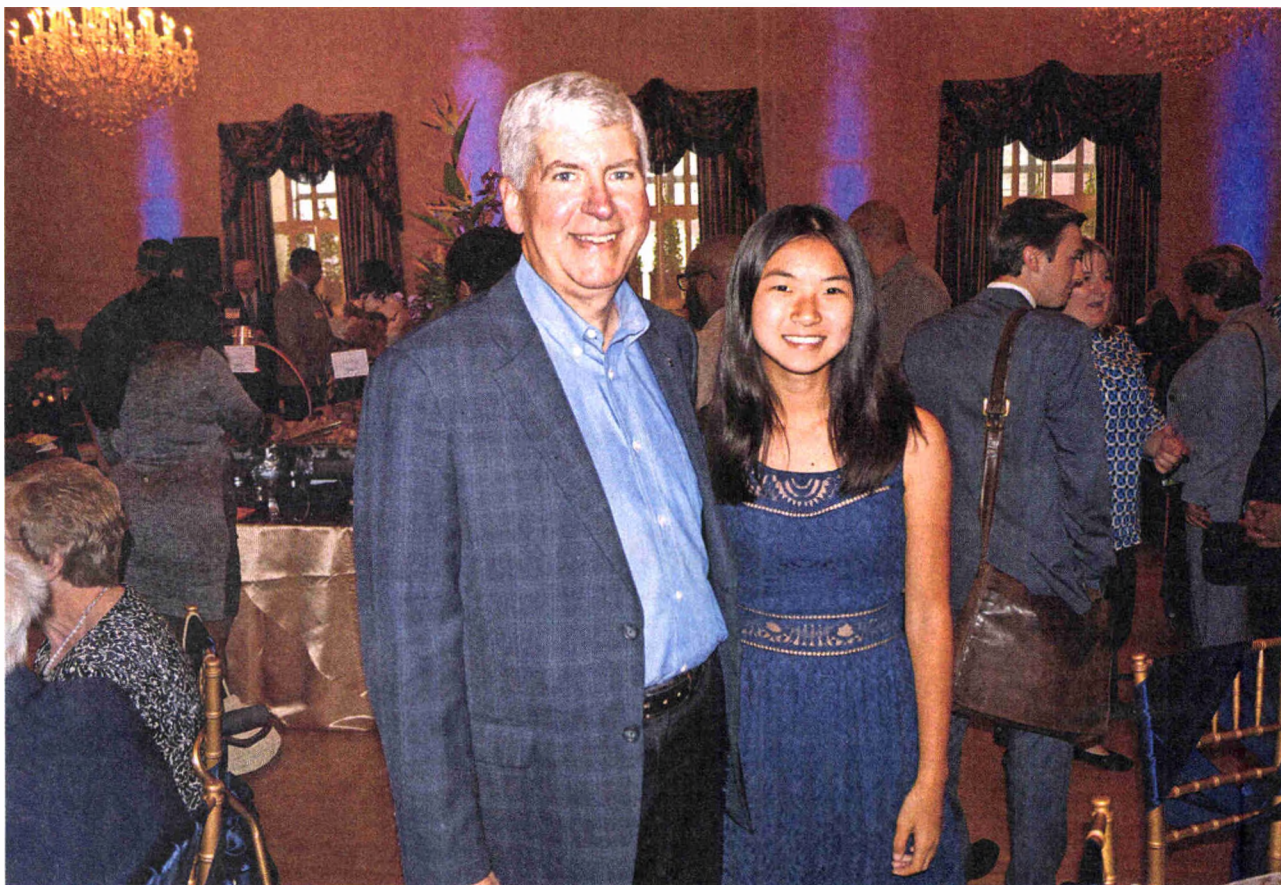


Zebrowski

Canton teens capture Governor's Service Award

Canton teens Alan Sun, 17, and Anna Sun, 14, received the 2016 Governor's Service Award for Youth Volunteer of the Year.

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Anna Sun of Canton with Gov. Rick Snyder.

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PREP FOOTBALL



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

MICHAEL VASILNEK

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Young Canton girls on rise

Look out for Chiefs with standout Nagelhout, not to mention other impressive performers

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Canton girls cross country coach Kevin Palmer knows how special a talent Anna Nagelhout is.

After all, as a freshman in 2015, all Nagelhout did was finish in the top 10 at the Kensington Conference meet with a season's best time of 19 minutes, 42 seconds. She helped the Chiefs finish 3-2 in the KLAAs South Division.

It's a new season now. Palmer doesn't want the talented sophomore to worry about anything other than doing her thing on cross country courses around metro Detroit and let older girls handle the bulk of leadership duties.



Naghelout

But good luck with that, because Nagelhout already is a team leader on and off the running path.

"Anna is a really hard worker and is determined to do her best," Palmer said. "She also is one of the most coachable kids we've had the pleasure of working with."

"Not only is she a talented runner, but she is also a motivator for her teammates during workouts and at meets."

Naghelout is one of the key members of a relatively young nucleus, Palmer noted, listing freshman Olivia Gatto and juniors Shilpa Pindolia and Olivia Pahl.

Another top performer so far has been senior Shikha Advani, he added.

Taking care of team leadership duties, at least officially, are co-captains Katie Carr, Kate Cotham, Samantha Rohrbach and Natalie Phillips.

"The team is a close-knit group of girls and part of that is because of our annual cross country camp in northern Michigan," Palmer said. "This is a young group that is growing and developing well and we look forward to how our team will do towards the end of the season at conferences and regionals."

Plymouth girls edged

Despite senior Annie Bonds finishing first with a time of 20:30, Plymouth lost, 24-31, to visiting Livonia Franklin at Cass Benton.

Other Wildcats to make notable

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Big plays lift Chargers over Plymouth, 54-28

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

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

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

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

"We've got kids that are still making the same mistakes they made in Week 1," Sawchuk said. "So we're going to keep

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Jamal Allen runs the ball Friday for Livonia Churchill. The Chargers were in control most of the night against Plymouth.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

PREP FOOTBALL

Defense spurs Chiefs' comeback win over Patriots

Evan Paputa
Correspondent

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

Instead of kicking the field goal, Canton quarterback Jake O'Donnell rolled out and found tight end Brennan Pelland for a 28-yard score to cut the

Franklin lead to 14-13 before half.

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

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

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

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

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Canton's Noah Brown (right) wraps up Livonia Franklin's John Diponio during Friday night's contest.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Local ties strengthen Lady Ocelots roster

Alums from several Observerland high schools already making a difference

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There's a winning sound with an Observerland backbeat going on this fall with Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team.

Sparked by a handful of players from area high schools, the Lady Ocelots are off to a big start — going 7-2 and 1-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference.

"I am pleased with our start to the season," third-year Schoolcraft head coach Shannon Pummill said. "I believe we have the depth, experience and talent to be a real contender in the MCAA."

Crucial to the on-court success thus far has been the work of returning 5-foot-9 sophomores and co-captains Amanda Rybak (Livonia Churchill) and Shannon Malone, who are starting at setter and middle blocker, respectively.

"Amanda is the glue that holds our offense and defense together," Pummill said. "She is solid leader who plays smart and has great court awareness."

Malone, along with middle blocker Carli Augustine, "are both strong offensive forces that make their presence known."

Howell's Lauren Cheyne, a 6-0 sophomore middle, "gives us the option to change pace by using her strong quicks."

Ex-Rockets shine

Westland John Glenn alums Kelly Epperson (outside hitter and Canton resident) and Erin Parrinello (right-side hitter) do much more than bring a local flavor.

Both of the 5-9 sophomores are key contributors in various situations for the Lady Ocelots, with Parrinello an all-conference player in 2015.

"Kelly is a transfer from Macomb Community College who provides our team with a lot of strengths on both offense and defense and experience to match," Pummill said. "Erin is an integral player in both the front and back row."

"(Parrinello) has a quick arm swing, quick feet and a strong mentality, which makes her a big impact player for us."

Another key sophomore who hails from a local school is 5-8 sophomore outside hitter Madison Dest, who went



SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS

Schoolcraft College already is off to a 7-2 start this volleyball season.

to Huron Valley Lutheran. "Madison is a dynamic player who is just as important to us on offense as she is on defense," Pummill said. "She is both a smart and a powerful hitter and is a constant strength to us on both defense and serve receive."

Schoolcraft's offense includes sophomore outside hitter Gabrielle Maciag, one of the team's thumpers.

"Gabby is our most powerful hitter who makes a big impact against opposing teams," Pummill said. "Her energy explodes on the court just like her attacks do."

Handling starting libero duties is sophomore Marissa Sims, from Trenton High School.

"Marissa has a great attitude paired with outstanding defensive skills," Pummill said. "She is a valuable asset on defense."

GC alum is key

Providing key backup at libero, as well as the ability to play wherever needed, is freshman and Garden City alum Allison Lynn.

"Allie has a vast skill set that makes



Rybak



Parrinello



Epperson

her valuable anywhere on the court," Pummill said. "Allie is both a stellar outside who sees the floor extremely well and a defensive barrier that that provides leadership in the back row for us."

Two other freshmen making a mark are Jalyn Barnett (setter) and Amanda Ynclan (middle blocker, right side).

"Jalyn will give us depth at the setting position and will also be a strong option for us at right side with her good court instincts," Pummill said. "Amanda Ynclan is a freshman middle hitter who will be a huge asset in the middle."

Also helping the team jell are assistant coaches Victoria Velucci, Kellyn Rodden and Ron Pummill (Shannon's husband).

"The athletic department at Schoolcraft is extremely supportive and provides a great environment for these players to showcase their talent and receive a quality education," Shannon Pummill said.

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PLYMOUTH

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coaching our tails off, staying positive and doing the right thing.

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

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

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

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

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

Blowing it open

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I don't know what the numbers were, but at different times we had to step up on third down and make conversions," DeFillippo said. "And our guys got loose and we have good team speed, so they were able to take some long gains to the house."

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

But most of the Wildcats' yardage came after the game was decided; sophomore running back Miller was outstanding, carrying the ball 15 times for 187 yards and scoring twice (including a 36-yard run with 2:29 left to close out the scoring).

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PREP FOOTBALL

Streaking Mustangs shut down Salem, 31-21

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Northville put the clamps on Salem junior running Andrew Davis on Friday night, holding him to only 59 yards in 16 attempts, and the Rocks were unable to make it three victories in a row.

The host Mustangs earned a 31-21 KLAA Central Division football victory, which leveled Salem's record at 2-2.

Davis did score two touchdowns, one on a 4-yard run in the first quarter to put Salem on the board. In the fourth, he caught a pass from junior quarterback Ryan Young and finished off a 29-yard TD play to complete the night's scoring.

Young had a strong night moving the ball through the air, despite the loss. He completed 17-of-32 passes for 259 yards. He also scored on a 19-yard run



DAVE DONOHER

Busting a big gainer Friday for Salem is Andrew Davis.

early in the fourth quarter to slice Northville's lead to 24-14. Northville's Abe Khoury, quarter-

back Jack Burke and Antonio Washington all recorded rushing TDs, doing just enough to ward off Salem.

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

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

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

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

"Every week, we are getting better. We learn from our mistakes and are correcting them on film. At halftime, we knew we needed to come out and get



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Off to the races for Canton is senior running back Markus Sanders.

stops and we did," Canton defensive back Eddie Lang said.

Lang and Steven Walker held down the fort in the Canton secondary and limited big plays by Patriots receivers Giocobbi and Ke-Mauri Heard.

"Getting beat deep would happen sometimes, but this game, we didn't let

that happen. We had a good, good week of practice," Walker said.

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

first-half yards.

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

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

Giocobbi caught three passes for 82 yards and a touchdown.

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

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

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

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

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

"It feels really good. It means that once you get momentum, it's hard to stop," Walker said.

BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Offenses roll for PCA, Canton, Plymouth

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Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team came away with a tie and victory in a pair of early season MIAC match-ups.

After posting a 5-2 victory over Oakland Christian, the Eagles returned to the pitch Tuesday and played to a 2-2 draw with Lutheran Northwest.

After the Crusaders squared the contest midway through the second half, the teams went on to play a hard-fought overtime period that ended without a goal.

Scoring for PCA were Ethan Willis and Austin Andres, the latter on a penalty kick to briefly put the Eagles in front.

But Lutheran Northwest responded with a PK goal to send the game to an extra session.

In the win over Oakland Christian, PCA's attack included three goals by Andres (one on PK), and single goals by Andrew Schuster (first of the season) and Brian Schlientz (who also set up two goals with corner kicks).

Earning the win in goal for the Eagles was Jayme Fadden. Chipping in an assist was Levi Yakuber, while Jeremy Collins had a key defensive tackle when the game was close in the first half, PCA head coach Kris Warnemuende noted.

Chiefs win big

After mercying Wayne Memorial, 8-0, on Tuesday, the Canton Chiefs nearly duplicated the feat with Thursday's 6-0 trouncing of Westland John Glenn.

Senior co-captain Mohamad Miri notched the only goal that the Chiefs needed to get in the first half, finishing a crossing pass from Ryen O'Meara.

The Chiefs (9-1-1, 3-1-0 in the KLAA South Division) then went off after intermission, with Avery Olson scoring two goals. Also finding the back of the net were Alex Spratte, Luke Kurili and Aiden Hurley.

Collecting assists were Miri, Hurley, Colin O'Keefe, Cam Waller, Matt Eastman and Jordan Forney.

Goalie David Sadanawicz recorded his second shutout of the week. He was supported defensively by Matt Tenge-

lin, Ethan Schiffour and Ryan Page. In the romp over the Zebras, Miri and Forney both scored three goals, with Kurili and Spratte also finding the mark.

Plymouth earns victory

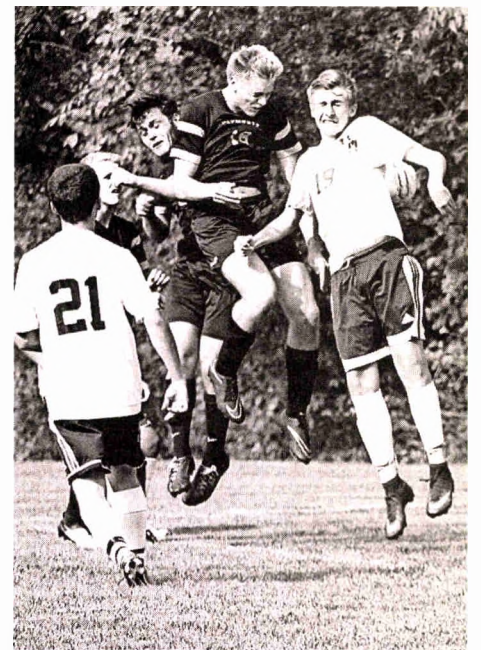
The Wildcats won 6-0 Thursday against division rival Wayne Memorial. Plymouth senior Adam Saunders scored three goals, including one off a nice chip shot in the second half.

Junior Scottlar Chakrabarty racked up two goals and senior Keaton Hegarty scored Plymouth's first goal of the game.

Short a couple of starters due to injury, Plymouth took the opportunity to try players in a number of different field positions and combinations, including using normal starting goalie J.D. Visnaw as a field player.

Visnaw came close to scoring, but was denied by the Wayne Memorial goalie. Earning the shutout for Plymouth was Chris Tsakoff.

Plymouth faces off Tuesday against John Glenn and then is at home Wednesday against Livonia Franklin.



PHYLIS AVERY
Plymouth's Scottlar Chakrabarty (center) goes up for a header Thursday against Wayne Memorial.

YOUTH FOOTBALL



CANTON LIONS
Mark Dagher delivers at hit for the Canton Lions varsity in their 25-6 victory over Western Suburban Junior Football League newcomers, the Dearborn Thunderbirds.

Canton Lions sweep T-Birds in Week 1

It was a perfect opening day for the Canton Lions football program, Saturday against the Dearborn Thunderbirds.

The Lions' varsity squad set the tone with a 25-6 victory over their new opponent in the Western Suburban Junior Football League.

Following are recaps of the junior varsity, freshmen and junior freshmen teams, all victorious.

Lions junior varsity

The Canton Lions junior varsity team came out roaring in their first-ever meeting against the Dearborn Thunderbirds and won 38-6. Aaron Alexander's 4-yard touchdown run put the Lions ahead early. Lions special teams would then recover the ball for another possession.

Quarterback Lake McIntosh reached the end zone on a 15-yard keeper. Alexander put another six points on the board with an 11-yard run. Touchdowns also came courtesy of Dylan Fleming, Josiah West and a 24-yard touchdown pass from Avery Satterlee to Derik Watson. West also contributed to the score by kicking for two additional points.

The Lions defense held the Thunderbirds to six, with key plays made



CANTON LIONS
Jeremiah Ingram blocks for end zone-bound Bralen Willis.

by Alexander, Gavin Bobby, Wesley Faulkner, Fleming, Michael Kuzara, Joshua Nichols and Carson Sampson. Faulkner also recovered a fumble.

Lions freshmen

The freshmen Lions were a force on both sides of the ball, shutting out the Dearborn Thunderbirds 38-0. Caleb Williams scored three first-half touchdowns, including six on the board for a returned punt. Bralen Willis put up another six points for the Lions before

halftime. Aaron Pryce reached the end zone in the second half; and the Lions would then recover a punt in the Thunderbirds' end zone, giving the visitors six more.

There were plenty of highlights on defense as well. Key tackles came courtesy of Kristopher Easley, Jaylen Harrison, Diego Hernandez-Ramirez, Devin Kaigler, Brynden Millet and Bralen Willis. A tackle delivered by Jackson Studenka resulted in a Thunderbirds fumble.

Lions junior freshmen

A 60-yard touchdown run in the first quarter by Brandon Willis for the Lions was a preview of events to come in the junior freshmen matchup. The Lions would go on to reach the end zone four times, shutting out the Thunderbirds 24-0.

Also contributing with touchdowns were Brenden Napier and Aaron Jones.

Jones was a touchdown stopper on the other side of the ball, delivering several key tackles, including one near the goal line. Key defensive plays were also delivered by Aiden Balog, Cole Balog (including a sack), Jones, Kai Prinzevski and Drew Young.

CHIEFS

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contributions were freshman Lily Tiplady (fifth, 22:00), freshman Izzy Tiplady (seventh), sophomore Amelia Carey (eighth) and sophomore Ana White (10th).

"I'm still very optimistic about this young team and what they can accomplish," coach Alice Ahearn said. "It's

early in the season and Franklin is a very good team. I'm hoping that when we meet up with them again later in the season at some invitationals, we have an even more competitive battle."

Boys cross country

Canton defeated Livonia Churchill, 27-28, led by Zac Clark and Shane Andrews in second and third place with respective times of 17:03 and 17:05.

Nick Socha (season's best 17:51) finished fifth for the Chiefs, who won

their ninth straight dual meet.

Plymouth got the season off to a good start with Tuesday's 15-48 victory over Livonia Franklin.

The top seven for the Wildcats were Ethan Byrnes (17:00), Brandon Boyd (17:33), Carter Solomon (17:48), Tyler Mussen (17:49), Adam Stepek (18:23), Jarrett Warner (18:25) and Tim Hoang (18:49).

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Salem wins Park meet

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Tuesday's annual Plymouth-Canton Educational Park tri-meet came down to the wire, but Salem's varsity girls swimming and diving team ultimately edged Canton, 227-208.

Finishing third at the Canton High School pool was Plymouth, with 122.

It was the sixth consecutive Park tri-meet that the Rocks won.

"Every event that was swam tonight was very energetic," first-year Salem head coach Brandon Larkins said. "Best times were performed for every event and I couldn't be happier of our girls tonight."

Both the Rocks and Chiefs captured four individual events, with Canton taking two of three relays (Salem won the third).

"All three teams performed terrifically," Larkins said.

Salem benefited from a combined 11 second- and third-place finishes, including several races were Rocks took places two and three.

Prevailing in the 200 free relay was the quartet of Meghan Maikowski, Molly Rowe, Grace Harding and Morgan Davis, finishing in 1:48.90. Katie Xu won a pair of events, the 200 IM (2:14.12) and 100 backstroke (1:01.28).

Salem victories also were turned in by Davis (200 free, 2:01.81) and Camille Burt (diving, 212.70 points).

For the defending KLAA South Division champion Chiefs, notching two individual wins was Meghan Mans, who won the 50 free and 100 free with respective times of 26.00 and 55.64.

Also prevailing for Canton were Jessica Clark (100 butterfly, 1:02.17), Sophia Balow (500 free, 5:35.35), the 200 medley relay (Mans, Caruso, Clark, Kaylie Seifert, 1:57.04) and the 400 free relay (Clark, Balow, Jenna Leppek and anchor Mans, 3:47.17).

Plymouth's Kelsey Peregorod took first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:14.49.

P-CEP TRI-MEET

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200 medley relay: 1. Canton (Meghan Mans, Ellie Caruso, Jessica Clark, Kaylie Seifert), 1:57.04; 2. Salem (Katie Xu, Miranda Li, Sarah Griffiths, Jenna Chen), 1:57.22; 3. Plymouth (Grace MacLellan, Kelsey Peregorod, Kathryn Waters, Sneha Sundar), 2:02.97.
200 free: 1. Morgan Davis (S), 2:01.81; 2. Sophia Balow (C), 2:02.29; 3. S. Griffiths (S), 2:07.33; 4. Danielle Tabar (C), 2:07.90; 5. Lily Griffiths (S), 2:08.95.
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50 free: 1. Mans (C), 26.00; 2. Meghan Maikowski (S), 26.97; 3. Molly Rowe (S), 27.44; 4. Caruso (C), 27.81; 5. Alyssa Crisp (P), 28.57.
1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (S), 212.70 points; 2. Annika Wang (C), 161.20; 3. Beth Henderson (P), 151.70; 4. Tori Silvester (P), 137.50; 5. Korrine Stevens (P), 134.45.
100 fly: 1. Clark (C), 1:02.17; 2. S. Griffiths (S), 1:03.96; 3. Maikowski (S), 1:07.06; 4. K. Waters (P), 1:08.31; 5. Ruthie Seltz (C), 1:09.29.
100 free: 1. Mans (C), 55.64; 2. Davis (S), 56.69; 3. Chen (S), 57.57; 4. Rowe (S), 59.41; 5. Kristen Wiseman (C), 1:01.99.
500 free: 1. Balow (C), 5:35.35; 2. Tabar (C), 5:46.36; 3. L. Griffiths (S), 5:49.04; 4. Chrissy Brown (P), 6:16.11; 5. Jessica Zhang (S), 6:18.80.
200 free relay: 1. Salem (Maikowski, Rowe, Harding, Davis), 1:48.90; 2. Canton (Katelyn Walligora, Balow, Caruso, Wiseman), 1:50.19; 3. Canton (Meadow Maturen, Tabar, Seltz, Christina Newton), 1:55.30.
100 back: 1. Xu (S), 1:01.28; 2. Clark (C), 1:02.33; 3. Leppek (C), 1:04.96; 4. Elizabeth Breda (P), 1:07.12; 5. Katherine Cousino (S), 1:07.76.
100 breast: 1. K. Peregorod (P), 1:14.49; 2. Li (S), 1:15.27; 3. Caruso (C), 1:15.90; 4. Harding (S), 1:16.30; 5. Vy Nguyen (P), 1:17.53.
400 free relay: 1. Canton (Clark, Balow, Leppek, Mans), 3:47.17; 2. Salem (Xu, Davis, S. Griffiths, Chen), 3:49.43; 3. Plymouth (K. Waters, MacLellan, Regan Peregorod, K. Peregorod), 4:00.52.

GIRLS GOLF ROUNDUP

Plymouth gets past Canton, Rocks earn victory

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Two Park varsity girls golf teams squared off Tuesday at Fox Hills Classic Golf Course as Plymouth came away with a 167-196 victory over Canton.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was medalist Kaitlyn Elledge, who recorded a score of 40 over her nine

holes of play.

Elledge edged teammates Erin Johnson (second, 41), Shae Zydeck and Sara Vohra (each with 43). Other Plymouth finishers were Rachel Kristian and Heather Muir, who registered scores of 45 and 46, respectively.

For Canton, the top performer was sophomore Nicole Dawson, who finished with 44. Other Chiefs included Manasa Potluri (48), Molly Mundorf

(51), Ava Song (53), Avery Ralston (55) and Simi Neeluru (56).

Meanwhile, Salem defeated South Lyon East, 174-184, Tuesday, also at Fox Hills.

Salem senior Darby Scott was the medalist with 37, while junior Nicole Hahn's career low 45 also helped the Rocks (2-3 in match play).

Rounding out the Salem scorecard were Hannah Saad (45), Grace Grelak

(47), Julianne Small (52) and Ryleigh Reed (56).

South Lyon East finishers included Emily O'Brian (42), Kiersten VanNorden (45), Natalie Aulicino (47), Hannah McKee (50), Devin Dzumaryk (53) and Paige Conrad (54).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy
Details: Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of

WJR 760-AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20.
Contact: 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org
BIBLE STUDY
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 22
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom," a 24-part video Bible series, features

Catholic apologist Jeff Cavins. Registration is required for this course and there is a \$35 charge for the study workbooks.
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org
BIBLE STUDY
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, beginning Sept. 22
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish school library, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta, leads a Bible study on Ezekiel, emphasizing portions that relate to the Book of Revelation. Bring your own Bible.
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200
CELEBRATING NEW LOCATION
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25
Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Details: Worship service celebrates the church's move from the Comfort Inn in Belleville to Tyler Elementary School in Belleville.
Contact: 734-740-4230
FAITH FORMATION
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: St. Priscilla Parish activity center, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: "Prayer: The Faith Prayed - Making Room For God," is the first of the parish's "Growing in Faith Together - Intergenerational Sessions" for 2016-17. A light meal will be provided. Free will donations will be accepted. RSVP by Sept. 16.
Contact: faithformation@saint-priscilla.org; 248-476-4700
FILM
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington
Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group presents a documentary by filmmaker Michael Frolichstein about his life before and after he was diagnosed with Celiac disease.
Contact: tccsg.net

ton Hills
Location: Dave Bennett and his jazz trio perform.
Contact: 248-788-9338 or 248-661-1348; vivaceseries.org
FESTIVAL
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: More than 40 vendors will display their products at the Body Mind Spirit Festival. Presentations will focus on self-massage techniques, balancing hormones naturally, meditation, chiropractic medicine and more. Admission is \$5.
Contact: 248-421-1760

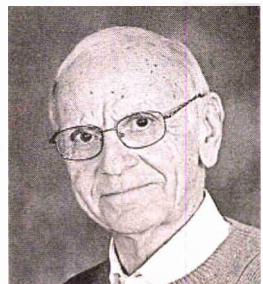
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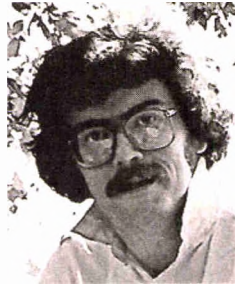
JAMES NELSON Age 85 died on September 8, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirlee Bailey just six weeks prior. Jim was born in Madison Wisconsin July 28, 1931, son to Olin and Mabel and brother to Patricia. Jim was an extrovert and optimist who loved life. Jim obtained his mechanical engineering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

FELLER



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

GAHAGAN



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

MACCANI

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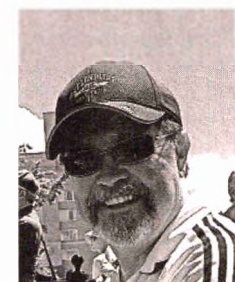


DORTHA JEAN "DOTTIE" (nee ELZINGA) 83, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 in Naples, Florida. She was formerly a 50-year resident of West Bloomfield, Michigan. Born in Detroit, August 13, 1933, Dottie spent her adult life dedicated to family and to fostering educational initiatives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

HORNER

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



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

Details: \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., free at noon; strollers welcome.
Contact: newburg-mom2mom@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/Newburg-Mom2Mom
PRAYER DAY
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20
Location: Capuchin's St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: A prayer service, with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir and the Dearing Dancers, will celebrate the International Day of Prayer for Peace. The theme is Let Peace Begin With Me and the featured speaker is Capuchin Friar Ray Stadmeier.
Contact: 313-579-2100; TheCapuchins.org
RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept 29; 9 a.m. to noon, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Livonia
Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale.
Contact: 734-422-0149; www.facebook.com/NUM-CRummage
STUDY SERIES
Time/Date: 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday, beginning Sept. 25; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 28
Location: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Six-week series, "Jesus in His Jewish Context" will focus on Jesus as seen through the eyes and minds of first century Jews and pagans.
Contact: 248-626-2515
WHY BE CATHOLIC?
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Deacon Andrew Dawson, the son and grandson of Anglican priests, talks about why he became a Catholic.
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

OCTOBERFEST
Time/Date: 5 p.m. vespers, 5:30 p.m. bratwurst dinner, 6:30 p.m. Luther lecture
Location: Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 41415 W. Nine Mile, Novi
Details: The lecture will be "What Does This Mean? Confession and Catechesis (1526-1529)." Donations will be accepted. RSVP should include number in your party.
Contact: 248-349-0565; welsno-vi@aol.com

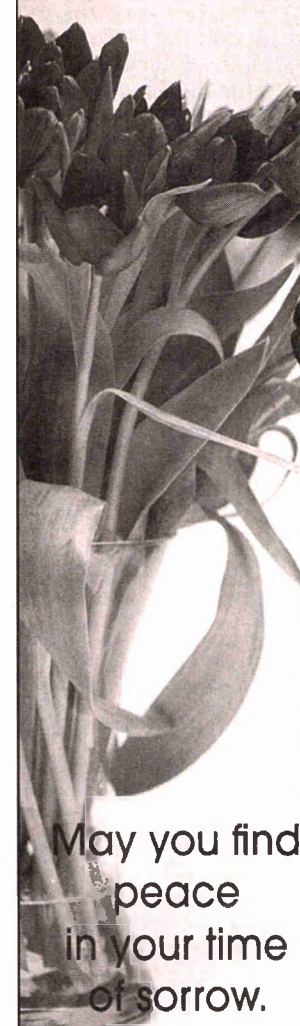
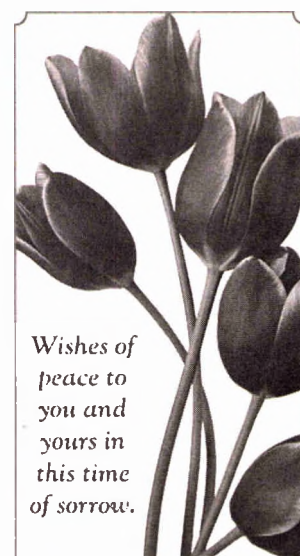
RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14
Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington
Details: \$7 bag day on Thursday, \$4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately.
Contact: 248-474-6573

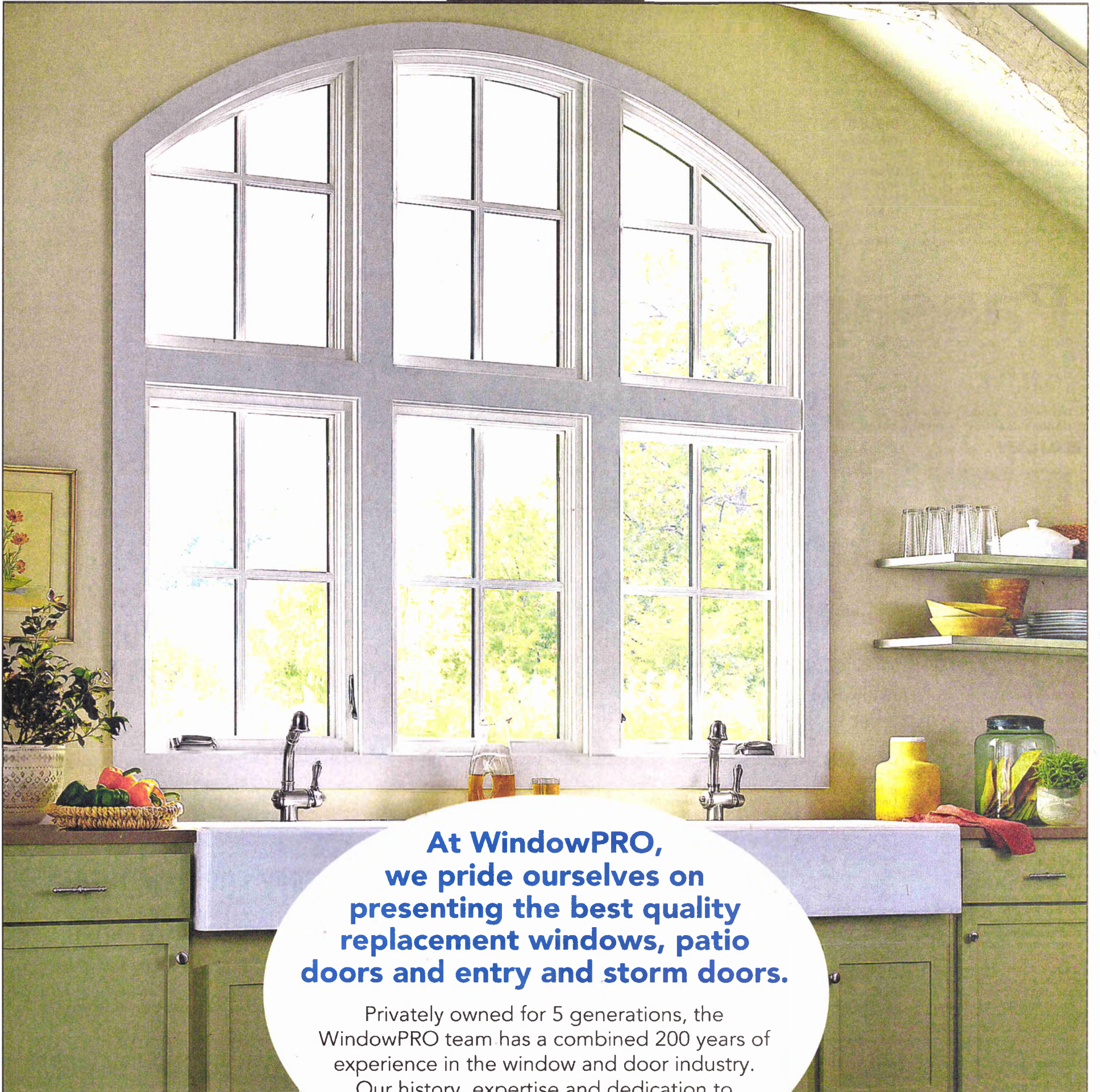
ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required.
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyel-len879@att.net
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or www.livoniastmichael.org
Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: Pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476
St. Innocent Orthodox Church
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township
Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386
Contact: facebook.com/stinno-centredford
EXERCISE
Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email zumba.information, email zumba.com.
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12
HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email StaceyBadeen@sbadeen@tbosm.com



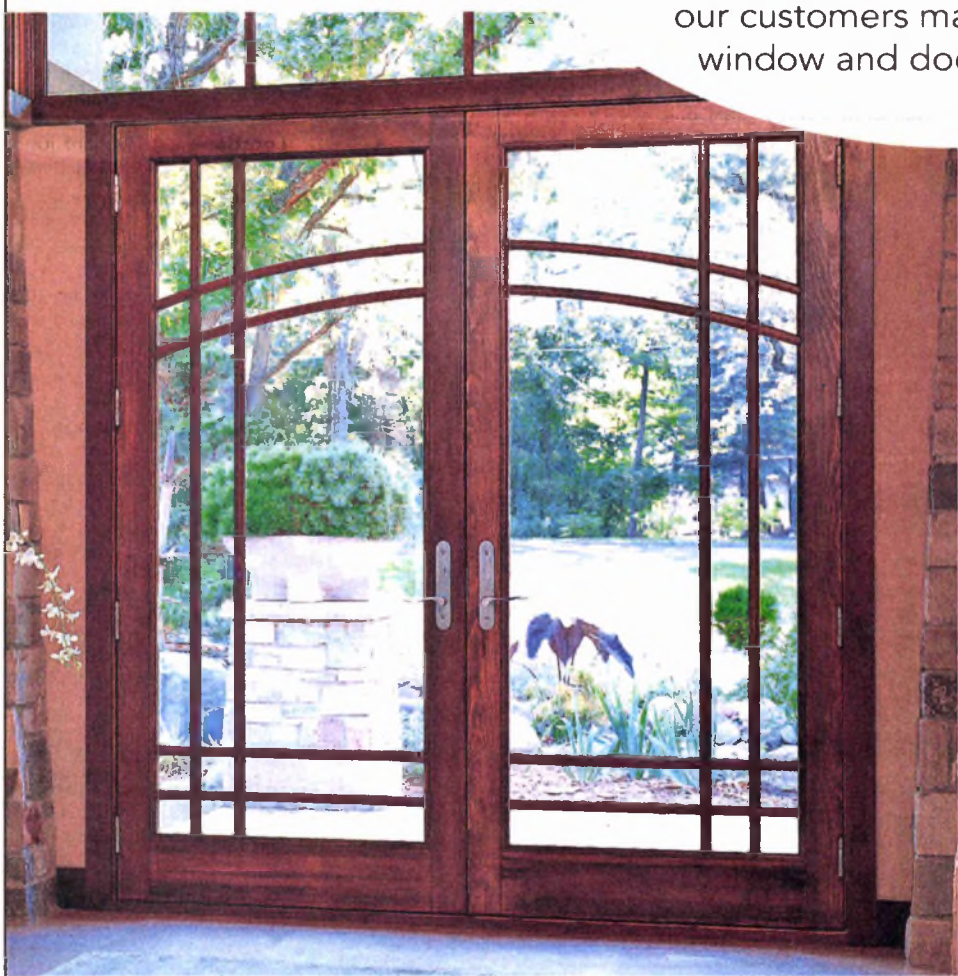
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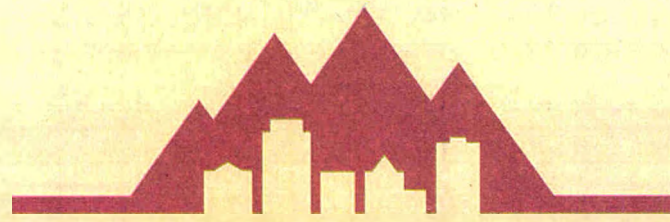
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Underqualified? Make a case to get hired anyway

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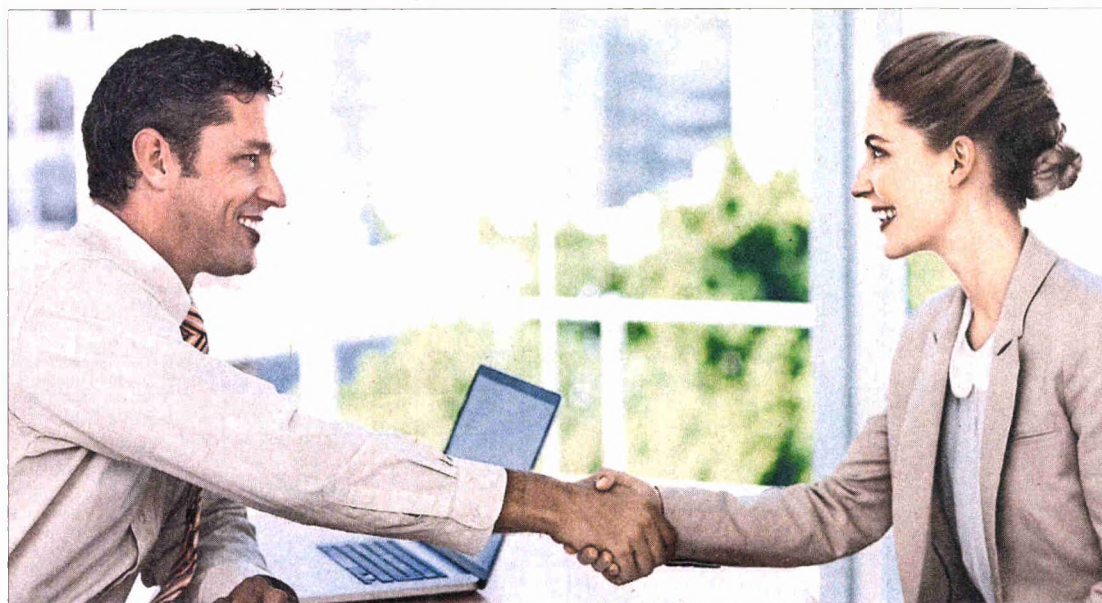
The job-search process can be intimidating. Even for veteran job seekers, one of the more challenging decisions is determining whether to apply for a position when you aren't qualified to perform all the responsibilities listed in the description.

Here's some advice from the pros on what to do if you decide to throw your hat in the ring.

Show that you're a fast learner. Danby Appliances CEO Jim Estill, who has hired more than 1,000 people throughout his career, recommends highlighting the fact that you have a can-do attitude and would be interested and invested in learning opportunities. "Employers are more interested in attitude than skills for most jobs," he says. "Skills can be taught — attitude, not (really)."

Displaying the right attitude is key, says Neely Raffellini, founder of 9 to 5 Project, an organization that helps give women the tools they need to land jobs.

"Job hunters should respond to a posting they are interested in if they meet 70 to 80 percent of the posted qualifications," she says. "Personality, confidence and a positive



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attitude go a long way toward making up the difference. I would recommend addressing these issues by citing very specific examples of your accomplishments."

List and describe transferable skills. If you don't have all the skills listed in the job description, it doesn't automatically disqualify you. Show how your skills can meet or exceed what the employer is seeking.

For example, "if the position has a requirement of a specific type of software knowledge, but the candidate has another type of software experience, the candidate should research the software they are not

familiar with and, in their cover letter or résumé, indicate the similarities with what they know and how the skills can be transferred to the organization," says Mireille Wozniak-Michalak, president of Petiole HR, a human resources and workforce development consultancy.

Take advantage of your connections. Try to get your foot in the door to argue your case in person.

"Leverage your network to see if you know anyone who knows (someone in) the organization (or the) hiring manager (or) HR to get your résumé pulled from the stack for a second look," says Denise

Riebman, a career development specialist with Career Happiness Coach. "This is one of the most effective ways to land an interview if you're underqualified."

Once you do, she says, you will have a chance to meet in person and make a convincing case that you should be hired.

Be transparent and avoid lying. It's never a good idea to lie about or even embellish your work experience to a recruiter or potential employer.

"It leaves a negative (feeling) with the recruiter because you may have made them look bad, since some recruiters perform a basic interview and

the company performs a more detailed technical interview," Wozniak-Michalak says.

Also, by wasting the organization's time, you may have blown your chances for any other openings at that company, she adds.

Put yourself out there, even if it doesn't work out the first time. It's

important to put your best foot forward, regardless of whether you meet all the requirements, says Alina Tubman, a consultant for campus recruiting programs and a career coach with more than 10 years of experience.

"Hiring managers oftentimes re-evaluate their positions after seeing candidates, and sometimes, they realize that they are looking for someone too senior when the role requires someone more junior," Tubman says. "If you applied and at first thought you were underqualified, a good recruiter would go back in to the applications and see yours. It's good to have your application in the system for searches in the future."

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