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Families, lawmakers wrestle with juvenile sentencing rules

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Kim Sorensen's biggest fear is that Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township man convicted of brutally murdering her son, Daniel, in 2007, will someday be back on the street.

Sorensen's fear isn't personal, she's not necessarily afraid of Orlewicz, who was 17 at the time of the murder. She does believe, however, that if Orlewicz ever gets out of the St. Louis, Mich., prison in which he now sits, he'll be a

danger to others.

Orlewicz, convicted in 2008 of killing and beheading 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, is among some 350 prisoners incarcerated in Michigan right now who could benefit from a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Miller v. Alabama which called mandatory life sentences without possibility of parole "cruel and unusual punishment" under the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

While the court's decision was meant for cases going forward, subsequent legal

wrangling in Michigan and local federal court has left open the question of whether the ruling has to be applied retroactively. While a Michigan Court of Appeals ruled it doesn't have to be applied to cases already adjudicated, a federal court subsequently ruled it did. Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is appealing that decision.

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While the rulings don't mean juveniles can't be sen-

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Jim and Kim Sorensen of Westland, who sat through every minute of J.P. Orlewicz's 2008 trial for the murder of their son, testified Tuesday before a joint judiciary committee. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Culinary student Pajama Praphantassak of Ypsilanti prepares petit fours, made with almond pound cake and raspberry jam. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ramp widening on I-275 starting soon

By David Veselensk
Staff Writer

Construction will most likely begin later this month on a temporary ramp widening on I-275 in Livonia in anticipation of larger traffic volumes due to the I-96 shutdown next year.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is set to widen the southbound exit ramp to Six Mile off I-275 this fall.

The \$195,000 project will extend the left turn lane on the ramp to accommodate the larger volume of traffic expected to get off at the exit next year when I-96 is closed through Redford and Livonia.

"The existing turn lane is a single lane. At the top of the ramp, it flares out," said Rob Morosi, spokesman for MDOT. "We are going to extend that left turn lane about halfway down the ramp."

Morosi said while the project was originally announced as starting this week, he doesn't expect any work to begin on the ramp until next week. It's expected to last until

November.

With the additional pavement, more cars will be able to sit and wait at the stoplight on the ramp, as opposed to backing up and extending out into traffic during busy times on the freeway.

This modification is the only one scheduled by MDOT on other state roads to accommodate traffic in anticipation of next year's shutdown, Morosi said.

He said the I-96 project, which will shut down the freeway from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia, still remains on schedule to begin sometime in late January-early February.

The \$150 million project will reconstruct both sides of the freeway and include renovations to 37 bridges in the two communities.

Some other ramp work along the freeway is expected to take place at the end of this year.

The City of Livonia is currently making repairs to

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Road to economic recovery slow for area communities

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Three years ago, headlines told the tale of a state economy in a tail spin. Words like plummet and slide were used to refer to property values. The havoc wreaked by the economic and real estate meltdowns of 2008 were still rippling throughout southeast Michigan.

Shuttered factories and massive job losses fueled a wave of foreclosures. And by the end of 2010, there was one foreclosure for every 40 housing units in the region. Wayne County had the highest foreclosure rate at one in 33 housing units.

At the time, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments estimated each resi-

dential foreclosure led to an average loss of \$2,234 in annual property tax revenue to local communities. The revenue loss to the region—Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, Monroe, St. Clair and Macomb counties—was more than \$113 million from residential property alone.

In a report released in August, SEMCOG has a better story to tell. For the first time since 2007, the State Equalized Value, the one-half of the market value that assessors assign to property, is in positive territory with an increase of 0.2 percent from 2012-2013.

SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait said the numbers are good news for "a region

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Schoolcraft, OCC get accreditation

Area culinary schools prep for offering four-year degree programs

By David Veselensk
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress knows how important accreditation is to his school's culinary arts program.

It's so important that before the school thinks about cooking up a four-year degree program, it first wanted the accreditation of the American Culinary Federation, he said. It achieved that goal earlier this summer,

earning an "exemplary" mark.

"It says you know what you're doing and you're doing it well," he said. "I wouldn't be going after the baccalaureate without having first gone after the ACF accreditation."

Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College recently received word their programs would be accredited for the next seven years, the maximum amount

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Farmington area

Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls and other public institutions, including the library and court, will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2.

The closings will affect regularly scheduled garbage collection, putting back pickup by one day in both cities.

The 47th District Court and the two branches of the Farmington Community Library also are closed for Labor Day, reopening, like the city halls, on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Canton

Canton Waste Recycling will not pick up trash, recyclables or yard waste Monday, Sept. 2, due to the Labor Day holiday. CWR services will be delayed by one day for the week, with regular schedules resuming Monday, Sept. 9.

All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pickup. All recycling materials must be placed separate from refuse on opposite sides of the driveway.

Also, a furlough day will usher in closings Friday, Aug. 30, of the Canton Administration Building, the Canton Public Safety Records Bureau, police and fire administrative offices and the township's ordinance enforcement unit. Those offices also will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

Offices will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Plymouth area

The curbside pickup of garbage, recyclables and yard waste in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be delayed by one day next week because of the Labor Day holiday.

Residents in both communities should set their items at the curb one day later than they would during a normal week.

In the township, pickups normally done Friday will be done Saturday, Sept. 7. In the city, in which pickups are normally done Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, those with a normal Wednesday pickup will have pickup Thursday, Sept. 5.

Government offices in both communities will be closed Monday.

Livonia

City of Livonia offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. Trash collection services will be delayed one day this week.

Duck race = groceries for big winner

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

A few rubber ducks — OK, thousands of them — can make an enormous difference.

Especially if they're part of Farmington's annual Rubber Duck Race, a fundraiser presented by the Farmington-Farmington Hills Foundation during the Founders Festival. Ducks are purchased before the event and then float down a stretch of the Rouge River in Shiawassee Park, vying for prizes.

This year, 15 Duck Race partners earned "mini grants" totaling \$3,497 based on tickets sold.

But it was Sheri Fucinari of Auburn Hills whose duck won her the first place prize of \$50 in groceries, courtesy of Busch's Fresh Food Market. Fucinari was presented the refillable gift card a few days ago by Doug Busch.

"I couldn't believe it when I found out I won," Fucinari said, recalling the event a few weeks ago. The free groceries will be a great help, she said, especially since she's planning to start eating more healthy foods.

"I'll be hitting up the organic section," she said, grinning.

Fucinari is part of Farmington's School of



(From left) Doug Busch, Ginger "Mama Duck" Wiechers, Sheri Fucinari, Dave Pniewski and store manager Doug Evans were on hand for the awarding of the prize. JOHN STORAZZANO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rock, whose house band provided music for the Duck Race, and was one of the event's sponsors.

Of course, that had nothing to do with her walking away with the top prize, said David Pniewski, race chair and FFH Foundation executive committee member. "She was just lucky," he said.

Busch said his company providing the Duck Race top prize shows a commitment to community involvement, which

is demonstrated for each of its locations.

"We're very much a part of giving back to the communities we serve," he said, citing 400 events for its 15 stores. The "All About Kids Campaign," for example, recently raised \$3,400 for the FFH Foundation's backpack program.

In prior years, the campaign helped children of economically challenged families with meals during the summer months, when feder-

ally funded school breakfasts and lunches aren't available.

Busch said the FFH Foundation asked him to consider supporting the backpack program with the campaign this time, and he readily agreed.

"It tied in perfectly with what we are doing — and helps out the same children," Busch said.

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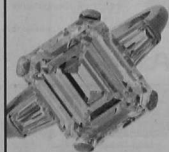
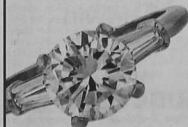
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STRENGTH AND RESOLVE

Canton family battle muscular disease

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

As any mom would, Katrina Johnson just knew something was wrong with her baby boy Torrance.

Her son simply wasn't hitting the milestones of growth you'd expect out of a child. In the crawl, he had tried and failed to stand up, hadn't learned to walk. Something was just... off.

So Katrina did what any parent would do and got him checked out. First doctors. Then a couple of hospitals (six in all), including a visit to a hospital in Cleveland.

In what Muscular Dystrophy Association officials say is an all-too-familiar tale, doctors initially took-pooled Katrina's fears as an anxious mother whose child was just developing slowly.

After coming home to Detroit from the visit to Cleveland, a desperate Katrina made the phone call she at once dreaded making and was ultimately happy to have made. She called the MDA's metro Detroit office in Southfield.

"There were a lot of things that were red flags to me," said Katrina Johnson, now a Canton resident. "They all said he was OK, but I knew something was wrong. I looked in the yellow pages for MDA and she called me."

The MDA urged Katrina to bring Torrance in for an exam, something she did in December 2008. A month later, she got both the validation of her feelings and the diagnosis she feared the most.

Torrance was diagnosed with Type 2 Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a common neuromuscular disease characterized by muscle atrophy and

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weakness.

"I couldn't stop crying," Katrina said Thursday during an interview at Menchie's in Canton, where they're sponsoring an MDA fundraiser through Tuesday. "It seems like it was just yesterday."

It wasn't. Torrance was diagnosed before he was 3 (he's 7 now), and has been battling the disease ever since. He's never really been able to walk on his own, his mom said, and MDA got him a wheelchair. The organization also got him the machines necessary to help when he has trouble breathing.

Marydeth Guerin, the health care services coordinator in MDA's Southfield office, said the metro Detroit office handles arrangements for some 2,600 patients. She said stories like Katrina's are common. She said many doctors, unfortunately, aren't as educated about the 43



Torrance Johnson, mom Katrina Johnson and brother Lavonta Johnson, with the gang from Menchie's, Allen Myers, Brenna Connolly, Kyle Barszcz, owner Joyce Barszcz, Nathan Barszcz, owner Mike Barszcz, Taylor Martin and Rachel Barszcz. BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

muscular diseases under the "muscular dystrophy" umbrella, and are quick to say such children are simply developing slowly.

"At such an early age, specialists are quick to think it might be developmental delay," Guerin said. "They aren't as educated about each individual disease."

This one hasn't slowed Torrance down a whole lot yet. He gets around pretty well in his wheelchair. "It helps me so I can get around," he said

—and is about to begin the second grade at Eriksson Elementary School in Canton. He recently returned from the week-long camp the MDA sponsors every year in Lexington, Mich., where he hit the beach and watched some baseball.

"It was fun," Torrance said. "The beach was my favorite part because you could get in the water and play in the sand." He admits life in the chair is sometimes lonely

—"I don't have anyone I can race with or even anybody I can talk to," he said—but says he never really gets "mad" about being struck with the disease.

"When you do it on an everyday basis, it doesn't seem hard at all," Torrance said.

Helping kids like Torrance is what the annual Menchie's fundraiser is all about. The frozen yogurt chain sponsors the event each year, and since Joyce and Mike Barszcz just opened the Canton location in No-

ember, this is the first time they can participate.

The store has raised some \$1,600 of its \$2,200 goal.

"We're really excited to be able to take part this year," Joyce Barszcz said. "MDA is a fantastic organization that does tremendous things for families."

Katrina Johnson thinks so. MDA, she said, has been there for her and for Torrance since the diagnosis. But that hasn't stopped life from changing. The Johnsons' home in Detroit wasn't handicap-accessible, and Johnson said she found Detroit Public Schools lacking in terms of support.

The family found a handicap-accessible apartment in Canton, and Katrina said officials in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have been "tremendous."

In the meantime, she watches her son battle the disease and, while she couldn't be more proud of him for that, she said she's also grateful for the things he has taught her.

"He has taught me to be patient, to kill people with kindness, because that's what he does," Katrina said of Torrance. "I see how he responds and I feed off of that. He helps me stay positive."

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By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Pete Recker is ready for some football later this week. But a national issue involving CBS and Time Warner Cable may prevent the Livonia resident from enjoying some of the annual fall games.

Negotiations between CBS and Time Warner Cable have resulted in a blackout of CBS for cable customers, which includes those who subscribe to Bright House Networks.

"There is some great programming we've missed on CBS," the Livonia resident said. "I've been sitting here dumbfounded."

Bright House subscribers in Livonia, Redford, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi have been without any CBS channel since Aug. 2. Disagreements over the amount of money paid to CBS to allow Time Warner and Bright House to carry the channel, along with others, has led to the blackout in the area.

Other channels affected include The CW, Showtime, The Movie Channel, FX, Smithsonian and CBS Prime Time On Demand. Several other markets have been affected as well, including Dallas, Chicago and Los Angeles.

CBS has also removed its instant-streaming service on its website for Bright House Internet subscribers. Negotiations between the companies were continuing as of Thursday afternoon. Customers can still view CBS and other broadcast channels through a digital-to-analog converter box outside of the cable hookup.

Recker said he's upset over the lack of information on the subject, and is hoping programming returns before the NFL begins its season this Thursday.

If not, he may think about changing providers before he kicks off.

"We're like a week away. What does this mean?" he said. "Should I seriously consider switching from Bright House to Dish (Network)?"

An information page on Bright House Michigan's website asks subscribers to be patient with the negotiations and that switching providers isn't the best answer.

"Every television provider is in the same boat, including satellite and telephone companies, when it comes time for contracts to be renewed," the website reads. "DirecTV, Dish Network and AT&T have had similar fights, and Verizon and other new providers will encounter the same situation as they start to renew their agreements. In fact, in 2012 alone, there were nearly 100 blackouts of local TV stations across cable, satellite and telephone company distributors, according to the American Television Viewer Alliance."

Recker said he's spoken with several of his neighbors on the issue, and they have considered switching in order to get CBS programming back as well.

"We're together quite a bit. We all sit around shaking our head," he said. "I know one neighbor has already switched to Dish."

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Two-day event honored late firefighter Brian Woehlke

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Since Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke died in the line of duty in May, there have been plenty of donations and fundraisers to benefit his family.

The two-day Woehlke Palooza event, which featured firefighter field day events, had intent along with raising some money. "It was to raise money for (Woehlke's wife and daughter) Jen and Ava but it was more to celebrate Brian," said Wayne-Westland Firefighter Carl Peters. "There have been a lot of fundraisers. This was to celebrate his life and career."

The first day, held outside the U.S. 12 Bar and Grill in Wayne, featured some of the less strenuous activities — cornhole games, a beer pong relay, live music, games and for kids and an ice cream eating contest.

Day two of the Woehlke Palooza moved to the parking lot of the former Bailey Recreation Center in Westland for firefighter games. Those games included waterball — kind of like a tug-of-war using a fire hose and pump.

"There was a combat challenge relay — you had to put on fire gear, do an overhead swing with a sledge hammer and roll a (fire) hose," said Peters.

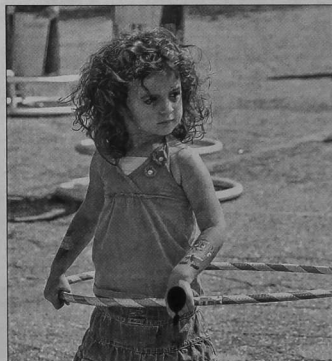
About 50 firefighters from Wayne-Westland, Inkster, Dearborn and Detroit participated in the firefighters games with Inkster firefighters taking first place.

"It's been a lot of years since we had done a field day. We'd like it to become an annual event," said Peters.

Woehlke Palooza raised about \$9,000 for the Woehlke family. While Jennifer and Ava Woehlke were unable to



All Victoria Fillmore of Farmington Hills has to do after the ice cream eating contest is clean up. PHOTOS BY TOM READJOUN



Aubrey Simon, 3, of Westland gives the Hula Hoop a try.

attend, some other family members were in attendance.

The Western Wayne Professional Firefighters Association Local 1279 sponsored Woehlke Palooza along with the U.S. 12 Bar and Grill.

Other business providing support included Marquis General Con-

tracting, which put up a fence for the waterball event.

"It was really great. There was a nice ceremony reading the names of all the firefighters who has passed away across the country," said U.S. 12 owner John Goci. "People really liked the set up. It was done on a

first class level. I can't wait to do it again next year."

Goci estimated 400 people turned out for the Friday event, 600 for the firefighter field day.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:56 pm, regarding a proposed ordinance amendment to §154.032 Standards for Trash Dumpsters of the Code of Ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §154.032 TRASH ENCLOSURES, TO PERMIT ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS FROM STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on August 8, 2013 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend §154.032 to permit administrative approval of modifications from standards; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents;

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That § 154.032 (E), Standards for Trash Dumpsters, of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

(E) Site plan requirements. The location and method of screening of dumpsters shall be shown on all applications and sketch plans submitted for administrative approval or site plans submitted for approval by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission encourages the sharing of dumpsters by businesses.

And further that § 154.032 (F), Standards for Trash Dumpsters, of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

(F) Exception. The requirements of this section may be modified or waived upon a determination that the location, screening or removal of refuse will be handled in a manner acceptable to the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator. The Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator may require additional landscaping, screening or other site improvements as an alternative to adhering to the requirements of this Section. If a requirement for a dumpster is waived, the site plan or sketch plan shall show a future dumpster location to be built when or if the use of the building changes prior to occupancy.

SEVERABILITY:

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:54 pm, regarding a proposed ordinance amendment to §154.005, Definitions and §154.022, Accessory Buildings and Structures, of the Code of Ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §154.005, DEFINITIONS AND §154.022, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES TO REQUIRE RAT WALLS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on August 8, 2013 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend §154.005 Definitions and §154.022, Accessory buildings and Structures, to require rat walls; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents;

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That § 154.005 Definitions, of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to insert the following new definition:

RAT WALL. A low perimeter foundation wall that is both below and above grade, intended to prevent rodents and varmints from accessing the crawl space or sub-floor area.

And further that § 154.022 Accessory Buildings and Structures of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to insert the following:

(5) Rat wall.

(a) A rat wall for a detached accessory building less than or equal to 400 square feet requires a foundation of at least 24 inches in height and four (4) inches wide.

SEVERABILITY:

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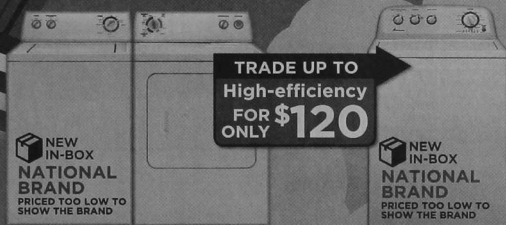
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that suffered a great deal in the recent collapse of the real estate market.”

“The trend local governments have faced for several years of declining local property taxes appears to be over,” he said. Maybe.

Numbers game

The all important taxable value, the main tax base for local governments, was a negative 0.2 percent. However, that -0.2 percent looks better than three years ago when it hit its lowest point of -10 percent.

Last year, 24 communities lost close to 10 percent taxable value, including Westland, Garden City and Redford, according to SEMCOG.

This year, six communities, including Redford, were still in that large loss category.

The most significant change is the number of communities that gained taxable value. While only 27 communities had a gain in 2012, 141 communities, or 60 percent of all communities in southeast Michigan, gained taxable value this year.

Canton and Plymouth were among a select few communities with taxable values in positive territory.

Residential property

values increased 3.6 percent in Canton in 2013, snapping a downward trend. They had decreased 2.5 percent in 2012. Values went up 4.4 percent in the City of Plymouth, while Plymouth Township saw a 2.2 percent climb.

Canton Township Assessor Doug Shaw said he expects property values to continue increasing in 2014.

“It’s not too early to say they’re going to increase, but the amount of increase we don’t yet know,” Shaw said.

Real estate experts in Canton also have cited fierce competition among home-buyers, some of whom are bringing cash to the table. Last Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved three separate measures that are expected to usher in nearly 200 new single-family homes, a sign the housing market is on the mend.

And Canton isn’t the only community seeing new housing starts.

Last month, the Westland City Council approved the construction of 146 single-family homes on the site of the former Clyde Smith farm. The last time the city had that many home built in \$180,000-\$200,000 range was more than six years ago.

Waiting for a sign

But some communities are still waiting for a positive sign.

The city of Wayne has been hit hard by the depressed values. Its revenue stream has shrunk from \$22.8 million to \$16.8 million over six years.

Property values dropped more than 9 percent last year and are expected to drop an average 5 percent this year. With 75 percent of the sales data in the decline will continue into 2014, according to Aaron Powers of WCA Assessing which handles the city’s assessing duties.

“There’s no limit on how low the reductions can go to reach 50 percent of value,” he said. “Essentially we’ll see those numbers bottom out. You hit the trough and flatten out, then start a slow crawl up.”

SEMCOG officials admit that the improvement in taxable value is uneven. There is still a wide disparity in taxable value changes at the community level. This year, Lyon Township in Oakland County led the growth with a 5.2 percent increase, whereas Luna Pier in Monroe County lost the most at -16 percent.

Many older communities in throughout the region experienced significant losses as well.

In 2012, SEMCOG found that while housing was very affordable, growth in housing values faced a number of challenges. Census figures pegged the region’s vacancy rate at almost 13 percent. Homes need to be occupied before there can be a sustainable and substantial appreciation in value.

The second factor is the number of negative equity, or underwater mortgages. CoreLogic estimated that last year 33 percent of mortgages in Michigan are underwater, suggesting that almost a third of Michigan mortgage holders are “stuck” in their current home. Folks who bought starter homes may find their stays delayed, and homeowners with negative equity may find their willingness to move on hold as they pay down their debt.

Best case scenario

Also keeping growth in check is Proposal A.

Before 1994, the sole taxable value base for property taxes was the “assessed valuation as equalized. But that change with Proposal A.

Now an individual’s property tax valuation is the lesser of its calculated capped valuation or its assessed valuation as equalized.

Growth is limited to 5 percent or the rate of inflation.

As a result, SEMCOG believes “for the coming years, the best case scenario for taxable value inflation is the rate of inflation.”

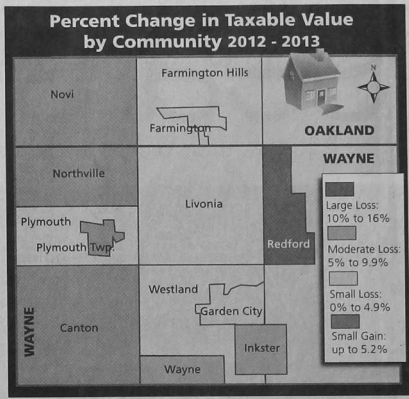
Farmington Assessor Chris Weber agrees. Based on sales going back two years, Farmington was able to post a 1.3 percent increase in residential values this year, and city officials “are predicting quite a bit of an increase” going forward.

“But Proposal A will prevent it from helping our budget,” Weber said. “With residential, there

are a lot of sales so you know what the numbers should be. Residential is a more exact science.”

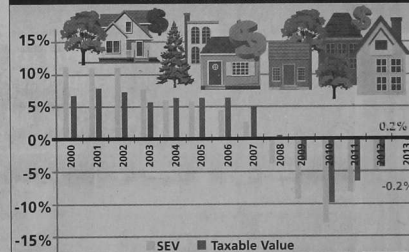
The region has begun to recover from the melt-down of 2007-2008, but the speed limit on the road to recovery will be more like a residential street than the freeway. And there’s sure to be a few potholes along the way.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Request Approval of a Special Land Use
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
7:00 P.M.
Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for a hotel in the Industrial (IND) District, on Tax ID R-78-005-99-0009-709, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2. The property is located north of Clipper Street, west of Beck Road, south of Five Mile Road, and east Ridge Road.

Application: 2120-0813

Applicant: Kaepa, LLC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-005-99-0009-709.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext 5. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Sept. 5 Bike Night to benefit Fallen Heroes Monument

The Hired Guns Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club will hold a Bike Night 4 p.m. to close Thursday, Sept. 5, at Slingers Bar & Grill in Livonia to benefit the Fallen Heroes Monument being built in Larry Nehasil Park in Livonia.

"Although a bike night, you do not need a bike to attend, nor be



Nehasil
said Andy Domzalski, vice president of the group's Michigan chapter.

biker, just an individual who wants to have a fun night out and help raise money for a great cause," said Andy Domzalski, vice president of the group's Michigan chapter.

All members of Hired Guns are police officers who have a deep passion for motorcycle riding and helping those in time of need.

Tickets are \$10 and available at Slingers now and the night of the event, which includes your choice of one menu entree and drink.

There will also be a

50/50 raffle, with all proceeds going to the park.

"We were blessed with so many individuals and businesses donating for the event and have some great raffle prizes ranging from a signed Prince Fielder baseball bat (Detroit Tigers), signed Calvin Johnson football (Detroit Lions),

free motorcycle rentals from Tecumseh Harley Davidson, rounds of golf at multiple courses, gym memberships, overnight stays at various hotels and much, much more," Domzalski said.

Larry Nehasil was a Livonia police officer who died in an exchange of gunfire with a burglary suspect in 2011.

The monument will honor and remember the sacrifice of Nehasil, plus three other police officers and one firefighter who died while serving Livonia over the years.

For more information, visit nehasilpark.org or call 734-421-6070.

Hogwarts fans celebrate 15th anniversary of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

More than 50 Harry Potter fans from preschool-age to college-age celebrated the 15th anniversary Tuesday of the U.S. publication of the first book in the award-winning series by J.K. Rowling during a party at Sandburg Library.

The Livonia library was one of 15 in the nation to win the national Harry Potter Librarians' Confest from Scholastic, the U.S. publisher of the Harry Potter series.

Sandburg Library won for the creativity, originality and promotional plan for its party coinciding with Tuesday's release of brand-new trade paperback editions of all seven books.

libraries hosting parties so Harry Potter fans from all over came to Sandburg's party, including a recent college grad from Petoskey visiting relatives in Livonia and a former member of the University of Michigan Quidditch team. Quidditch is a competitive sport played with broomsticks in the wizarding world of Harry Potter.

Activities included Pin the Tail on the Wizard, Dancing to Wizard Rock, Quidditch Pong, Gnome Tossing and Character Scavenger Hunt.

Attendees ranged in age from 4 to early 20s, and many came in costume.

"People trend to dress by house," Stiennon said, referring to the four houses that make up the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

"If you're a Gryffindor, you're a Gryffindor; if you're a Ravenclaw, you're a Ravenclaw."

Ten Services Librarian Patty Goonis said the party was really fun, with about 15 adults also attending.

One of the library's Harry Potter Club members commented that it was like a family reunion, she said.

Stiennon said she doesn't see the Harry

Potter phenomenon ending anytime soon, even though it's been years since the publication of the final book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

The series is a classic that breaks down the barriers between generations, like Charles Dickens' tales and *The Three Musketeers* read by parents to their children more than 100 years ago.

"It's like going to a PG movie," she said, of reading Harry Potter books.

She said during the party, an 11-year-old and a 17-year-old were chatting about Harry Potter.

"That doesn't happen in the real world," she said of high schoolers interacting out in public with middle schoolers.

She said Harry Potter came of age at about the same time as the Internet, which has helped to fuel the phenomenon.

Now the movie is introducing a whole new group of children (and adults) to the series.

"They watch the movie, they go to the website, then they start reading the books. Once they start reading the books, they ask to go to Potter World over break, then they go to library and play Quidditch.

"It has a life of its own," she said.



Harry Potter fans Collette Zager, Reese Deschryver, Kiera Zager and Cady Barterian ham it up for a club photo. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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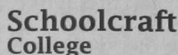
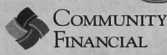
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RAMP

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Schoolcraft Road eastbound between Newburgh and Farmington in anticipation of higher traffic levels on that road as well.

He said the ramp extension would only be temporary and will not be a permanent fixture at the southbound exit ramp.

The improvements will only last as long as the I-96 shutdown.

Afterward, the ramp will return to its current state.

"The pavement we're putting in is designed and expected to last 16 months," he said.

"If we were to put this in for the next 30 years, the price could have been five, six, sev-

en times the cost."

The official detour around I-96 during the shutdown will include other state trunklines such as the Southfield Freeway, I-275, I-94, I-696 and the Lodge Freeway.

Morosi said the work will be done during daylight hours, and that workers will not interfere with traffic looking to exit during the construction, but drivers may reduce their speed when they see the work crews out.

"There will be work taking place in close proximity to traffic, that will slow people down more," he said.

"For the next month and half, you will see slower traffic."

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Thrift stores holding Labor Day sale

Usher in the new school year with amazing deals as The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) family thrift stores celebrate the season during the nonprofit's annual Labor Day Sale.

All 34 metro Detroit thrift stores will keep their doors open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2.

"The costs associated with education, both lower and higher, can be quite daunting," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "As families prepare to outfit their children and college students for the new school

year, we're pleased to offer exceptional value benefiting a great cause."

In addition to 50 percent savings on clothing, shoppers will have opportunities to pick up great deals on accessories, home goods and other items during bonus sales announced each hour.

Whether you're looking to outfit a dorm or equip your star athlete, The Salvation Army thrift stores have all the back-to-school gear you need.

Locally, the Labor Day deals can be found at the:

» Canton Thrift Store, 43403 Joy, near Sheldon, Canton; 734-416-1925.
» Garden City Thrift Store,

28982 Ford, east of Middlebelt, Garden City; 734-261-7175.

» Livonia Thrift Store, 33600 Plymouth Road, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573.

» Redford Thrift Store, 27170 Grand River Ave. and Eight Mile, Redford, 313-255-0777.

Proceeds from all stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Centers, independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults.

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Teenager waives hearing on 3 felonies

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

An 18-year-old man facing felony charges in Plymouth and Plymouth Township bypassed a hearing on those cases Friday in 35th District Court.

Cody I. Simmons, after agreeing to waive a hearing on charges that include fleeing police, home invasion and auto theft, was sent to Wayne County Circuit Court by District Judge James Plakas. Simmons is to be arraigned in Circuit Court in Detroit on Friday, Sept. 13.

Simmons was arrested after a high-speed police chase involving a sport-utility vehicle late on Aug. 18 ended in crash of

the SUV in a wooded area off of Hines Drive in Northville Township. No one was seriously hurt.

The driver fled the crash scene and was not located after a police search of the area. Simmons was arrested later that night after police received information on his whereabouts, said Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski. Three other people were detained at the crash scene and released.

The chase had begun in Plymouth after an officer spotted the SUV on Farmer, police said; the vehicle was thought to have been involved in an assault that had just been reported in the area of Harper and Church streets.

The charge of fleeing

police is a felony; Simmons also faces misdemeanor charges of assault, vandalism and driving with a suspended license in the Plymouth case.

In the township, Simmons is charged with second-degree home invasion in the break-in of a house on Russell Street Aug. 17, police said, and with auto theft. Both charges are felonies.

Simmons had been held in the Wayne County Jail since he was formally charged Aug. 20, but was released after bond was posted on Wednesday.

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One Canton suspect pleads, other faces trial

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



Bourdreaux Echols
-Brown

One suspect has pleaded guilty and another is still facing trial for a robbery Canton police say occurred June 22 at Pilgrim Village Apartments, on Lilley north of Warren.

The victim told police two men with their faces partially concealed knocked on his door and forced their way inside when he opened it. One had a weapon.

Justin Deontae Echols, 19, is facing sentencing Sept. 13 after he pleaded guilty in mid-August to a charge of unarmed robbery. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller has confirmed.

Echols is no longer

facing a charge of armed robbery after he accepted a plea in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Michael Hathaway.

Aaron Nathaniel Bourdeaux-Brown, 21, is facing trial Sept. 18 on charges of armed robbery and unarmed robbery, barring a plea deal before his trial date.

Earlier charges of first-degree home invasion and arson in a building already had been dismissed when the two Detroit men

appeared in 35th District Court.

Canton police Lt. Craig Wilsner has said the victim told police the men forced their way inside his apartment about 7 p.m. June 22 when he opened the door.

"One of them got into a struggle with the resident while the other grabbed some items out of the apartment," Wilsner said.

The suspect who struggled with the victim had a weapon, police said. No one was injured. The pair fled the location in a vehicle, but Wilsner said the two men were later arrested during an investigation by Michigan State Police and Canton Police.

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CRIME WATCH

LIVONIA Tires, wheels taken from car

Livonia police were called to the area of Lyndon and Beatrice on Thursday morning on a report of stolen wheels and tires.

Police found a vehicle sitting on four blocks on Beatrice just south of Lyndon. All four tires were missing, and the bolts and other hardware were found lying on the ground. Police knocked on the door of the home the car sat in front of but received no answer.

Break-in at beauty parlor

A woman called police Wednesday morning after she saw the window broken out at Streets Unisex Hairstyling, 2852 Joy.

Police arrived and found no one inside the building, but did find a large rock inside the business which appeared to have been used to damage the glass window. The cash register was open and the drawer was removed. The owner of the salon said some cash was missing, but nothing else. No suspect information was available.

WESTLAND

Assault

On Aug. 21, a Westland woman told police that on Aug. 18 she was driving northbound on Venoy near Palmer when a van pulled alongside her

CRIME WATCH

vehicle. The sliding door opened, she said, then a male made a hand gesture like a gun and told her, "Bang! I got you."

The van door closed and the van got behind the woman's vehicle as she continued to drive. After she crossed Palmer, the van door again opened and the incident repeated. She described the man as likely a teenager with two other occupants in the van.

The woman provided a license plate number for a vehicle, identified as a 1999 Dodge Caravan registered to a Romulus woman.

GARDEN CITY

Retail fraud

Garden City police received a call from the manager and the loss prevention officer at Kmart, 29600 Ford, about a retail fraud that had occurred within a 15-minute period about 5 p.m. Aug. 22.

They said a heavyset white woman with reddish brown hair filled her shopping cart with merchandise, avoided going near any of the cash registers and proceeded out the front door.

The manager followed her outside and asked to see the store receipt. The woman told her the receipt was in the bottom of the cart but never stopped before getting into a black Thunderbird and taking off with the merchandise.

The manager was able to write down the license

plate, which police said wasn't registered to the Thunderbird but to another vehicle owned by a Westland man.

Police tracked down the owner of the license held in Westland who reportedly said he removed the plate following an accident in Detroit and gave it to a friend who lived on Krauter in Garden City. He wasn't able to give the police the names of any people that he knew on Krauter.

When the police checked further, they learned that his truck was never impounded.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Heroin arrest

A 32-year-old Novi woman was arrested for possession of heroin Aug. 24 after police stopped her on M-5 near the I-96-275 ramp as her car straddled two lanes.

Police discovered the woman was driving on a suspended license for an outstanding traffic ticket. The woman, who was traveling with her husband, agreed to let police search the car.

Police reportedly found four empty heroin folds, still bearing a white residue, as well as another three folds near the driver's seat, and three needles and a spoon. The woman reportedly told police they belonged to her. The husband reportedly later told police they had visited friends in Redford where they went to pick up the heroin.

Hearing set in Westland City Hall hostage incident

A preliminary examination for a man charged with terrorism and kidnapping after holding a hostage with a bomb threat at Westland City Hall has been set for Sept. 16 in 18th District Court.

Sean William Quigley, 37, has been held without bond since his arrest May 13. He is charged with four felonies, including terrorism and kidnapping, both of which carry a sentence of up to life in prison, making a false report or threat of terrorism and making a false report or threat of a bomb/harm-

ful device, both four-year felonies. A not guilty plea has been entered.

A mental competency examination at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry found that Quigley was competent to stand trial.

The incident which resulted in the charges occurred during the funeral for Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehle, who had been killed in the line of duty May 8.

Described as homeless and staying around the Westland area, Quigley went to City Hall

looking for Westland Mayor William Wild. Along with other city staff, Wild was attending the funeral.

Upset at not being able to see Wild, Quigley is charged with claiming he had a bomb and holding an employee hostage. About 25 other employees managed to flee.

The hostage was eventually able to escape and Quigley was reportedly taken into custody. No one was injured. The incident resulted in Ford Road being closed for several hours.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brickner at 7:33 p.m.

Council Present: Bates, Brickner, Bridges, Lerner, Massey and Oliverio
Council Absents: Bire
Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Boyer, Assistant to City Manager Geinzer, Director Laaley, Fire Chief Bartsch and City Attorney Joppich

COUNCIL RECEIVED:
-Congratulatory for Energy and Environmental Sustainability Tip of the Month
-Update from Oakland County Commissioner William Dwyer

APPROVED:
-Resolution supporting the Millennium Mayors Congress' Millennium Engagement and Representation Program
-Resolution supporting Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as a redevelopment tool
-Appointment of voting delegate and alternate voting delegate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting
-Waiver of the formal bid process for Ammunition
-City Council Minutes of August 12, 2013

Awarded Contracts/Bids to:
-Bids for services for printing and mailing preparation of the Special Services Brochure for a three (3) year term in the amount of \$40,059.00 annually, with possible extensions
-Apollo Equipment for Extrication Hydraulic Tools in the amount of \$26,000 and Safewest, Inc. for Extrication Tools/Equipment in the amount of \$30,749.61

Mayor Barry Brickner
Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk

Charter Township of Redford Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 3-13. A request to rezone the southerly approximately 107 feet of the following property from R-1, One Family Residential District to either P-1, Vehicular Parking District or C-2, General Commercial District to provide an additional area for paved parking.

NE ¼ of Sec. 32 beginning @ point on the N line of said Section N89D 35 Sec. E449.85 ft. from the N ¼ corner of Section 32 and proceeding th N 89D 55M 35 Sec. E along said N line 75.0 ft. then S 0D 19M 0 Sec. W 437.5 ft th N89D 55M 35 Sec. W 75.0 ft. th N 0D 19M 10 Sec. E 437.5 Ft to POB 75.0 feet.

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It is further given that a copy of the application may be examined at the Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Day Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone (313) 387-2656.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Day Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business September 5, 2013 to be considered.

Brian L. Love, Chairman
Planning Commission
Charter Township of Redford

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired or audio tapes of printed materials, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Five Mile Road, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) for 2012/2013 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR AND FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2010/2011-FY 2014/2015

The City of Farmington Hills has prepared a proposed Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) 2012/2013 Program Year and the Five Year Consolidated Plan FY2010/2011-FY 2014/2015. These documents may be reviewed in the Community Development Office, located in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, during all regular scheduled hours of operation from September 3, 2013 through September 23, 2013. At the conclusion of this review period, citizen comments shall be considered for incorporation into the updated CAPER and/or an updated Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report: The CAPER for 2012/2013 Program Year is an annual performance and evaluation report on how the City of Farmington Hills utilized the Community Development Block Grant entitlement funds during the most recent program year. This document provides an assessment of results and accomplishments of those projects with descriptions of resources, investments in available resources and the households and/or persons assisted. The review includes topics such as housing rehabilitation and senior citizen services.

Five Year Consolidated Plan: The Five Year Consolidated Plan (FY 2010/2011 - FY 2014/2015) describes the housing and non-housing needs within Farmington Hills and strategies to achieve them in the next five years. The Plan includes topics such as housing rehabilitation, affordable housing, senior citizen housing, lead based paint hazards and community development.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Farmington Hills will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain the views of interested citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on the housing needs and housing strategies for Farmington Hills which are reflected in the CAPER for 2012/2013 and Five Year Consolidated Plan 2010/2011 - 2014/2015.

Further information on the CAPER or the Five Year Consolidated Plan may be obtained at the Community Development Office, 31555 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336 or by calling (248) 871-2543.

PAMELA B. SMITH
City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

SENTENCING

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ceeded to life without parole. It does mean such sentences can't be mandatory. If upheld, it would likely mean re-sentencing hearings for the 300 currently incarcerated. And, while she believes Orlewicz's life sentence would ultimately be reapplied, she worries about eventualities.

"It's not out of any sense of vengeance or retribution," Sorensen said of keeping Orlewicz in prison. "One day Orlewicz could be eligible for parole, and I think he's dangerous."

"That's why Sorensen and her husband, Jim, were in Lansing Tuesday, testifying before a joint House Criminal Justice Committee/Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

Both committees are working on legislation that would revamp Michigan's sentencing guidelines for juveniles.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, said the committee heard from some 70 people and actually questioned Schuette for about 90 minutes in an attempt to get a feel for what families of both victims and offenders — Orlewicz's mother, Charlotte, was among them — are thinking.

"We gave anybody who wanted to speak a chance to speak," Heise said.

Time limited

Sorensen disputes that notion. She said speakers were originally going to be given three minutes to talk, but then heard the time limit would be lifted. When they got to the hearing, they found out a five-minute limit was

being imposed.

Since the committee called them up together, the Sorensens had to split the five minutes.

"Jim and I both felt like we were being hurried," said Sorensen, who lives with her husband in their Westland home.

"For all of the committee's talk about wanting to hear the victims, Jim and I felt disrespected."

The Sorensens also believe the House legislation will favor the offender and not the victims, meaning they likely will have retroactivity in the package. If that happens, she said, Orlewicz could get a re-sentencing hearing and could, theoretically, at least, eventually get parole.

"I still have faith in human nature... who would want to see him out on the street again?" she said.

That said, that fear is unlikely to be realized. He said the Supreme Court decision in Miller laid out a series of tests, that going forward, if a juvenile is tried and convicted, you can still sentence him to life without parole. However, the judge doing the sentencing will have to take into consideration a series of factors (dubbed the Miller factors) dealing with the circumstances of the crime, the background of the juvenile, family history, history of abuse and family issues, etc.

'Kids do stupid things'

The thinking behind the decision, at least according to Heise, is that "kids are kids and kids do stupid things" and if such a burdensome sanction is going to be imposed against a child, such factors should at least be considered.

But Sorensen doesn't buy that argument. She said she talks to teenagers all the time, and she often asks them what they think should happen to a teenager who brutal-



Jean Pierre Orlewicz was 17 when he murdered 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen in 2007. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ly murders someone. Their response? "A 'Almost always they say the (offender) should go to prison for the rest of his life, and some even say they should face death in the same way they killed their victims," Sorensen said.

"There are a lot of teenagers, and so many of them make good decisions," Court Heise among those who also don't buy the theory that juveniles can't be held responsible for their actions.

"The kids will be kids' argument is crazy," Heise said. "If (a juvenile) vandalizes some property or shoplifts, maybe I can be somewhat sympathetic. But when you're talking about horrible cases of first-degree murder, at a minimum we need to review these cases and possibly isolate those where they may have been an accomplice or they got ineffective counsel."

That's certainly not all 350. "We're not talking

about releasing anybody," Heise said. "Nobody is going to be let go because of this decision. If Miller is applied retroactively, the best (convicts) can hope for is a hearing."

New hearings

That may be exactly what happens for the 350 offenders locked up in Michigan prisons right now.

Last month, federal Judge John Corbett O'Meara ruled in a lawsuit filed by the ACLU that meaningful parole hearings must be offered to youth previously sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"O'Meara's order makes clear that every person sentenced to life without parole for a crime committed when they were a child is now eligible for parole," said Deborah LaBelle, who

impose unconstitutional punishment on some persons but not others, an intolerable miscarriage of justice."

Heise noted that Michigan is second only to Pennsylvania in number of offenders sentenced this way, and that nearly 40 states are dealing with the issue right now.

He said Schuette is adamant about not applying the ruling retroactively, and so the legislation could possibly only apply progressively, but could contain a retroactive component in case future court rulings go that way.

"It's a struggle, and it's some of the most emotional and gut-wrenching decisions we've had to look at," Heise said. "There's no winner and no loser here. Everyone involved in this issue has sadness in their life. It's sadness all around."

"To hold otherwise would be to allow the state to

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MORE ON JOINT INJECTIONS

Past columns took up the question of how often a physician could inject. Current medical opinion is that no set number exists. Saying that a person could have a knee injected only three times a year or no more than every four months is an error. The number of joint injections that a person can receive is determined by benefit.

For a physician and patient agree that the injection helps, then the procedure is in order. The other question about joint injections is: how many injections can a patient have at any one time? If a patient presents with a swollen knee, a painful shoulder and a trigger finger, is it safe and reasonable that at visit to inject all three sites, knee, shoulder, and locked neck?

Answering that question is difficult because nothing in the medical literature addresses this issue. My approach is to match the number of joint injections at any one time to the patient's age. Younger patients can withstand the side effects of joint injection better than older patients. I can inject three or even four inflamed joints in a patient under age 70, but would limit the number to two joints in a person over age 80. What sets these decisions is the effect of local anesthesia on a patient's consciousness and coordination.

Before undertaking aspiration of fluid from a joint or injecting steroids into a joint, the physician needs to provide anesthesia that limit the pain that accompanies the procedure. Younger individuals can afford 15-20 cc of local anesthesia with no side effects; older people should not receive local anesthesia of over 10 cc, just enough for two injections.



Dr. Joseph J. Wess, M.D., is a board certified rheumatologist with over 25 years of clinical experience. He is currently the Medical Director of the Arthritis Center at the University of Michigan Medical Center. Dr. Wess is also an Associate Professor at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. He has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and has lectured extensively on the management of rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune diseases. Dr. Wess is a member of the American College of Rheumatology, the Michigan Rheumatology Society, and the American Rheumatology Association.

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It's back to school for children big and small

If you don't think 3-year-olds can be confident in their convictions, try wrapping a shivering preschooler with a striped beach towel when she specifically called dibs on the floral one.

"Who is supposed to use this striped towel?" Riley asked, allowing me to dry her off but still dripping with sanctimony.

"You are," I said, oblivious at that point to Riley's arched eyebrows and the fact that my question was rhetorical. "No, Aunt Beck," she corrected me. "I chose the towel with blue and green flowers."

Sure enough, when I thought back to the harried moments of packing up my two children, my niece and her squirmy 1-year-old brother as we left the house for the pool club, I remembered the "job" I'd assigned the kids. Chose a towel from the stack by the back door. Clearly, Riley had taken that responsibility seriously.

Knowing better than to attempt all-towels-are-the-same logic on someone who'd skipped her nap and was within kicking distance of bedtime, I reached for the blue and green stripes. Guess who had to make do with the soggy strips?

First steps

Riley is entering preschool this fall, just as Sophia did a decade ago — though my baby was still two months shy of 3 when she entered the classroom. Sophia is not just a late-fall birthday girl, she was born smack-dab on the cutoff date that Michigan sets for children entering school. Her Dec. 1 birthday meant that my husband, Don, and I would have to decide whether to enroll our daughter in kindergarten when she was 4 going on 5, or 5 going on 6.

We were leaning toward the latter when I attended the preschool information fair at the Farmington Community



Rebecca Kavanagh
MOM'S THE WORD

Library back in February 2002. I figured I'd gather an armload of brochures to file away until the following spring when it was time to enroll. I hadn't planned on drinking the Kool-Aid.

The mini-tradeshow at the library was filled with colorful displays featuring happy kids and parent-pleasing phrases: Play-based curriculum! Literature-rich environment! Hands-on learning! I was impressed, but it wasn't until a chipper Mayfair mom sidled up to me that I saw everything in more immediate terms. The recruiter explained to me that parents were involved members of their co-op, volunteering in the classroom to help wash little hands and prep crafts so the certified teachers had more time for instruction.

Five adults in the classroom sounded like the nurturing atmosphere my young one needed, one in which I'd be part of several times a month.

Final stretch

Sophia flourished at Mayfair, learning her ABCs and 123s alongside mostly older kids, some of whom had an entire year on her. So I fully expected a positive report at the end of that first year. I was poised for the teacher to tell me that, in her professional opinion, Sophia should of course enter kindergarten at the earliest possible date.

But instead, she said wait. Not because Sophia wasn't bright enough. Because she wasn't old enough. "But she's just as advanced as the other kids in class," I said. "I hardly notice the age difference anymore."

"Not now," the kindly teacher said. "And my son won't be in kindergarten

either. But there are milestones down the road when you will notice. Puberty. High school. Imagine 13-year-old Sophia in class with 18-year-olds."

I did my best not to! Not then and not now. Even though, all of a sudden, that mental picture has become our reality. Next Tuesday, Sophia will in fact be starting high school. She'll be studying alongside kids who've lived lives. They've had jobs. They've loved and lost. They've done stuff. What else will Sophia learn besides civics and geometry?

As I type this particular passage, my daughter is one hour into freshman orientation. A North Farmington High School senior called her last night to make sure she was planning on attending. Uh, yeah! Sophia and her parents have been looking forward to this day with a mixture of anticipation and apprehension all summer long.

At Mayfair, Sophia and I both made lifelong friends — little girls and mommies we continued to bump into at dance classes and drama camps long after going our separate ways to kindergarten across the district.

Now here we are, many of us together again at North, which, poetically, is just down the road from Mayfair. Yes, Sophia is only 13 going on 14 as she starts high school. But I listen to those mommy friends and I hear in their voices the same anticipation and apprehension about their own freshmen. These are variations on the same conversations we had as our kids made the leap into kindergarten, and they assure me that I'd be just as jittery if my baby was 14 going on 15. Which is small comfort — but a damp towel is better than nothing.

Mom's the Word appears on alternate Sundays in the Farmington Observer. Write to author Rebecca Kavanagh at rkawordplay@att.net.

Use home equity loan to reduce debt

Q: Dear Rick: I recently was approached by my bank about a home equity loan. The rate is fixed at four percent for the first year and then will adjust. In addition, I am told there is no cost to write the loan and I only pay when and if I access the money. Currently, my house is worth about \$180,000. I owe about \$15,000. However, I have other debts — \$12,500 on a charge card which is at 18.5 percent and on my daughter's student loan. Even though the loan is her name, I told her I would pay it. Currently, the rate is eight percent and she owes about \$8,000. My thought is to use the home equity loan to pay off both debts. I want to make sure that getting the loan makes sense.

At it makes sense to use the home equity loan for the situations that you have proposed. When it comes to your charge card debt it is a slam dunk. Not only are you reducing your interest rate but you are making the interest tax deductible. In the situation of the student loan, you are reducing your interest rate which makes sense.



I recommend that once you access the home equity loan you continue to make the same payment — not the minimum required by the home equity loan. By doing that you will reduce your outstanding debt.

A few years ago, many home equity loans were in vogue. You could have 10 in a day. Then with plummeting home prices, home equity loans dried up dramatically. Now that interest rates are low and home prices have improved, home equity loans are coming back into favor.

However, people shouldn't make the same mistake. Home equity loans should not be used for frivolous things, but rather as a better way of handling debt. Remember, one of the downsides of home equity loans is that the great majority of them are adjustable. What that means is that the interest rate is not fixed and will fluctuate based upon what is happening with interest rates. Since interest rates

are on the rise, there is no doubt that in the near future the interest rate on home equity loans will go up. That is why people have to be very cautious about some of the gimmick rates that you now see on home equity loans.

Before you sign the dotted line on a home equity loan it is important that you understand all the terms. One of the key points in any home equity loan is how interest rates adjust. In some of the deals that I've recently seen, the gimmicky rate is only for 90 days and then the rate goes up.

If you're using a home equity loan to pay off a high interest rate charge card, it almost always makes sense. However, if you have a debt with low interest rates home equity loans may not be the way to go. One last note on home equity loans — shop around. Check with banks and credit unions. You may find that there is a better deal out there for you.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is blloommanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@blloommanagement.com.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:52 p.m. regarding a proposed ordinance amendment to 154.036, Performance Guarantee; Requirements; Permits and Approvals; 154.416, Procedures and Requirements; and 154.432, Review Procedures of the Code of Ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 154.036, PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE; REQUIREMENTS; PERMITS AND/OR APPROVALS; 154.416, PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS; AND 154.432, REVIEW PROCEDURES TO REFLECT THE JULY 1, 2006 REPEAL OF THE CITY AND VILLAGE ZONING ACT, PUBLIC ACT 207 OF 1921, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT, PUBLIC ACT 110 OF 2006 OF CHAPTER 154 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on August 8, 2013 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, which would amend 154.036, Performance Guarantee; Requirements; Permits and Approvals; 154.416, Procedures and Requirements; and 154.432, Review Procedures to reflect the July 1, 2006 repeal of the City and Village Zoning Act, Public Act 207 of 1921, and the adoption of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents;

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That **§ 154.036 (A) Performance Guarantee; Requirements; Permits and Approvals, of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:**

- (A) *Intent and scope of provisions.* To insure compliance with the provisions of this chapter and any conditions or covenants thereon, the Planning Commission, Community Development Director, Zoning Administrator or their designee may require that a performance guarantee be deposited with the city, prior to the issuance of permits or approvals, to insure faithful completion of improvements, in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended. Improvements for which the city may require a performance guarantee include, but are not limited to roadways, lighting, utilities, sidewalks, driveways, screening, grading and drainage, incomplete structures, site clean-up and landscape buffers.

That **§ 154.416(B)(2) Procedures and Requirements of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:**

- (2) *Public hearing.* Notice of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper which circulates in the city, and sent by mail or personal delivery to the owners of property for which approval is being considered, to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the boundary of the property in question, and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet. Notification shall be made in accordance with the provisions in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 101 of 2006, as amended.

That **§ 154.432 (G) (2) Review Procedures of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:**

- (2) *Public hearing.* The public hearing shall be scheduled in the same manner as required for Special Uses in 154.416 of this chapter and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended. The public hearing and notice required by this division shall be regarded as fulfilling the public hearing and notice requirements for amendment of this chapter. The Planning Commission and City Council may hold a joint public hearing on a Planned Development application if they so desire.

And further that **§ 154.432 (J) Review Procedures of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:**

- (J) *Public hearing.* Upon receipt of a Planned Development plan and application, the City Council shall schedule a public hearing, unless a joint public hearing has already occurred, in accordance with division (G) of this section. The public hearing shall be scheduled in the same manner as required for Special Uses in 154.416 of this chapter and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended.

SEVERABILITY.

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2789-Khalil Saad-27768 Warren
Req. for a use variance from Ord. 248 to operate a used car lot on the subject property, whereas Sec. 9.6.1 does not list a used car lot as a permitted use in the CB-3 district.

Petition #2794-W. Kellher-8471 Gilmun
Req. for a 8.3 ft. rear yd. setback variance, a 4% lot coverage variance, and a 7.8 ft. separation variance from Ord. 248 in order to construct a 20' x 146' addition and an 11x 146' covered porch addition to the rear of the home which would result in the additions being located 28.7 feet from the rear lot boundary whereas Sec. 7.4.2 requires a minimum rear yd. setback of 35', and a 34% lot coverage, whereas Sec. 7.4.2 allows a maximum lot coverage of 30%, and a 2.2 ft. separation; whereas Sec. 7.4.3(c) requires a minimum 10' separation between the rear of the home and the front of the detached garage.

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CITY OF WESTLAND - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM STATUS AND SUBMISSION OF THE CAPER (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)

The City of Westland will hold a public hearing on the status of CDBG and HOME programs, year ended June 30, 2013. Westland Housing Commission, September 17, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Westland, Michigan. Draft CAPER available for comment September 2 - 17, 2013. Submit written comments to: Department of Housing & Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI.

CDBG FUNDS:

Project	Status	Amount
CDBG Administration	Annual, Complete	\$181,152
Housing Rehabilitation Programs	Annual, Ongoing	\$31,100
Operation Breadbasket	Annual, Complete	\$185,000
First Step	Complete	\$2,298
City Projects (Norway Infrastructure, Dorsey Relocation)	Annual, Complete	\$4000
Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer	Norway Infra, Ongoing	\$44,135
Saunders Ware Community Center	Annual, Complete	\$116,000
NSP - Acquisition/Demolition	Annual, Complete	\$105,000
Norway Infrastructure	Annual, Ongoing	\$19,000
Fire Rescue Vehicle	Ongoing	\$75,170
	Complete	\$76,111

TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITURES \$904,643.00

HOME FUNDS

HOME Administration	Annual Complete	\$17,828
Comm. Housing Devt. Organization (CHDO)	Ongoing	\$41,592
Homebuyer Program	Ongoing	\$47,200
NSP - Acquisition/Renovation	Ongoing	\$101,047
HOME Housing Rehabilitation (Limited)	Ongoing	\$88,008
TOTAL HOME EXPENDITURES		\$385,675.00

CDBG PROGRAM INCOME is \$32,944. HOME PROGRAM INCOME is \$86,365. Financial data is subject to reconciliation and audit adjustments. The City of Westland will submit the CAPER to the Detroit HUD Office on September 25, 2013.

William R. Wild, Mayor

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Culinary degrees provide a wide array of career options

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

program prepped him to handle all sorts of jobs in the culinary field.

Before becoming a chef, he had completed most of his requirements for a degree in criminal justice, before changing career paths and becoming a chef.

"I just decided to make it official," he said. "It was very accessible and a great program."

Students who enroll in a culinary arts program are taught a wide array of subjects including ice carving, international

and American cuisine and pastries. Both Schoolcraft College and OCC offer associate's degrees in culinary arts, and OCC also offers a one-year program certificate in pastry-making.

Chef Shawn Loving, director of the culinary program at Schoolcraft, said former students have worked at many high-end retailers and restaurants, including Joe's Produce in Livonia and the kitchens of Andiamo, which has restaurants in Livonia, Novi,

Royal Oak and Bloomfield Township.

He said many students enter the program at Schoolcraft with high expectations of where they'll be after graduation. After going through the program, they realize there's a lot more than just going to class.

"When they see the rigor, they realize it takes a little longer than they thought," he said. "The real-world experience is what we try to give them. We work in that mix. All of our chef instructors

have a unique story."

He said the program watches the development of its students closely, and tries to match them with work that fits their skills.

"If they don't think the student will succeed, they shy away from recommending them."

"We won't recommend them in that job because they won't have success," Loving said.

Saves said he's known several students from the culinary program who have pursued ca-

reers outside the restaurant scene. Working in hospital kitchens is becoming more predominant, as well as working in research and development for food companies.

"There are opportunities pretty much everywhere," he said.

"There's a lot of other options out there besides working in a restaurant and hotel."

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allowed. Both schools received the highest rating possible, which could open the door for the two-year colleges to begin offering four-year degrees.

Currently, 10 other institutions in Michigan are accredited with the ACF according to its website, including Macomb Community College, Henry Ford Community College and Washtenaw Community College.

The state approved a bill in the last year that would allow for two-year colleges to offer four-year degrees at their campuses for specific areas of study, including concrete technology and culinary arts. Schools looking to start four-year programs need to have several approvals before they begin that process.

Jeffress said he hopes Schoolcraft will begin offering those four-year degrees sometime in 2015, pending approval.

"We're probably going to be done with our curriculum changes by December; we're going to the HLC (higher learning commission) probably around June of next year," he said. "So the first baccalaureate students will be here probably in June of '15."

Chef David Enright, chairman of the culinary department at OCC, said the college has looked into offering a four-year degree in the culinary field at Farmington Hills Orchard Ridge campus, but has nothing set in stone.

He said the college's size will hopefully help if the school decides to try to offer the program for four years.

"We've been encouraged by our administrators and we're kind of a bigger ship than some other colleges," he said. "We are definitely looking at it."

Rigorous program

Chef Shawn Loving, head of the culinary arts department at Schoolcraft, said the college were to have a four-year degree, the level at which he works with students would not change.

"I think right now our



Schoolcraft College department chairman Chef Shawn Loving, Chef Chris Misiak and Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress speak about the transition to a four-year program. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

students are excited because they want to stay around more anyway," he said. "So when even the words came out that we were attempting to go down this road, the excitement became greater just because our students, in a good way, don't want to leave us."

"It's just a great way to continue them on a path."

Currently, an associate's degree from Schoolcraft and OCC in the culinary arts requires students to complete 73 credits in areas such as baking, culinary nutrition and dining room service.

Enright said, if offered, a four-year culinary degree could help teach students more of the necessities for the job outside of the kitchen, including running a restaurant from the business angle or other professions that use a culinary background.

"It would be a higher level of management. It would enhance your skills," he said. "There's more than just restaurants."

Alumni praise their schools

And the support for the schools doesn't just come from the instructors and administration. Students who have graduated and taken jobs in the "real world" attest to the level of education they've received in southeastern Michigan.

Diana Woodward, who teaches culinary arts for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said offering a four-year degree at her alma mater, Schoolcraft, would help keep many students more local.

"A four-year culinary degree is not easy to find. Many students seeking further education leave the state, or opt for a hotel and restaurant management degree at a university," she said. "The four-year program is the icing on the cake."

Currently, Madonna University in Livonia offers a transfer program with Dearborn-based Henry Ford Community College. Students enroll for three years at HFCC and then transfer to Madonna for their last

year to complete a degree in hospitality management.

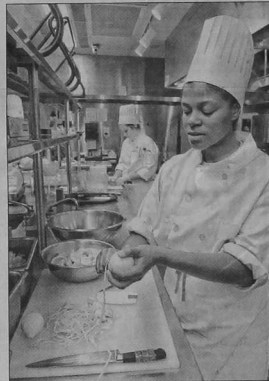
Chef Drew Sayes, a 2003 OCC graduate and Ferndale native, has worked across the country before returning home to Metro Detroit as the executive chef at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

He said his instructors were clear with him on how the outside world works when it comes to the culinary arts, starting off with low pay and long hours.

"Once I got into the program, they did a great job preparing me for the real world," he said. "I really appreciate the fact that they didn't candy-coat it."

Enright said the Metro Detroit area has always had a strong presence in the culinary field; continued accreditation at area schools shows that southeastern Michigan schools take their programs very seriously.

"The area's always been really strong in culinary. We've been here forever. Schoolcraft has been around forever," he said. "We're both very well known in the



Jaene Conley of Detroit uses a channel knife to make lemon slices more attractive. In background, Mary Lalicki of Troy cubes a block of cheese.

ACF for quality education."

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CITY OF LIVONIA: SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG AUG 12, 2013

Called to order 7 pm
Present: Pastor, Robinson, Brosnan, McCann, Laura, Toy Absent: Kritzman
#251-13 App of minutes of meeting 7/15/13
Several items received and filed by President Toy
#251-13 Approving block party Sussex between Fitzgerald and Sherwood 9/7/13
#252-13 Approving massage apprentice permit for Anne Laura
#253-13 Approving quarterly budget adjustments for 2nd quarter of 2013
#254-13 Approve to accept 2009 Justice Assistance Grant for \$19,971.91
VP Pastor steps down at 7:34 pm to avoid perceived conflict of interest.
Second read and approving of Ordinance amending Section 26 of zoning map and Article 3 of Ordinance No. 543 (Petition 2013-04-01-01)
#255-13 Approving waiver use to construct and operate full service restaurant (Applebee's) at Middlebelt Rd.
#256-13 Approving waiver use to utilize a Class C liquor license in connection with Applebee's on Middlebelt Rd.
#257-13 Approving waiver use to construct a building with full service restaurant (Del Taco) including drive-up window on Middlebelt Rd.
VP Pastor returns to podium at 7:40 pm
First reading on Ordinance amending Section 13 of zoning map and amending Article 3 of Ordinance No. 543 (Petition 2013-04-01-02)
#258-13 Approving CREC for property at 36222 S Mile Rd. (Commercial Rehabilitation District #1) for 10 years
#259-13 Accepting donation of \$2,000 from Livonia Towing
#260-13 Approving the suspension of rules to consider items not on the agenda.
First read/approval to an Ordinance to provide for the collection of revenues from the system of additional, extensions and improvements to the water supply and wastewater system of the City of Livonia; to provide for the issuance and sale of revenue bonds to pay the cost thereof; to prescribe the form of the bonds; to provide for the collection of revenues from the system and to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds; to provide for security for the bonds; to provide for the segregation and distribution of the revenues; to provide for the rights of the holders of the bonds in enforcement thereof; and to provide for other matters relating to the bonds of the system.
#261-13 Approving a request for open house for Motor City Youth Theatre
#262-13 Approving a request to show family friendly movie, outside at Rudy Kleinert Park #264-13 and waiving the noise ordinance for this event.
Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm
Complete Minutes available at Livonia City Clerk's Office.
Terry A. Marekci
City Clerk

CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 City Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2013-07-01-04 submitted by Schoolcraft College pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 39251 Seven Mile Road, located on the southeast corner of Seven Mile Road and Hagerty Road in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, from PO (High Rise Professional Office) to PL (Public Land).

Petition 2013-08-02-20 submitted by S & Z Restaurants, L.L.C. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(c) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to construct and operate a full service restaurant including drive-up window facilities (Culver's) within an outlet on the site of Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt Road, located on the east side of Middlebelt Road between the CSX Railroad right-of-way and Schoolcraft Road in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25.

Petition 2013-08-LS-12 submitted by Ali Alho, pursuant to Council Resolution #269-13, and Section 3.06.05 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, to determine whether or not to dispose of city-owned vacant property at 27560 Joy Road, located on the north side of Joy Road between Inkster Road and Carvel Avenue in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 City Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

R. Lee Morrow, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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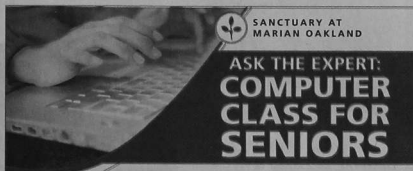
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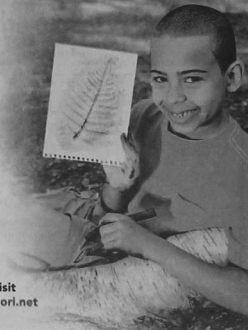


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Two area men face felony bribery charges in Detroit

By David Veselelak
Staff Writer

Two area men are facing public corruption charges in Detroit after an investigation by the Michigan Attorney General's Office and the FBI.

Moreno Taylor, 53, of Livonia, and Delos Matthews, 54, of Farmington Hills, had charges filed against them in Detroit's 36th District Court Thursday. Attorney General Bill Schuette said the two men, along with five others, used their positions in the City of Detroit to commit crimes against the city.

Schuette said the seven men, all building inspectors for the city, are accused of taking

bribes to look the other way on projects throughout the city. This resulted in building code violations, as well as contractors not obtaining the proper permits to do work.

Taylor and Matthews each face two charges: one count of a public officer taking a bribe and one count of accepting a bribe by an agent or employee.

If convicted, the men face up to 10 years in prison.

The investigation found that bribes were being taken by city employees starting back in 2008 and running to earlier this year. The officials are accused of accepting cash in exchange for not writing citations to area con-

tractors and property owners. The amounts ranged from \$200 to \$3,000, according to the attorney general's office.

Inspectors are also accused of certifying dangerous situations in buildings as compliant.

The other men named in the filing are: Eric Miller, 49, of Detroit; John Jones, 54, of Detroit; Bob Watson, 46, of Dearborn; Phil Lockhart, 57, of Detroit; and Kenneth Russ, 46, of Detroit.

Schuette said the men are expected to be arraigned sometime this week in Detroit's 36th District Court.

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Annual 9/11 service to honor fallen firefighter

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Twelve years after the 9/11 terrorist attacks stunned a nation, Westland will remember their impact. But they also will honor the memory of a more recent loss that of Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke who died in a restaurant fire in May.

The annual ceremony, conducted by the St. Matthew Lutheran School and Church will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, on the steps behind Westland City Hall, on Ford Road east of Newburgh.

"The Patriots Day service honors and remembers those who died on Sept. 11, 2001," said Lori Gazdag of St. Matthew's Church. "City, state, county and local officials and local police, fire and emergency service personnel partici-

pate." The Rev. Kurt Lambart of St. Matthew Lutheran Church will do an invocation and give a sermon and lead the gathering in a prayer. He also will bless elected officials and police, firefighters and EMS personnel.

This year, the John Glenn High School JROTC color guard will present the colors for the ceremony. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dan Ramthun, a close friend of the Woehlke family.

Ramthun received his bachelor's degree in elementary education from Concordia University in Ann Arbor in 1983 and his master of arts degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University in 1995. He spent seven years teaching in Lutheran grade schools before serving in various teach-

ing/administrative roles for 21 years in the Lutheran High School Association, including 16 years at Lutheran High School Westland which Brian Woehlke attended. Members of St. Matthew congregation, surrounding communities and city, county and state officials will be in attendance.

Among the dignitaries will be state Sen. Glenn Anderson and state Rep. Kevin McNamara, Westland city officials and representatives of the Wayne-Westland school board, Gazdag said.

Following the service, St. Matthew will again host a picnic in Tattan Park on Carlson just east of city hall.

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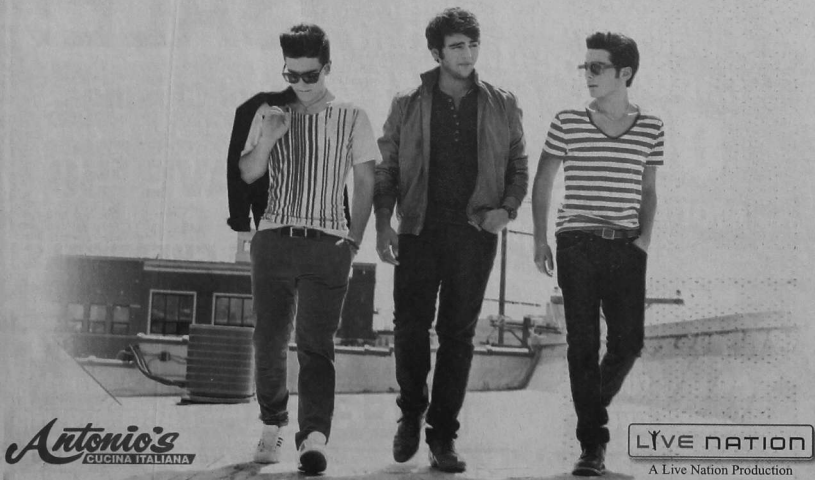
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

'Cats hold off Salem, 31-24, in opener

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

After the Plymouth Wildcats took a 17-0 lead, the Salem Rocks responded with 17 unanswered points of their own to tie the prep football opener for both teams Thursday night.

"That's when D.J. Rossell took matters into his own ... feet."

The diminutive Plymouth senior running back returned a kickoff some 58 yards, then hauled in a 26-yard touchdown pass from Wildcat quarterback A.J. Convertino to give Plymouth a 24-17 lead, and the Wildcats withstood a late Rock score to post an exciting, 31-24 win.

Rossell finished with 120 yards on 17 carries, plus the touchdown pass, in the opening-night win.

Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuck said Rossell's huge return following Salem's game-tying field goal was a huge boost.

"That gave us a change of field and gave us some momentum," Sawchuck said. "(Rossell) is one of the toughest kids I've ever met in my life. Our kids dug deep."

Convertino (6-11, 110 yards, two touchdowns) also threw a 70-yard touchdown pass to junior wideout Adedeji Adebisi and scored on a sneak from just outside the end zone.

Plymouth also got a touchdown on a 17-yard interception

return by senior defensive lineman Joshua Morris, and senior kicker Viet Nguyen kicked a 31-yard field goal for the Wildcats.

After falling behind 17-0, Salem battled back, embarking on a 14-play, 80-yard drive that chewed 5:09 off the clock. The Rocks got on the board with 16 seconds left in the first half on a sneak by quarterback Alex Nicholson.

After the Wildcats fumbled at their own 39 on their first play of the third quarter, Salem senior Drake Jordan (21 carries, 123 yards) capped a six-play drive with a 14-yard run that shaved the lead to 17-14.



Salem running back Drake Jordan runs into opposition from Wildcats Hussein Youssef and Shane Raymond. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Rockets outslug Falcons on gridiron

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn had the final say in an offense-dominated football game that featured 13 touchdowns and 87 total points in the season opener Thursday night.

The Rockets and visiting Farmington traded scores and the lead in a back-and-forth slugfest until Glenn closed out a 48-39 victory in the fourth quarter.

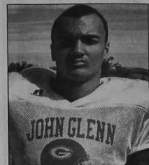
"Our guys never gave up," Rockets coach Tim Hardin said. "We told them it was going to be a battle for 48 minutes. We kept asking our guys to keep playing; they kept playing and we pulled it out at the end."

Clinging to a 42-39 lead in the final period, the Rockets used more than seven minutes with a 59-yard drive that resulted in the clinching score by Jamie Melchor with 2:28 remaining.

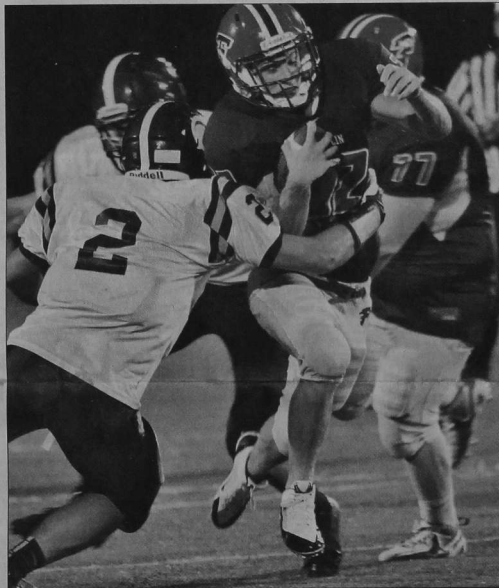
Facing a third-and-21 situation early in the drive, Devon Spalding turned a screen pass from Chris Scheffer into a 23-yard gain. Andre Brown made a 6-yard catch later on a fourth-and-3 play.

"Obviously, it was huge," Hardin said of the drive, "because it was back and forth until that point. It was a great call by our offensive coordinator, Steve Waller, on the screen play that al-

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Devon Spalding rushed for 126 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Rockets. BRAD EMONS



Franklin's Caleb Finamore (with ball) tries to break free from Stevenson tackler Austin Petrie (2) during Thursday's season opener. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patriots gash rival Stevenson, 24-7

Franklin defense comes up big

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's defense proved to be as stifling as the high humidity on Thursday night.

The host Patriots held Livonia Stevenson to minus-15 yards rushing, recorded eight sacks and forced two turnovers en route to a convincing

24-7 win over their cross-town rival in the season opener.

All the scoring came in the first half as the Patriots dominated the line of scrimmage and had Stevenson on his heels from the outset.

Franklin finished with 332 total yards, including 282 on the ground, while Stevenson could net only 137 with 152 of those coming via the air.

"We didn't adjust well enough to their defensive line in the second half, but that first half was really good football," Kelbert said. "Our de-

fense was amazing. We started two sophomores (Jake Mushinski and Joe Fortin) out there and I thought both of them played very, very well. We able to rotate guys in and the guys we rotated in played very well. I think that's the biggest positive to take away from the game.

"It was a very hot night and I think it helped us. I think they got tired a little bit."

After Stevenson went three-and-out on its opening pos-

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Defensive stand key to Raiders' success

Hawks down Phoenix in impressive 43-0 rout

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Good defense enabled North Farmington to begin a second straight football season Thursday with a victory over Bay City John Glenn.

With the help of a goal-line stand in the second quarter and a second-half shutout, the host Raiders defeated the Bobcats, 22-14.

Leading 14-7, Glenn blocked a punt and recovered the ball at the North 5-yard line with 4:14 remaining in the first half.

The Raiders stopped the Bobcats on fourth down at the 1, however, after four consecutive running plays.

"I think they just thought they were going to get it in," North coach Todd Schultz said as to why Glenn didn't attempt a field goal.

"But our guys made four great downs and held them out of the end zone. Those kids stayed tough; they gave 'em 4 but didn't give 'em 5."

"I think that was the turning point of the game. That was old Raider defense coming through to save the day."

The Raiders picked up two first downs, moved the

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Senior Chauncey Bridges rushed for 153 yards and a touchdown in the North victory. JOHN STORMAZANDI/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Chiefs win opener in dramatic fashion

By Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Canton opened the 2013 football season with a thrilling, 28-21 victory over visiting Holland West Ottawa at the Junior Varsity Stadium Thursday night.

Back and forth scoring paved the way for a game reminiscent of last year's opener against Midland but with a different end result. Canton quarterback Greg Williams was all smiles following the victory and was happy to start the season on the right foot.

"Wow, that was just amazing," Williams said. "We haven't won a big game in a while and as a team we really wanted this one. We really fought through adversity."

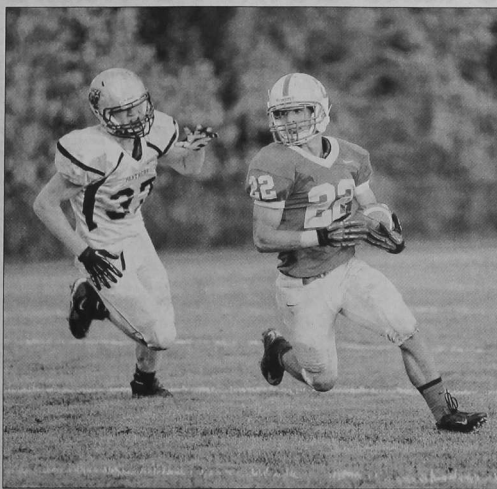
Victor Villarini sealed the victory for the Chiefs when he intercepted Jared McNitt's pass as it went through the hands of James Lacy with 1:50 remaining in the fourth quarter.

"I saw it coming off of his hands and I focused in on the ball, so I could seal the game for the team," Villarini said.

Veteran Canton coach Tim Baechler was jubilant that Villarini got a chance and took advantage of it to redeem himself from his play earlier in the game.

"He was getting picked on all night, and I really like how he got the last laugh on that interception," Baechler said.

The Chiefs broke the 21-21 tie when Williams found Jake Boucher on a play-action pass on fourth-and-two from West Ottawa's 17-yard line with 6:49 left in the fourth.



Canton's Weston Price (No. 22) eludes a West Ottawa player Thursday night. BRIAN QUINTOS

Canton's final scoring drive featured two quarterback keepers by Williams. One of them kept the drive alive on a third-and-5. Also in the mix on the Chiefs' final possession were running

backs Chase Winningham, James Hall and Chuck Turfe. "We were reading the defense and went with what was working," Williams said. "We had some big plays to keep the drive alive. The

offensive linemen did a great job."

Winningham took carries in the second half when Weston Price needed to rest.

"That was so huge that he (Winningham) came in like

that, and he took great care of the ball," Baechler said. "We needed to give Weston some rest."

The score was on the ensuing possession after West Ottawa tied the game at 21 after a 25-yard touchdown pass from McNitt to Alex Zimmerman with 1:02 left in the third quarter.

The Chiefs secondary was led by Daniel Kilgore, who had an interception as well as many crunching hits. Back there with him were Price and Hall along with a plethora of younger players that Baechler said played well.

"Our defense was not dominant but, man, did they step up and make some plays," Baechler said. "Our special teams — we won that one third of the game."

Boucher, Turfe, and Price each played both ways for the Chiefs. With the temperature in the high 80s with 90-percent humidity, it wasn't easy.

"You had to be a man to play both ways on a night like this," Baechler said.

Price and Joe Grinage had rushing touchdowns in the first half for the Chiefs, and Boucher also had a receiving touchdown that put Canton ahead 21-14 midway through the third quarter.

P.J. Trammell scored on an 8-yard pitch with two minutes remaining in the first quarter, tying the game at seven for the Panthers.

The other West Ottawa score came as McNitt connected with Lacy on a wheel route down the left sideline on third-and-10 with 1:50 left in the first half.

Thurston muzzles Bears, 32-14

WEEK 1

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Panthers stung by Yellowjackets, 42-0

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's football team was a clean, mean, executing machine Thursday night against host Berkley.

In the season opener for both squads, the Eagles' quarterback came a 14-13 second-quarter deficit and won going away, 32-14.

"We played a very clean game, especially for an opener," Thurston head coach Bob Snell said. "We only had one turnover and there weren't many penalties. Our execution on both sides of the ball was excellent."

The Eagles' primary catalyst was wide receiver Curtis Cobbs, who hauled in three Tyler Bellis touchdown passes, including a 75-yard scoring strike in the third quarter that put the frosting on the victory cake.

Thurston's defense was spearheaded by linebackers Damon Fuller, Robert Seton and Diante Jones, and defensive end Matt Golson.

"Berkley runs a very offense that you're forced to play assignment football," Snell said. "We were very disciplined tonight. Their only touchdowns came on a couple of long touchdown passes — one that we took a bad angle on and the other they just out-jumped us for the ball."

Ryan Chalk registered the first turnover of the season for the defense when he picked off a fourth-quarter pass.

Snell said both of his team's lead running backs — Eric Calhoun and Chris Johnson — ran well.

"They were patient when they had to be and they ran



Redford Union senior Tyler Ouellette nearly hauled in a one-handed catch Thursday night, but the ball popped out when he hit the ground. ED WRIGHT PHOTO

tough when they had to," he said. "And our offensive line was very sound tonight."

The Eagles seized a 7-0 lead with four minutes left in the first quarter when Bellis and Cobbs hooked up for a 30-yard TD. Mitch Cowen tacked on the extra point.

After Berkley knotted the game at 7-7, Thurston responded with a long scoring drive that was culminated by a 5-yard rush to pay dirt by Johnson. The extra point was no good, leaving the score at 13-7.

The Bears connected on a long pass play on their next possession with three minutes remaining in the first half to reclaim the advantage, 14-13, but Thurston countered quickly thanks to a long kick-off return by Tommy Hailey.

The Eagles carried a 20-14 lead into the half thanks to a fourth-and-two scoring pass from Bellis to Cobbs with just three ticks left on the second-quarter clock.

"We really haven't had a

lot of time to work on a two-minute offense in practice, but the kids ran that one to perfection," Snell said.

Thurston capped the scoring on a 32-yard run by Johnson and Cobbs' 75-yard TD execution from Bellis.

"Tyler did a great job of executing our offense tonight," Snell said. "He ran well and threw well. We had to have at least 350 yards in total offense."

Panthers fall

Redford Union's season opener Thursday night against visiting Auburn Hills Avondale started in promising fashion, but ended with a dreaded running clock.

The Panthers' defense stone-walled the Yellowjackets on the game's opening drive, but it from then on it was all Avondale, which rolled to a 42-0 victory.

RU's offense mustered just 85 yards all night — 27 the result of Jalen Smith's highlight-reel run on the team's

first possession.

The Panthers' passing game never clicked as starting signal-caller Alex Shimmons completed just 3 of 20 passes for 30 yards. Smith was the recipient of all three receptions; he also ran 10 times for 42 yards.

Josh Holoman was the workhorse for Avondale as he rushed for 115 yards in 18 carries. Kendrick Thomas picked off a Shimmons pass with four minutes left in the game and returned it 60 yards for the game's final points.

Avondale led just 13-0 at the half, but scored on its first three drives of the second half.

On a bright note, the Panthers forced three turnovers. Tommy Dawson intercepted a pass in the end zone in the second quarter, while John Nesbitt and Curtis Albright recovered Yellowjacket fumbles.

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WILDCATS

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On Plymouth's next drive, Salem senior Josh Bector blocked a punt, giving the Rocks possession at the Plymouth 20. But the Rocks were held to a 28-yard field goal from Nicholson. That kick tied the game, but the Rocks then surrendered Rossell's long kick return and couldn't catch up.

"We let them play on our side of the field a lot," Salem coach Kurt Britnell said. "We gave up that defensive touchdown, and we couldn't capital-

We let them play on our side of the field a lot. We gave up that defensive touchdown, and we couldn't capitalize on that blocked punt.

KURT BRITNELL

Salem coach

ize on that blocked punt. We're young (six sophomores). They could have folded, but we've got some good football players. They have a lot of pride and work ethic."

The Rocks climbed to within 31-24 when Nicholson hit Brenden Sherrod over the middle and Sherrod turned it into an exciting 61-yard touchdown.

The Rocks tried one quick kick, which Plymouth muffed and the Rocks recovered. But Plymouth junior linebacker Hussein Youssef picked off Nicholson on the first play to cut off any threat.

"We made a lot of mistakes; we fumbled, got a punt blocked," Sawchuck said. "Our young kids never quit."

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Plymouth quarterback A.J. Convertino gets air and yardage as he avoids Salem defensive back Josh Bector. BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ball to midfield and punted to end the first half.

Glenn scored first on a short run and made it 14-7 with another midway in the second quarter. Sophomore Nathan Penny had a 28-yard run for the first North touchdown.

The Raiders tied the score late in the third quarter with a 38-yard run by senior Chancey Bridges, ending a four-play, 54-yard drive. He also ran for the two points to give North a 15-14 lead.

"We just had them on their heels," Schultz said. "Rather than tie it up, we decided we were going to try for two and go ahead. We were moving the ball pretty well."

With 2:22 left in the game, sophomore Sasoun Tcholakian sewed up the victory when he returned a pass interception 30 yards for a touchdown. Sam Zapata added his second PAT.

Bridges rushed 17 times for 159 yards, Penny 13 for 104. McNitt, who attempted only two passes, gained all 272 of its yards on the ground.

The Bobcats, who never threatened to score in the second half, had 238 rushing yards and were 7-of-15 passing for 87 yards.

Myles Wilson and Marvin Yaldo had seven tackles each for the Raiders, Alonte Mayweather 6.5 and Tcholakian six.

"Overall, we're young," Schultz said. "I think we gained game experience quarter by quarter, even snap by snap. Our young kids and juniors included haven't seen much time together, but a little while to get used to (varsity play), and they looked a lot better in the second half."

HARRISON LA, RENAISSANCE 2: The Hawks led it all going their way in the season opener Thursday for an impressive victory over the visiting Phoenix. It was 37-0 at halftime, and there was a running clock in the second half.

Senior tailback Lorenzo Collins, who ran for 127 yards on 14 carries, and senior upback Jourdan Austin scored two rushing touchdowns each.

Collins scored from 15 and 10 yards — the latter accounting for the only points in the second half — and Austin from 15 and 24 yards.

Junior quarterback Devin Shaw started the scoring with a 1-yard sneak, and senior Isaac Keneal kicked a 27-yard field goal to add to four of five extra points.

Senior Peyton Hester, who was named quarterback, passed 40 yards to senior David Gates for the final score of the first half.

Peterson also knocked down a Renaissance punt in the end zone to thwart the only scoring threat by the Phoenix. Peterson rushed for 279 yards and was named RB. Shaw was 4-of-6. Peterson and Jourdan Hogan had one pass attempt and completion each.

PREP FOOTBALL

Trojans take down Ferndale

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By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville got quite a bit of mileage out of its 21-player roster Friday night as Jason Bryant scored the game-winning touchdown with 6:26 remaining to give the Trojans a 21-14 season-opening football win at Ferndale.

Bryant, who rushed for 82 yards on 12 carries, opened the scoring when he tied the game 45-yard TD pass from quarterback Jake Kubiak in the first quarter for a 6-0 lead.

Brandon Uren added a 1-yard TD run in the second quarter and James Hill ran in for the two-pointer to make it 14-0, but Ferndale answered by scoring the half on a 1-yard TD run by Shaquan McGriff.

The Eagles then tied it up in the third quarter when Brian Johnson. Fast picked up McGriff's fumble in the end zone. Clarenceville had a total of 303 yards as Kubiak went 8-of-21 TD runs for 149 yards. He was intercepted once.

The Trojans' defense held Ferndale to 148 total yards as Uren had five tackles and Kieran Dooley added a key interception in the second quarter.

"All 21 played and

everybody did their part," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "It was a whole team thing and I couldn't be prouder."

W.L. NORTHERN 69, CHURCHILL 14: Walled Lake Northern (1-0) made quite the statement in Thursday's season opener against host Livonia Churchill (0-1).

The Knights scored 10 touchdowns and racked up 534 total yards to avenge last year's season-opening 56-54 loss to the Chargers while spilling Bill DeFillippo's debut as varsity coach.

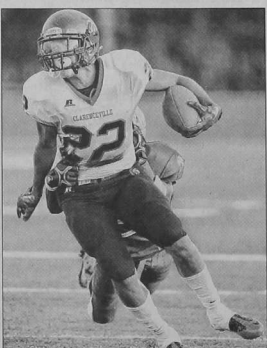
Churchill, ironically scored first on a 65-yard touchdown pass from Brian Alsobrook to Mark Leja, but the Knights' Chris Cliff answered with a 100-yard kickoff return.

Quarterback Chase Burton then hit Cliff on TD passes of 30 and 35 yards, while Cliff added scoring runs of 42 and 8 yards to hit 13-7 after one quarter.

The Knights continued their assault when Burton hit Matt Finn on scoring passes of 60 and 19 yards, while P.J. Kern added a 1-yard TD run.

Alsobrooks, who was 11-of-21 for 180 yards and two interceptions, connected with Kyle Staff on a 57-yard scoring pass at the end of the first half as the Chargers trailed 56-14.

Under a second-half running clock, Northern added two more TDs in the final quarter on a Brendan O'Donnell 26-yard run followed by a Mike Thomas 7-yard run. Burton connected on 7-of-8 passes for 177 yards, finished with 178 yards rushing on 23



Clarenceville's James Hill (22) tries to break free during Friday's 21-14 season-opening victory over Ferndale.

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carries. Churchill, held to 61 nets yards rushing, was led by Malik Johnson (7-for-34).

MOTT 53, WAYNE 7: It was no contest Thursday night as Waterford Mott (1-0) handed host Wayne Memorial (0-1) its 31st straight losing dating back to the 2009 season.

The Corsairs sailed to a 26-0 first quarter lead on a 36-yard punt return by Andrew Quintero, a 44-yard pass from

Randy Bicknell to Hunter Schmidt, an 11-yard run by Corbin Moore, and a 61-yard pass from Dakota Kupp to J.C. Caldwell.

Wayne got on the board in the second quarter on a 4-yard pass from Aaron Hughes to Brian Williams, but Kupp answered before the half on a 23-yard pass to Schmidt to make it 32-7 at halftime. Wott, which outgained Wayne 301-145, scored three

more times in the second half to start a running clock on TD runs by Maurice Gays (57 yards), Malique Green (11 yards) and Richard Yang (20 yards). Hughes was 10-of-15 for 117 yards and one interception, while Aaron Jounes recovered two fumbles for the Zebras.

CRANBROOK 33, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0: Lutheran High Westland (0-1) had zero issues Thursday in its season-opening loss to visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (1-0).

The Warriors came up empty despite outgaining the Cranes in total yards, 316-251. Lutheran Westland had 307 yards rushing led by Austin Olson (25-for-156) and Jacob Davenport (18-for-84).

"We moved the ball and had lots of yards, but every time we got close to score we managed to shoot ourselves in the foot," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse said.

Cranbrook led 13-0 after one quarter on 38-yard run by Joe Myrick (11-for-100) followed by a 39-yard touchdown pass from Tyler Santangelo to Charlie Peck.

The Cranes added another TD in the second quarter when Brad Frasier scooped up a Warriors' fumble and ran 18 yards for a score.

"We were still feeling pretty good about ourselves at that point going into the half, but that was the backbreaker," Guse said.

Santangelo, who was 8-of-15 for 150 yards, threw a pair of second-half TDs including an 84-yard strike to Frasier. Cole Niemi and Michael LeChance each recorded six tackles in a losing cause.

DEFENSE

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session, Franklin took the ball 63 yards in six plays capped by Brandon Davis' 6-yard touchdown run with 7:07 left in the second quarter.

The Patriots also scored on their next possession with a time-consuming drive, going 68 yards in 16 plays as Caleb Finamore scored 2-yard run with 10 minutes remaining in the half.

Stevenson, however, showed some life when Nathan Martoia took the ensuing kickoff 92 yards for a score to cut the deficit to 14-7.

But Franklin would keep grinding out the yards scoring on its third straight possession on a 14-play, 83-yard TD drive as Dan Huber rushed from 2 yards out with 5:16 to play in the second period to make it 21-7.

Stevenson then muffed a snap on a punt and Franklin's Dustin Bowers recovered at the Spartans' 19, a costly turnover that resulted in a 35-yard field goal by Alejandro Castillo with just under a minute left to give the Patriots a three-score lead 24-7, going into the locker room.

The two teams would play to a scoreless draw with the Spartans had although the Spartans had the best opportunity to score as J.T. McCallion threw a 56-yard bomb to C.J. Weiss, but the senior setback lost control of the ball and fumbled into the end zone nullifying the TD with 2:11 left in the third.

Officials ruled Weiss

had made the catch, then lost control of the ball at the Franklin 18 as he was headed to the goal line.

"From my position I couldn't tell if C.J. had possession or not," Stevenson first-year coach Randy Micallef said. "I know he batted it up and got two hands on it, but who knows?"

The Spartans held Franklin to 135 total yards in the second half, but the damage had already been done.

"Franklin is a great team and played well

tonight," Micallef said. "They deserved everything they got. We didn't help ourselves. We had situations where we thought we could get back in the game and every time we were in those situations we didn't execute."

"They were beating us up front for sure. Our kids responded second half defensively."

Davis, a 5-foot-10, 185-pound senior, led Franklin and all rushers with 131 yards on 20 carries, while Finamore, a 6-foot, 165-pound senior, added 87 yards on 11 attempts.

Senior quarterback Kyle Riley, who stands 5-9 and weighs 145 pounds soaking wet, hit 6-of-11 passes for 50 yards.

"I didn't do a very good job the second half of managing," Kelbert said. "He (Riley) is what he is. He's not going to

turn the ball over and make smart decisions. He made some nice passes and that's all we needed him to do is just move the chains. And I think our running game is coming along real well."

But it was the defense that led the charge for Franklin as the 5-10, 225-pound Fortin had 39/ sacks, from his linebacking spot and made a key tackle on fourth-and-one to stop a Stevenson drive in the second quarter.

Dante Ufferman, a junior linebacker, also had 2 1/2 sacks, while Munschinski came up with a fourth-quarter interception. Mitchell Cline also made a clutch shoe-string tackle in the third quarter to thwart a Stevenson game punt attempt.

"This team just works so hard," Kelbert said. "In a game like this when you push, push and

push...then when you win, it validates what you've done. That really is going to help us down the road in the season. To be able to push them and they way we're able to work them as hard as we do, they see benefits from all that."

Meanwhile, for Stevenson it's back to the drawing board as Micallef will face his old team next week in Walled Lake Central, where he served as defensive coordinator.

"We had some things we corrected in the second half and the defense played much better," he said. "First half we dug ourselves too big of a hole to get out of."

McCallion, making his first start, was 7-of-22 for 150 yards, but was sacked seven times and intercepted once.

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Stevenson's Mitch Deacon (right) gets pulled down by Franklin tackle Hunter Hertline during Thursday's season opener. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

THINK PINK INVITE
Aug. 28 at Chesaning
Team scores: 1. North Farmington-Harrison, 2. South Lyon A, 3. Perry, 4. Mason, 387.5, South Lyon B, 389.5, 4. Mott, 392.5.
Honorable mention: 457.7 East Lansing, 445.8, Cheevers.
North Farmington scorers: 2. Sophie Kallin, 80; 4. Nita Karbunath and Dana Kallin, 84.
AAA VICTORY DIVISION
Aug. 27 at Farm Hills CC
Team scores: 1. Bloomfield Hills, 330; 2. North Farmington-Harrison, 337.3.

Ontario, 363.4; 4. Troy Athens, 397.5; Auburn Hills Appleton, 409.
North Farmington scorers: 1. Sophie Kallin, 73 (28.7); 6. Nita Karbunath, 83; 12. Molly Lane, 88.14; Dana Kallin, 89.
CRANBROOK GOLFWOOD 156
FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 168
Aug. 29 at Stonybrook Golf Club
Mercy scorers: Lisa Heath, 39; Jess Gee, 40; Kate Baird, 43; Julia Shaw, 46.
Cranbrook scorers: Grace Clasen, 37; Conisha Carter, 38; Holly Moon, 45; Alyssa March, 46; Gabby Stuart, 46.
Coach's comment: "We played well at their home course," Mercy coach

Wolky Knosab said. "The difference was a lot of balls that did not fall in. Mercy. The Marlins will look to get back in the win column with matches against Sacred Heart and Regina next week."
KEYS GIRLS INVITE
Aug. 29 at Farmington
Team standings: 1. Lyons, 2. Clinton, 3. Southfield, 340.5; 4. Farmington, 346.
Clinton scorers: Kelsey McDougall, 76; Chloe Lytle, 86; Alyce Knorr, 87.
Farmington scorers: Kaya Whitney, 87; Katelyn Mankin, 87; Kara Strazka, 96; Alaina Strazka, 95; Ariana Strazka, 96.

"I think we are much improved," Hardin said. "We are a much better football team than we were a year ago and it showed tonight."
"The win" gives you confidence and momentum, but we also have a ton of things to work on. We gave up 39 points. We definitely didn't hit on all cylinders, so there's some work to get done."

MU spikers pull off upset

Stacey Catalano and Samantha Geile each recorded 18 kills to lead four players in double figures as the Madonna University women's volleyball team upset No. 5-ranked Oklahoma Baptist in five sets at the Embry-Riddle Classic Friday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The No. 11 Crusaders, who improved to 5-0 overall, also received 17 kills from senior Emilie Freeman (Lutheran Westland) and 13 from Katie Breault en route to the hard-fought 23-25, 30-28, 23-25, 25-19, 15-11 victory.

Setter Evia Prieditis collected 67 assist-to-kills, while Samantha Geile led five players in double figures in digs with 25 as MU avenged a NAIJA National Tournament pool play setback last December to the Bison.

Other digs leaders for the MU included Amanda Obrzycki (22), Catalano (21), Prieditis (17) and Breanna Geile (14).

Kristin Pressley paced Oklahoma Baptist (4-2) with 26 kills and 29 digs. MU was scheduled to face No. 10 Embry-Riddle also on Friday night before ending tournament play Saturday against Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) and Montana State-Northwest.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Churchill spikes Cousino invite field

Livonia Churchill proved to be tournament tested Wednesday capturing the Warren Cousino Invitational girls volleyball tournament capped by a 25-15, 25-13 victory in the finals over Marysville.

The Chargers, who improved to 9-3-1 overall under first-year coach Anna Gatt, finished 6-0-1 on the day. Top performers during the final match included Natalie Panek (seven kills, nine digs, two aces); Mackenzie Hamill (six kills); Natalee Dziewit (three aces, five assists) and Amanda Rybak (seven assist-to-kills).

Churchill reached the championship with 25-9, 25-18 semifinal triumph over Walled Lake Northern as Megan Damico finished with eight digs, while Panek added six kills.

Hamill and Gabby Beck also recorded nine and five kills, respectively, in a 25-21, 25-9 quarterfinal win over host Cousino.

In power pool play, Churchill split with Sterling Heights Stevenson, 25-13, 19-25, as Hamill had seven kills and Dziewit 12 assists, while defeating Marysville, 25-23, 27-26, thanks to 12 kills from Panek.

In preliminary round pool play, the Chargers also defeated Utica (25-29,

25-19) and Utica Ford (25-15) en route to the title.

PCA nabs opener

The Plymouth Christian girls volleyball team got off to a winning start this season with a 3-1 win over host Franklin Road Christian on Thursday night.

PCA lost the opening game, 21-25. But the Eagles (1-0) bounced back to sweep games 2-4 by scores of 25-16, 26-24 and 25-14.

Spearheading the victory was Olivia Mady, with 14 kills, 21 defensive digs and eight aces while Jen Malcolm (23 assists, 10 kills) and Rachael Fuller (17 kills, 18 digs) also helped the cause.

PCA will next open the home schedule with a contest 7 p.m. Tuesday against Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Blazers prevail in 5

Setter Allie Gluchowski finished with 29 assists as Livonia Ladywood avenged last year's Class B district finals setback with a 25-23, 26-24, 18-25, 22-25, 15-5 victory Wednesday over host Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. The Blazers, who improved to 6-1 overall, also got 18 digs, eight kills and

two aces from Lindsay Wagner.

Kayla March and Molly McClorey combined for 20 kills with 11 and nine, respectively, while Tess Laurentius paced the defense with 21 digs.

Warriors go 0-4-1

Lutheran High Westland suffered some growing pains during last Saturday's Battle Creek St. Philip Tournament.

The Warriors finished 0-4-1 on the day with the lone split coming against Union City (25-11, 11-25).

Portland St. Patrick defeated the Warriors twice, 25-9, 24-26, 16-14 and 25-21, 25-20. Haslett scored a 25-13, 25-21 victory, while Goodrich also posted a 25-14, 25-18 over Lutheran Westland.

Leah Refenes was Lutheran Westland's top attacker on the day with 28 kills to go along with 14 ace serves and 30 assist-to-kills.

Allie Lange chipped in with 18 kills, while Julia Yancy finished with a team-high 19 digs.

"We grew a lot as a team and learned a lot this weekend," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We have a long way to go but I am confident we will get there."

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I've become the unofficial "dog finder lady" on my block.

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I keep supplies on hand in the car and have stopped to support other impromptu dog rescuers leash a lost pet. Recently, three of us cornered a frightened, collarless, and flea-covered teacup terrier in a yard. Off it went to the local no-kill shelter where it got a flea treatment and medical care.

All but a few instances have had happy endings. The rescue by three of us motorists who tried to lure a canine off the I-75 shoulder during rush hour traffic, didn't quite go as planned — we couldn't convince the dog to come with any of us, but we did force him off the expressway.

But if I had known then, what I know now — after joining in on Michigan Pet Fund Alliance's (MPFA) live Facebook chat Thursday night with lost pet expert, Kat Albrecht — my success rate might be a bit higher.

"The LAST thing you want to do is call the dog, look at the dog, face the dog, or pay attention to the dog," she wrote, responding to a question about rescuing dogs in traffic. "I know, this sounds crazy, but you want to try and calm and attract the dog to come to you."

Albrecht chatted for an hour on Aug. 29 — offering video clips and resource links along the way — about the art of finding, capturing and reuniting lost pets with their guardians. She's a former police detective and K9 trainer who founded Missing Pet Partnership, a Washington-based, national non-profit. The organi-



Sharon Dargay



PET PROJECTS

zation trains volunteers, rescue groups, shelters and other animal industry professionals in the pet recovery process. Its volunteers also coach families in such recovery techniques as the use of search dogs, strategically-placed neon-bright signs — including hand-held signs at busy intersections — and motion-activated cameras with feeding stations. The group's website is full of tips on finding lost pets.

The Facebook chat was a prelude to MPFA's annual conference, which will start at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at Embassy Suites Detroit - Livonia/Novi, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The evening will include a banquet, with Albrecht as keynote speaker, followed by an awards ceremony that recognizes shelters with the best animal save rates in the state. The conference continues from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 with an all-day, hands-on Lost Pets Workshop with Albrecht. The banquet costs \$39 and workshop registration is \$70.



Kat Albrecht of Missing Pet Partnership is the guest speaker and workshop leader at Michigan Pet Fund Alliance's conference Sept. 26-27 in Livonia.

Mingling, learning

The annual conference gives shelter staff, volunteers, rescue groups, animal control officers, veterinarians, vet techs, students and community members from across the state a chance to network.

I attended MPFA's previous conferences in Ann Arbor and Lansing and had a great time meeting other animal lovers, as well as learning about a mix of topics from speakers and workshop leaders.

I asked MPFA chairperson Deborah Schutt why this year's conference focuses solely on lost pets.

"We are doing things a little different this year," Schutt responded via email. "At last year's conference we released the statistics that showed that

ALL shelters have a very LOW rate of getting lost animals home. There is a miss-belief that many stray animals are abandoned and that simply is not the case — they are LOST. So we thought this was an area where folks were lacking information and know how... we thought an in-depth session was warranted."

She said reuniting lost pets and families reduces the number of animals in shelters awaiting adoption. Missing Pet Partnership shares that view.

Albrecht said individuals who find a wandering pet should consider the animal lost, not stray.

"What I mean is they assume the dog they find is abandoned, homeless, or dumped (or the skittish cat they see they believe is feral). We have

a page on our website titled "THINK LOST, NOT STRAY" that is quite the eye opener," Albrecht wrote. "If more people thought this way, and attempted to work backwards to find the guardian of the animal they found, we'd have fewer ferals and animals in our shelters!"

For more on Albrecht's Facebook chat, with information on seeking lost pets, what to do if you find a lost pet, how shelters and the community can work together, visit the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance Facebook page.

For more on the conference, including registration, visit MPFA's website, michiganpetfund.org. For more on Missing Pet Partnership, visit missingpetpartnership.org.

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Buy vintage goods at Plymouth yard sale

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you're feeling nostalgic for the good old days of manual typewriters and pedal-powered sewing machines, take a step back in time at Plymouth Historical Museum's annual yard sale, Sept. 5-7, near downtown Plymouth.

The "Nostalgia Sale" will run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, at 345 Sunset Street, located north of Penniman, just east of Sheldahl.

"We call it the nostalgia sale because we try to make it more than (selling) 'Tupperware lids,'" said Donna Keough, museum exhibit coordinator, referring to run-of-the-mill items found at some yard sales. "We try to do more collectibles."

Most of the items for sale have been donated by the community, al-

though the Museum also included a few possessions from its own collection.

"It's mostly paper items. We have some archival things that either are duplicates or we no longer have a need for them," Keough said. "But they're perfectly wonderful for a history buff."

Not all items in the sale are collectible or antique. Shoppers will find household items, such as glassware, children's books, golf clubs, pictures, framed posters, over-sized teddy bears, and furniture, including a glass patio table and chairs that Keough described as mint condition. She and her committee were busy pricing goods last week.

"We've got a range of items, some older than others. Some are quite nostalgic. We have a wonderful old sewing



The Plymouth Historical Museum's "Nostalgia Sale," Sept. 5-7 will include furniture.

machine. We've got an old typewriter. We have old tools and odds and ends," she said.

"We have a really cool wooden bench made out of piano parts that someone donated to us. It's very interesting."

Keough said the yard sale was held on the Mu-

seum lawn for several years and then moved to a private residence. All proceeds benefit the Museum.

For more information about the Nostalgia Sale, call the Museum at 734-455-8940 or visit www.plymouthhistory.org.



This table, made of piano parts, will be for sale at Plymouth Historical Museum's upcoming yard sale.



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Documentary producers show film in Livonia

Film producers Kell Kearns and Cynthia Lukas will screen their documentary, *Globalized Soul*, and take questions from viewers, at the next meeting of Citizens for Peace.

The program will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile.

The film focuses on the need for love and nonviolence in the world. It was filmed in Israel, India, Turkey, Morocco, Australia, Mexico, and the United States and includes interviews with global spiritual leaders such as Rabbi Michael Lerner, Sister Joan Chittister, Rev. James Trapp, and Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bukhari.

The stories of the peace-builders in India and Israel are the high-



In Konya, Turkey, a Whirling Dervish turns at the sacred shrine of the great Sufi poet Rumi. The scene is from the documentary "Globalized Soul."

lights of the film. In India, the poorest and most physically challenged are provided with medical help while the Dalai Lama holds interreligious dialogues with Jain scholars. In Israel, courageous Muslim, Jewish and Christian peacemakers come together to affirm their

oneness at a celebratory meal at the end of Ramadan.

Other interviews woven into the epic story include Zen leader Joan Halifax, spiritual progressives Michael Lerner and Joan Chittister, James Trapp, president of the International Association of Unity

Churches, and, Mary Evelyn Tucker, senior lecturer at Yale University.

"Everywhere we traveled for *Globalized Soul* we found a solidifying unity," Cynthia Lukas said in a press release. "Instant communications have made us all neighbors. The overwhelming sentiment around the planet is that we should love each other and work through our global crises together, nonviolently."

Globalized Soul was chosen as the "Featured Film" for the UN International Day of Peace (2011). Since then, Kearns and Lukas have presented it at select conferences and programs.

For more information go to www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com or call 734-425-0079.

Salon night for charity



Maurine Dougherty of Farmington Hills (right), a Christ Child Society (CCS) board member, enjoys an evening of pampering and fun — all for the benefit of CCS — at Maa-louf Salon in Birmingham. With her are Amy Zimmer (left) of Birmingham, also a CCS board member, and Jill Judge of Bloomfield Hills. Judge is silent auction chair for the Night of Angels soiree, a fundraiser for CCS on Sept. 28 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The salon event was a prelude to the upcoming benefit. PHOTO BY JUIE VOLLES

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of the month, beginning Sept. 26
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta leads a study of 1 and 2 Peter. The study is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Attendees should bring their own Bibles
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 www.livoniastmichael.org

BRREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 15
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat breakfast includes French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, appleauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club
Contact: 734-425-4421

CADILLAC M PROGRAM

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23-Oct. 28
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: An in-depth study of the program, "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" by the Rev. Robert Barron, focuses on the mission of the Christian church within the boundaries of contemporary culture, including atheism and moral relativism. Barron's series has been seen on more PBS stations. Registration for the program is required and study guide materials cost \$25
 or e-mail swilliams@livoniastmichael.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13
Location: Grace Christian Church, 33801 Van Dyke, just north of I-76, Sterling Heights
Details: Martha Munizzi and the ARC Singers perform a benefit concert for The Salvation Army's Metro Detroit adult rehabilitation programs. Proceeds also will go toward in-

stallation of a children's play-space at the women's rehab. **Romulus Facility.** Tickets are \$20, available from www.tickets.com
Contact: www.salarmythrit.com; 313-965-7670

EUCHEUS NIGHT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mass, followed by games, Saturday, Sept. 21
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The church's singles group for ages 30-60 will attend Mass and play euchre. Board games also will be available. Event organizers ask attendees to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. Participants may bring alcoholic beverages. The event will be held in the

convent basement. RSVP by Sept. 18
Contact: catholicingles@livoniastmichael.org

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7 p.m., 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2 and 9
Location: St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 PuntlingRoad, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. For more information and registration details, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net or contact Kay at St. Priscilla.
Contact: Parish phone is 248-476-4700, email kay@aint-priscilla.org

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Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, from Sept. 26-Nov. 21, excluding Oct. 31
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The eight-week workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," is free and open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Call the church for registration information
Contact: 734-427-1414

MOMZOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Admission \$1, strollers after 10 a.m.
Contact: sttimothypcusa.org

GARDEN CALENDAR

Concilio of Master Judge, will guide you in making fun and creative arrangements. For more information call 248-943-6026.

English Gardens

English Gardens tours in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.
 • Learn the basics of landscape design at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at all stores, in a free presentation.
 • Get tips for fall lawn care and learn how to keep it healthy through the winter, at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 14, at all stores.
 • A get information on designing, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in outdoor containers at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, at all stores.
 • Make a fall porch pot at \$79.99 at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, at all stores.
 • Get an overview of spring bulbs, along with planting tips at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, at all stores.
 • Kids can learn how to plant bulbs that will bloom in time for the holidays at a workshop, 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 28. Cost for

the children's workshop is \$5.
 • Learn what needs pruning and dividing before winter sets in at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, at all stores.
 Area English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor; 734-322-7900, 22550 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433, 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

Bible garden

The Louis and Fay Wall Memorial Bible Garden, is open sunrise to sunset from spring-fall, on the campus of Congregation Beth

Alm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The garden contains plants mentioned in the Bible and is meant to serve as a place of inner reflection, of education, and for social and community activities. It is available for group tours as well as for informal individual visitation. Group tours can be arranged for any day of the week except Saturday. If interested in a group tour of the garden, along with a visit to the observatory with a Beth Alm doctor, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at 248-851-6880, Ext. 17, or email rastve@bethalm.org. Beth Alm garden visits are free, although donations are accepted. www.wollliblegarden.org.

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer, s.dargay@hometownlife.com, 615 W. Lafayette-second level, Detroit, MI 48226.

Master gardener

Interested in becoming a master gardener? Classes will run from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 to Dec. 3, at the Wayne RESA Auditorium, 5454 Venue, Wayne. Cost for the training is \$300. To register, visit www.arsa.wa.mi.gov and click on events to navigate to the master gardener program.

Garden design

The Farmington Garden Club will hold a design workshop at its next meeting, Sept. 9 at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The club meets at 10 a.m. with a presentation to follow at 11 a.m. Participants should bring flowers and a container. Jan Dolan, member of the Greater Detroit Flower Guild and National

Fraley at fraley65@aol.com

CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Burton Manor Banquet Center, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For reservation, visit www.phclassof1973.com or contact Debi Cutshall at debi.k.cutshall@gmail.com.

SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Vertin Hotel, 1500 Tower Center, Dearborn. Dinner tickets are \$89 and include food stations and a cash bar. Other weekend activities include a casual meal/greet Friday, golf outing option Saturday morning and a tour of the school and brunch Sunday. Register at www.southfieldhigh1973.com.

ST. AGATHA CLASS OF 1973

A 40th class reunion is planned for 7 p.m. midnight, Saturday, Sept. 28, at Ginopolis Restaurant, located at 12 Mile and Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. Cost per ticket is \$27 which includes a family-style dinner and cash bar. Send checks made out to Thomas Nemes, Esq., to Nemes Rooney PC, 26050 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Checks must be received by Monday, Sept. 23. Questions? Contact Diane Higgins) Widak at diawidak@aol.com.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1983

From 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia. Tickets are on sale now. The early bird price, before Sept. 7, is \$65 per person or \$120 per couple; after that date it's \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. The price includes a strutting dinner and open bar with DJ. Make checks payable to Brian Baker, JHS Class of '83 Reunion and send to P.O. Box 0876, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information, email Linda Harbison at jhs1983@gmail.com.

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HEIL, ROBERT K., SR.

Age 90, of Detroit, died Thursday, August 29, 2013. Services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Penton Chapel, 106 W. Silver Lake Rd., Penton with Pastor Steve Baillie officiating. Interment will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4-9 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Flint - Deacon's Ministry. Mr. Heil was born September 2, 1922 in Detroit, the son of Clarence C. and Matilda M. (Johnson) Heil. He is a graduate of East Detroit High School and a proud WW II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp. Mr. Heil married Valeria Hudgens on November 21, 1947 and she preceded him in death on September 6, 2004. He worked as an Engineering Supervisor for Michigan Bell Telephone retiring after 24 years of service. Mr. Heil was a member and served as a Deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham which was currently a member of First Presbyterian Church of Flint. Surviving are three sons, Robert (Kim) Heil, Jr. of Charlotte, NC, William (Theresa) Heil of Rochester Hills, Brian (Cristina) Heil of Penton, eight grandchildren, Marjorie Cronan of NC. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Bethany Gerhart. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.SharpFuneralHomes.com

STOCKWELL, JOHN L.

Age 90, of Garden City, passed away on August 19, 2013. John was preceded in death by his wife Kathern (Kity), son John D., brothers Clarence, Howard and Barne, sisters Pearl & Virginia. He is survived by his daughter Helen Mayberry & husband Larry, son J. Leon Stockwell & wife Jennifer, daughter Jean Payne. Eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Numerous nieces & nephews. Services were held at Verner Funeral Home, Dearborn Chapel, Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. John recently celebrated his 90th birthday at Comerica Park with 35 members of his family, where he was joined by Detroit Tiger Great Wall. John and his family had the opportunity to meet Hall of Famer Al Kaline the same day. John and his family have lived in Garden City for approximately 60 years.

WINCE, LILY

Age 80 August 28, 2013. Born Marie Veronica Jagello in Ituna, Saskatchewan Canada. Beloved wife of the late Joe for 58 years. Loving mother of Daniel, Veronica Ostaszewski, Anne (Ron) Bolda, Joanne (Marty) Pfaff and Mary Lou. Survived by daughter, Grandmother of 11. Great grandmother of 2. Sister of Diane Zippert and the late Chester Jagello, Phillip Jagello, John Jagello and Jean Agardy. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 4-8pm with a 7pm Scripture Service at the J.M. Santen & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill. In state Tuesday 9:30am following by the 10am Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31330 Beechwood (at Strevenson Monday 4-8pm north of Ford Rd.). Family enjoys memorials to the American Heart Association.

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Claire and Anthony Pomerson

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Marchesano-Pomerson

Claire Evelyn Marchesano and Anthony Michael Pomerson were married June 1, 2013, at Mill Race Historical Village, Northville. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Richard officiated. The bride, daughter of Tom and Gwenn Marchesano of Plymouth, is a 2009 Plymouth High School graduate. She graduated in 2013 from Grand Valley State University and is employed by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. The groom, son of Michael and Donna Po-

WEDDING

erson of Canton, graduated in 2008 from Plymouth High School and in 2012 from Ohio College. He is employed by Liginess Insurance Agency. Maid of honor was Lauren Lee, Bridesmaids were Jackie McCormick, Delaney DePelle, Nicole Johnson, Jessica Abbott, and Stephanie Green. Best man was Ezekiel Chapman, Groomsman were Kyle Gerns, Sam Richards, Jeremy Hayden, and Tim Puffer. A reception was held at Laurel Manor. The couple took a honeymoon trip to The



Claire and Anthony Pomerson

Homestead Resort in Glen Arbor. They live in Plymouth.

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Health speaker shares tips on good quality of life

By Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Sandy Baumann's audience at the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. wasn't all that old—but they still forget things sometimes.

"How many of you besides me forget names?" asked Baumann, a Farmington resident who earned a master's degree in biochemistry from Michigan State University.



Sandy Baumann

"You're going to find out you're not alone." Some 83 percent of people forget names, she said, and 60 percent where they've put things like car keys.

In a Tuesday, Aug. 27, Rotary presentation, Baumann touched on controllable risk factors for Alzheimer's: coronary artery disease, diabetes, head injuries, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, lack of exercise, smoking for 10 years or more, and untreated hearing and vision loss.

She showed a pyramid of needs, with water, oxygen and good touch at the bottom and most important. Fruits and vegetables followed, then protein, like eggs, and at the top good fat.

She demonstrated to Rotarians the importance of "keeping your chin up" for better breathing. "It allows more oxygen," Baumann said.

"Get involved in fun physical activities," said Baumann, a walker. "We have fellowship when we walk." Symphony conductors, on their feet, have the longest lifespan, she said.

A person weighing 140 needs 70 ounces of water daily, the health educator said, adding that many are dehydrated. Darker urine can signal dehydration. She showed slides of

Where are my keys?

What is my phone number?

I can't seem to remember!

Did I pay that bill?

Did I turn off the stove?

Is today Monday or Friday?

Where did I park my car?

Did I take my medication?

brains of binge drinkers, and also noted excess caffeine is bad for the body because it cuts off blood flow to the brain.

Baumann reminded her audience of the health risks of artificial sweeteners, linked to strokes, weight gain, diabetes and kidney failure. "Diet drinks are awful," she said.

She praised the Rotarians' catered breakfast with its eggs for protein and oatmeal casserole. Baumann recommended

Vitamin D as well as omega-3 fats, which protect against memory loss, Alzheimer's and dementia.

She recommends a 10 p.m. bedtime, with eight and a half to nine and a half hours of sleep for teens and adults. "Then you're nicer to live with."

Long exposure to electronic devices isn't good for the brain, she said. It's linked to Alzheimer's and brain and breast cancers, among others.

"We need to turn these things off," Baumann said. "I want to talk with my daughter. I want to see her. We need human contact. We want to be engaged in life."

Faith activities enrich health, with those who worship regularly improving odds of living longer by 29 percent. Time in nature also has a spiritual element, she said.

"Don't worry about your memory. Make memories. If not now, when? You never

know what tomorrow holds."

Baumann will teach a class "New Help for Memory Loss, Arthritis, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, Depression" 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Stevenson High School in Livonia. The cost is \$25. Register by calling the Livonia YMCA at 734-262-2161. More information about her books and classes can be found online at www.FeedYourBrain.org.

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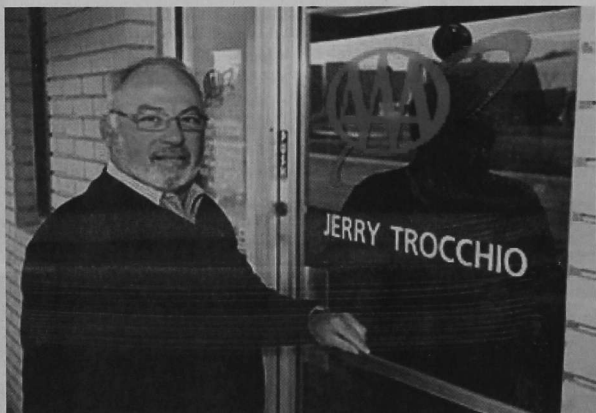


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Fiesta leads Ford to industry-topping gains with Millennials



By Dale Buss

Ford disclosed that it has enjoyed the fastest retail-sales growth of any auto brand in the United States among the highly sought Millennials demographic over the last four years. The brand posted an 80-percent increase in sales among shoppers ages 18 through 34 in the first half of this year compared with the first half of 2009, according to R.L. Polk registration data cited by the company, while the industry overall increased by only 35 percent.

The brand's share of sales to that age cohort grew to 12.5 percent from 9.4 percent over the same period. That's a gain of about one-third in Ford's market share, which occurred during a booming market where overall sales have risen by roughly ten percent a year for each of the last four years. Meanwhile, the company didn't share data about competing brands' changes in market share among Millennials.

Ford gave the biggest credit to its achievement to the new Ford Fiesta subcompact, which it introduced in 2010 with a marketing campaign heavily targeted toward Millennials. That audience also has been hugely attracted by Sync, the infotainment system that Ford used to blaze a trail for the whole industry. "Technology is the key driver with the Millennial age cohort," Ford U.S. sales analyst Eric Merkle told me.

The recent troubles Ford has experienced with MyFord Touch, which essentially is Sync 2.0, largely weren't reflected

in these results, in part because MyFord Touch is only now becoming available, in the new Fiesta.

Other enhancements in the 2014 Fiesta will include the availability of a new 1.0-liter EcoBoost engine.

Another boost for Fiesta has been Ford's concentrated, and successful, efforts to sell them in California, where the brand was limp for a long time. About 45 percent of Fiesta buyers reside on one of the coasts compared with Ford's 38-percent average across its lineup.

Internal Ford data already show that 46 percent of Fiesta buyers are part of either Generation Y, the Millennials, or Generation X that preceded them, compared with a 36-percent average for buyers of Toyota and Scion brand subcompacts.

But Ford's success with Millennials hasn't been all about Fiesta. Other models contributing to the share gain have included the Focus compact, which was substantially overhauled last year; the radically restyled new Fusion mid-size sedan; the new C-Max Hybrid; the Escape compact SUV, which Ford took care to aim at Millennials; and even a freshened version of the Ford Explorer SUV.



Social-media marketing via Fiesta Movement has been crucial.

"Right now Fusion is doing really well with Millennials, for example," Merkle said. "And Explorer is drawing older Millennials who may be creating families and are looking for more utility. It's also the most fuel-efficient vehicle in its class."

At the same time, Merkle said, Fiesta is "a big driver" for the other nameplates because it has created a good impression of Ford vehicles with Millennial customers who already are beginning to come back to the brand for larger vehicles. Measured that way, he said, Fiesta has demonstrated a loyalty rate of almost 70 percent.

Perhaps the most influential part of Ford's campaign with Millennials has been social-media marketing. Ford launched an innovative social-media campaign called Fiesta Movement in 2009, lending new versions of the car to 100 digitally influential people such as auto bloggers and style mavens. The effort helped create a huge buzz which brought the car a big embrace when it launched in the US the next year.

Over the last couple of years, Fiesta sales have doubled because Ford also introduced another attractive option for Millennials and car shoppers in general: a greatly reworked new Ford Focus which is slightly larger but not significantly costlier than Fiesta. Chevrolet provided new competition with the new Sonic subcompact as well.

Now with a new 2014 Fiesta that has been upgraded, Ford is going back to the Fiesta Movement meme, and this time has branched beyond only social media to include some TV and other advertising.

Of course, Ford had far further over the last four years to win over young American consumers than most other brands, including the major Japanese marques, and Hyundai and Kia. Overall, Ford's US market share including fleet sales was 16.2 percent during the first half of 2013 and 15.3 percent for all of 2009. So clearly, Millennials are an increasingly receptive audience for Ford compared with the rest of Americans even though sales of Ford vehicles also are climbing in general.



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