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The Rick Stel Project is among the bands performing Saturday at Westland's Brews, Blues and Barbecue.

Bike night comes to Westland event

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

In its third year, Westland annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue might want to add bikes.

With the shift to a Friday evening-Saturday event, another change for 2013 is replacing a car show with Bike Night.

"We reached out to people who suggested that we let motorcycle clubs know about it," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We let about 160 motorcycle clubs know. We talked to Motor City Harley and got their list."

Front row reserved parking will be available for bikes on Friday night on the Westland City Hall grounds. There will be a chance for bikers to network with other motorcycle enthusiasts, pick up biker memorabilia and possibly win a prize.

Non-bikers will also be welcome to check out the bikes in the designated parking lot and visit with bikers.

"One of the things with bikers is free parking. They asked for parking to display their bikes," Wild said.

The two-day Blues, Brews and Barbecue officially kicks off at 6:15 p.m. Friday. Just prior to that Westland's annual POW/MIA ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the event stage.

The mayor's sister, professional singer Gabrielle Wild, will open Blues, Brews and Barbecue at 6:15 p.m. Headliner Robert Penn takes the stage at 7:15 p.m.

An Inkster native, Penn, during his long career, has opened for headliners including Bobby "Blue" Bland, Little Milton, Johnnie Taylor, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Coco Taylor, Buddy Guy, Albert Collins and many others.

This will be Penn's first performance at Blues, Brews and Barbecue.

The Saturday lineup will also largely be first-time performers at the event. On Saturday, the entertainment starts at noon with Jones'n, the Chris Canas Band at 2 p.m., the Randy Brock Group at 4 p.m., the Rick Stel Project at 6 p.m. and the Zydeco Hepcats taking the stage at 8 p.m.

Among the participating restaurants will be Hickory BBQ, Longhorn Steak House, Famous Dave's, Malarkey's, Texas Roadhouse and Max and Erma's. Ashley's of Westland will be offering Michigan craft beers.

Admission to the event and all the entertainment is free. Tickets for food and drinks are available for

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Westland festival board disbands

Fourth of July tradition ends after 43 years

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The five-member Westland Summer Festival Committee Board of Directors last week voted unanimously to dissolve and end a 43-year Fourth of July tradition in the city.

The board also decided to give what money it had left, after paying bills, to qualified non-profits.

"It wasn't an easy decision,

this makes it official," committee secretary Normie Brazier said. "It's a sad day, a very sad day."

The committee, in a press release, issued Tuesday, said it faced "many new challenges that significantly impacted its financial ability to produce the festival." It cited a reduction in the space available for the carnival, vendors and exhibitors and invoices for police overtime that increased sharp-

ly as well as criticism from a city council member that left Brazier feeling threatened.

The weather and the economy over the past few years also had a significant impact on attendance and revenue. The committee raised money to pay for the event from donations, sponsorships, vendor fees and carnival commissions.

"It was getting too difficult to do something like this for the community," Brazier said. "And the things that we kept hearing during the festival

this year and that were posted on the festival Facebook page about it looking like a prison this year didn't help."

Brazier was talking about fencing put up as a security measure on the festival grounds. Concern about safety after a melee at an earlier carnival in Westland prompted changes in security, including a zero-tolerance policy and \$10 charge to enter the carnival area on the final day, which attracted large crowds be-

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Wayne Memorial JROTC cadet Farrah Hjeltness paints the awning during the Friends Project at Sheila Keister's home in Wayne. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Jake Gleason from PPG Pittsburgh Paints out of Canton gets the paint pans ready for the volunteers. PPG Pittsburgh Paints donated the paint for the house painting.

WHAT A BLESSING

Homeowner 'grateful' for Friends Project makeover

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Sheila Keister couldn't be happier. In fact, she can't wait to see her home when the last finishing touches are done.

"It's amazing, everything is beautiful," said the Wayne resident who was the beneficiary of the 2013 Friends Project. "The only time I've seen something like this was on TV. What a blessing."

Eighty-six volunteers, including a large contingent from Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC program, converged on Keister's home on Third Street to paint it twice and install a new screen door, all in about four hours Saturday.

Prep work like scraping loose paint and tacking up loose gutters, began on the home a month ago, making the work of the volunteers go quickly Saturday. There is still some small finishing work that needs to be done.

The scalloped trim on the front porch awning, support posts and railing will be painted black in contrast to the home's new light gray color.

The gray is close to the original color of the home which Keister has lived in for 45 years. She was raised in the house and eventually bought it from her parents. The color is a sharp contrast to the almost fluorescent green color it had been for almost 20 years.

At the time, Keister, using a piece of the color taken from the garage, had paint mixed to do the house. It looked good in the store, it even looked good on her shirt, but when her father-in-law started painting, it "looked awful."

"I told him to stop, that it wasn't supposed to be fluorescent green, but he was mad and kept painting," she said. "My dad will be glad to see the new color."

This is the 16th year for the Friends Project. Overseen by Ed McMurray, volun-

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Man charged with assault, robbery of elderly couple

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Detroit man has been charged with breaking into a Westland home and assaulting and robbing the elderly residents.

The incident began about 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at a home on Joy between Merri-man and Middlebelt. The residents, a couple both 77, were getting ready for bed.

"We believe the suspect got in through the bathroom window — the screen was cut," Westland Police Lt. Todd Adams said. "The man went into

the bathroom and there was a confrontation. The older man was punched and put to the ground."

The male resident was tied up and the female resident offered the intruder money which he had demanded, Adams said, then she went with the suspect to a closet.

"She was shoved into the closet and tied up," Adams said, adding the woman was later hospitalized after being hit and strangled.

Stolen items

The intruder allegedly stole cash, credit cards, jewelry and

a television from the couple along with their 2003 Honda Accord. Adams estimated the intruder was in the couple's home for about 30 minutes.

After several hours, the couple was able to free themselves and sought the assistance of a neighbor who called 911. The Westland Police responded and within hours located the couple's stolen car unoccupied in the area of Fenkell and Greenfield in Detroit.

After a lengthy investigation, police arrested Oliver Thornton, 47, a recent parolee, at his apartment in Detroit. At the time of his arrest Sept. 12,

Adams said the suspect was still in possession of much of the couple's stolen property. Officers also recovered numerous stolen items that linked him to several recent home invasions in Livonia, Adams said.

"He (Thornton) lives in the same block where we recovered the car," Adams said. "He said that he rode his bicycle out here (to Westland) and put his bike in the back of the car (stolen from the couple)."

In his interview with police, Adams said Thornton reported

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cause of the fireworks display. In recent years, the festival had some issues including a stabbing and a shooting which had added to security concerns.

Popular event

Board member Pam Martin estimated the committee spent close to \$100,000 to put on the event, including \$40,000 for the fireworks show, \$10,000 for the entertainment and \$10,000 for police overtime.

"People came out for the fireworks," Martin said. "They'd start lining up at 6 a.m. They'd bring their grills and stay the whole day."

"This is huge for me, I've been with the festival since 1987," she added.

Another problem the committee faced going forward was where to hold the event.

With the relocation of city hall and Fire Station 1 to the Warren Road-Nankin Boulevard area and demolition of those buildings, the committee was concerned about a future site to conduct the festival.

"It's all about location, location, location," Brazier said. "You can't separate the carnival from the rest of the festival. You lose the flow of people."

The announcement caught Westland Mayor William Wild by surprise. While there had been talk of disbanding for several years, he said he hadn't heard it was official.

"It's sad, I know they've been struggling," he said. "I give them a lot of credit. It was a heck of a tradition for the city. These guys carried the torch for a long time, and I thank them."

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WILLIAM WILD,
WESTLAND MAYOR

torch to carry, it was a heck of an event to carry. Needless to say it will be missed," he added.

The announcement comes just days before the city's third annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue which, like the festival, will be held on the grounds of Westland City Hall. While it's more of an adult event, it could be shifted to fill the gap left by the demise of the festival, Wild said.

Family events

Pointing to the popularity of family friendly events like the recent Community Gathering and free outdoor movie, Wild said he will sit down with the service groups that help with Blues, Brews and Barbecue to see if the event can fill that gap.

"What will be tough will be a replacing the fireworks," Wild said.

"That was a huge draw. We'll have to talk about that. We'll have to give it a chance to see which way the community wants to go. Things are changing."

Wild is the one who came up with the All American City label for Westland, and Brazier and Martin said a tradition that has been a part of the All-American community "are going by the wayside."

"We've had a lot of fun and made a lot of friends through the years, it's a sad day for us," Brazier said.

"We've made some great memories," Martin said. "This comes with a very heavy heart for us."

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Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller paints around the windows at Sheila Keister's house on Third Street in Wayne. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Wayne Memorial JROTC member Alex Wilcox scaled the ladder to paint the upper part of the home.



Daughter Megan Luke and her mother Karen have been volunteering with the "People Helping People" project in Wayne for 16 years.

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teers spend one Saturday in September each year, painting and doing minor repairs on a preselected home in the community.

The owner, neighbors or friends can nominate the home for the mini makeover. A committee reviews the nominations, selects three homes and interviews the homeowners to make a selection.

Keister doesn't know who it was who called her and was "floored" to hear what the Friends wanted to do for her. Keister has two children — Christian, 11, and Angelina, 9 — and has been trying to make ends meet with the Social Security disability money she receives \$43 in food stamps.

The roof was replaced about four years ago by her father. Its black and gray shingles complement the new paint job. She also has gotten help from her church in painting the home's interior. She

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SHEILA KEISTER

has two more rooms — the kitchen and one bedroom — left to do.

"I haven't been able to save anything, so this is a wonderful gift for me," she said. "It was a miracle, I felt so blessed. I've waited for years for something like this to happen to me."

She added that her children "are so happy" about the makeover. Her son refers to it as "my new house."

She hopes to eventually paint the garage to match the house and get a new garage door with an opener. Also on her to-do list is

reseeding the front lawn. New shrubbery was one of the things she passed on so she wouldn't have to dig anything up to redo the lawn.

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McMurray labeled this year's project a success. Once the finishing touches are done, the Friends will have one more thing to give Keister.

"One of the things we do as a group is give the homeowner an album of photos from the day's work; included in the album are before and after shots," McMurray said.

"When they were done taking pictures, I said 'move that bus,'" Keister said. "The kids didn't get it, but the adults did. I am so grateful."

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he selected the couple's home randomly as he looked for a house to rob.

Multiple charges

Thornton was arraigned Monday in Westland 18th District Court before Judge Sandra Cicirelli. The charges included home invasion, carjacking, unarmed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and assault. He is also being charged as a fourth-degree habitual offender due to a lengthy

criminal history.

Thornton's prior convictions include several home invasions, first-degree criminal sexual conduct, armed robbery, and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. He was paroled in March of this year after serving time for first-degree home invasion and was listed by the Department of

Corrections as a parole absconder as of Aug. 31 — the date of this incident.

A not guilty plea was entered and bond for Thornton was set at \$2 million cash.

A preliminary exam has been scheduled for Sept. 26.

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purchase on site. Local service groups and community organizations will be helping out at the event to earn money for their non-profits.

To keep up with all of the Bike Night details, and learn more about the event, got to Blues, Brews and Barbecue on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/allamericanbluesbrewsbbq.

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Turn the Towns Teal

Ribbons highlight ovarian cancer campaign

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer



Catherine Buchanan couldn't resist tying teal ribbons around all of the trees in front of the Westland City Hall as part of her Turn the Towns Teal campaign in Wayne and Westland.

The trees in front of Wayne City Hall are dressed in more than fall colors, thanks to employees of Independent Carpet One Floor and Home in Westland.

The teal ribbons are part of an effort by Independent One's Catherine Buchanan to increase awareness of the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer in the Wayne and Westland communities as part of the national Turn the Towns Teal campaign.

"It's a message that needs to be sent, there are 12 definable symptoms that are recognizable," Buchanan said. "If ovarian cancer is caught early on, there's a 98 percent success rate."

The Independent Carpet One employees went through 12 bolts of ribbon — each bolt is enough to cover three city blocks — putting up ribbons along Ford Road from the Westland Police Station to Wildwood and along Wildwood from Hunter to Cherry Hill as well as along Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road in Wayne.

When Buchanan saw the trees in front of Westland City Hall, she decided they need bows.

"We were tying them when a man came down the steps from city hall and walked over to one of the ribbons," Buchanan said. "It was the mayor and he was calling a friend to tell him the trees looked quite nice, quite festive."

Annual campaign

This the second year Buchanan has been a part of the Turn the Towns Teal campaign, started in 2007 by Gail MacNeil of Chatham, N.J. Buchanan decided to bring the awareness campaign to the two com-

munities after seeing the teal ribbons on trees and poles in Ann Arbor.

She was on her way to dinner and made her date stop show she could see what it was all about. After reading the message, she decided to get involved. She went to the website, www.turnthetownsteal.org, and even talked to Jane MacNeil, president of Turn the Towns Teal, on the phone. She even heard the story of Gail MacNeil who battled ovarian cancer for 10 years.

The campaign aims to make people aware of ovarian cancer and its often silent symptoms. Ovarian cancer is the leading cause of death from gynecologic cancers in the U.S. There is no early detection test and the symptoms are subtle and often misdiagnosed which is why knowing the symptoms is critical, according to Buchanan.

"I have an aunt who had ovarian cancer as a young girl," Buchanan said. "They caught it in ample time and now she's 78 years old and doing well. She could never have children because she had to have a hysterectomy."

The Turn the Towns Teal Campaign not only consists of volunteers tying ribbons in cities like Ann Arbor, Saline, Chelsea and Dearborn Heights during September, national Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, but also distributing symptom cards.

The idea of supporting Turn the Towns Teal appealed to Buchanan. Teal is the Independent Carpet One's signature color, and the business has been actively involved with the fight against breast cancer for six years.

Buchanan got the permis-

sion of Westland Mayor William Wild and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous to put out the teal ribbons — it's one of the requirements of the campaign — and employees started hanging the ribbons in time for the Sept. 1 kickoff.

"We have a great group of staff," Buchanan said. "This year we had more people get involved and help hang the ribbons. We were able to do it more quickly."

Wearing teal

Fridays throughout the month are Wear Teal Day, with employees wearing their Turn the Towns Teal T-shirts. Independent Carpet One also is offering 10 percent discount on labor for those folks who mention having seen the ribbons.

"It's a way to get the word out and make sure the message gets sent," Buchanan said. "We have to be involved in the community, we have an obligation. If the community is going to support us as a local business, we need to support them."

And the ribbons are getting noticed. Buchanan received a card from Connie Tiese who thanked her for doing Turn the Towns Teal for two years.

"My daughter-in-law is on her second time with ovarian cancer and is now going to Karmanos for treatment," she wrote. "We are praying for good results. I applaud you for getting the word out."

Buchanan also is hoping to expand Turn the Towns Teal. She plans to talk to people in Plymouth to put out the teal ribbons in their downtown area next year and would like to branch out into Canton and Garden City.

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Signatures certified, but proposals won't be on November ballot

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne resident Ron Roberts has two sets of petitions seeking voter approval for amending the city charter, signatures certified and ready to go, but the questions won't appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

While Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller has certified there are sufficient valid signatures on the petitions, the required review by the Michigan Attorney General's Office wasn't completed in time for the questions to be put before voters at the general election.

The problem is that under state law, Aug. 13 was the last date to submit petitions to the city clerk for the November ballot. But that date would only allow two weeks until the Aug. 27 deadline to have the ballot language reviewed and approved by the Michigan Attorney General and governor, also a requirement of state law.

"There was no intent on the city's part to be of assistance," said Roberts, who took city officials to task at a recent council meeting after it became clear that his proposals wouldn't make the next ballot.

'Slow me down'

At that council meeting, City Attorney Paul Bohn had pointed out that during an earlier Election Commission meeting, Roberts had several times been urged to seek legal counsel due to the complicated nature of election law.

"The purpose of the Election Commission was to slow me down, it was a fishing expedition," said Roberts, whose petitions seek election of council members from six precincts or wards and 16-year term limit for elected officials.

Noting he wasn't allowed to respond at that council

meeting, Miller said Roberts' contended he had been forced to attend the local Election Commission meeting.

"We wanted to give him information," said Miller, who agreed the election law isn't written in a way that makes the process easy on those wanting to get questions on the ballot.

Miller and his staff certified the petitions had the required 635 valid signatures without taking the legally allowed 45 days but there still wasn't enough time to complete the Attorney General review. Beyond that, council also has to approve placing the proposals on the ballot.

"During the Election Commission meeting, we said it takes 60 days to certify petitions," said Miller, who noted Roberts didn't turn in his petitions until Aug. 12. "He was treated more than kind."

Good for one year

The end result for Roberts is that the certified petitions are good for a year and the next regularly scheduled election is expected to be the August 2014 primary.

"The whole intent (of the proposed charter amendments) was to end 22- and 24-year politicians (as mayor and council)," Roberts said. "It will take two years until the next (city) election. This doesn't change anything except the number of voters (who will turn out for a state and county ballot in 2014)."

Two city-initiated proposals will be on the ballot to establish a P.A. 345 plan to separately fund police and fire pensions for at up to 7 mills for a period of 10 years. The proposal is aimed at dealing with an expected deficit by temporarily taking the pension expenses out of the city's strapped general fund.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its first monthly spaghetti dinner of the fall from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Flower sale

The deadline for ordering flowers for the spring at St. Simon and Jude Catholic Parish is Sunday, Sept. 22.

Church members are selling flower bulbs that can be planted before the snow arrives. There are more than 26 varieties to pick from with prices ranging from \$8-\$25; most are around \$10-\$15. The church receives 50 percent of the sale proceeds.

Place an individual order of \$40 or more and receive 8 Tête-à-Tête Daffodils for free. Delivery will be in October. A \$5 delivery fee will not be charged on orders placed at Mass. The \$5 shipping fee does apply to online orders.

For more information, visit www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=16623.

Mom to Mom

McKinley Cooperative Preschool is holding a Mom 2 Mom Sale from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday Sept. 21, inside St. John's Episcopal Church at 555 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

There will be approximately 40 tables with a big item area. There will be concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1 per person, and strollers are allowed. Table

rental is \$20 for an eight-foot table.

A contract is available at www.mckinleypreschool.org/mom2mom and can be sent to Rebecca Lay at beccanew1027@yahoo.com.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will hold a used book sale Friday through Sunday, Sept. 20-22.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday which will be Bag Day. Bring a medium size bag or buy a cool green reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2.

Prices are \$1 for hard covers, DVDs and CDs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 cents for small paperback romances and magazines. There will be a special sale of hardcover fiction and biographies — buy one, get one free.

The book sale provides funding for the library programs supported by the Friends of the Westland Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

For more information, call 734-326-6123.

Bowling fundraiser

Throw three strikes for the Westland Historic Village Park at a bowling fundraiser from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, west of Newburgh, Westland.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. They include three games, free shoe rental, two slices of pizza and a 12-ounce soda. There also will be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and more.

Tickets are available 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at the historic village park on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette. For more information, call Ryan at 734-

756-0769.

Rummage Sale

The First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a fall rummage sale now through Saturday, Sept. 21. Thursday and Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to noon Saturday which is also bag day. A grocery bag is \$2, and a plastic lawn bag \$5.

Homemade bake goods and refreshments also will be available for sale.

The church is at 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office. For more information, call the church at 734-722-4801.

Casino Trip

Come help the Wayne Rotary raise funds for those in need and enjoy trip to Greektown Casino Saturday, Sept. 28.


The cost is \$25 per person including bus transportation to the casino. The bus departs the Wayne Activity Center, formerly the Senior Center on Sims, at 3 p.m. The return trip is at 9 p.m. from Greektown.

For more information or reservations, call Trish Hampton at (734) 890-6934

Meet the Candidates

The Westland Democratic Club is holding a Meet the Candidates from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy and south of Palmer, Westland. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold a candidate forum from 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, for Wayne mayoral and council races. The forum will be held at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, between East and West Michigan Avenue, Wayne.



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Charges sought against two teens in garage fire, gun theft

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Criminal charges are being sought against two Wayne teens accused of breaking into a garage, stealing two guns and setting the garage on fire.

Juvenile petitions have been filed against the boys, both 13, stemming from the Sept. 10 incident. One boy is in custody while the other was released to his parents.

The fire was reported about 4 a.m. in a garage for a home on Cadillac at Forest.

"The garage burned to the ground. There was a vehicle inside the garage (also destroyed)," Wayne Police Sgt. Matthew Spunar said. "We believe accelerants were used to start the fire."

Later the same day, police were called to Taft Park about a juvenile with a handgun and detained a 13-year-old boy, who is still in custody.

"While handling that investigation, we received in-

formation that the gun may have been stolen from the garage (that burned)," Spunar said. "The (recovered) gun was registered to a person who lives at the home on Cadillac."

Through the investigation, Spunar said police learned a long gun had been taken from the garage and about the involvement of a second youth.

That gun, which turned out to be a BB gun, was found hidden near the garage, he said.

"There is no indication that they (the suspects) were looking for anything in particular in the garage," Spunar said.

It was also unknown why the pair decided to set the garage on fire, Spunar said.

Both teens were on the streets in violation of city ordinance which sets an 11 p.m. curfew for youngsters age 14 and younger.

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WAYNE COP CALLS

Larceny

On Sept. 7, a resident of the 35000 block of Glover reported his wallet and debit card had been stolen the previous night. The victim was advised to cancel credit/debit cards in the wallet.

The resident said he spoke to the bank's branch manager and was informed someone withdrew \$500 from his account early in the morning. The resident believed his pin number may have been written down on a piece of paper in the wallet.

Vandalism

A resident in the 4500 block of Williams told police he parked his car on the street around 10 a.m. Sept. 12. When he returned to his vehicle in the evening, he noticed the front right tire was flat. The tire had a two-inch cut in it and the damage was estimated to be worth \$100.

» On Sept. 14, an anonymous caller reported damage to property at Taft Park. Officers arrived and discovered a damaged section of split rail fencing. No suspects were located, and there was no witnesses at the park.

Suspicious Circumstances

A resident reported that a group of males appeared to be messing around with vehicles parked in the lot in the 35000 block of Sims Sept. 13. Officers arrived at location and were unable to locate the suspects.

Hit and Run

On Sept. 13, Dearborn Heights resident reported that while turning into the driveway of Oakwood-Annapolis Hospital a light blue minivan rear ended his vehicle and drove away. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the suspect's vehicle.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

Police were called to a vacant home in the 1200 block of Windham about 5:30 p.m. Sept. 13 when a neighbor reported seeing two men go behind a home and take a new air conditioning unit. The house is vacant and being renovated.

The men loaded the air conditioning unit, which had been installed the previous day, into an older model Chrysler van and drove away, the witness said.

Break-in

A Northville man told police Sept. 12 that someone broke in the rear door of a home he owns in the 30000 block of Palmer. He reported copper piping stolen from inside the home along with the air conditioning unit from the rear yard.

» On Sept. 12, the maintenance worker for a home in the 2100 block of Edgerton told police that someone had kicked open the front door of the home. Copper piping that ran to the water heater had

been ripped out.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 600 block of Bedford told police Sept. 12 that someone had stolen a GPS unit, an Apple iPad and two Lowe's gift cards valued at \$800 from an unlocked car.

Larceny

A generator, reciprocating saw, assorted hand tools and a leaf blower valued at more than \$1,350 were reported stolen Sept. 11 from a home in the 33000 block of Winchester. The owner told police the items had last been seen Sept. 6. The generator was reported stolen from backyard while the other items were taken from the unlocked garage.

Larceny

A mortgage company employee told police Sept. 10 that his firm had foreclosed on a home in the 30000 block of Birchwood on Aug. 21. The employee said he was at the home on that date and noted that the kitchen cabinets, counter top, sink, pipes for the kitchen plumbing and

interior lighting fixtures had been removed. The value of the missing items was set at \$3,600.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 35000 block of Marquette told police Sept. 11 that someone stole her purse containing her driver's license, insurance and credit cards from her vehicle overnight.

Larceny from a vehicle

On Sept. 15 just before 11:30 p.m., police were called to the 600 block of North Wildwood when a witness said she saw a juvenile inside a parked car. The witness said she yelled at the youth, who fled on a bicycle and joined a second youth who was waiting down the street.

The vehicle owner, a Fort Wayne, Ind., woman, reported a GPS unit stolen from the dashboard and her wallet missing from the center console. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Break-in

A man who lives in the 6400 block of Middlebelt reported Sept. 14 that someone entered his apartment without permission while he was doing handyman work in the apartment complex.

When he returned to his apartment, which he left unlocked, he found the thief had gone to his bedroom drawer and stolen 85 prescription Suboxone strips but left the packaging they were in without taking it out of the drawer. These film strips are used for maintenance treatment of opioids.

He has no idea who took them.

» The owner of a home in 30000 block of Hennepin, which is in the process of being sold, was broken into Sept. 15. The owner said a window was pried open which allowed someone to crawl into the dwelling.

The police found a shoe impression belonging to someone with a size 10-11 shoe. They said the thief used

an air conditioner unit to get inside. The unit, however, wasn't taken.

Two 26-inch bikes were taken from the home during this incident.

» A homeowner in the 5700 block of Harrison reported that someone broke a window, allowing the thief illegal entry into the home. Once inside, the thief took about \$1,300 in gaming equipment and a \$200 BB gun which were taken from her son's bedroom and a closet. The woman said she found the back door open when she returned.

Vehicle theft

A resident in the 31000 block of John Hawk reported Sept. 16 that when he arose, his Jeep which he left parked in his driveway was missing. He said he has all the keys.

Property damage

A resident in the 30000 block of Pierce reported Sept. 15 that someone damaged his two vehicles.

Someone keyed the front and rear doors of a 1998 Buick

Regal which was parked in the street. Someone also keyed the hood of a 2003 GMC Yukon which was backed into the driveway. There are no suspects.

» A resident in the 32000 block of Brown reported Sept. 15 that someone keyed the driver's and passenger side of his 2006 Buick LeSabre.

» A resident in the 29000 block of Maplewood found about \$200 worth of damage to his 2013 Ford Focus the morning of Sept. 15. It had been parked in the driveway.

Suspended license

Garden City police arrested an Inkster man Sept. 16 after stopping him in the Ford and Middlebelt area. He was stopped because he had an improper plate on his 1999 Chevy Tahoe.

When the officer ran his license, he reportedly found the man was driving on a suspended license and had a 2011 outstanding warrant out of Oakland County Friend of the Court for child neglect.

By Sue Buck

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Amazing place

Sisters sing their way to 'X Factor' boot camp

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Sisters Tenija, Tiara and Temperance Moton are headed to boot camp, but instead of "yes, sirs" and "no, sirs," they will be singing for their supper.

Introduced to the nation as Roxxy Montana, the Wayne residents were among the lucky ones given the nod during auditions last Thursday to advance to the second round of the *The X Factor* TV show.

"We got four yes's — and what they said was amazing," said Tiara Moton in a short video posted on *The X Factor* website.

The sisters, who attended Wayne Memorial High school, drove from Michigan to New York to audition before four judges and an audience. The trio had been performing *One Night Only* from the *Dreamgirls* soundtrack when they

were asked to perform another song. They responded by singing a cappella the gospel song, *I Know I've Been Changed* by LaShun Pace.

'Best group ever'

That performance earned them rave reviews from the judges.

"It's been a long time since we had girl groups who sang their faces off," said singer/songwriter Kelly Rowland.

And Simon Cowell, who stopped their singing of *One Night Only*, said Roxxy Montana was "potentially the best group we've ever had on *X Factor*."

"We cried, screamed and hugged," said Tiara Moton of their reaction to the judges' comments.

"We literally couldn't sleep after that. There's not a word in the dictionary to describe the feeling of getting through. I mean it was literally the next best thing to air."



Roxxy Montana - sisters Temperance, Tiara and Tenija Moton of Wayne - are moving on to Boot Camp after getting four yes votes from the judges on FOX-TV's *The X Factor*.

The sisters have been singing since they were ages 5, 6 and 7. Tenija is 22, Tiara is 21, and Temperance is 20. They've been singing as a group for about 10 years.

"We've pretty much been a group since we learned we sound great together," Tenija said. "We decided to start singing because we were so good at it together that it was a given it's what we were meant to do."

Fans of *The X Factor*,

the sisters decided to audition for the show after watching it last year and "seeing how Simon took contestants and literally helped them become artists."

"We as artists thought *The X Factor* would be the perfect move to take us to the next step in our career," she said.

Four factors

There are four parts to *The X Factor*. The first was the auditions. Con-

testants who get the judges' vote advance to Boot Camp where they're sorted into four groups and must sing, dance and perform.

In the third part, each group is assigned to a judge. The contestants move in with the judges, who choose their favorite singers.

In the final part, the judges coach their singers on song choice, outfits and stage presence. The panel critiques the

live performances, but viewers vote for *The X-Factor* winner.

The panel includes Rowland, Cowell, singer/songwriter Demi Lovato and singer/actress Paulina Rubio.

The sisters hope to work with Rowland, an original member of the singing group Destiny's Child.

"She can critique us and tell us what it takes to be a successful girls group," Tiara said.

Their goal is to make the best music and become the best artists and fulfill their dream of selling out Madison Square Garden. They "know that's thinking big, but that's why it's called dreaming," they said.

As for their experience with *The X Factor* so far, Tenija said it's been "amazing but at the same time horrific cause the fear of getting four no's."

"It's all that plays in your mind over and over, but all in all it's the best experience we've ever had," she said.

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Asian-Indian Women's Association offers elder care summit Sept. 28

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Information on elder care will be the focus of a Saturday, Sept. 28, summit of the Asian-Indian Women's Association of Michigan, to be held at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia.

People from India began to move to the U.S. in large numbers in the 1960s and early 1970s, said Daksha Pandit, a board member and a founder of the association. They were studying and working, also raising families.

"We realized this is our home and this is where we're going to be," the Plymouth Township resi-

dent said. "Our parents were not here. This is the first time for us to learn these issues."

People from the Indian community have aged and many need additional care. People from Indian descent face issues with dietary restrictions and language, with some older people not speaking English.

The second annual Leadership Summit of the AIWA will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Schoolcraft in Livonia. AIWA members will pay \$10, nonmembers \$20, which includes a Schoolcraft culinary arts lunch.

"We have some specific requirements to cater toward us," said Pandit, who helped found the

association in 2000. "For our children, this is going to be something totally new for them, too. We want them to educate themselves."

Moving in with children is difficult, she noted. "We need our own space and they should be part of it," she said of the younger generation and challenges in elder care decisions.

Speakers Sept. 28 include state Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing, and Tina Abbate Marzolf, CEO of the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. Oakwood's Marcia Filek, resource manager for Senior Care Solutions, will also speak.

Exhibitors from independent living, assisted living, rehabilitation and

nursing homes, home care, physical therapy and more will attend. Advance reservations are needed. For information, email

aiwamich@gmail.com. The association has a website at

www.aiwami.org. Pandit's mother-in-law is alive at 91 and lives in Texas with family. "They will need help with the language," Pandit said of families with three generations here. "There is an immediate need right now."

She said transportation is often arranged to take many seniors to Hindu temples and other houses of worship. "People do like to practice their religion wherever they live,"

Pandit said. "There might be a religious factor. I think personally it is not going to be a big factor."

Other Asian-Pacific organizations will be at Schoolcraft for the summit, which is open to all ethnic groups.

Pandit and others from her association are proud to present programs that help women and their families. The association also participates in the fall "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk of the American Cancer Society in Ann Arbor. Members also give 10 percent of membership to breast cancer research efforts and do other volunteer work.

Pandit is retired from her public relations and

advertising business, and earned a degree in journalism from the University of Detroit, now U-D Mercy. She's mom to two.

Ramesh Verma of Novi is also pleased to see the Sept. 28 summit. He's commissioner for Asian-Pacific American Affairs, an appointment of the governor confirmed by the state Senate.

Verma noted the large baby boom population. "This needs more attention for our seniors," he said.

Verma said nursing homes aren't found in India, although they do serve the Indian community specifically in other major U.S. cities.

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Twins John and Megan Nickel of Garden City put up their hands as they ride the roller coaster. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Crowds pack St. Raphael's for festival

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The annual St. Raphael Church Festival brought out the crowds last weekend in Garden City.

The festival has been held for more than 40 years.

"Our volunteers really came through in putting our festival together," entertainment chair Mike Choi said. "We had some real talented bakers showing off their skills who donated plenty of baked items. The blanket ministry boutique was full of beautiful handmade items."

Choi estimated it takes about 300 volunteers to put on the whole festival and "many volunteers stayed late to help clean up."

The kickoff Friday featured the Bike Parade led by a Garden City fire truck and St. Raphael pastor the Rev. Ray Lewandowski.

"We had plenty of creative kids in Garden City showing off their beautifully decorated bikes," Choi said.

Ignored weather

The public also chose to ignore the weather.

"The chilly Friday night didn't scare people away from seeing the much anticipated band, 50 Amp Fuse. It was their first time appearing at St. Raphael," said Choi, adding that it was one big party under the tent as well as outside.

"People came from near and far to see them," Choi said. "There were many people that commented it was the first time they had visited St. Raphael's Festival. They said that it was a great experience, so much fun, and great hospitality. They said they will definitely be back next year."

The car show led off the events Saturday. About 30 cars were displayed. A representative from the Automotive Hardware Solution judged all the cars for Cleanest, Best Maintained and the WOW factor.

"All the cars were so beautiful that he had a real hard time selecting the winners," Choi said.

The first-place award went to Dave Morrell, who had a

bright yellow Ford Fairlane 500 GT. The second-place award went to Tony Gramer and his 1967 Dodge GTS and third place went to Mike Trossell for his 2006 Roush Mustang.

"We had car show goers already sign up for next year," Choi said.

Elvis sighting

And, Choi said that if anyone is still looking for Elvis, he was at the fair. It was impersonator Fred Wolfe, sponsored by Korte's Collision, who entertained the crowd, especially the ladies.

"Plenty of lucky ladies got a silk scarf from him as well as a scent of his signature perfume," Choi said. "We also had plenty of trivia enthusiasts playing Trivia Live with Annie competing for prizes, including delicious dinners. Annabelle Road rounded out the night with plenty of young country hits. It was a great night of friends and fellowship along with dancing the night away."

On Sunday, it was the always popular polka Mass by The Duane Malinowski Orchestra.

"The church was filled to capacity with our own parishioners, the many faithful Polka Boosters Club as well as many visitors," Choi said. "After Mass, they all made their way to the activity center for an authentic Polish dinner catered by Halina. We added more tables and chairs just to accommodate everyone. The food was fabulous and it was great to see new friends meet and old friends get together."

The Duane Malinowski Orchestra then played polka music all afternoon to entertain all the guests. "We even had guests from his home town of Toledo that made the trip up with him," Choi said. "It was Duane's first time playing our festival. Several people mentioned that this was like a family reunion because they have not seen people they knew for years."

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St. Raphael volunteers Jackie Cusmano, Jennifer Nance, Corinne Kudlo and Leslie Suchy-Kudlo crank out meals to the hungry crowds at this year's festival.



Alexis Guajardo of Westland gives the ball a toss as her friend, Alondra Cruz of Westland, watches.



Devon Dean of Livonia keeps an eye on her son, two-year-old Camden as he feeds the goat at the petting zoo.



Chloe Long of Garden City catches a pretty green fish at the fish pond.



Keegan Taylor of Ypsilanti poses for a photo at the festival.

On the slow road

Transplant survivor takes one step forward, two back

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Joe Kelly was never a University of Michigan fan.

But Kelly, sporting a blue U-M polo shirt and slowly recovering from a liver transplant, is happy to shout "Go Blue!" now.

Kelly, a longtime Canton resident and retired Unisys employee, said he owes his life to, among others, the doctors and staff at the University of Michigan Hospital after surviving the surgery that replaced his non-functioning liver.

"It's the most difficult thing I've ever had to go through," Kelly said. "U-M has one hell of a medical staff. You can take what they tell you to the bank. I have a whole new appreciation for organ donor programs."

While Kelly's surgery is recent, his battle with liver disease is not. He was diagnosed with hepatitis in the early 1970s, about a year after he'd gotten out of the U.S. Army. He was treated and released and didn't think much of it for the next 20 years or so.

When Unisys closed the Pennsylvania plant he was working at around 1990, Kelly was going to leave the company. But he was offered an opportunity to move to Michigan and took it. Through the years, physicals turned up nothing about a malfunctioning liver and Kelly didn't really worry about it.

By 2012, his weight was good, he was walking a lot and playing golf two

or three times a week — like a healthy person. But in August 2012, he found he was retaining fluid. The surprising diagnosis: cirrhosis of the liver.

The Kellys were shocked.

"They told us cirrhosis can be dormant for a very long time," said Dottie Kelly, who works at Mans Lumber in Canton. "It reared its ugly head and everything went to hell in a hand basket."

Kelly, who had been walking up to 10 miles a day, suddenly had no energy. He was trying to figure out "how to get my energy level back," and advisers at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti told him to get checked out at U-M.

Turns out, his liver was failing and he needed a transplant. So Kelly met with the transplant team at U-M in May to begin the detailed process of getting approved for a transplant. While going through that process, he had a couple of trips to the emergency room that resulted in being admitted with dangerously low sodium levels.

After being treated for one such episode, his doctor told him, "OK, we'll get you back on the transplant list." The problem was, the couple never knew they were on the list to begin with.

Kelly can laugh about the incident — now.

"I said, 'Doesn't that imply I'm already on the list?'" he recalled. "He said, 'Didn't you get the letter?'"

Kelly went in for the surgery around 6:30 p.m. July 26 and Dottie remembers kissing him and wondering if her 64-year-old husband



Joe Kelly, with wife Dottie, hopes to be able to do more than just sit in his garden after recovering from a liver transplant.

"I'd heal quickly, back in the day. I'm not healing quickly."

JOE KELLY

would survive. Nearly seven hours later, doctors let her know he had. He subsequently had to go back in for two more surgeries, one because doctors suspected there might be a bleeder (there wasn't) and the other because doctors couldn't detect blood flow to the new liver (it was flowing).

Trouble was, Kelly hadn't remembered much of the experience and found he had to keep asking his wife where he was and what was happening.

"I don't know that (the surgery) was scary," he said. "It was like being in your own reality. After I got home, I finally said (to Dottie), 'OK, tell me what I went through.'"

Recovery has been slow, Kelly said. His legs were the last thing to go and he's had trouble building up the stamina to get around. He takes 15-20 pills a day as he recovers and he's been taking shots to prevent blood clots from traveling.

He's getting there, but

it's been frustrating. "Recovery has taken a lot longer than I thought," he said. "I'd heal quickly, back in the day. I'm not healing quickly."

But he is healing and he knows the donated liver is why he's, as he puts it, "still on the right side of the grass." While he's eternally grateful for the donation, the couple does not want to meet the donor family.

"We're so grateful the donor family said yes," Dottie said. "We don't know who they are or where they're from. ... We pray for them. We'll send them a letter, but we won't connect with them. That's their privacy."

Meanwhile, friends are gathering support for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help the Kellys defray the huge costs from the procedure. While most of it is covered by insurance, the cost is still significant. The couple is adamant, however, that any extra money that might be raised by the fundraiser goes either to the donor program or back to the church.

That attitude doesn't surprise their friends. "I've been friends with them for years," said Cathy Hulett, who is

helping organize the Oct. 6 fundraiser. "If anybody needed anything, Joe and Dottie would be the first ones to step up and volunteer. That's the kind of people they are. They put everybody before themselves."

Kelly is helping him-

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self toward recovery, but he isn't finding it easy.

"I was never sick a day in my life until this thing hit," he said. "It's a slow-healing recovery. It really is two steps forward, one step back."

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Detroit Metro Airport offers next generation free Wi-Fi service

Detroit Metropolitan Airport has launched the next generation of its free Wi-Fi service throughout both passenger terminals.

Airport customers can now enjoy unlimited wireless Internet access at no cost – and at higher speeds – following the transition of the airport's wireless infrastructure to network provider Advanced Wireless Group, LLC.

"With the demand for wireless connectivity as strong as ever, the Airport Authority is pleased to provide airport users with a significantly-enhanced wireless network that now enables us to offer unlimited, free access without loss of service quality," Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Tom Naughton said. "Customers are already enjoying the increased network speed and unlimited access on the AWG network."

With Metro's transition to the AWG infrastructure, airport customers are now able to connect throughout both passenger terminals at no cost after viewing a 30-second advertisement no more than once every 45 minutes. This sponsor-supported model enables the airport to offer unlimited Internet access with robust speeds at no cost to travelers, while continuing to ensure the network can support growth in demand without loss of service quality.

In addition to basic, free access, AWG's network features several premium access options for customers who re-

quire even more bandwidth or prefer an ad-free experience. Existing Boingo subscribers, as well as subscribers to any of several leading Wi-Fi providers, will continue to enjoy premium Wi-Fi access at service levels under the terms of their subscription agreement.

"We are thrilled to add Detroit to our network of airports and look forward to implementing ongoing network improvements and cross platform integration of Wi-Fi and DAS technologies to further expand both data and voice services offered at DTW," said Scott Phillips, president and CEO of AWG. "With our Hybrid model in place, we are also able to provide options for both data-hungry travelers and those seeking complimentary bandwidth."

In May, WCAA announced its selection of AWG to operate, manage and maintain three related service components at Metro: Wi-Fi network and services, cellular distributed antenna system and services and managed cabling infrastructure and services. Each of these systems and related services are critical to meeting the needs of the airport's operations and maintaining Metro's status as a leader in customer satisfaction.

For access to the enhanced wireless network inside both passenger terminals from any Wi-Fi-enabled device, users should set their SSID to "AWG WIFI" and launch their browsers for more information.



Mayor William R. Wild (center) joins Westland natives Mark and Gwen Brooks and Scott and Lynda Derosia at the grand re-opening of Westland Bowl.

Cousins join forces to reopen Westland Bowl

A shuttered business in Westland has come back to life with the Sept. 9 grand reopening of Westland Bowl.

Westland city officials, including Mayor William Wild, and state and county officials were on hand to join the new owners, Westland natives, Mark and Gwen Brooks and Scott and Lynda Derosia, in cutting the ribbon.

"We are very excited to see Westland Bowl officially reopen for business," Wild said. "The establishment has been a part of our community for 49 years and I know that a lot of people were sad when it closed its doors last year. With Mark's seven 300 games to his record, we know bowling is in his blood and we wish him the best of luck as they move forward with

this exciting venture."

As avid bowlers, it was cousins' dream to own a bowling center. When Westland Bowl closed down last year, they saw opportunity knocking. Along with their wives, they have spent the past few months updating the bowling alley with a new paint job, carpet and concourse area in the bar.

"Within the next two years we intend to make more modifications, this time to the concourse area and the bathrooms," Mark Brooks said. "We want to make our bowling alley more handicap accessible, ensuring it is family-friendly for everyone."

Westland Bowl is open from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, noon to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday and noon to midnight Friday and Saturday.

Open bowling is available throughout the day and evening. The cost is \$2 per game before 5 p.m. and \$3 per game after 5 p.m. The seniors' rate is \$1.50 per game.

It also offers Tuesday men's leagues, and every other Saturday it's Spartan Mixed, Friendship and Mixed Nuts. Youth bowling opportunities will start the week of Oct. 6.

Pee Wee Bumper Bowl (ages 3-7), Kid's Stuff (Elementary School), Adult and Youth (1 adult/over 18 and 1 youth/under 18) and Teen Bowl (Middle school and high school teens).

Westland Bowl is at 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call 734-722-7570 or 734-502-7609 or visit www.westlandbowl.com.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New on staff

Dr. George Elias and Dr. Erin M. Frankowicz have joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

After graduating from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa, Elias completed a year-long internship at Botsford. He finished his post-doctoral clinical training at Garden City Hospital by serving a two-year family practice residency. Elias, board-certified in family practice, and sees patients at the Westland Clinic at 6149 N. Wayne Road.

A neurologist, Frankowicz sees patients at two locations – MIND (Michigan Institute for Neurologic Disorders) at 28595 Orchard Lake, Suite 200, in Farmington Hills, and at 6255 Inkster Road, Suite 304, in Garden City.

After graduating from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Frankowicz completed her four-year post-doctoral clinical training at Garden City Hospital's neurology residency program, where she was named an intern physician of the year. She earned recognition from the Michigan Osteopathic Association for her scientific research on Devic's disease, an autoimmune condition affecting the spinal cord and optic nerves.

She also has done volunteer work at a nursing home, mentored youth through Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, held a leadership role in a clinic offering free and reduced rate basic health care and services to indigent community members, volunteered with Unite for Sight to help bring needed eye care services to people living in remote villages, and participated in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Dr. Frankowicz is a



Elias



Frankowicz

member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Michigan Osteopathic Association, the American Academy of Neurology, and the Movement Disorder Society.

Joins practice

McKeen & Associates (www.mckeenassociates.com) has announced that attorney Horia Neagos has joined the firm as an associate.

Neagos is focusing his practice in the areas of medical malpractice, wrongful death, general negligence and birth trauma. Prior to joining McKeen & Associates, he served as a litigation attorney for a western Michigan-based firm, where he worked in a variety of practice areas, including family law and personal injury.

He has experience in criminal law, in which he has represented both the prosecution and defense at different times. His work on the prosecution side includes two years as assistant prosecuting attorney in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

The Westland resident graduated cum laude from Michigan State University College of Law. He also holds a bachelor of arts degree in social studies and liberal arts from Spring Arbor University in Jackson.

Neagos is admitted to practice in the State of Michigan and U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Association, Prosecutor's Association of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Young Lawyers of Michigan and Muskegon Bar Association.



Clarity Newhouse
A SUNNY NOTE

Strive for balance

Here's something to ponder: the difference between "stability" and "balance."

Sometimes phrases like "I need stability in my life" get tossed around as if stability is a state we can achieve. When in reality, life equals change and therefore in our lives, stability simply doesn't exist.

So instead of seeking stability: Strive for balance.

At the Detroit Economic Club, I had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Ed Catmull, president and co-founder of Pixar Animation Studios, talk about the vital role that embracing change plays in achieving success. Dr. Catmull discussed the difference between stability and balance, and the reassuring fact that amidst instability, we can achieve balance.

Dr. Catmull cautioned us against resisting change or being afraid to let go of what we have, because changing and letting go are necessary elements of progress. "When we grab onto what we have, that is when we fail."

Let's make the most of the changes we face – and have a sunny day!

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Actress among those honored for Christmas spirit

An array of noteworthy individuals from many walks of life – including Virginia Patton Moss, who had a role in the beloved Christmas classic *It's a Wonderful Life* – will be honored Wednesday, Oct. 2, in Livonia for sharing the true spirit of Christmas.

In addition to Moss, who played Ruth Dakin Bailey, sister-in-law of George Bailey (portrayed by Jimmy Stewart) in Frank Capra's classic film, honorees at the St. Nicholas Institute's second annual gala Awards Banquet at Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia will be:

» Detroit radio legend Dick Puritan, whose 24 years of radio-thons for The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club raised more than \$25 million to feed and shelter those in need.

» Art Van Furniture founder and Chairman Art Van Elslander, whose vast array of philanthropic efforts has supported people with disabilities, needy youth, the homeless, America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit, cancer research and much more.

» Former Detroit Lion Tony Semple, founder of the Foundation for Hope Outdoor Adventures, through which he shares his love of hunting and fishing by providing meaningful experiences for children dealing with debilitating illnesses.

» The Rev. Rennie Kaufmann, the "One Man Band," who donates his personal time and talents to numerous fundraising and charitable efforts, including serving as a cultural envoy to Azerbaijan.

» Dr. Adam C. English, author of *The Saint*



Virginia Patton Moss played Ruth Dakin Bailey, the sister-in-law of George Bailey, portrayed by Jimmy Stewart, in Frank Capra's classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

Who Would Be Santa, which tells the historic and compelling story of St. Nicholas.

The gala awards dinner is part of the graduation ceremony of the St. Nicholas Institute, a four-day course teaching the values and history of St. Nicholas (and, of course, the modern Santa Claus) for would-be professional Santas and Mrs. Clauses.

This "master's class" was created by the Rev. Joseph Marquis of Sacred Heart Byzantine Church, a professional Santa Claus whose career of 42 years includes 12 years as Santa at the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade and at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth. He was also inducted into the Santa Claus Hall of Fame.

This year, 28 individuals from 15 states will hone more than their "Ho, Ho, Ho" greetings in the professional, faith-based St. Nicholas course from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4 at St. Paul of the

Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Those participants will receive certificates of achievement at the awards banquet.

Each award presented is each identified by the ideals in the NOEL acronym: Nicholas as our Model, Openness to the Christmas Spirit, Exercising Compassion and Love for Children. These awards were supplemented this year by a new, first-time presentation for the "Spirit of Christmases Past, Present, Future Award" (to Moss for her role in *It's a Wonderful Life*). Combining these awards with the celebration of the St. Nicholas Institute graduates serves a significant purpose, according to Father Marquis.

"It is important to recognize people in the broader community who embody the Christmas spirit," Marquis said. "You don't have to have a red suit to live the life of St. Nicholas."

The awards include a Lifetime Achievement

award for Van Elslander; Nicholas as our Model award to English; Openness to the Christmas Spirit to Kaufmann; Exercising Compassion award to Puritan; and Love for Children award to Semple.

"This banquet gives metro Detroiters a chance to meet these exceptional people and express our gratitude for their work in bringing Christmas joy to everyday lives."

Reservations are available for the banquet. All award recipients are scheduled to attend, though Van Elslander will be represented by sons David and Gary. The program begins at 6 p.m. Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center is at 29125 Six Mile Road, just east of Middlebelt. Admission for banquet, dinner and program is \$40 per person. For more information or to register, call Sacred Heart at 734-522-3166 or visit stnicholasinstitute.org.

Secret cinema cancer fundraiser set for Sept. 26

A secret cinema movie event is being held to benefit a nonprofit founded by a former Canton resident who is battling cancer.

Scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Canton Emagine Theater, the fundraisers for the Jill's Wish Foundation lead into Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Jill's Wish Foundation was established by Jill Brzezinski Conley, who was diagnosed with invasive ductorial breast cancer in 2009. After two years of remission, in 2011 her cancer had returned and was now stage 4 incurable breast cancer that metastasized in her sternum.

Jill's Wish was created to help patients and their families dealing with cancer minimize their financial struggles.

In honor of her devoted dog Honey Bear, Conley also established Jillybean's Barking Bones, an all-natural dog treat with proceeds going to the Good Dog Therapy Foundation, an organization providing therapy dog service to people with health care needs.

Award-winning Australian photographer Sue



Conley

Bryce heard Conley's story and was so moved that she flew Conley to Paris for a photo shoot

and created a short documentary titled *The Light That Shines*.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for a raffle and auction. The movie will begin at 7 p.m. with the local premiere of the 15-minute documentary *The Light That Shines*. Immediately following will be the secret cinema movie of Conley's favorite dog family-friendly movie.

Tickets are \$5 per person and available at www.emagine-entertainment.com or at the Emagine Canton, 39535 Ford. All proceeds go to the Jill's Wish Foundation.

Conley was born and raised in Canton with four brothers, Steve, Shawn, Jason (her twin) and Jamie, and step-sister Joanna. She married Bart in 2008, just seven months before her diagnoses. They currently reside in Louisville, Ky. Visit jillswish.org for more information.

County hosting e-collection event

Wayne County's Land Resource Management Division (LRMD) is holding its popular Electronic Waste & Scrap Tire collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Redford Township DPS, 12200 Beech Daily Road.

The following items will be accepted from Wayne County residents and small businesses:

- » up to seven passenger (scrap) tires,
- » computers, laptops, keyboards, mice, CRT and LCD monitors,
- » TVs, VCRs, CD

- » DVD players,
- » printers, fax machines, stereos, speakers,
- » cell phones, telephones, microwave ovens,
- » Christmas lights,
- » game consoles, hand-held electronic devices,
- » computer parts and miscellaneous cables.

For more information, call 734-326-3936. Wayne County E-Collection events can also be found at waynecounty.com/doe, then click the Land Resources Management link.

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Best deal in town

Library card opens the door to the world in many ways

Geico uses a camel to promote its insurance; Capital One uses Alec Baldwin and a bunch of Norsemen to promote its charge card.

Librarians, however, take a different approach to promoting their card. They use the month of September. This month is National Library Card Month, a celebration held at the beginning of the new school year to remind parents and caregivers that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

A library card opens the door to so much for its holder. It's a passport to see the world through books, whether in print or digital. It's the access point to educational support for adults and students, an invitation to cultural activities, and a ticket to the movies.

Libraries provided services for people suffering during the economic downturn and slow recovery — even though they have felt the financial pinch too. Libraries provide computers and Internet access for those who need to find employment. And libraries have provided activities to entertain and educate at no charge.

From infants to senior citizens, libraries have become the cultural hub in the community. But sadly, there's still an estimated 44 percent of Americans who don't have a library card. On its website, the American Library Association has a list of 60 things to do with a library card. Here's what we think are the 10 best reasons to get one:

» Download an e-book. Your library is where you can get e-books and other digital content. The Wayne, Garden City and Westland libraries offer OverDrive, a digital collection of e-books, audiobooks and music. Through Download Destination, you can check out and download material like any other item in the library collection. After your check-out period expires, the title will cease to work on your device.

» Not sure how to download an e-book on your new device? A librarian can show you how. Take a workshop on how to use your e-reader or other gadgets. The Westland library is offering an eReader and Tablet Support Group that meets 2-4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month.

» Students can get help with homework, research a term paper, work on a class project or use a computer to finish a school project. According to the ALA, almost 91 percent of public library outlets offer wireless Internet access.

» Check out a pass to a museum. The Wayne, Garden City and Westland libraries are offering the Michigan Activity Pass, which provides access to nearly 60 participating institutions around the state. Some cultural partners offer complimentary or reduced price admission; others, discounts in their gift shop or other exclusive offers for MAP pass holders only.

» Launch your future at the library. Get free assistance with job searches, resume writing and interviewing tips at the library. The Westland library offers a Job Seekers Lab three days a week to help people file for unemployment, create a resume in Microsoft Word or learn how to upload their resume into the Michigan talent bank or other job-searching websites.

» Attend preschool story hour with your child. September is the time libraries begin their fall story times hours for preschoolers. With their older siblings back to school, youngsters, and even families, get a chance to enjoy stories, games, crafts and much more.

And our favorite reason to having a library card: Save money and enjoy some quality time. Plan a family afternoon at place that's free - the library.

Of all the cards in your wallet, it's the library card that is the best deal. It's the one card that's free of charge and requires no minimum payment or interest charge.

If you don't have a library card, get one. If you have one, use it. Either way, you can't go wrong.



Libraries are so many things today and a library card opens the door to the world for patrons. FILE PHOTO

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think minimum wage should be increased?

We asked this question at the Wayne Public Library in Wayne.



"I'm in support of increasing it because it prices people out of a decent neighborhood and living a good life in America."

John McDonagle
Newton, N.J.



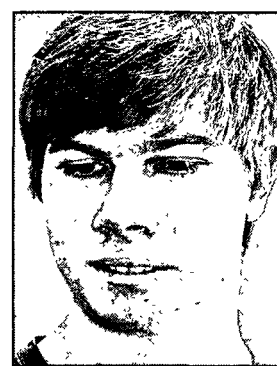
"It should be increased because a lot of people who don't do so much get paid better while people who get minimum wage are working harder."

Jeanette Jordan
Wayne



"I believe the minimum wage should be increased. People are working their bodies harder and catching buses to work and all they're getting is minimum wage."

Latise Jordan
Wayne



"I don't know. I've never worked for the minimum wage."

Tyler Orvis
Wayne

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The runaround

Garden City residents are getting a runaround about Police Chief Bob Muery, who was voted illegally into part-time city manager position by council leader Randy Walker, Pat Squires, Jay-lee Lynch, Mike Jones and Jody Dodge. Walker appointed a three-panel of council people — Lynch, Dodge and Jones — to work out a contract for Police Chief Bob Muery to also be our part-time city manager.

It has been over five months and no decision. Why? I think they knew they had voted in Bob Muery illegally (Bob even stated before taking the position that he thought it was illegal, but he would leave that up to Walker and council).

I believe Walker doesn't care about State Law or the City Charter. Voting in Bob Muery as part-time city manager is only one incident that he has exercised. Another one was on Jan. 28, 2013, when he rushed to judgment in swearing in Mike Jones, the replacement for Councilman George Kordie. Walker once again violated stated law and City Charter. Then on Feb. 11, Councilman Dave Fetter corrected Walker and the process was done correctly thus costing Mike Jones a two-year term. Now Mike Jones has to run again.

The information from the Attorney General office that I received in April 2013 is that Police Chief Bob Muery, according to Incompatible Public Offices Act, PA 566 of 1978, is in violation of State Law. Opinions by Bill Schuette, Attorney General, are already on the books for dual office-holding were PA 7256, PA 6903 and PA 6913.

City Attorney Timothy Cronin gave an oral opinion to Walker and the other four council people that it was illegal and still Mr. Muery sits in the city manager position illegally, making decisions that can cause us to have another major lawsuit in the future.

Now to make matter worst state Rep. David Knezek on Sept. 3 introduced House Bill No. 4939 that would make it legal for department heads to hold dual offices. The question we have to ask ourselves is: If it wasn't illegal before, why now a House bill to make it legal?

So before this bill came about, Walker claimed that it was legal

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according to his interpretation of the State Law. I would hate to think that Walker and Rep. Knezek made a deal so Walker can save face during an election year.

Politicians do make strange bed fellows sometimes.

But ... It only takes 75 signatures to get it on the ballot in November and then voters will decide the fate of the city manager position.

Al Buckner
Garden City

Blunt and honest

I have been a resident of Westland Meadows trailer park for almost three years now and when I came across your article, I must say I was thrilled that someone put all this information out there for the world to see.

When the old owner had the park, it was well-kept and the residents were happy. Ever since the new owners have taken over, the whole place is falling apart piece by piece, and tenants are leaving left and right.

Ever since they have taken over, at least 15 trailers have been moved out that I know of because people no longer want to live in this park. The main problem is that the new owners are cheap and don't want to hire better help for their park. The only person who has been doing their job is the maintenance guy and to be honest, I am surprised he hasn't left yet, considering he

got a way better job offer at another park.

Something has to be done and short of the owners finally getting it through their heads that it's about the residents' happiness, Westland Meadows will be gone and will end up as another vacant lot in Westland. And if this article doesn't help them realize this, then we who are residents might as well start looking for new places to live.

Thank you for being so blunt and honest in your article. We can only hope that it will help do some good and stop all of the nonsense in the park.

Jessica McMichael
Westland

What folly

What's the difference between Syria killing her children, and America aborting her children? Syria is crying for her people, and America, in ignorance, is applauding her right to choose to kill in the name of women's rights. What folly!

Dolores Kapanke
Garden City

Sensible alternative

Math can sometimes be tricky, but when it comes to figuring out the cost benefits of rebuilding your car's engine, the answer is very simple. If your car or truck is diagnosed with major engine damage, installing a remanufactured or rebuilt engine will extend current vehicle life at a significantly lower cost than buying a new car or truck, adding up to big savings.

For the cost of an average down payment on a new car or truck, a vehicle's engine can be repowered with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine, gaining years of reliable service without monthly car payments and higher insurance rates. The Engine Builders Council developed a cost comparison chart illustrating the cost difference between purchasing a new vehicle and repowering an existing vehicle with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine.

To learn more about why installing a remanufactured or rebuilt engine is the sensible economic alternative, visit www.enginebuilder.org.

Rick Simko
Chairman
Engine Builders Council

OUR VIEWS

Be a part of the process: Register to vote

It may have slipped by unnoticed to many that Tuesday was Constitution Day, a time set aside to honor the document that formed the United States of America. The freedoms we hold dear are part of the document, its Bill of Rights and the 17 amendments that have been added since it was signed by our Founding Fathers.

One of the freedoms it guarantees is the right to vote. As written, the Constitution didn't determine voting qualifications; that was left to the individual states. But over time, through amendments and legislation, such as the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the right to vote has been clearly established. Men and women of all races, religious beliefs and economic status and who are age 18 by election day are eligible to vote.

This brings us to Tuesday, Sept. 24 — National Voter Reg-

istration Day. It's not the deadline to register to vote, but a day that has been set aside to remind people to take the necessary steps to be eligible to vote this year, including filling out the needed registration forms.

It goes without saying that voting is one of our most sacred freedoms, but in 2008, when America elected its first African-American president, some six million people didn't vote because they missed a registration deadline or didn't know how to register.

In Michigan, there are really only three requirements to register to vote:

» Applicants must be 18 years of age by Election Day.

» They must be a U.S. citizen.

» They must be a resident of the city or township in which they wish to register.

While the idea of National Voter Registration Day is to get

as many people around the country as possible registered Sept. 24, the actual deadline to register to vote for Michigan's November general election is Monday, Oct. 7.

And there are several ways to sign up. People can register by mail, at their county, city or township clerk's office or by visiting any Secretary of State branch. They can get information about registering to vote or even check their status as a registered voter by visiting the Secretary of State's website at www.michigan.gov/SOS.

Voting is an important part of the freedoms we have as Americans. It's one that should be exercised in each and every election. If you're registered to vote, great. If you aren't, don't wait another day. Register and then get out and be a part of what makes us the land of the free.

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Native American dancers with be wearing their full regalia at the Native American Heritage Day Saturday at Nankin Mills.



Wayne County Parks hosting Native American Heritage Day

Wayne County Parks and the North American Indian Association will host Native American Heritage Day 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

The special social gathering includes a traditional drumming circle and dancers in regalia. Native American crafts and food will be available for purchase. All ages are welcome to enjoy this celebration of

Michigan's first people. Due to limited seating, bring a lawn chair to the free outdoor event.

The North American Indian Association of Detroit is the oldest urban Indian organization in the United States. The purpose of the organization is to promote self-sufficiency for Native Americans through education assistance, employment and training and awareness of available human services and

to foster and preserve Native American culture.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Hines Drive will be closed due to Saturday in the Park, however, visitors can go around the barricades at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive for Native American Heritage Day parking.

For more information, call 734-261-1990 or visit parks.waynecounty.com.

Wayne nature trails featured in fitness explosion

Wayne's nature trails will be featured at the Mill and Washington Fitness Trail Explosion event Saturday, Sept. 28.

In honor of Michigan Trails Week, Wayne is offering a high- or low-fitness walk for everyone age 5 and older. Check in begins at 9:30 a.m. in Goudy Park at the Look-out Deck. Leg 1 is one mile; Leg 2 is a half mile.

A nature scavenger hunt for ages 3 and older will be held at 11 a.m. (register at 10:45 a.m.) It's a free event and no advance registration is needed.

» From 6-10 p.m. Sept. 28, kids ages 6-13 can come back for the Flashlight Candy Hunt Kids Night Out at the Wayne Community Center.

There will be swimming, games, pizza, pop and more. Kids are to bring their lined bathing suit, towel, flashlight and tennis shoes.

The cost is \$13 per child for community center members/residents and \$16 for non-residents. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 27. A \$3 additional charge will be required for late registration.

» It's not too early to start thinking about fall activities like the Family Hoedown scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Attwood Park Pavilion.

There will be square dancing, hayrides, a bonfire, pumpkin hunt, cider and doughnuts. Participants are encouraged to come in their best Western or festive wear.

The cost for Wayne and Westland residents is \$6 per person or \$20 for a family of four, \$7 per person or \$25 for a family of four non-residents.

Changes coming to the Dow

The stocks contained in the Dow Jones Industrial Average are going to change. The Dow, as it is more commonly known, contains 30 different stocks. The goal of the Dow is to reflect a broad overview of the U.S. economy. Changes are not frequent, but they do happen in order for the index to continue to represent a broad picture of the U.S. economy.

The recently announced change will affect 10 percent of the components of the Dow. Alcoa, Bank of America and Hewlett Packard are the stocks that are leaving, while Goldman Sachs, Nike and Visa are being added as new stocks to the Dow.

The Dow is the most famous stock market index, but it is certainly not the only one. In fact, there are all sorts of indexes, such as the Standard & Poor's 500, the Russell 2000, NASDAQ 100, MSCI World and the MSCI EAFE. There are indexes that measure just about anything from small to large companies, both domestic and international. In addition, there are indexes that track the fixed-income market.

The bottom line is



Rick Bloom
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that there are indexes for every type of investment you can imagine. The questions investors have is whether there is one index that they can use to measure how their portfolio is doing.

It would be nice if we could look at our portfolio and compare it to one index to determine performance. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. Every stock or fixed-income index measures something different and there is no one index to rely on. In fact, many experts say that it is a fool's game to even attempt to compare your portfolio to one index or the other.

Comparing your portfolio to an index is sometimes dangerous, because it assumes that you are 100-percent invested in the stocks in that index. Investors with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio hold a variety of elements, often not in that index.

Typically, a stock portfolio contains large, mid and small companies, both domestic and

international. In addition, it's not unusual for an investor to have a position in emerging market funds and even in something such as global real estate. Because a well-balanced and diversified portfolio has so many different asset classes, one index does not adequately reflect the portfolio.

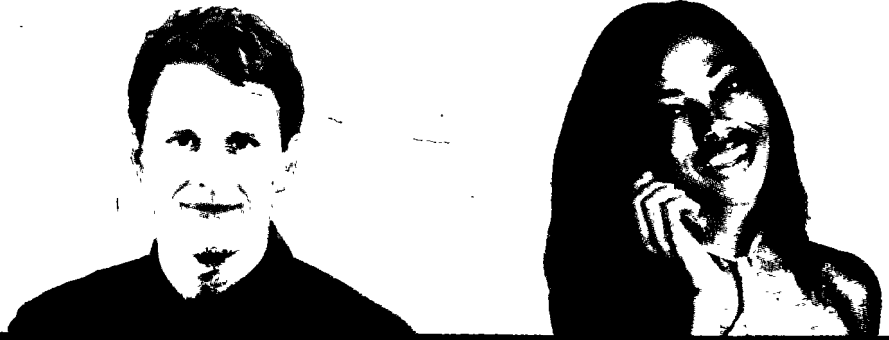
Generally, the fixed-income side of a portfolio also contains a variety of different fixed-income investments, such as U.S. treasuries, corporate bonds and international bonds. Once again, one index would not suffice as an adequate measure for the portfolio.

It's important for investors to recognize that the goal is not to match or beat an index, but rather to achieve individual goals and objectives. In addition, one must factor in the risk you're willing to accept. Indexes don't factor in risk, which is a critical component to portfolio construction and performance.

Good luck!

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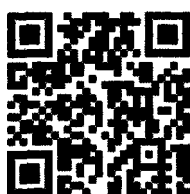
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ORDINANCE NO. 101-G-9

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE VII, OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OR POSSESSION OF USABLE MARIHUANA

Section 1. That Chapter 62, Article VII, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to add section 62-350 to provide as follows:

"Sec. 62-350. Transportation or possession of usable marihuana; violation as a misdemeanor; penalty.

(1) A person shall not transport or possess usable marihuana in or upon a motor vehicle or any self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel unless the usable marihuana is 1 or more of the following:

(a) Enclosed in a case that is carried in the trunk of the vehicle.

(b) Enclosed in a case that is not readily accessible from the interior of the vehicle, if the vehicle in which the person is traveling does not have a trunk.

(2) "Usable marihuana," as used in this section, means the dried leaves and flowers of the marihuana plant, and any mixture or preparation thereof, but does not include the seeds, stalks, and roots of the plant.

(3) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both."

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 62, Article VII of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Adopted: September 3, 2013
Effective Date: September 19, 2013
Published: SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at 313-223-3318. For more information, call 313-222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CROP FOR A CAUSE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

Location: Scrappy Chic, 33509 W. Eight Mile, Livonia.

Details: The IBC (Inflammatory Breast Cancer) Network Foundation is holding a 12-hour crop event, featuring goodie bags, breakfast, lunch and dinner, snacks throughout the day, make 'n take, chair massages, electric chord at each table, 50/50 raffle and Tricky Tray Auction. Preregistration is \$35.

Contact: For more information, call 248-426-9020.

DIESEL CLUB LUNCHEON

Date/Time: 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Details: The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club hosts its annual luncheon and business meeting. It's primarily a social club that provides information to members about items which may impact retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. For the past 34 years, the club has held an annual luncheon get together on the third Thursday of October. Retirees come from all over the country and overseas to renew friendships and get caught up on any new happenings. Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11:00 am, a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting with discussion on any topics of current interest to the attending guests. Cost to attend the lunch is \$23.

Contact: For more information on the luncheon and pre-registration, contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at 734-455-2668, email jrpavol64@prodigy.net or John Leidlein, president, 313-863-8850, e-mail dieseljm@aol.com.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Details: The Men's Group of Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites you to meet with other widowed men for breakfast. Many topics are discussed, including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.

Contact: Call Dick at 313-534-0399.

MOM TO MOM

Time/Date: noon to 4 p.m. Saturday Sept. 21.

Location: McKinley Cooperative Preschool, inside St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: Approximately 40 tables, with a big item area. There will be concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1 per person and strollers are allowed.

Contact: A contract, if available for anyone that wants to rent an 8-foot table for \$20 at www.mckinleypreschool.org/mom2mom. For more information, email Rebecca Lay at becca-new1027@yahoo.com.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, early bird at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren Road and Ford, Garden City.

Details: There will be 85 tables, a large item area, concessions and a bake sale at a Mom to Mom sale at Garden City High School. Admission is \$1, \$2 for early birds. Use gymnasium entrance. Contract available on M2M website at www.mom2mom-list.com.

Contact: For more information, email gcmmom2momsale@hotmail.com or call 734-277-0791.

BOWLING BENEFIT

Time/Date: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 (check in starts at noon).

Location: Town and Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: \$12 per bowler (any age welcome to bowl) includes two games of bowling, shoe rental and pizza and pop. Raffle tickets will be on sale for over 50 awesome local business prizes and baskets. Any registered bowler that is 5 years old or younger will be entered into a "kids raffle" for free.

Contact: Registration forms are available at mckinleypreschool.org/fundraising-information. They can be emailed to Rebecca Lay at becca-new1027@yahoo.com. Call her at 734-776-7741.

FALL CRAFT SHOWS

ST. THEODORE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Saturday, Oct. 12.

Location: St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. We have 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors please.

Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421 (v#10)

ST. MEL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

Location: St. Mel's Parish Gym, 7506 N. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights.

Details: Crafters are needed for St. Mel's Fall Craft Show. There are more than 50 tables available. Table cost is \$30, table with electricity is \$35.

Contact: For applications, email stmelcraftfair@yahoo.com or call St. Mel's at 313-274-0684.

PERRINVILLE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

Location: Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia.

Details: Crafters are being sought for the Perrinville Early Childhood Center's fourth annual Craft/Vendor Show.

Contact: Brenda at wjob2000@ameritech.net.

ST. JOHN'S

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 13.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: St. John's has table available for craft sales at its Fall Festival for craft sales for \$25. Anyone is interested in renting a table can call the church at 734-721-5023 or Sharon Scott at 734-722-4651.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Date/Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.

Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Details: Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education, hosts its 29th annual craft show. Juried crafters will display handmade jewelry, pottery, clothing, seasonal decor, metal sculptures, gourmet foods and more. The event will also offer drawings for several prizes, including two handmade Amish quilts, a golf outing at Fox Hills Country Club, tickets to a 2014 Detroit Tigers game, a gift package to 932 Penniman Bed and Breakfast and gift certificates to fine local restaurants. Also, the American Association of University Women will join the craft show with a used book sale. Breakfast and lunch items will be available in the cafeteria. Admission is \$2.

Contact: Debbie Cortellini at debccortellini@comcast.com or Alice Chrenko at dachrenko@hotmail.com.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

SAFE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

Details: A Safe Place is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

Contact: Russ Weathers at 734-422-1995.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Detail: A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals.

Contact: Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecare@gmail.com and 734-956-2600.

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City.

Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

Contact: Ruthann at 734-981-2519.

MENOPAUSE & MORE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month.

Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Details: A support group for women, no registration is necessary, the group is free of charge.

Contact: 734-655-1100.

COUNTERPOINT

Details: Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

Contact: 734-563-5005.

TOUGHLOVE

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Location: Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

Details: Support group, newcomers welcome.

Contact: 734-261-7880 or 248-380-7748.

LIFECARE

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday.

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Details: LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

Contact: info.lifecare-rec@gmail.com or 734-956-2109.

EDUCATION

WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland.

Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

Contact: 734-326-0078.

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland.

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

Contact: 734-427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children ages 2-5 at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

Contact: 313-561-4110, Ext. 10.

ST. MARY

Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

Details: St. Mary School offers pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.

Contact: 734-721-1240.

ORGANIZATIONS

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November.

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson 734-522-3918.

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays.

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Visit www.westlandrotary.com for more information.

Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Street at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month.

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland.

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Street at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet are available but not mandatory.

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com.

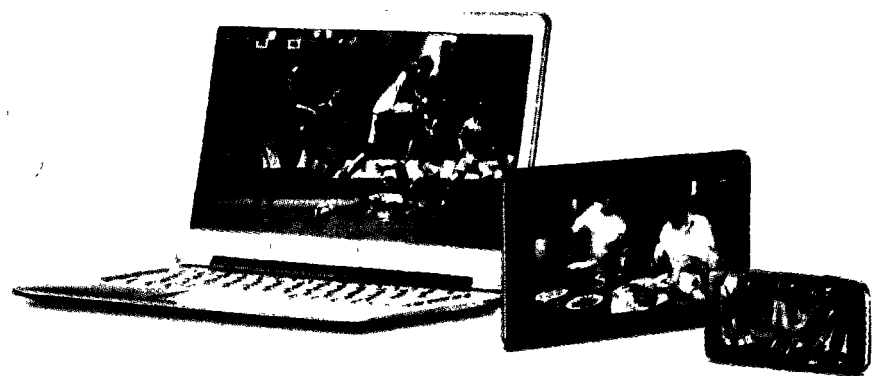
LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month.

Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings Mondays.

Contact: Call Debbie Dayton at 734-721-4216.



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BOYS SOCCER

Rocks solid in 2-0 win over Stevenson

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It appears to be a seamless transition for the Salem boys soccer program as former coach Ed McCarthy, who has stepped aside to become a part-time assistant, has passed the torch to former Rocks player Scott Duhl.

Salem, boasting a veteran cast, improved to 6-0-3 overall

and 4-0 in the KLAA's Central Division on Monday with a 2-0 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

"It's been good," said Duhl, a 2000 Salem grad who played at Western Michigan University. "This group in particular, being an older group, they're kind of set in their ways a little bit. I think their aggressiveness and desire is so high that sometimes they are almost over the top in

critical of each other and demand a lot of guys. For me, taking over this group, a really talented group, I'm fortunate."

Fortunate was the word on Salem's first goal as senior Brady Cole scored with 25:41 left in the first half off an assist from fellow senior David Schroeder to make it 1-0.

But officials missed an apparent offside call, which would have nullified the goal.

But there was no mistake about the Rocks' second goal as Nick Massey drilled a shot from 25 yards out into the upper left corner over the outstretched arms of Stevenson goalkeeper Mike Bolin with 16:04 remaining in the first half to make it 2-0.

Stevenson, meanwhile, thought it had the equalizer

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MU senior gets honor

For the first time in his career, Madonna University senior Abdul Ibrahim was selected Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 9-15).

Ibrahim, a native of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (Lisgar Collegiate) scored a goal and had an assist as MU snapped a three-match losing skid with a 2-0 win Saturday at Taylor University (Ind.).

Ibrahim assisted on the winning goal by teammate Ryan Williams during the seventh minute and scored his second goal of the season in the 87th minute.

The Crusaders (2-3) are idle until 7 p.m. Saturday when they open WHAC play at Siena Heights.

MU golf team 3rd

Sophomore Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill) shot a two-day total of 79-83-162 to tie for eighth individually as the Madonna University women's golf team finished third out of 12 schools last weekend at the Battle of the Blackthorn in South Bend, Ind. Host Bethel (Ind.)

College and Indiana Tech finished one-two in the team standings with 637 and 641, respectively, while MU with a 661 (329-332).

Other MU finishers included Chelsea Collura, 17th (83-83-166); Holly Laginess, tied for 19th (85-83-168); Natalie Blazo, tied for 24th (82-88-170); and Kaitlyn Brasher, tied for 36th (90-83-173).

Crusaders take 12th

The Madonna University women's cross country team featured all 10 runners setting season-best marks to claim 12th place out of 29 teams Saturday at the Knight Invitational hosted by Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

Junior Bianca Kubicki (Canton) posted a top-30 finish among the 316 runners in the field with a time of 18:57 on the 5-kilometer course. Freshman Karlie Gallagher (Livonia Stevenson) was next for MU in 19:18, a full minute better than her season low.

RUNNING

Hines Park Heroes race good timing for Kurtis

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Doug Kurtis has covered the gamut when it comes to distance running.

But the 61-year-old Livonian, the world record holder for sub 2-hour and 20-minute marathons (76), will prep for his final marathon (Oct. 19 in Detroit) by running the first-ever Wayne County Parks Heroes on Hines half-marathon on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Kurtis, who has completed an astounding 199 of his 202 marathons in under 3 hours, can literally walk out his back door and onto the Hines Park course.

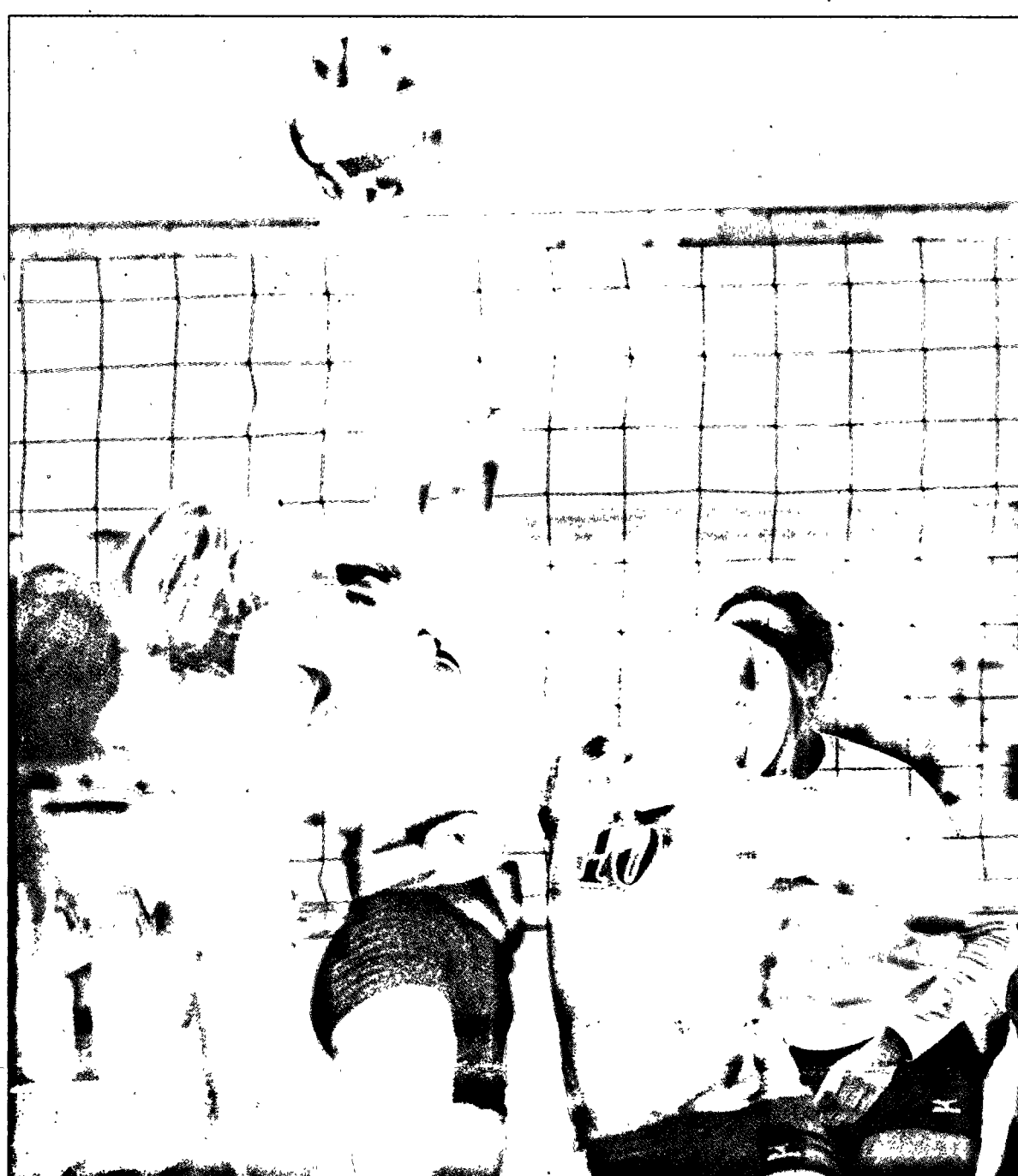
"I've been running Hines since 1968 because I grew up off of Hines," Kurtis said. "That's an area I'm so familiar with, so it's kind of fun to be able to race where I run all the time."

Proceeds from the race, which also includes a 5K run-walk, will go toward the

See KURTIS, Page B3



Livonian Doug Kurtis will prep for the Detroit Free Press Marathon by running the Heroes for Hines half-marathon Oct. 5. DAVE MCCAULEY



Battling to get the ball over the net for Livonia Franklin are Breanna Hourigan (3) and Bailey Goldberg (10). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Patriot spikers take quick hit vs. Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A fast start by Canton's heavy hitters propelled the Chiefs Tuesday to a three-set sweep over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Canton romped to a 25-14 win in the opening set before following up with 25-13 and 25-22 victories to take the KLAA South Division girls volleyball match-up.

With the win, the Chiefs improved to 6-2-0 overall and 2-0 in

the KLAA South while the Patriots dropped to 4-3-1 overall and 1-1 in the division.

"Our starting lineup did a good job tonight moving the ball around," Canton head coach Steve Johnson said. "We were able to run a bunch plays off serve-receive and get it to our hitters tonight."

Franklin first-year coach Desiree McMahon lamented early struggles from the service stripe and inconsistency in other areas.

"The first two sets we struggled to get our serves in and connect," McMahon said. "We definitely need to work on our blocking more, but by the third set we were stepping up into it and our serves were going in."

"We were connecting with our setters and our hitters. It's a process."

McMahon did note Canton's hard-hitting lineup, however. "They definitely have a lot of

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PREP FOOTBALL

Warriors fall on late touchdown by Parkway, 7-0

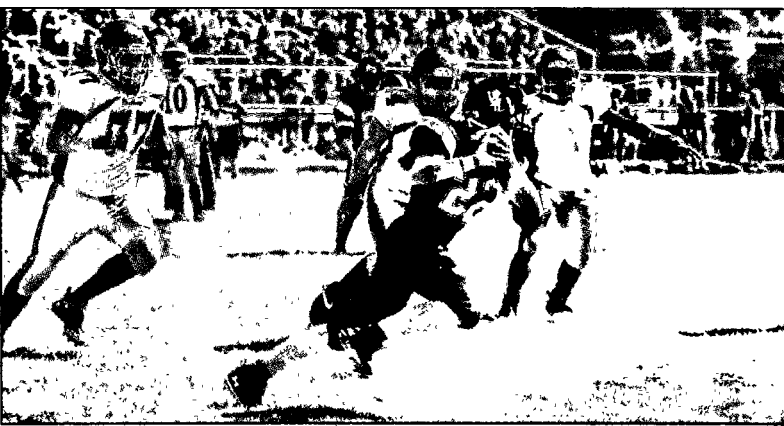
By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

A monster defensive effort turned to horror Saturday afternoon for host Lutheran High Westland in its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference football opener.

The Warriors kept Sterling Heights Parkway Christian off the board until the final six seconds when quarterback Noah Allen scrambled 21 yards for a touchdown to give the Eagles a dramatic 7-0 victory.

The game-winning TD was set up when tight end Philip Lapinski threw a double pass and hit Cole Kasperowicz for 31 yards putting the ball down on the Lutheran Westland 22.

"We always have something and we always try to find the perfect time," Parkway coach Todd Francis said of the trick play. "This was the perfect time with us and a minute left ... we



Lutheran Westland's Caleb Richter (22) intercepted a second-quarter pass and returned it 59 yards against Parkway Christian in a 7-0 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference loss. DAVE SMITH

were just trying to do anything we could to find a victory."

Meanwhile, Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé had an inkling the game-winning play was coming.

"We saw that on film," he said. "Kids react to what they see. We

talked about it. We just didn't react the way we should have."

Parkway regained possession of the ball with just 45.1 seconds left. The Warriors had been forced to punt, unable to make a first down after taking a pair of successive illegal procedure

calls.

"We had to make sure that we were able to score right away," said Francis, whose team improved to 3-0 overall. "We had a little bit of time. We had a nice pass that Phil threw to Cole, and Cole made a great catch. But to be honest with you, our defense just played solid. They kept us in the game. We're very proud of our defense. It was a great win, we're excited."

Parkway limited Lutheran Westland to 114 total yards, including just 62 on the ground (in 29 attempts).

But the Warriors had chances to get on the board.

Travis Fry recovered a Parkway fumble at the Eagles' 34 on the opening kickoff, but the Warriors couldn't capitalize after gaining just four yards and taking a pair of costly penalties.

Caleb Richter then intercept-

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Hines races for Heroes

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half marathon) if registered by Oct. 3.

For more information, visit heroesonhines.com.

BOYS TENNIS

Patriots 1st in Payne Trayne Classic

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin captured four of five doubles flights Saturday to earn the Payne Trayne Classic boys tennis tournament crown.

The host Patriots edged Dearborn High for the team title, 23-21, followed by Allen Park Cabrini and South Lyon East, 13 each; South Lyon, 11; and Wayne Memorial, two.

"This was a great tournament for Franklin boys tennis, possibly even bigger than their (dual) win against (Livonia) Churchill," Franklin coach Dawn Fallu said. "Dearborn frequently

makes it to 'states' out of our regional and over the past five years has always been a solid rivalry with us, but we've lost each time."

In singles, Franklin's Nick Munro captured the No. 2 flight over South Lyon East to earn a gold medal, while Jacob Liberati (No. 1), Joe Vetula (No. 3) Chris Sitarski earned silver medals.

Earning gold medals in doubles for the Patriots included Dylan Smith and Lukas Pekorius (No. 2); Dylan Bowling and Jordan Stasser (No. 3); Lucas Willyard and Josh Talarek (No. 4); Jon Montie and Justin Crawford (No. 5).

Adam Monroe and



The Livonia Franklin boys tennis team captured the Payne Trayne Classic Saturday at home edging Dearborn for the title, 23-21. DAWN FALLU

Tyler Turchan took runner-up honors at No. 1 doubles.

"Being able to come up with six out of nine head to head match wins against Dearborn on Saturday was a true testament to how much the boys are improving and not afraid to play like they practice — aggressively and as a team," Fallu said. "The rest of our season schedule is going to get even harder, as we are slotted to play some high level teams, but this will only help the boys improve even more."

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 SALEM 2
Sept. 13 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Chad Northey (LS) defeated Jake Sealy, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Sam Tabor (LS) def. Amal Caravalo, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Jason Wysocki (LS) def. Charlie Liu, 6-1,

6-1; No. 4: Jeff Frederick (LS) led Shivan Patel, 6-2, 6-7, 5-2 (rained out).

No. 1 doubles: Tom Cwiek-Neal Adams (LS) def. Grant Kulik-Rohan Thana-dor, 3-6, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Matt Lackey-Chase Tinham (LS) def. Lou DeVoto-Dan Sealy, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Brad Weiland-Andrew Dzikobak (LS) def. Anthony Zomey-Abi Thiruvankat, 7-6, 6-1; No. 4: Ben Stanz-Keerth Sajja (Salem) def. David Ajluni-Brendan Parker, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5; No. 5: Steve Blossom-Ryan Karim (Salem) def. David Bageris-Cade Bunton, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 2-3

overall, 2-2 KLAAs Central Division; Salem, 1-3 overall, 1-2 KLAAs Central.

CANTON 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

Sept. 13 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Rohan Vaishnav (C) defeated Jacob Liberati, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: George Zhou (C) def. Nick Munro, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Joe Vetula (LF) def. Athul Rao, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Noah Lindlbauer (C) def. Chris Sitarski, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Trevor Kretschmoun-Shivang Shah (C) def. Adam Monroe-Tyler Turchan, 6-1; No. 2: Nathan Samoy-Zain

Ahmed (C) def. Dylan Smith-Lukas Pekorius, 7-6, 6-4; No. 3: Michael Kang-Kirk Wang (C) def. Dylan Bowling-Jordan Stasser, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Varun Krishnamoorthy-Alex Boudreau (C) def. Lucas Willyard-Josh Talarek, 6-1, 6-3; No. 5: Chantler Larimore-Aaron Cannon (C) def. Jon Montie-Justin Crawford, 6-2, 6-2.

Dual match records: Canton, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAAs South.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 25 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 25
Sept. 17 at Nankin Mills

Individual winner: Keenan Jones (Franklin), 16:49.7 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 3. George Bowles, 16:58.6; 4. Matt Cohan, 17:15.1; 5. Jonathan Hovermale, 17:15.6; 6. Sean McKeon, 17:16.1; 7. Jonathan Alessandrini, 17:31.1; 8. Patrick Dahlin, 17:37.5; 10. Colin Murphy, 17:50.1.

Other Franklin finishers: 2. Tony Floyd, 16:51.6; 9. Matt Lepper, 17:44.2; 11. Jacob Forgacs, 17:56.2; 12. Nathan McCall, 17:56.5; 13. Alex Perelli, 18:53.3; 14. Kyle Perelli, 19:28.9

Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South.

PLYMOUTH 25 WAYNE MEMORIAL 31
Sept. 17 at Wayne (Flats)

Individual winner: Devin Gibson (Wayne), 17:05.3 (5,000 meters).

Plymouth finishers: 2. Zane Berlanga, 17:05.6; 3. Liam Cardenas, 17:25.9; 5. Matt Pahl, 17:37.0; 6. Blerim Merna, 17:40.1; 9. Mayur Patel, 18:01.4; 10. Jonny Dalton, 18:04.8; 13. Danny Ahearn, 18:16.1.

Other Wayne finishers: 4. Malik Jordan, 12:30.0; 7. Tim

Flores, 17:41.3; Zack Williams, 18:00.2; 11. Uriel Figueroa, 18:07.9; 12. Michael Gibson, 18:12.8; 14. Collin Malcolm, 20:32.5.
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs South; Wayne, 3-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South.

MICHIGAN STATE INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Sept. 12 at Forest Akers (MSU)

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (GREEN): 1. Novi, 203 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 230; 3. Okemos, 242 (38 schools).
Individual winner: Connor Wuori (Portage Central), 15:49 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 30. George Bowles, 16:46; 32. Matt Cohan, 16:49; 43. Sean McKeon, 16:58; 51. Jon Hovermale, 17:06; 74. Jon Alessandrini, 17:21; 88. Colin Murphy, 17:27; 157. Josh Musson, 18:03.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (ELITE): 1. Waterford Mott, 90; 2. St. Joseph, 151; 3. Northville, 202; 25. Livonia Franklin, 574 (28 schools).
Individual winner: Ryan Robinson (Mott), 15:28 (5,000 meters).

Franklin finishers: 16. Keenan Jones, 16:14; 57. Tony Floyd, 16:50; 161. Jacob Forgacs, 17:57; 165. Nathan McCall, 18:02; 175. Matt Lepper, 18:18; 176. Gage Wheeler, 18:21; 181. Alex Perelli, 18:33.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 25 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 30
Sept. 17 at Nankin Mills

Individual winner: Natalie Douglas (Franklin), 20:05.3 (5,000 meters).

Other Franklin finishers: 2. Ellary Marano, 20:08.7; 5. Riley Shine, 20:41.7; 8. Mandy Pokryfky, 21:22.2; 9. Julie Wandi, 21:42.6; 13. Katelyn Kovach, 22:22.5; 14. Sheila McKinley, 22:22.7.

Churchill finishers: 3. Caroline George, 20:27.7; 4. Elyssa Hofmann, 20:40.6; 6. Alexis Lombardo, 21:01.4; 7. Kathleen George, 21:03.5; 10. Jenna Hickson, 21:42.8; 11. Megan McFarlane, 21:53.6; 12. Christina Murphy, 22:13.1.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South.

NORTHVILLE 15 LIVONIA STEVENSON 44
Sept. 17 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Cayla Eckenroth (Northville), 19:49.0 (5,000 meters).

Other Northville finishers: 2. Nicole Mosteller, 19:59.0; 3. Hailey Harris, 20:32.0; 4. Emma Smith, 20:44; 5. Chloe Smith, 20:53.0; 7. Katie Chevoor, 20:58.0; 15. Taylor Gatoni, 21:50.0.

Stevenson finishers: 6. Lindsey Gallaher, 20:54.0; 8. Grace Lamerson, 21:05.0; 9. Emily Chapski, 21:11.0; 10. Barbara Scupholm,

21:22.0; 11. Jackie Green, 21:35.0; 12. Emma Werthman, 21:43.0; 13. Julia Cercone, 21:46.0.
Dual meet records: Northville, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs Central Division; Stevenson, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs Central.

MICHIGAN STATE INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Sept. 12 at Forest Akers

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (GREEN): 1. Warren Regina, 188 points; 8. Livonia Churchill, 307; 13. Livonia Stevenson, 368; 15. Livonia Franklin, 409 (41 schools).
Individual winner: Morgan Posthuma (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern), 18:15.

Churchill finishers: 25. Kathleen George, 19:47; 34. Caroline George, 20:04; 61. Erin Emmanuel, 20:29; 86. Elyssa Hofmann, 20:49; 101. Alexis Lombardo, 20:59; 117. Megan McFarlane, 21:10; 124. Julia Twigg, 21:20.

Stevenson finishers: 51. Emily Chapski, 20:17; 54. Lindsey Gallagher, 20:21; 78. Jackie Green, 20:39; 82. Grace Lamerson, 20:41; 103. Diane Senkovski, 21:08; 123. Kaylee Murphy, 21:18; 141. Barbara Scupholm, 21:34.

Franklin finishers: 22. Natalie Douglas, 19:39; 59. Ellary Marano, 20:26; 96. Natalie Martinez, 20:55; 108. Riley Shine, 21:02; 125. Julie Wandi, 21:21; 127. Mandy Pokryfky, 21:22; 243. Alyssa Edwards, 23:44.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Wayne Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, to consider a request from Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. to rezone its property, commonly known as 37434 Michigan Avenue from B-4 Business Intensive to B-3 Business Extensive. Reference: #55-009-01-0191-001 (est. 0.34 ac). The proposed text and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Office during business hours (10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday). Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Planning Commission may make a recommendation to the City Council for its consideration. Inquiries: Peter J. Mcinerney, Community Development Director (734) 419-0118.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

AAU hoop tryout

Tryouts for the Livonia Rebels, an eighth-grade AAU boys basketball team, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (main gym No. 2).

The Rebels are a competitive team seeking to play at a high level to prepare for high school basketball.

For more information, call Joe Jakacki at 734-223-1070 or email jakackifamily5@aol.com.

Coaching jobs

Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a boys and girls bowling coach, along with a varsity baseball coach for the 2013-14 school season.

Those interested should include a cover letter, resume and references to Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

Golf & Triathlon

PGA professional Tami Bealert will be staging a 5-kilometer run-walk, 20K bike and nine-hole golf scramble at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The cost is \$65 (if registered by Sept. 15) or \$75 (by Sept. 24).

Included in the cost is two free group golf lesson, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 27.

The event includes greens fees (with cart), wrist band, prizes and lunch on race day.

For more information, visit TrainWithTami.com or call 734-731-0238.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 20
Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Oak Christ, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 19
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Calvary at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20
Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Redford Union, 4:30 p.m.
Arbor Prep at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
C'ville at Taylor Kennedy, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 19
Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at PCA, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. N'west at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Robichaud at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21
Portage Central Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Sept. 20
Crestwood Invitational, 4:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21
Monroe-Jefferson Inv., 9 a.m.
Uden Invitational, 12:05 p.m.
CC Invitational at Cass Benton, TBA.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Sept. 19
Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Grosse Ile at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21
Lakeland Invitational, noon.

GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, Sept. 19
Churchill vs. Mercy at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. John Glenn at I'dyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Divine Child at St. John's G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20
Livonia Public Schools Tourney at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, Sept. 19
Stevenson at Hartland, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20
Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21
Brighton Quad, 8:30 a.m.
King of Courts Tournament at Dearborn H.S., 8:30 a.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 19
Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 20-21
Can-Am Tourney at MIU, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 21
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Lady Ocelot spikers fall in 3 to St. Clair

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team got off to a tough start Tuesday in its Eastern Conference opener in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Host St. Clair County CC improved to 16-4 overall and 4-1 in the conference with a 25-17, 25-11, 25-23 triumph

over the Lady Ocelots.

Schoolcraft (8-10, 0-1) got a team-best 20 digs from Megan Wright, while Katie Summers was the top attacker with seven kills.

Ajsha David added five kills and dished out 14 assist-to-kills.

Over the weekend, Schoolcraft finished 3-4 in the Shan-

non McBride Tournament held in Kirtland, Ohio.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft fell to No. 20-ranked Sinclair (Ohio) CC, 20-25, 15-25, St. Clair County CC, 22-25, 20-25; and Lorain County (Ohio) CC, 25-20, 18-25, 8-15, while defeating Lake Michigan, 25-18, 25-18.

On Friday, the Lady Oce-

lots posted victories over host Cuyahoga (Ohio) CC, 25-8, 27-25; Notre Dame College (Ohio), 25-18, 25-22, while falling to Genesee (N.Y.) CC, 19-25, 25-12, 12-15).

Schoolcraft returns to action at 7 p.m. Thursday at home when it faces MCCA Eastern Conference foe Flint Mott CC.



Canton's Lauren Bedro (5) and Sydney Torres (3) put the block on Franklin's Sarah Cramton (11). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SPIKERS

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potential on that team."

Strong up front

Hammering home plenty of points for Canton were southpaw-swinging right-side hitter Sasha Cucuz (11 kills) and junior Haley Diedrick (six kills) — with on-a-tee sets provided by a trio of setters.

Senior Chelsea Janice orchestrated the early success, with all nine of her assists in the first two sets.

Later on in the match, senior Rachel Buzenberg (15 assists, nine in the third set) and junior Carleigh Vela (seven assists in the third set) took over.

"We don't have just one player they can go to," Johnson said. "But we always have somebody

that's hot that night.

"Most of the time it is Sasha but it could be (Kayla) Buford, (Lauren) Shornak or Haley Diedrick."

Buford was a thorn in the Patriots side with her perfectly timed blocks, finishing with four to lead Canton.

Helping finish off Franklin in the second set was Diedrick, with a four-point service run helped along by timely blocks by Shornak and Buford.

The Chiefs built a 12-6 edge in the clincher, with Vela strong at the stripe with five points including an ace.

It was 17-10 following a Buzenberg-to-Diedrick power slam, but Franklin tried to chip away after that and did cut the deficit to 23-21 following an ace served up by libero Kelly Newton.

That was about as close as the Patriots would get,

however.

Despite the fact the final outcome wasn't in doubt for much of the evening, Johnson still saw some wrinkles in the blocking department he'd like to see ironed out.

"I think they were getting up in the air a little too soon and not holding back," Johnson said.

"It could be communication. I'd like that to improve a little more."

Leading Canton in defensive digs were juniors Megan Roy and Sydney Torres, with nine each. Adding seven was Shornak.

Top contributors for Franklin included Newton (13 digs, three kills), Bailey Goldberg (three aces, 12 assist-to-kills), Mikayla Sinekiewicz (18 assist-to-kills) and Sarah Cramton (four kills).

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Refenes paces Warrior victory

Leah Refenes posted 19 of her team's 38 total kills Tuesday night as host Lutheran High Westland opened MIAC Blue Division girls volleyball play with a 15-25, 25-22, 25-12, 27-25 win over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

"We won a very hard fought match against one of our historical rivals," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team is 2-5-1 overall. "There was a lot of emotion on both sides and I thought we responded very well after the set one loss to regain control of the match with the big set three win."

Setter Bethany Hoehne added 18 assist-to-kills, while Refenes added 10 as the Warriors rallied in the fourth set to drop Northwest to 3-6-2 overall and 0-3 in the MIAC Blue.

Allie Lange and Mackenzie York each added five kills, while Sabrina Morrison served five aces.

"We had two chances to win the match but couldn't get it done until 27-25," Wade said. "Credit Northwest for a very hard fought match. I thought they were are very good team and they played very well. We are happy for the win, but we know we have a long way to go yet."

Spartans sweep Lions

Katie Tomasic posted 12 kills and three blocks Tuesday as Livonia Stevenson tuned up for Thursday's girls volleyball showdown at home with Novi by sweeping visiting South Lyon, 25-23, 25-16, 25-7.

The Spartans, who improved to 8-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's Central Division, also got six kills from Amanda Hawkins and five from Abby Whitehead.

Stevenson finished with 18 total blocks on the night as Hawkins added seven, while Taylor McLaud contributed four.

Sarah Soave and Carmen Disler combined for 21 assist-to-kills with 13 and eight, respectively. Whitehead also had 12 digs and added four ace serves.

Churchill topples Zebras

Natalie Panek had 14 kills and Mackenzie Hamill added six Tuesday as state-ranked Livonia Churchill (No. 7 Class A) posted a 25-16, 25-13, 25-11 victory Tuesday over visiting Wayne Memorial in a KLAA South Division match.

Other top performers for Churchill (14-4-1, 2-0) included Natalee Dziewit (eight digs, 19 assists), Amanda Rybak (eight assists) and Lauren Fallu (100 percent serve receive).

Leaders for Wayne (0-11-3) included Deja Tamlin (six kills, five blocks); Danielle Robbins (five kills, seven digs); and Savannah Monette (16 assists).

"We were simply outplayed tonight," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said. "We don't have a strong mental game and are still trying to find our team confidence. We are excited to get to see them again in a couple weeks."

John Glenn stalled

In a KLAA South Division match Tuesday, host Plymouth came away with a 25-15, 25-20, 25-23 triumph over Westland John Glenn (8-7-1, 0-2) as Senior Hannah Staples had 15 assists and 15 digs in the setback.

Other leaders for Glenn included Bri Robinson (four aces), Kelly Epperson (five kills) and Val Ernat (top passer).

KURTIS

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First Responders Memorial currently being erected at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road.

Kurtis, a six-time Detroit Marathon winner and five-time U.S. Olympic Trials qualifier, is more than happy to support the cause for those firefighters, EMTs and police officers who have lost their lives as first responders.

Back in April, Kurtis' wife Ann completed the Boston Marathon just minutes after the bomb explosions went off.

"I've seen renderings of the (Hines for Heroes) memorial and it looks fabulous," said Kurtis, a Stevenson High grad who ran at Michigan State. "This race is special, especially being after what happened

in Boston. The risks those people take are amazing. You have to be strong-willed to do that and to be put in harm's way. It's a tough thing to do, especially on a consistent basis."

Kurtis, a Ford Motor Co. retiree who underwent prostate surgery in 2012, has bounced back in 2013 with a series of nice performances.

On May 5, he completed his 199th marathon under 3 hours in Mississauga, Ontario, with a clocking of 2:58:12 (13th overall).

In June, he was gunning for his 200th 26.2-mile run in under 3 hours, but fell short at one of his favorite races, Grandma's in Duluth, Minn., (where he's won twice).

"I was battling some allergies and my training was not good," said Kurtis, who ran 12 sub-2:20s in 1989. "Usually I'm pretty consistent and good at racing, but I probably went

"This race is special, especially being after what happened in Boston. The risks those people take are amazing."

DOUG KURTIS,
distance runner

out little too hard and ran out of gas with five miles to go. At three (to go) I pretty much knew I wasn't going to hit three (hours), so I bagged it and kind of backed off."

Coming off his best half-marathon of the season, a 1:24:24 Sunday at the Capitol City River Run in Lansing, Kurtis has been pleased with his 2013 race campaign.

"At the beginning of the year I almost said I'm done

with my career," Kurtis said. "But people told me, you're two away from 200 sub 3-hour marathons. If I don't do it now, I'll never do it."

The Free Press Marathon will be Kurtis' final competitive hurrah as he'll concentrate full-time on being director of a pair of highly popular downtown races, the Turkey Trot and Corktown.

He'll continue running and doing races for fun, but the high mileage weeks will subside.

"That's it, if I don't do it, I'm done," Kurtis said of his sub 3-hour goal in Detroit. "I'm running 70 miles per week. It's a lot of work. The Heroes run is really my last race before Detroit, so it kind of fits in perfectly with my schedule. Seventy miles a week is a lot of work, but I don't want to devote that much time to training. I've been doing this for 45

years now. I just said, 'Alright, that's enough.' I'll stay in shape and run races for fun, but I don't want to race at this level anymore."

Meanwhile, the chance to run on familiar turf is something Kurtis couldn't pass up on Oct. 5.

"Like any team you're better off at home," he said. "You just feel more comfortable when you know your surroundings."

The Heroes on Hines half-marathon starts at 8 a.m. followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m.. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the *Observer and Eccentric Newspapers*. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half-marathon) if registered by Oct. 3.

For more information, visit heroesonhines.com.

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PREP FOOTBALL GRID PICKS

Week 4	Emons	O'Meara	Smith	Wright
Last week	10-3	11-2	7-6	10-3
Overall	31-10	31-10	23-18	27-14
All games start at 7 p.m. unless noted				
Friday, Sept. 20				
Garden City (2-1, 2-0) at Clarenceville (3-0, 1-0)	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Thurston (1-2, 0-1) at Fordson (2-1, 1-0)	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson
Redford Union (0-3, 0-2) at Romulus (1-1, 0-1)	Romulus	Romulus	Romulus	Romulus
Franklin (1-2, 0-1) at Plymouth (3-0, 1-0), 6:30 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Wayne (0-3, 0-1) at Churchill (0-3, 0-1)	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
John Glenn (2-1, 1-0) at Canton (3-0, 1-0)	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
South Lyon (1-2, 0-1) at Stevenson (2-1, 1-0)	Stevenson	South Lyon	Stevenson	South Lyon
Salem (0-3, 0-1) at Northville (2-1, 1-0)	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville
Farmington (1-2, 1-1) at Oxford (1-2, 1-1)	Oxford	Oxford	Farmington	Oxford
Harrison (3-0, 2-0) at Bloomfield Hills (0-3, 0-2)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Ferndale (0-3, 0-2) at N. Farmington (2-1, 1-1)	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington
Luth. West. (0-3, 0-1) at Oak Christian (1-2, 0-1)	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland

BOYS SOCCER

Stevenson pulls out sweet win vs. Wildcats, 3-2

Livonia Stevenson put it all together Tuesday night to earn a 3-2 KLAACentral Division boys soccer victory over visiting Novi.

The Spartans got goals from Billy Werthman (35th minute), Austin Rynicki (44th minute) and Hunter Mullett (63rd minute) to improve to 5-4 overall and 3-2 in the KLAACentral.

"Obviously it was a big league win for us," said Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot Novi, 12-6. "We played our most complete game of the year tonight. Our back line was very good from start to finish."

Werthman's goal came on a free kick from 20 yards out, while Rynicki scored on a header off a corner kick from Werth-

man. Mullett's goal came on a breakaway off a pass from Ryan Schifano.

Novi (4-4-1, 2-3) cut the deficit to 2-1 on Kim Joon's breakaway goal in the 47th minute, while Nick Oakley added a goal for the Wildcats on a tap-in during scrum in box with only one minute remaining.

Stevenson goalkeeper Mike Bolin made four saves, while Tommy McMaster had two stops for Novi.

FRANKLIN 1, JOHN GLENN 0: Matt Freed's unassisted goal with 22:13 left gave Livonia Franklin (6-3-1, 3-1-1) the KLAACentral Division title Tuesday over visiting Westland John Glenn (3-6, 1-4).

Franklin goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski made seven saves to record the shutout.

"Spencer played well and our defense played well, but we were shaky in the middle," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We were definitely not on our game, but we're happy with the win. We were not our usual selves the way we've played this year."

PLYMOUTH 1, CHURCHILL 0: Alex

Decker's goal midway through the second half enabled the Wildcats (3-7-1, 3-1-1) to earn a KLAACentral Division victory Tuesday at Livonia Churchill (4-5-1, 2-3).

Plymouth goalkeeper James Gibbs posted the shutout, while Churchill's Colton Robison made five saves.

"Both teams looked like they played the night before," Churchill coach Matt Grodzicki said. "But in the second half we made one mistake and the ball was in the back of the net. It's the way our season has gone."

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: Sophomore Mathew Causley notched a hat trick and added one assist Tuesday as the host Chiefs (9-0-2, 5-0) invoked the mercy rule against Wayne Memorial (1-7, 0-5) in a KLAACentral Division match.

Griffin Parks chipped in with a goal and two assists, while Cody Widlak and Carter Schenk each contributed a goal and an assist. Finishing off the scoring were Ammar Chishti and Dominick Murphy with a goal each.

Sharing the shutout were goalkeepers Jay Krebs and Andrew Loehns.

CALVARY 1, HURON VALLEY 0: Kenny Warren's goal in the 51st minute proved to be the difference Tuesday as Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (2-5, 1-5) pulled out the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-5, 1-4).

The Hawks were outshot 17-14 with six coming off the foot of HVL's Zach Wheeler.

CHURCHILL 4, SOUTH LYON 2: Tyler Piotrowski assisted on three goals Monday leading Livonia Churchill (4-4-1) to a KLAACentral Division victory Monday against the host Lions (4-3-1).

Piotrowski set up Erin Guri on a corner kick in the opening minute, then followed with assists to Luke Otto (20th minute) and Mike Adegbite-Martins (25th minute).

Daniel Jones also added a penalty kick in the fifth minute as all the scoring occurred in the first half.

Churchill goalkeeper Colton Robison made five saves, while center backs Brian Cavicchio and Andrew Moyer played all 80 minutes and provided solid defense.

FRANKLIN 4, W.L. WESTERN 2: Livonia Franklin (5-3-1) got off to a bit of a slow start, but finished strong Monday night to earn a KLAACentral Division victory over visiting Walled Lake Western.

The Patriots were led offensively by Robert Jiga, who scored a pair of goals.

Hayden Steinman and Sean Hillis each added a goal, while Dan Koponen and Matt Freed also drew assists.

Franklin goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski made seven saves.

"Towards the halfway mark of the first half we started to play our game," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We were attacking the ball more and played wider, which is our game."

Jordan Beasley and Ben Delnick scored for the Warriors, who trailed 2-1 at halftime.

EDSEL FORD 5, CLARENCEVILLE 0: On Monday, host Dearborn Edsel Ford exploded for four second-half goals to subdue Livonia Clarenceville (1-7-1, 0-3) in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference match.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Evan Gregg faced a total of 22 thunderbird shots, while saving one of two penalty kicks.

Nik Knepper, Logan Ziegler, Mohammad Algabri, Muneer Ahmed, and Trevor Burek each tallied goals for Edsel Ford.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Lady Ocelots go 2 overtimes for win

The nationally-ranked Schoolcraft College women's soccer team recorded a huge victory on the road Sunday, pulling out a 2-1 double-overtime win at Cincinnati State.

The No. 14 Lady Ocelots, who improved to 5-0 overall, broke a 1-1 tie with only 48 seconds remaining in the second OT when Kelly McKay tallied the game-winner, her fourth of the year, on a header off a cross from Tiffany Gates.

"I think our level of fitness and team depth played a big role in the win," said Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman, whose team improved to 5-0 in NJCAA Region XII.

"It's exhausting to play 90 minutes and then two overtime periods, not to mention all of the pressures that come with the situation."

Cincinnati State, ranked No. 18 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, scored on a penalty kick by Julie Martin in the 55th minute to take a 1-0 lead, but Schoolcraft's Jessica Perry tied it in the 67th minute on a blast from 20 yards out off an assist from Samantha Jarrett.

"I am hoping that the resilience and composure taught our players that we can play at a high level with a great degree of pressure," Shivraman said.

"These types of

goals will certainly help strengthen our team as relates to focus, confidence, and mental toughness."

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tara Gessler made four saves, while Kelsie Lee had 15 stops for Cincinnati State (4-1 overall, 2-1 in NJCAA Region XII).

MADONNA (MEN) 2, TAYLOR (IND.) 0: Behind a goal and an assist from senior Abdul Ibrahim, Madonna University (2-3) snapped a three-match losing streak Saturday against host Taylor University (0-5-2) at New Stadium.

The Crusaders, who had struggled scoring in their last three matches, wasted little time in getting on the board as junior Ryan Williams took a pass from Ibrahim and finished his shot to the lower right corner for a 1-0 lead at the 6:25 mark of the opening half.

In the 87th minute, Ibrahim gathered a pass through traffic from freshman Amadou Cisse to give the Crusaders an insurance goal.

MU goalkeeper Marcel Schmid made three saves during his 45 minutes of work before giving way to fellow rookie Matt Smolinski, who made two stops as MU posted its first shutout of the season.

MADONNA (WOMEN) 11, CLEARY 0: Kelly Capoccia (Livonia Ladywood) had a hat trick and one assist Saturday to power Madonna University (3-2-1) to a non-conference women's soccer victory over host Cleary College (1-6) in Howell.

The Crusaders, who led 6-0 at halftime, also got two goals apiece from Ashley Parent, Liliana Serratos and Katlyn Krysak.

Ma DeGrandis chipped in with a goal and assist, while Morgan Himanek added a goal. Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson) also collected two assists, while Kelsey Littman had one in the rout.

MU goalkeepers Blaire Schamlenberg (first half) and Katrina Arnold (second half) had to make just one save, while Cleary's Paige Colosimo had 17 stops.

CINCINNATI STATE (MEN) 3, SCHOOLCRAFT 0: In an NJCAA Region XII men's soccer match Sunday, No. 7-ranked Cincinnati State (6-0-1, 5-0) got a pair of goals from Bradley Gale to down visiting Schoolcraft College (2-4, 2-4).

Kevin Walker's goal in the fifth minute proved to be the game-winner. He also had an assist.

Goalkeeper Brandon Isaacs made six saves to post the shutout for the Surge.

Schoolcraft starting keeper Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin), who played the first 67:48, gave up all three goals and made three saves. Sean Simney finished up.

FOOTBALL

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ed a Parkway pass early in the second quarter and returned it 59 yards down to the Eagles' 11, but once again the Warriors turned the ball over on downs.

"First half, first-and-goal on the 11 and we couldn't do anything," said Gusè, whose team slipped to 0-3 overall. "It's really frustrating. Give Parkway credit. They took us out of our comfort zone, which is running the ball. First-and-goal and didn't score. We didn't take advantage and that's the name of the game and we didn't do it."

In the two previous games, Lutheran Westland had rushed for a combined 515 yards.

But against Parkway, the Warriors made just five first downs. Quarterback P.J. Gusè was 9-of-19 passing for 52 yards.

"We're not built to throw the ball," Paul Gusè said. "We just have to keep working at it and getting in sync in our passing game. We still have to run the ball, so ... We've got to look and see what they took away inside against our running game. We ran a little spread, but it wasn't any more effective than what else we did, so we kind of went back to what we're comfortable with."

Parkway had the better

scoring opportunities, especially in the third quarter when they missed field goal attempts of 42, 45 (blocked by Jacob Davenport) and 31 (bad snap) yards.

The Warriors, meanwhile, also came up short on a 35-yard field goal try with only 6:13 to go.

"Our guys played smash mouth football," Francis said. "They got low. They made blocks and they made tackles, and they went after them. They did a real good job against these guys."

Parkway had 294 total yards with Allen accounting for 168. The Parkway QB was 7-of-21 passing for 93 yards and had 75 yards rushing on 18

attempts.

Teammate Nathan Schick added 74 yards rushing on 15 carries.

Davenport and Nathan Abbott paced Lutheran Westland's defense with 25 combined tackles and two sacks.

"Forty seven minutes and 54 seconds were a 0-0 game," Gusè said. "They're not down. Obviously they're not happy, but they know they played a tough football game today and they know it could have gone either way. We need to clean some things up. We can't keep taking penalties late in the game like we did."

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GIRLS GOLF

GROSSE ILE INVITATIONAL
Sept. 14 at Grosse Ile Country Club
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Rochester Stoney Creek, 341 strokes; 2. Grosse Pointe South, 355; 3. Saline, 358; 4. Farmington Hills Mercy, 361; 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 361; 6. Grosse Ile (Red), 361; 7. Canton, 372; 8. Hartland, 389; 9. Flint Powers, 391; 10. Macomb Lutheran North, 399; 18. Livonia Churchill, 484 (18 schools).

Individual medalist: Emily White (Saline).
Churchill scorers: 65. Alyssa Mazur, 113; 66. Kristin McLean, 115; 74. Katie Shereda, 120; 89. Marin McGowan, 136; 91. Elizabeth Havlik, 137.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 167
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 236
Sept. 17 at Fox Hills (Hills)
Plymouth scorers: Sydney Murphy, 38 (medalist); Kayla Whately, 39; Katie Chipman, 42; Ariana Strzalka and Aliana Strzalka, 48 each; Justine Bailey, 58.
Churchill scorers: Katie Shereda, 46; Alyssa Mazur, 60; Kristin McLean and Elizabeth Havlik, 65 each; Marin McGowan, 67; Megan Crocker, 78.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLAACentral Division; Churchill, 3-2 overall, 3-2 KLAACentral Division.

SOCCER

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with 23:57 remaining, but Jake Plisko's shot was wiped out by an offside.

But this time the officials may have gotten it right.

"From my angle I couldn't tell, but the linesman was pretty adamant that guy was like a yard offside and he (Plisko) was behind him," Duhl said. "But any time you get the (first) call you'd be upset about not getting the

"We're young, we're injured and they (Salem) are pretty good. I do kind of like where we're going, though... We just have to continue to get better. We're just getting healthy."

KEN SHINGLEDECKER,
Stevenson coach

same call for yourself."

That second goal proved more than enough for the Rocks, but they couldn't add to their lead as Stevenson sophomore keeper Austin Kaczmarek kept it a two-goal margin by making four spectacular one-handed saves.

"I thought we played much better in the sec-

ond half and I liked our energy," said Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team dropped to 4-4 overall and 2-2 in the KLAACentral. "And there's really no quit with this group, which is good."

"We got a big week. We play right away tomorrow (vs. Novi) and we're just trying to get

the sophomore (Kaczmarek) in as much as we can. And he's been excellent. Every time we put him in he plays really well. We'll go back to Bolin tomorrow and those two guys are both capable of getting the job done, no doubt."

There was a lot to like about Rocks' performance — except their

finishing.

"We were able to get on the ball a lot," Duhl said. "I would feel more comfortable telling you what I didn't like, which is the decision making in the final third. We were right on the edge of the box 40 times tonight and we chose to dribble when we should have been passing. And we were passing when we should have been shooting."

"We got it wrong a lot, but we scored a really good second goal. I think first goal actually was offside. I'm pretty sure our guys even think so. I've said this all year — we move the ball really well, but it's all about the final product. That's the difference in any game."

Duhl also singled out three unsung players who made it possible for senior goalkeeper Collin Hewett to post the shutout.

"I thought our two center backs — Jordan Salhani and Alex Price — were good," the first-year coach said. "We actually had a new pairing and these two guys playing together. But I thought they did a pretty good job. It's a work in progress. Even moving Walid (Kandah) into the center field is more of a calming presence in the game. I thought those

three guys did a really good job defending them, and playing out of it, so we could connect and keep the ball a lot."

Facing the Central Division's three toughest teams this week was a tall order for an inexperienced Stevenson squad which played six sophomores.

"We're young, we're injured and they (Salem) are pretty good," Shingledecker said. "I do kind of like where we're going, though. The scoreboard says 2-0 and the first goal was a tough deal, and I thought maybe could have been offside ..."

"We just have to continue to get better. We're just getting healthy. We got Billy Werthman back since the first one. It's good to have him back today. It's a chance to move Gino (D'Orazio) out of the back. And I thought Gino really responded in the midfield and gave us some life in there. Things are starting to come. We have some guys still out hurt that hopefully will get back. It's not a finished product, but we'll get there."

Meanwhile, Duhl is comfortable with the way the season has unfolded thus far.

"I think it's good," he said. "I think these guys are comfortable with me and I'm comfortable with a lot of them. I think it's been a smooth transition."

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On September 24, 2013, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1995	CADILLAC	DFW	WHITE	1G6KD52B6SU250124
1995	CHEVROLET	LUMINA	WHITE	2G1WN52M3S1139287
1998	LINCOLN	NAVIGATOR	BLUE	5LMFU28L9WLJ01128
1999	GMC	JIMMY	GOLD	1GKCS18W5XK500566
1994	CHEVROLET	S10	SILVER	1GCCS14Z2R8235603
1993	PONTIAC	BONNEVILLE	GREEN	1G2HX53LXP1284683
2002	CHRYSLER	300	RED	2C3HE66G62H266461
2009	MITSUBISHI	GALANT	RED	4A3AB36F89E017797
1997	FORD	ESCORT	SILVER	1FALP10P4VW247253
2004	FORD	FOCUS	SILVER	1FAFP34334W193605
1993	OLDSMOBILE	EIGHTY-EIGHT	BLUE	1G3HN53LPH308751
2006	FORD	TAURUS	RED	1FAFP53U16A147535
2007	BUICK	LACROSSE	BLACK	2G4WC582571129642
2002	JAGUAR	X-TYPE	GRAY	SAJEA53C22WC44548
2001	FORD	ECONOLINE	RED	1FDRE14WX1HA31820
1998	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	TAN	1G1NE52M8W6187121
1990	HONDA	CBR600	WHITE	JH2PC2300LM002932
1999	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	SILVER	1G2WP52K0XF348281

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after October 19, 2013 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1993	CHEVROLET	LUMINA	GRAY	2G1WN14T4P9225147
1998	FORD	EXPLORER	WHITE	1FMZU32P9WZB92512

RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

BIBLE STUDY

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. Attendees should bring their own Bibles
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200 or www.livoniastmichael.org

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 10:30-11:45 a.m. Tuesdays and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays

Location: St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: Tuesday session began Sept. 10 and focuses on Prophets and Epistle to the Philippians/Epistle of James. Thursday session begins Sept. 26 and includes Acts of the Apostles and Epistle to the Romans
Contact: 248-476-4700

CATHOLICISM 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. Barron's series has been seen on many PBS stations. Registration for the program is required and study guide materials cost \$25
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207, or e-mail swilliams@livoniastmichael.org

EUCHRE NIGHT

Time/Date: 5 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

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sept. 27

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: "Thou Shalt Laugh," is a film about seven Christian comedians and their stand-up routines. Admission is free. A dinner of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans will be offered for a free will donation. Call the church to reserve a dinner spot
Contact: 248-553-3380

GRIEF WORKSHOP

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

GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 22-Jan. 5, 2014

Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, south of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally-respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion. Registration fee is \$15, which will include a workbook.

Contact: Pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

MOM2MOM 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

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30am - noon, Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: \$2 early bird admission; \$1 after 9 a.m., strollers after 10 a.m. Tables available to rent.

Contact: betsy.everett@gmail.com

NEW SUPPORT GROUPS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sept. 26

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: One workshop is "Hope for Tomorrow" and is a grief support for those struggling following the death of a loved one. Topics include: roller coaster of emotions, tasks of mourning, grief's effect on the whole person, a "new" normal, and more. The second workshop, "Through the Fire," is a divorce/separation recovery covering topics of good grief and feelings, handling guilt, dealing with stress, co-dependency, forgiveness, children of divorce and more. Space is limited. Call the church office to register
Contact: 248-553-3380

PRAYER LIFE PROGRAM

Time/Date: 8:30-10 a.m. Saturdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 16

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

Details: Oremus, a study program about Catholic prayer, explores practical steps for building an authentic prayer life based on genuine conversations with God rather than rote recitation of the prayers. Registration is required and there is a \$15 fee for study materials

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 207; livoniastmichael.org

QUILT SEWING BLITZ

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 3 and 12

Location: Timothy Church, 8820 Wayne Road, at Joy, in Livonia

Details: Quilts will be constructed for Lutheran World Relief. Instruction in cutting and sewing will be available

Contact: 734-427-2290; www.timothylutheranchurch.com

YOUTH AND RELIGION

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19

Location: St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office presents a program on youth and faith for anyone interested in the religious lives of youth. The session will consider the role parents and family play in raising youths in the Catholic faith; what can be done to nurture faith; and what the National Study on Youth and Religion says about Catholic youths. RSVP to the church
Contact: 734-425-5950; www.staidanlivonia.org

OCTOBER

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: Oct. 14
Location: K of C Council Monahan Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Donors will receive free Guernsey Ice Cream instead of the traditional juice and cookies. Call to make an appointment to donate blood
Contact: Dan at 734-591-3237

CONCERT

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

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road between Grand River and Freedom Road, Farmington

Details: The Birmingham Concert Band opens St. John's concert series. The band will present "A Musical Passport," under the direction of Jason Rose. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be collected
Contact: The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr at 248-474-0584; pastorlk@gmail.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 5

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Kim-Char Meredith, Chicago-based recording artist, will perform. Meredith sings both secular and faith-based music. She has performed everywhere from coffee houses to convention centers and has opened for Melissa Etheridge. Suggested donation is \$15. Tickets are available at the church
Contact: 734-421-1760

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Hear Gary Michuta

second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Peter.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org
Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

ROSARY RALLY

Time/Date: Noon-1 p.m. Oct. 12

Location: Madonna University, located at Levan and I-96, in Livonia

Details: The Rev. Bernard Luedtke will lead the praying of the rosary. The event is held in conjunction with America Needs Fatima, a group that promotes rosary prayer.

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16

Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: This fundraiser for a youth mission trip to Appalachia will include household items, clothing, jewelry, books, toys and much more for sale. Bag sale starts at noon on Wednesday.
Contact: 734-453-5280

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 11 and 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 12

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, on the south side of the street, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills

Details: The sale will include a specialty boutique, house wares/household, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only. Items will be marked up 20 percent on opening day. A bag sale will be held on Saturday
Contact: 248-477-1410

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920
FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shilawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

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BAKER, BRIAN C.

Age 52 of Plymouth, September 12, 2013. Loving husband of Sally. Beloved father of Melanie, and Sarah. Dear son of William and the late Ann. Dear brother of Cathy (Bob) Regan, David (Sandy) Baker, and Jim (Stacey) Baker. Visitation Saturday 10 AM until the 12 Noon Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, or ALS of Michigan. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com
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GENRICH, BRUNO FRANCIS

September 11, 2013. Age 87, beloved husband of the late Rose Marie. Loving father of Patrick (Jan), John (Jodi), Ann Marie (Mark) Rockov, Richard (Adriana), Ronald (Gail), David (Betsey), Michael (Mary), Bruno (Diana) and Julie (Jim) Dillon. Also survived by 24 grandchildren. Resting at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (west of Lilley) Thursday, 1-9 p.m. Rosary 7 p.m. Instate Friday, 10 a.m. at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 Lilley Road (S of Cherry Hill) until time of Mass at 11 a.m. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com In lieu of flowers memorial gifts to UM SJMH ACE Unit, 300 N. Ingalls, Room 907, Ann Arbor MI 48109

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Garden City native reveals his life, hometown through sketch comedy

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Garrett Fuller loves Garden City, so it's no surprise the 28-year-old sketch comedian and improviser references his hometown on stage.

"I have a couple of different ones about Garden City," said Fuller, describing the stories that underpin his current show at Go Comedy! Improv Theater in Ferndale.

"After being in the community so long, I've become synonymous with Garden City. It's a thing people bring up to me all the time. I must talk about it a lot. When people drive through Garden City, they'll text me and say, 'Hey, I was in your hometown.' I'm proud of my city. I love where I come from."

Fuller, who grew up in Garden City, but now lives in Livonia, is half the comedy team that makes up "An Evening with Fuller & Lark."

Bryan Lark of Ferndale shares the stage with Fuller for 70 minutes, beginning at 8 p.m., Thursday-Friday through Oct. 4 at the theater, located at 261 E. Nine Mile, east of Woodward. Tickets are \$15 and are available online at www.gocomedy.net or at the theater box office beginning at 6 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday.

The pair tells personal stories in the form of monologues, sketches and songs. Some of the material came out of improvisation and some



Garrett Fuller (left) of Livonia and Bryan Lark of Ferndale make fun of themselves through song, sketches and monologues at Go Comedy!

from writing individually or in collaboration. For Fuller, the two-man show is a culmination of his work in the Detroit-area improv community.

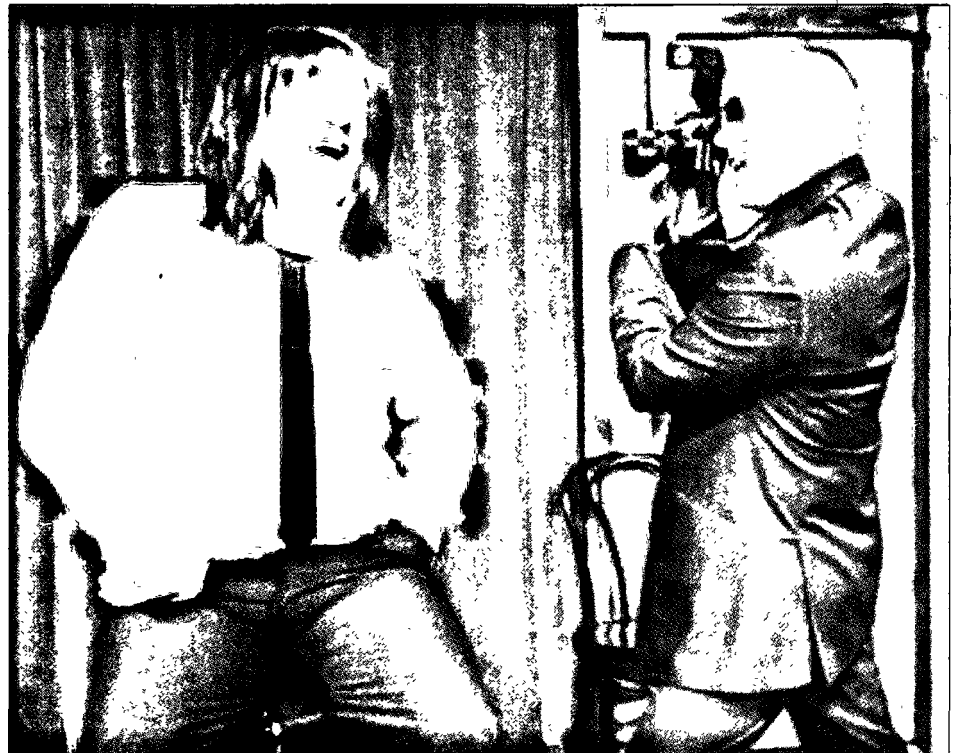
"I've always wanted to do my own show. I love being part of a resident cast but I always wanted to write my own stuff, create my own thing. Bryan is my best friend, so we've always had a million ideas through the years that we always

wanted to put on stage, and this is the show that made all those ideas come to fruition."

Decade of experience

Ten years after starting classes at Second City in Novi, where he and Lark met, Fuller, a Garden City High School graduate, considers himself a "weathered veteran" of the improv stage.

"For years and years I



Garrett Fuller (left) of Livonia and Bryan Lark of Ferndale mix monologues, songs, and sketches in a new show at Go Comedy.

was the kid, the young guy. Everyone was older than me. Now that I'm 10 years in, there are all these young people around."

Rather than view the up-and-coming crop of improvisers as competition, Fuller welcomes the chance to share the stage with them.

"If someone is good, you really want to play with them on stage more than you would want to beat them. In a stand-up comedy environment you would feel competition because it's you against them."

Improv theaters

Fuller performed in student shows while taking classes at Second City. He also improvised at Improv Inferno, in Ann Arbor; at Planet Ant in Hamtramck where he's still a member of the home team; and at Go Comedy! where he is a former resident cast member.

"I still perform there all the time, every single week," he said, referring to the Ferndale venue.

"I teach there but I'm not on the resident cast any more because when the kids were born I wanted to be home

more," he said.

Fuller is a stay-at-home dad for his twin 3-year-old boys. He said they inspire much of his writing.

"I never thought my comedy would come from my children, but nowadays 90 percent is from my life. I can pull humor from my everyday situations."

When the show ends, Fuller hopes to move on to bigger opportunities. He and his wife are making plans to move to New Jersey, where she grew up. She's interviewing for jobs there, so that he can "make a run" at New York City.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS, CRAFTS GALLERY @ VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances and by appointment, through Sept. 29

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Nicholas Wilson shows paintings and half-screen-printed wood box panels in this mixed media show called "Technology and the Immortal Condition"

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 28.

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Terry Lee Dill's solo exhibition, "Dimorphism" consists of elaborate drawings in black ink and gold leaf. For the past 20 years, Dill conceptualized fantastical buildings as metaphors of his daily life. His work shows hints of Dr. Seuss, M.C. Escher and Erich Mendelsohn.

Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 21-22

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Despicable Me 2," admission \$3

Coming up: "The Way Way Back," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 27-28 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 28

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: "The Graduate," with Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman, along with the Pink Panther in "The Pink Panther," \$5 admission

Coming up: Vincent Price film festival with "Diary of a Mad Man" and "The Raven," 8 p.m. Oct. 4; "House of Wax," 2 p.m. Oct. 5; "The Masque of the Red Death" and "The Tangler," 8 p.m. Oct. 5. Tickets are \$5 per show or \$13 for all three shows.

Contact: 313-537-2560



Native American dancing and drumming will be among the activities from 1-4 p.m. at Native American Heritage Day, Saturday, Sept. 21 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Contact: www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21; open mic and featured musicians perform the third Saturday of the month through May

Location: The JWH Center for

the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Featured performers are The Folk Laureates; host is Doug McClennen; several open mic spots will be filled. Open mic performers sign up from 6:15-6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free monthly admission

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BF5president@aol.com

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5

Location: Selligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser on the campus of Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills

Details: Emerson String Quartet performs of Mozart, Britten and

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Reunited band's first CD is hard rockin' 'Joy Ride'

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Reuniting after a 30-year hiatus and then recording a first CD is like "riding a bike," says Skid Marx, bass guitarist for the rock band, The Seatbelts.

Marx, a Redford Township resident, and fellow musicians, guitarists Rick Mills of Royal Oak and Chris Flanagan of Ferndale, drummer Tony Bojanic of Grosse Pointe and singer Greg Upshur of Stockbridge released *Joy Ride*, a collection of 13 songs on CD, last month and will "rock the finish line" at the Detroit Women's Half Marathon and 5K, Sunday, Sept. 22 on Belle Isle in Detroit. The concert is free.

"It came fairly simple, but also it was refreshing, it was new, something we hadn't done in all that time," said Marx, referring to the CD re-

recording. "Some of the songs on the CD are 30 years old. They had never gotten recorded. We updated them as far as the drum and guitar sounds and changed the arrangements on some of them."

Other bands

Marx left the band a year after it formed in 1977 and although other members stayed together until the early 1980s, The Seatbelts didn't record until now.

After leaving The Seatbelts, Marx joined the band, Flirt, which performed through the late 1980s, disbanded and reunited in the 1990s and again in 2003. He's still plays with Circus Boy, a punk rock band.

Other former Seatbelts members were busy working with other bands, including The Cubes and 3-D Invisibles over the past several years.

Reuniting

In 2010 four of them happened to attend the same benefit event. They talked about jump-starting The Seatbelts.

"I contacted Greg, we talked about it and within a month we had our first show."

The band has worked steady gigs ever since, drawing fans from age 19 to 50-plus to its performances.

"I call it Detroit rock," said Marx, describing the band's sound. "It's not classic but it's got a Detroit 1960s feel to it. Sometimes I call it dance-oriented rock because a lot of people dance to it. It's fun to see that in a bar, people getting up to dance."

Catch The Seatbelts on Oct. 26 at the Bullfrog Bar and Grill in Redford Township.

For more about the band visit Facebook.com/seatbeltsdetroit.



The Seatbelts will "rock the finish line" with a free concert at the Detroit Women's Half Marathon, Sunday, Sept. 22 on Belle Isle. *CYBELLE CODISH*

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Beethoven. Single tickets range from \$30-\$60, and student tickets are priced at \$15-24

Contact: www.chambermusicdetroit.org or call 248-855-6070

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Russ Miller Quintet performs at the next show on Sept. 24. Miller plays flute and saxophone; Charlie Miller is on trumpet; Cliff Monear is on keyboard; Jeff Pedraz on bass; and Dave Taylor on drums. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

LAS VEGAS SUPERSTARS

Time/Date: Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 22

Location: Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, between Ford Road and Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Impersonators will sing tributes to Dean Martin, Barbra Streisand, Paul Anka, Johnny Rivers and The Everly Brothers. Admission is \$20, cash only. Includes free pizza and pop

Contact: Larry James at 734-788-1525

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic for music and poetry; come and show your creative side.

Saturday featured artist: The Skinny Raccoons, Sept. 21; Seth Abram, Sept. 28. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

SENATE THEATER

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22

Location: 8424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: Justin Stahl of Indianapolis, Ind., will play a pops concert on the theater's historic Wurlitzer organ. Tickets are \$15 at the door for non-members.

Coming up: Bob Milne and Bob Seely, veteran piano players, perform "Piano Ragtime and Boogie Woogie Blast!" at 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29. Tickets are \$15.

Contact: 313-894-0850

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Sept. 20; The Boogie Woogie Kid Matthew Ball, Sept. 21. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Impersonators Rob Garrett and Sharon Owens perform tributes to Neil Diamond and Barbra Streisand. Tickets are \$27, available from cantonvillagetheater.org or by

calling 734-394-5460. Tickets also are available at the door beginning an hour before show time

Contact: 734-394-5300

VIVACE SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The David Glukh International Ensemble performs improvisation, Yiddish classics, klezmer, and masterpieces by Tchaikovsky, Verdi and Puccini. An afterglow will follow the concert. General admission is \$23; members, seniors and students under 18 pay \$20.

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 28

Location: Canton-Plymouth Mettetal-Airport, 8550 N. Lilley, Canton

Details: Dozens of aircraft on display, including vintage airplanes; model airplane demonstrations; airplane and helicopter rides; food and beverages available

Contact: 734-459-0012

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Oct. 31

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Zoo Brew: Sample more than 80 beers from Michigan craft breweries, 6-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Attendees must be 21 or over; photo ID will be required. The event includes complimentary tram tours and zookeeper talks as well as entertainment by rock band The Hard Lessons with special guest Mod Orange, blues guitarist/vocalist Laith Al-Saadi and blues/classic rock artist Pete "Big Dog" Fetters. Advance tickets are \$35 until Sept. 20 at detroitzoo.org/events/zoobrew or \$40 after that date online or at the gate

Contact: 248-541-5717

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 19-20

Location: The Mix Studio Theatre, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: "The UFO Show IV (Unidentified Funny Objects): The Pirate Edition," is an evening of standup, storytelling and original songs. Comedian and former Ann Arbor Police detective Khurum Sheikh will emcee both nights. The show on Sept. 19 will feature the standup comedy of Bob Obst, Julie Lyons, Cory Latarski, Rick Goldberg, Marty Smith, and the comic songs of Greg "Washboard" Floyd. The show on Sept. 20 will feature Elvis Mujik, Ace Armstrong, Wesley Ward, David Kleitch, Allen Smock and Michael Geeter. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$8, available at www.emergentarts.com or at the door by check or cash only

Contact: www.emergentarts.com

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26

Location: Downtown Plymouth

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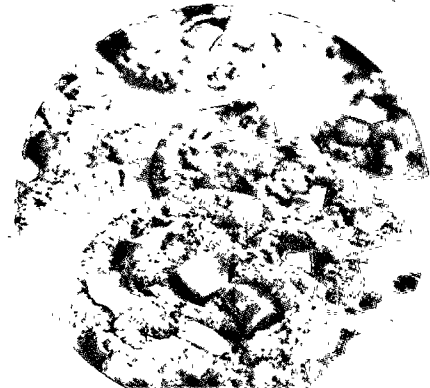
"Our new Choco-Mint Crownie recipe combines a vanilla-rich chocolate chip cookie with a cool peppermint brownie," said Mary Beth Harrington of the

Spice up goodies with flavor twist

McCormick Kitchens. "They're easy to make - just add a splash of peppermint extract to your brownie batter, pour into a pan, spoon chocolate chip cookie dough flavored with pure vanilla on top and bake."

Other easy recipes from the McCormick Kitchens take brownies and chocolate chip cookies from bake sale favorites to bake sale stars. It's as simple as adding extracts to brownie mix or folding in tasty ingredients like cinnamon and cocoa to your favorite made-from-scratch cookie recipe.

For more delicious bake sale ideas, visit McCormick.com.



CHOCO-MINT CROWNIES

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 40 minutes
Makes: 24 servings

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 teaspoons pure vanilla extract, divided
- 1 package (12 ounces) miniature chocolate chips
- 1 package (family-size) fudge brownie mix
- 1/2 teaspoon pure peppermint extract

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix flour, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and sugars in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add egg and 2 teaspoons of the vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Stir in chocolate chips. Set aside.
2. Prepare brownie mix as directed on package, adding remaining 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and peppermint extract. Spread in greased 13- by 9-inch baking pan.
3. Bake 15 minutes. Drop cookie dough by tablespoonfuls on brownie, covering the top evenly. Batter will spread during baking.
4. Bake 20 to 25 minutes longer or until cookie top is golden brown. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

CINNAMON CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 8 minutes
Serves: Makes 5 dozen or 30 (2 cookie) servings

- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 package (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

1. Mix flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and sugars in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Stir in chocolate chips and walnuts.
2. Preheat oven to 375°F. Drop by rounded tablespoons about 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 1 minute. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

RASPBERRY BROWNIES RECIPE

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
Serves: Makes 24 servings

- Brownies:**
- 1 package (family-size) fudge brownie mix
- 4 teaspoons McCormick Raspberry Extract
- Raspberry Chocolate Frosting:**
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Raspberry Extract
- 1 container (16 ounces) chocolate frosting

1. Prepare brownie mix as directed on package. Stir in raspberry extract. Spread in greased 13- by 9-inch baking pan.
2. Bake and cool as directed on package.
3. Meanwhile, for the frosting, stir raspberry extract into chocolate frosting. Spread over cooled brownie. Cut into squares

CHOCOLATE CHUNK MOCHA COOKIES

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes
Makes 4 dozen or 24 (2 cookie) servings

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 teaspoons McCormick Pure Coffee Extract
- 6 ounces semi-sweet baking chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and sugars in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs and coffee extract; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Stir in chocolate and walnuts.
2. Drop by rounded tablespoons about 2 inches apart onto baking sheets sprayed with no stick cooking spray.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or just until cookies are set. Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

CITY BITES

Fabulous food tasting

Livonia - Tickets are still available for Schoolcraft College Foundation's signature food and wine event, Culinary Extravaganza, which runs 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at the Vis Ta Tech Center, located on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty. Tickets are \$50 per person - of which \$20 is a charitable contribution - and will include food and drink sampling from approximately 50 restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors; a silent auction; a raffle with cash prizes and a demonstration by Master Chef Jeff Gabriel and expert vintner, Lee Hershey on healthy food and wine pairing. Football fans won't miss any of the action at the

Detroit Lions-Washington Redskins - the televised game will be featured along with pub-style fare in one area at the event. Proceeds from Culinary Extravaganza benefit student scholarships and the culinary arts department at Schoolcraft College. For tickets, call 734-462-4689 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

Heated competition

Plymouth - The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Show could be your ticket to a cash prize, trophy and bragging rights for best in red chili, chili verde or salsa.

The 18th annual event is set for Sunday, Oct. 6 in downtown Plymouth. Chili cooks can register to participate

in the Cook-off online at www.greatlakeschili.com. Fees are \$40 for the red chili category, \$25 for chili verde, \$20 for salsa and \$40 for a "People's Choice" competition. In addition to the competitive cooking, a motorcycle show will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; live bands will perform beginning at noon and children's activities will keep little hands busy from noon to 5 p.m.

The public will get a chance to sample chili throughout the day. Samples will cost \$1 each. All money raised from the event goes to Habitat for Humanity and Penrickton Center for Blind Children. For more information, contact Annette Horn at 734-776-9669 or GLRChili@sbcglobal.net



Chef Jeffrey Gabriel of Schoolcraft College will demonstrate healthy and wholesome food at the upcoming Culinary Extravaganza. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Preventing kitchen fires focus of annual safety effort

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) annual awareness campaign, Fire Prevention Week, will be held Oct. 6-12. The nonprofit fire safety organization is encouraging the public to prevent kitchen fires. The kitchen is the leading area of origin for home fires and most kitchen fires are caused by cooking. On average, there are roughly 3,000 reported kitchen fires per day in the United States.

The Fire Prevention Week website is the central portal for information and resources to help families, teachers, community leaders, and fire officials spread the word about fire safety.

The site includes fire safety tip sheets, fire statistics, a family safety checklist, Sparky the Fire Dog activities for kids and public service announcement videos. Videos on the site include "Sparky's Kitchen Rules," a fire safety song for kids, and safety tips from Sparky's Aunt Dottie.

Visitors can also test their knowledge of fire safety with the Fire Prevention Week Quiz, a fun, interactive resource that lets families see how well-prepared they are for an emergency. Quiz-takers can review their results and compare them with others via Twitter and Facebook.

Continuing for 2013 will be the Sparky's Wish List Campaign. The program, now



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in its second year, is designed to help fire departments connect with their local communities. Fire departments across the country have registered for public safety education materials they need in their communities. Individuals can then help their local fire department prepare for Fire Prevention Week by fulfilling the wishes.

NFPA offers these important fire safety tips:
» Be alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.

» Keep an eye on what you fry! Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

» If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

» Have a "kid-free zone" of

at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

About Fire Prevention Week

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925. Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more safety information.

About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.



Robert Meisner

Check fine print, rights on 'fees'

Q: I just entered into a listing agreement and noted in the fine print that the brokerage firm has a right to take an "administrative fee" over and above the commission. Is that something that is unusual?

A: Apparently, a number of real estate companies are now charging this "administrative fee" in addition to a commission to cover alleged expenses with respect to the closing. My view on behalf of our many real estate clients is that fee should not be charged given the nature of the commission that is being paid by you, presumably six percent in a residential closing. Obviously, other types of brokerage firms will offer a commission at less and/or will waive the administrative fee if you ask. Most people don't even recognize or realize that there will be a fee until the closing since it is generally in small print in the listing agreement and not emphasized by the realtor. I would suggest that you bring it to the attention of the realtor at this point, and in the future carefully review your listing agreement before you sign it or have an attorney review it who has experience in dealing with realtors who impose this brokerage fee.

Q: A developer promised to provide to our association a certain tract of land before the first unit was sold to be used as a common area. However, the developer then sold the land to the city without us receiving any compensation. Do you think we have a claim against the city and/or the developer for what they did?

A: Obviously, you have a claim against the developer if it breached your declaration or master deed as the case may be. Also, based on similar facts out of the Tennessee appellate court, the city was found to have been required to compensate the HOA for taking open space that was to be provided to the association by the developer. The fair market value of that open area was to be determined at a separate hearing. Accordingly, your association should immediately retain capable legal counsel to pursue not only the developer, but the city for just compensation.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will hold a free Career Seminar, explaining the \$50,000 income guarantee, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 Plymouth.

For more information, contact Mary Beth Kaljian at 734-459-4700 or mb@marybethk.com.

Seminar

The Meisner Law Group announced that Robert M. Meisner will conduct a four-week course Tuesdays in October from 7-9 p.m. covering "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation."

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a

condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact The Meisner Law Group at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the differ-

ent steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addevaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 3-6, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

613 Aylesbury Ct \$450,000
46564 Bartlett Dr \$237,000
7262 Burgundy St \$198,000
8726 Columbia Cir \$70,000
50467 Coolidge St \$230,000
41980 Echo Forest Ct \$340,000
1697 Fern Ct \$172,000
6753 Foxthorn Rd \$85,000
50246 Grant St \$214,000
7591 Green Meadow Ln \$153,000
50135 Hanford Rd \$270,000
39612 Hillary Dr \$140,000
45223 Lemont Rd \$173,000
49136 Manhattan Cir \$280,000
6592 Marshall St \$235,000
44250 Postmill Ct \$200,000
45066 Rector Dr \$140,000
5938 Runnymede Dr \$135,000
45037 Seabrook Dr \$287,000

208 Sheffield Ct \$200,000
43479 W Arbor Way Dr \$63,000
43530 Westminster Way \$146,000
43961 Yorktown St \$198,000
GARDEN CITY
2009 Arcola St \$59,000
30571 Brown St \$98,000
28449 Cambridge St \$54,000
1825 Inkster Rd \$43,000
28908 James St \$50,000
28950 Leona St \$100,000
27514 Windsor St \$84,000
LIVONIA
9970 Doris St \$86,000
15496 Edington St \$240,000
11684 Farmington Rd \$116,000
17151 Fitzgerald St \$195,000
9046 Hartel St \$171,000
11735 Hunters Park Ct \$253,000
36547 Ladywood St \$240,000
32472 Maryland St \$123,000
30291 Minton St \$130,000
37712 N Laurel Park Dr \$162,000
20190 Pollyanna Dr \$270,000
16724 Saviole St \$212,000
9929 Shady Side St \$48,000
27989 Terrence St \$189,000

18215 Wayne Rd \$235,000
NORTHVILLE
19736 Dearborn Ct \$98,000
48134 Four Seasons Blvd \$110,000
48134 Four Seasons Blvd \$895,000
49418 N Glacier \$258,000
47178 Red Oak Ct \$520,000
17676 Stonebrook Ct \$640,000
39504 Village Run Dr \$271,000
113 Walnut St \$155,000
16306 Westminster Dr \$362,000
16452 White Haven Dr \$240,000
PLYMOUTH
140 Burroughs St \$240,000
45899 Litchfield Dr \$360,000
11488 Mona Ct \$219,000
12085 Nicholas Ln \$272,000
349 Red Ryder Dr \$275,000
9657 Russell Ave \$171,000
9311 S Main St \$310,000
1372 Sheridan St \$380,000
744 Starkweather St \$365,000
11403 Waverly Dr \$211,000
REDFORD
17302 Denby \$2,000
15583 Gaylord \$33,000
18264 Gaylord \$30,000

17686 Glenmore \$64,000
19930 Inkster Rd \$12,000
25306 Ivanhoe \$4,000
26780 Joy Rd \$17,000
14260 Marshall Dr \$171,000
14244 Mason Dr \$151,000
9609 Norborne \$82,000
17361 Sumner \$60,000
18803 Wakenden \$74,000
9583 Winston \$55,000
WAYNE
4654 Niagara St \$40,000
31447 Tyler St \$38,000
WESTLAND
941 Barchester St \$84,000
37517 Barkridge Cir \$55,000
35208 Cherry Hill Rd \$35,000
6565 Chirrewa St \$84,000
625 Larchmont Ct \$127,000
31715 Mackenzie Dr \$113,000
29134 Manchester St \$26,000
5909 Morley St \$120,000
5775 N Wayne Rd \$105,000
8325 Opal Dr \$199,000
471 S John Hix St \$88,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 13-17, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

22830 Shagbark Dr \$450,000
BINGHAM FARMS
23357 Old Orchard Trl \$450,000
BIRMINGHAM
679 Ann St \$250,000
1863 Bowers St \$185,000
915 Chapin Ave \$582,000
972 Chesterfield Ave \$640,000
419 Pilgrim Ave \$1,083,000
327 Southfield Rd # 13 \$127,000
515 W Merrill St \$700,000
3599 Wabek Lake Dr W \$240,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
1753 Huntingwood Ln # D \$75,000
30 Scenic Oaks Dr N \$835,000
536 Whitehall Rd \$440,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

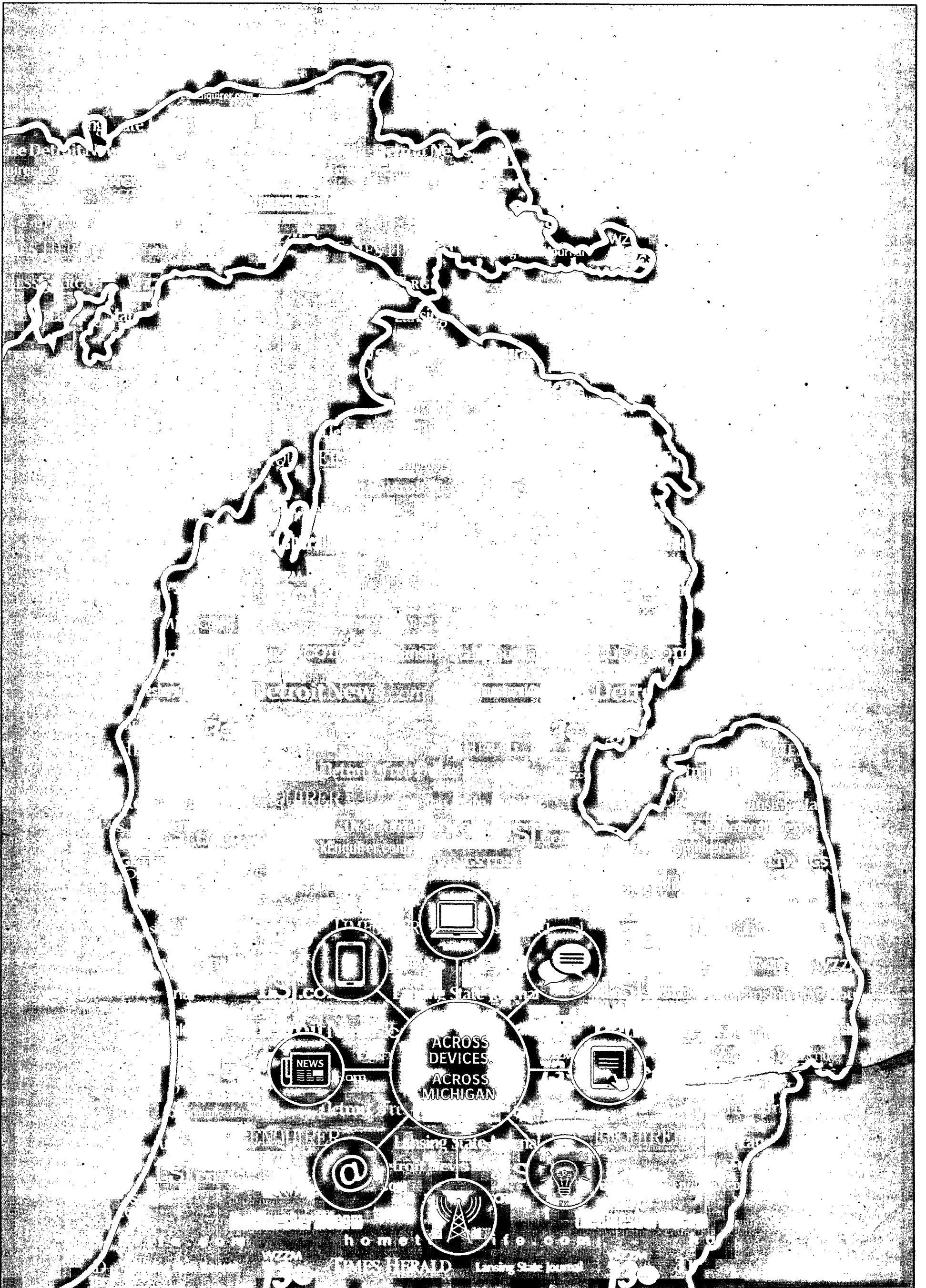
1302 Ashover Dr \$140,000
2709 Aspen Ln \$261,000
5600 Crabtree Rd \$245,000
5906 Eastmoor Rd \$1,560,000
5690 Forman Dr \$799,000
7285 Hiddenbrook Ln \$1,038,000
5550 Kenmoor Rd \$215,000
1834 Ledbury Dr \$255,000
1985 Lone Pine Rd \$509,000
1163 Lone Pine Woods Dr \$615,000
3875 Quarton Rd \$222,000
4502 Ranch Ln \$600,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
6031 Birchcrest Ln \$399,000
3170 Edgewood Park Dr \$550,000
3426 Edgewood Park Dr \$913,000
3321 Fox Blvd \$80,000
2975 Ivy Hill Dr \$312,000
160 Liza Ln \$265,000
3278 Mandrake St \$62,000
FARMINGTON
32800 W Eight Mile Rd \$61,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

21939 Crescent Ct \$220,000
36111 Crompton Cir \$300,000
37756 Emerald Forest Dr \$295,000
28382 Kendallwood Dr \$130,000
39172 Kennedy Dr \$330,000
30954 Oak Valley Dr \$225,000
29623 Sierra Point Cir \$125,000
36445 Valley Ridge Dr \$257,000
32005 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 308 \$40,000
27555 Westcott Crescent Cir \$169,000
FRANKLIN
32580 Romsey Rd \$275,000
MILFORD
916 Bird Song Dr \$109,000
3400 Cooley Lake Rd \$244,000
315 Crystal St \$130,000
1383 General Motors Rd \$480,000
1679 Hunters Lake Dr \$476,000
1175 Marjorie St \$160,000
521 Napa Valley Dr \$289,000
201 Noble St \$120,000

921 Panorama Dr \$130,000
948 Riverstone Ct \$250,000
607 Tower Ridge Ct \$260,000
523 Union St \$187,000
613 Village Ln \$103,000
NORTHVILLE
19777 Hayes Ct \$275,000
653 River Park Village Blvd \$164,000
21653 Welch Rd \$275,000
NOVI
30131 Brightwood Dr \$290,000
30142 Brightwood Dr \$273,000
21926 Chase Dr \$495,000
28337 Clymer Dr \$84,000
28364 Clymer Dr \$91,000
28370 Clymer Dr \$89,000
28382 Clymer Dr \$88,000
39972 Crosswinds \$115,000
22128 Edgewater \$82,000
22739 Foxmoor Dr \$387,000
40488 Lenox Park Dr \$225,000
29710 Liffey Trl \$290,000
22747 Shadowpine Way \$172,000

24668 Thatcher Dr \$400,000
44180 Winthrop Dr \$265,000
28304 Wolcott Dr \$116,000
28310 Wolcott Dr \$87,000
SOUTH LYON
54933 Brentwood Dr \$331,000
23533 Bristlecone Ct \$423,000
437 Cambridge Ave \$140,000
54899 Grenelle Cir W \$357,000
25450 Meadow Ct \$305,000
24844 Ravine Dr \$2,000
SOUTHFIELD
15937 George \$125,000
Washington Dr \$106,000
19123 Greenwald Dr \$160,000
22815 Kenwyck Dr \$70,000
19717 Melrose Ave \$60,000
15662 Mount Vernon St \$152,000
30555 Old Stream \$152,000
WHITE LAKE
2000 Kingston St \$310,000
532 Woodstone Ct \$430,000



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