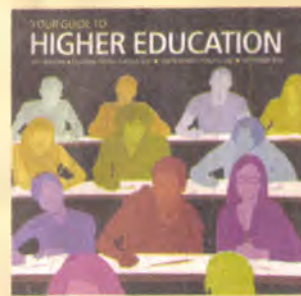


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## 3 precincts have new homes for November election

By **LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Voters in three Westland precincts will cast their ballots in new locations, including the new city hall, starting in November.

Precincts 4 and 8, previously at the former Patchin School and the closed Bailey Recreation Center, were moved to Edison School, 34505 Hunter.

Now, Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof recommended relocating those precincts to the new city hall

on Warren Road just east of Central City Parkway. She noted city hall is located closer to precincts 4 and 8 than Edison School.

The third precinct, 24, had been housed in Lutheran High School Westland on Cowan until the school opted out. That precinct went to the WLND cable building on Warren Road, but that building will be vacated when services are consolidated at the



Schoof

new city hall later this month.

Under the recommendations approved by council, precinct 24 will move to Edison School. Schoof said Edison School is located just south of precinct 24. That puts three precincts at the school and two at city hall.

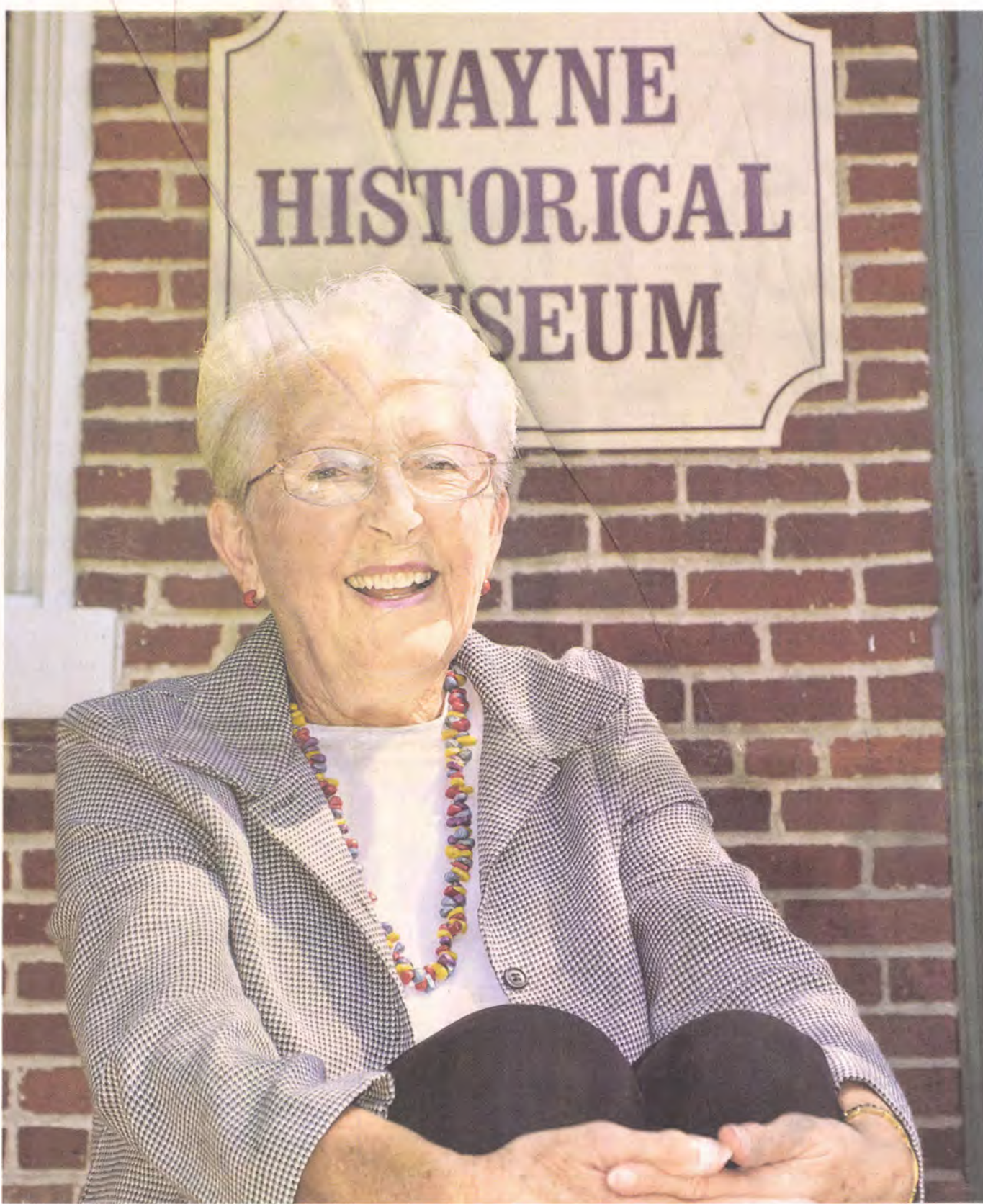
"We had to go with the closest proximity. We were not able to go to Edison," Schoof said. "There are four precincts there now and five precincts would be a negative for voters and the workers."

The changes will put three precincts

at Edison and two at city hall, plus the absentee ballot counting board, Schoof said.

"There will be a cost. We do have to send new voter registration cards to all the affected residents," said Schoof, adding the cards were going out immediately to meet the required notice of 60 days before an election.

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Darlene Hawley's volunteerism has earned her the Wayne Commission on Aging's Diamond of the Community Award.

## Hawley recognized as Diamond of the Community

By **LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

During the course of the school year, Darlene Hawley visits every second-grade class in Wayne with her History in a Box program.

She's been doing the program — wrapping items from the Wayne Historical Museum as a gift and sharing

them with students — for over five years.

At nearly 75, that means Hawley started doing History in a Box just about the time she became eligible for the Diamond of the Community Award.

On Sept. 16, Hawley will be receiving the award, presented by the Wayne Commission on Aging, which

recognizes a Wayne resident who is 70 and still actively volunteering in the community. The criteria looks for contributions that make "Wayne a Great Place to Live."

"I'm very honored to receive it and I'm looking forward to it," said Hawley, a long-time member of the Wayne

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## Westland man charged with bank robbery

By **LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A Westland man is being held in lieu of \$1 million cash bond after being arraigned Monday on charges of bank robbery and armed robbery.

Ian Edward Kiligian, 26, was arrested at his home Sept. 5 in connection with the robbery of a Comerica Bank branch at 31200 Ann Arbor Trail.



Kiligian

The robbery was reported Sept. 3 at 1:42 p.m. Police said a man presented a teller with a note demanding money. The teller complied and the suspect fled on foot with an unspecified amount of money.

Nearby Hayes Elementary School was placed on a lockdown as a student safety precaution immediately following the report of the robbery.

Westland Police conducted a thorough investigation of the crime, Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. Working with the U.S. Marshals, he said a suspect was identified and ar-

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## Three men arrested for Kohl's theft

Three men have been arraigned on charges of stealing more than \$4,000 in electronics from the Westland Shopping Center Kohl's store.

Westland Police were contacted Sept. 6 by loss prevention staff at the store about three men allegedly working as a team shoplifting. Police said the men had obtained keys to a cabinet holding expensive electronics items.

The three men were attempting to flee when officers arrived and detained them, Westland Chief Jeff Jedrusik said.

Described only as out-of-state residents, the arrested men were identified as Gregory Anastasion, Richard Meehan and Jeremy Howard. The men are also accused of stealing more than \$3,000 in electronics from a Taylor Kohl's store.

All three were arraigned Tuesday in Westland 18th District Court on charges of unarmed robbery, organized retail crime, conspiracy to commit retail fraud and first-degree retail fraud. Not guilty pleas were entered for all three and bond was set at \$100,000 cash.

Preliminary examinations for the trio are set for Sept. 18 in 18th District Court.



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# Bid awarded for Friendship Center parking lot lighting upgrade

The parking lot at Westland's Friendship Center will soon have upgraded lighting. Last week, the Westland City Council approved a \$22,830 bid from America's Green Line to install new LED lighting in the senior center parking lot. The project aims to increase energy efficiency and provide a needed update to the lighting for the Friendship Center parking lot. The project will be paid for with federal Community Development Block Grant funds. The

city also received up to \$2,394 in DTE rebates by using AGL, based in Detroit, for the project. "The city looks forward to partnering with a great local company in America's Green Line for this senior center lighting project," Westland Mayor

William Wild said. "They have a history of quality work and energy-efficient products." AGL's line of LED lights is reported to save an average of 75 percent energy over traditional lighting products. There is a 10-year warranty on

the fixtures, a five-year warranty on tubes/retrofits and a two-year warranty on all AGL bulbs. Westland Councilman Kevin Coleman thanked Senior Resources Director Barbara Marcum for bringing the project forward.

"We make a lot more with a festive, fun evening. This year, it will be books and food from different countries," Hawley said. At the dinner Sept. 16, Hawley will be presented with an engraved plaque and monetary gift. Following the dinner, Hawley will be recognized at the city council meeting. This is the 20th year the Wayne Commission on Aging has presented its Diamond of the Community Award. Nomination forms are distributed in June at city hall, the Wayne Library and the Wayne Community Center.



Marcum Wild

## HAWLEY

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Historical Commission, just one of her volunteer activities.

Programs like History in a Box and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, held at the museum, help people get more familiar with the museum, Hawley said.

"Kids write us letters about what they enjoyed (during History in a Box). I really enjoy that," said Hawley, who also writes a column on local history for the *Wayne Dispatch*. "I enjoy history."

### Long-time resident

Hawley moved to Wayne when she was

about 3 years old and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. That's where she met her future husband, Bill Hawley, a lifelong resident whose family owned Hawley Lumber and Coal. Bill's twin brother James Hawley is a current Wayne councilman.

Both earned teaching degrees from Western Michigan University and returned to work for Wayne-Westland Schools. Darlene taught elementary school while Bill taught physical education at Wayne Memorial, coached, was athletic director and eventually served as assistant principal.

While Bill Hawley served for many years on the Wayne Parks and Recreation Advisory

Commission, Darlene Hawley has served in many volunteer roles at the First Congregational Church, which she has attended for 60 years. She also is president of the Wayne Garden Club.

"It's my third year as president. Our big thing is that we just erected, with the city's help, a Blue Star memorial," Hawley said. "It was dedicated on Memorial Day weekend at the veterans memorial at the (Wayne) library. The (veterans) parade ends there. We had fundraisers and were able to raise enough."

Naturally, the Blue Star memorial is also one of the areas that the Garden Club members plant with flowers each year.

### Literary Club

Besides these volunteer activities, Hawley is particularly proud of being a 51-year member of the Literary Club, which was founded in 1886.

"It's the largest continuously meeting club in the area. It's an opportunity for women to make friends, socialize and do book reviews," Hawley said. "We do dinner meetings; we do crafts, plays and other activities. The main goal is to raise the \$1,000 scholarships for a female student at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn."

The club meets the third Tuesday of the month, except during the summer. The meetings are held in different

locations — First Congregational Church, Wayne Library or a school — but Hawley said the best turnout will be for a meeting at someone's home.

"We've had Jewels to Junk; Make it, Take it, Grow it, Sew it (fundraisers); rummage sales and antique appraisals — that was fun," Hawley said. "The last few years we discarded all that; it was a lot of work. People are nice, so we just ask them for money."

The request for a donation comes at a party with refreshments held at the Congregational Church. To be held in April 2015, this event lets guest select a book and a white elephant gift in return for a donation of their choosing.

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# Relay for Life organizers thank supporters

Westland officials and staff were recently recognized for their support of the Wayne-Westland Relay for Life American Cancer Society fundraiser.

Meriem Kadi, who just completed a two-year term as the event chairperson, said the June event nearly \$81,000.

"It superseded our expectations on what we would raise," said Kadi, who introduced 2015 Relay for Life chairperson Carol Nelius. "With your continued

dedication and passion to fight cancer, we will create a world with more birthdays."

Kadi thanked Westland Mayor William Wild and his Relay team, Wild's Walkers, for their support of the fundraiser. She also thanked the Westland Police and Wayne-Westland Firefighters unions, UAW Local 990 and others for their efforts.

A special presentation of a certificate of appreciation went to Craig Welkenbach of WLND for him and his crew.



Outgoing Westland Relay for Life chairperson Meriem Kadi presents a certificate of appreciation to Craig Welkenbach of WLND.

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rested. Kiligian served five years of a three- to 15-year prison sentence

after he pleaded guilty in 2008 to a charge of armed robbery, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections. The robbery occurred at a Livonia business.

As part of the plea, a second charge relating to

an attempted robbery at a Westland business was dismissed. Kiligian was released from prison May 12, 2013.

At his arraignment before 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell, a not guilty

plea was entered for Kiligian. A preliminary examination for Kiligian has been set for Sept. 18 in 18th District Court.

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### Stars Dance Team

The Stars Cheer and Dance team is starting up again. If you are interested in dance — jazz, pom-pom, lyrical/modern, hip-hop and prop/novelty — the Stars dance classes will be starting Monday, Sept. 15, in the gym at the Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland.

Classes run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and are open to girls and boys in the fifth through eighth grades from Westland, Wayne and the surrounding areas. If you live in Livonia or Garden City, you are welcome to join the class also. Cheer technique — cheers,

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chants, tumbling and stunting — is also taught.

For more information, call Tinkham Community Education at 734-419-2425.

### Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will hold its used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20, and from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, when it will be a Bag Day sale.

Bring a medium size bag or buy a reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2 and get a bag of books for \$4.

There will be hard covers, DVDs and CDs

for \$2, hard cover books for \$1, large paperbacks for 50 cents, paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records for 25 cents and romance novels and magazines for 10 cents. Buy one hard cover fiction and get one free. There will also be a separate table of books from the 1800s to the 1940s and lots of children's fiction.

There will be a preview sale for the Friends of the Library only from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. People can join the Friends group at the door and shop the preview sale.

Proceeds from the sales help fund programs, materials and equipment for the li-

brary. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call 734-326-6123.

### Fall Festival

St John's Episcopal 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland, will have its annual Fall Festival 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 4.

There will be three bands, a beer tent, car show, children's activities and food and drinks to purchase. Crafters are needed for the craft show.

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Linda Trewin dressed in period clothing for the 112 walk at Newburgh Cemetery. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Livonia's pioneers to come 'alive' at Cemetery Walk

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Members of several of Livonia's pioneering families buried in the small cemetery behind Trinity House Theatre will be portrayed by costumed characters during the Livonia Historic Cemetery Walk on Sunday, Sept. 21.

"We will feature the Briggs and Simmons families who settled much of the northwest corner of Livonia," said Kathy Bilger of the Livonia Historic Preservation Commission. "The cousins of Joshua Simmons of Greenmead fame (the original owner of the 1841 Greek Revival farmhouse on Eight Mile Road west of Newburgh Road) will speak on early farming. Visitors will enjoy meeting Zilpha Briggs as she recounts her move to Michigan from Vermont and living through the Revolutionary War."

Other topics include Livonia's first churches including a story on an early important Mormon saint, a farmer finds a surprise in his field, surviving the War of 1812, A Civil War hero, and The Union Society, which was started by a group of men in 1850 now buried in the cemetery.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Proceeds will support the restoration of all four of the city's historic cemeteries. Stones, including those belonging to Marshall Everitt, Silas Johnson and the Downer family, have already been restored thanks to donations from previous walks.

Bilger said the walk will include information on the 0.9-acre cemetery, called the Union or Briggs cemetery, on Six Mile east of Haggerty. "For years, it was assumed that the building which now houses the Trinity Theatre began life as a church or possibly a Quaker meeting house," Bilger said. "After doing research, we have found that the histo-



Joyce Vitez guided people on last year's walk at Clarenceville Cemetery. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ry of the cemetery and the building are entwined."

Some of the surprising facts discovered will be shared by Sue Daniel, chair of Livonia Historic Commission, who will give an introductory talk about the history of the cemetery during the trip to the cemetery. Guests are asked to park in the northwest parking lot of Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road. A bus will transport guests to the cemetery. Cider and donuts will be served upon return.

The cemetery, with nearly 170 known grave sites, is both a family and community cemetery with most of the families being related by blood or marriage.

"It is almost like an extended family. Even those families who are not related can be proven to be close friends and neighbors of the others," Bilger said, adding the cemetery contains founders of Livonia, Northville and Plymouth. Visitors will recognize names like Starkweather and Eckles from local streets, she said.

The cemetery land was originally part of two farms. Each farmer donated a portion.

War of 1812 veterans including Simon Downer, Lemeul Castle, Ripa Worden and Paul Hazen are buried there.

"Every person here has a story to tell about

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**Why:** Proceeds support the restoration of all four of Livonia's historic cemeteries.

**If you go:** Park in the northwest parking lot of Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road. A bus will transport guests to the cemetery.

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the early life in Livonia from sleigh rides down Six Mile Road, to a community mailbox, or a singing school or building a log house," Bilger said. "There are many true heroes among this group who fought not just to survive pioneer life but to create a lasting community."

Walks begin at 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, call 248-477-7375.

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## Wayne man arrested in Bloomfield Township homicide

By Jay Grossman  
Staff Writer

A handyman with a lengthy criminal record is in custody in connection with the death of Bloomfield Township resident William Whitelaw.

Bloomfield Township Police Capt. Scott McCanham said the suspect was arrested over the weekend and stolen goods from the victim's condo were recovered following an extensive investigation.

"He's known to be a handyman in that condo complex and we know he's done work in some of the other condos," McCanham said Tuesday.

On Sept. 4, police were called to the 6000 block of Maple Hills Drive on a report of a deceased person. Officers found Whitelaw, 77, dead. The



William Whitelaw

cause of death was later ruled a homicide by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office.

McCanham said the cause of death was rather traumatic and that it was Whitelaw's son who called 911.

As for the suspect, McCanham said he's a Wayne resident in his late 40s with an extensive criminal record. As of Tuesday, an arraignment date was still pending.

A note of appreciation to

the investigating police agencies from the family of William Whitelaw was included in a news release the Bloomfield police department sent:

"On behalf of our family, we are grateful to Detective Mindy Hess, the entire Bloomfield Township Police Department, the Major Case Assistance Team and all of the other agencies for their dedication and consideration in connection with the apprehension of the individuals they have in

custody.

"We are also grateful to the community for those who assisted the police with tips or possible information and to those that have expressed the sympathy to our family. We ask for your continued prayers. The family of William Whitelaw."

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### WESTLAND COP CALLS

#### Vandalism

Police were called to Palmer Medical Center, 33330 Palmer, Sept. 2 after an employee reported someone had broken the glass entry door. The damage was set at \$500.

She said the door was last seen intact Aug. 29 before the holiday weekend. The officer noted a smeared footprint in the center of the door.

» The owner of a vacant home in the 33000 block of Hazelwood told police Sept. 3 that someone had broken two windows since he had last been at the home on Aug. 22. The damage was set at \$189.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 35000 block of Rosslyn told police Sept. 3 that someone had stolen her wallet overnight Sept. 3 after she left it in the console of her unlocked 2014 Chevrolet Traverse. She said the wallet contained her identification, credit cards and checkbook.

» Early Sept. 4, a resident in the 2300 block of Wilshire Parkway told police her husband came home and noticed the driver's window shattered on her 2014 Chrysler Town and Country while it was parked on the street. The radio/navigation/touch screen was reported stolen.

» A Sheridan, Ind., man told police Sept. 6 that he came out of Big Boy, 6360 N.

Wayne Road, and noticed his 2004 Chevy Venture had a very loud exhaust. Checking, he said he found the catalytic converter was missing.

» On Sept. 7, a Westland man told police he came out of McDonald's, 38418 Ford, to find the catalytic converter missing from his 2001 Pontiac Montana.

» Two nail guns, a circular saw, an iPhone 4 valued at \$750 and \$6 in cash were reported stolen Sept. 7 from a 2014 Dodge Ram pickup truck parked in the 36000 block of Glen. The owner told police he believed the truck had been left locked

#### Break-in

On Sept. 3, a resident in the 33000 block of Alberta told police she went to visit a neighbor and returned 15 minutes later to find her 32-inch flat screen television had been stolen.

#### Larceny

A resident in the 2000 block of Alberta told police Sept. 6 that someone had stolen his silver and blue mountain bike from the front of his home.

#### Vandalism

The rear window of a 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer parked in the 33000 block of Avondale was reported smashed overnight Sept. 8.

By LeAnne Rogers

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

#### Expired license

A Westland man was ticketed for driving with an expired license Sept. 3 after being stopped at Ford and Hartel.

According to police, a check of the vehicle's license plate showed that the owner had no license. When stopped, the driver told police he owned the car and produced a Michigan driver's license that had expired in 2009, police said. He also told police he had no proof of insurance for the vehicle, police said.

#### Suspended license

An Inkster woman was ticketed for driving with a suspended license after being pulled over at Middlebelt and John Hawk on Sept. 3 for driving with the bright lights

turned on, police said.

The woman told police her license was suspended and produced a Michigan identification card. A check showed that her license had been suspended as of January 2010 and that she had 11 current suspensions, police said.

She was ticketed for driving while license suspended and failure to dim the right lights.

#### Retail fraud

A Garden City woman was arrested Sept. 2 after she was reportedly caught leaving the Kroger's on Middlebelt north of Ford without paying for three small bottles of wine.

A loss prevention officer told police he observed the woman remove the bottles from a four-pack and place them in her purse. She alleged-

ly went to the store's restroom, paid for a pizza and 2-liter bottle of pop and left the store without paying for the wine.

The woman admitted to taking the wine and drinking one bottle in the restroom before leaving the store, police said. Two bottles were recovered from her purse and a third bottle was found in the restroom, police said.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

A Garden City man reported that 15 CDs and a Garmin GPS system were stolen from his car between midnight and 7:44 a.m. Aug. 29 while it was parked in the driveway of a home in the 32000 block of Rosslyn.

The vehicle was unlocked.

### WAYNE COP CALLS

#### Larceny

Two buckets of steel heavy-duty wood anchors, a jig saw, a concrete saw, a reciprocating saw, a cordless impact wrench and drill and four cordless drill batteries, valued at \$2,100, were reported stolen from a storage bin at a home in the 35000 block of Annapolis on Sept. 7.

The owner told police the lock had been cut off his storage bin sometime during the previous 24 hours.

» Police were called to Brush and Second just before midnight Sept. 8 when a witness reported two men stealing the metal sewer grates from a vacant building. The witness said the two men had loaded the grates into a pickup truck and headed north on Second. The stolen items were valued at \$200.

#### Break-in

A resident of the Pebble Creek Apartments, 33420 Michigan Ave., told police he

was in the bathroom just before 8 a.m. Sept. 9 when someone kicked in his front door. He said he never saw the suspect and didn't know why someone entered his apartment.

Running to the door, the resident said he saw a tan Jeep Liberty leaving the parking lot but wasn't able to get a license plate number.

He said the only thing taken was his wallet, which was valued at \$10.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Jim Zech (from left), Kurt Kuban and Mathew Mulholland were the organizers of last year's Rouge-A-Palooza.

ROUGE-A-PALOOZA

## Rouge-A-Palooza returns Oct. 11

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

After a successful inaugural event, Rouge-A-Palooza returns to Wayne's Goudy Park on Saturday, Oct. 11.

The Wayne Council voted last week to approve plans for the Rouge River-centric festivities scheduled for 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

It's sponsored by several local organizations, including the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Rotary Club, Wayne Civitans and Wayne Main Street.

Along with food, live entertainment, bounce houses and a beer tent, there will be educational

displays about the river and a canoe race.

In recent years, the removal of the Wayne Road dam and volunteer cleanup efforts have made the river freer-flowing and improved the wildlife habitat.

Organizers Kurt Kuban and Mathew Mulholland spoke to council about the event, which is privately funded and in need of sponsors.

As part of Rouge-A-Palooza, two kayaks are being raffled to benefit the event. The drawing will be held during Rouge-A-Palooza.

Manning a booth at the Wayne Farmers Market, Lois VanStipdonk of the Rotary Club was

selling the raffle tickets. The cost is \$5 a ticket or six tickets for \$25.

As they did last year, Rotary will also sponsor a rubber duck race during the event, VanStipdonk said. Rubber ducks are dropped into the river off the Wayne Road bridge and the winner is first to reach the next bridge at Second Street.

Anyone interested in getting involved with Rouge-A-Palooza as a volunteer or sponsor can contact Kuban at 734-716-0783 or kku-ban@hometownlife.com.

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## Letter to my son on his third birthday

Dear Scotty, You're only three years into this thing called life, but if you had a better command of the English language — or access to Google Blogger, I bet you'd have a few choice words for me ...

You'd probably tell me that you are more than mildly irritated that I have blogged about your heavily soaked diapers, your idiosyncrasies with regard to your afternoon nap schedule, or your thin yet sharp-as-tacks fingernails.

And I bet that if you had a blog of your own, you'd retaliate by regaling readers on the condition of my ratty nursing tank tops, my less-than-pleasant morning breath, and how I double-dip my spoon in the peanut butter jar when (I think) nobody's looking.

Okay, touche. But that's when I'd lovingly remind you that every so often, I cool it with the depreciating humor, unabashedly bear my heart, and declare how you are, unequivocally, one of the best things to ever happen to me.

This is one of those posts. I remember when you were, oh, say, about three months or so, it would take several attempts to put you down for an afternoon nap. But really, I didn't mind. I rather enjoyed the closeness we shared as I walked around your room, bouncing you in my arms until you finally dozed off. In fact, I confess that I held you a little longer than I needed to because I simply didn't want to put you down.

The cadence of your breathing was almost music-like; your soft, fleshy cheek felt like marshmallows nestled against my shoulder; and your chubby feet looked like two half-moons stuffed inside a pair of white socks.

A year later, we shared a similar experience: You fell asleep while we watched *Bubble Guppies* together; your head against my arm, and your right palm flush against my swollen, pregnant belly, as if you were already welcoming your unborn baby sister. (Of course, you were thinking what exactly is going on here when Dad brought you to the hospital to meet her for the first time. But all things considered, you've taken well to becoming a big brother — save for your inability to share certain toys. We'll have to work on that, kid.)

What a difference another year makes. Today I held that same palm as we headed off to another morning of play-group. You are still a bona fide Mama's Boy, yes. But you're welcoming your independence more and more each day, and the enthusiasm that



By Courtney Conover  
GUEST COLUMNIST

emanated from you like vapors as you skipped across the parking lot was bitter sweet: While I am happy to see you grow, I am also a little sad that I am losing my little boy.

When I looked — truly looked — at your small hand, your life flashed before my eyes. I wondered what that hand would one day hold, where it would take you, and what it would enable you to do ...

In the coming year — which I predict will go way too fast — that hand will draw, paint, or color one-of-a-kind artwork which I will herald as the best masterpiece known to mankind and promptly tape to the cabinets in the nook.

A few years after that, I'll hover over that same hand at the kitchen table as I help you with your homework ... and then slap it high five when you come home from school and tell me how well you did on a test.

More years will pass, and it is my hope that by then that hand will have experienced the enjoyment of philanthropy — maybe it'll help build a home or serve food to someone in need.

Career-wise, perhaps you'll find yourself in medicine, the arts, or somewhere in between. Regardless, I pray that your hand will contribute to work that is not only gratifying but fun.

Then, before long, you'll be all grown up. Maybe you will have even been bitten by the love bug, prompting that hand to ask for someone else's in marriage. That is, if I haven't already ruined your chances by writing embarrassing blog posts about your infancy. And if that turns out to be the case, I'm sorry. But if she runs for the hills before really getting to know you, then she wasn't The One anyway.

Now, where were we? Oh, right. Your hand.

When I kiss the palm of that hand — you do realize I will continue to do this until you go away to college, right? — I still can't believe my good fortune. Frankly, I marvel at the fact that I helped make it.

It is my best artwork.  
Love,  
Mommy

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two little ones and the wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover. She has more Legos and NFL memorabilia than she needs. She blogs at [www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com](http://www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com) and overshares at <http://www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair>.

## Blues, Brews and Barbecue takes over Westland's Central City Park

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The two-day Blues, Brews and Barbecue returns to Westland on Friday and Saturday for a fourth year, moving into Central City Park to utilize the new amenities, including the Farmers Market pavilion.

"It's a win-win for the non-profit groups, for the city, for the restaurants and for the residents. It's an affordable night out," Margaret Harlow said.

The event ticks a lot of boxes for Harlow. Her family business, Harlow Tire, is an event sponsor. Harlow chairs the Westland Downtown Development Authority, which developed Farmers Market Pavilion and other park improvements to attract visitors to the area. And Harlow is a long-time Westland Rotary Club member — the club is one of the non-profits raising money at the event.

"I would rate the event highly. It's a nice quality event that draws a desirable crowd to the area," Harlow said. "Now with the Farmers Market Pavilion, it (Blues, Brews and Barbecue) showcases the area. It brings people the area for a good event, which is exactly what we want."

### Earning money

Unlike many other events, Blues, Brews and Barbecue allows the food and beer vendors to make a profit. In addition, local non-profits provide volunteer event staff to earn mon-



The Alligators will be performing at Westland's Blues, Brews and Barbecue Saturday.

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ey for their charity.

Last year, Rotary members volunteered clearing tables, checking identification for beer purchases and other tasks to earn the service club \$2,500.

"We used to do poker. We needed to change it up a bit," Harlow said. "Our members enjoy going to the event. They enjoy the work. They spend the evening visiting with community people. It's an easy fundraiser. It's nice of the city to share to the proceeds — that never happened before."

Among the non-profits, the Westland Goodfellows received the largest check last year as volunteers earned \$4,000.

"We have a lot of people who want to volunteer — too many this year," said Heather Hatfield-Clear of the Westland Goodfellows. "It's good that people find the event worthwhile for charities. It's a fun event."

More than 30 volun-

it."

### Opening night

Festivities get underway at 6 p.m. Friday with music by the Randy Brock Group, followed at 8 p.m. by the Blues Brothers cover band the Soul Men with the Paradise Band.

The opening night is also Bike Night, with free parking offered for motorcycles in the new parking area off Carlson adjoining the pavilion. Reflections Custom Cycles will be on hand.

Ashley's Beer and Grill will provide the beer again this year. Returning food vendors will include Beaver Creek, Biggy Coffee, Famous Dave's, Hickory Barbecue, Longhorn Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse and Kona Ice.

The event will run from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday. The musical lineup will include the Big Bill Harwell Band, the Chris Canas Band, the Alligators, the Boa Constrictors and headliners Big Ray and the Motor City Kings.

With the move to Central City Park, Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said guests can park in the new lots along Tattan Park off Carlson as well as using the lots near city hall, 18th District Court and the former Bailey Center.

For more information, visit [cityofwestland.com/play/blues-brews-and-bbq](http://cityofwestland.com/play/blues-brews-and-bbq).

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Westland Council President James Godbout (from left), Westland Mayor William Wild and Lion Ken Sharp pose with an oversized check representing the club's donation to reinstalling the Lions Club pavilion in Central City Park.

## Westland Lions support pavilion restoration

For over 30 years, there was a Westland Lions Club pavilion in Central City Park.

When remediation of contamination was done at the park, the pavilion was removed and dismantled. Now, the Lions Club has made a \$1,000 donation to help re-roof and reinstall the pavilion. Lion Ken Sharp presented a check —

the second donated to help restore the pavilion — at a recent council meeting.

"I want to say thanks to Ken and the Lions. I was around when the pavilion went up years ago," Westland Council President James Godbout said. "The Lions paid for it originally and now they supporting the re-installation."



Donations are needed to fill the shelves at the John Bolde Food Depot.

## Bolde Food Depot shelves need restocking

The St. Mary Outreach Center's John Bolde Food Depot is low on food and asking for donations.

Items particularly needed are canned soups, canned fruit, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce and macaroni and cheese.

Any donation of food items or toiletries is

welcome and appreciated, including surplus produce from gardens.

The food depot is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The food depot is on the lower level of the Outreach Center at 34646 Sims, Wayne.



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## Take advantage of 401(k) match program

A couple of weeks ago I met with a new client about managing their money. Both husband and wife work and each have a 401(k) plan through their employer. They both participate in the plans but do not contribute the maximum allowed. In addition, they have saved other money outside of the retirement accounts.

As I was going through their affairs I noticed that the husband's 401(k) plan offered a nice match while the wife's 401(k) had no matching provision. My question to the couple was why they aren't fully taking advantage of the matching program offered by the husband's employer. Their answer was silence. In other words, they never gave much thought about the matching provisions.

According to statistics, the majority of people do take advantage of their company's 401(k) match. However, there are a substantial number of people who do not. They either choose not to participate in the plan or they don't fully take advantage of the match.

I believe in the great majority of cases, it is a slam dunk to take advantage of the employer's matching program. Not taking full advantage of the matching program is like turning down a raise from your employer. For those who do not take advantage of the 401(k) match you're leaving money on the table. In addition, it is not just the matching contribution, it is also the years of



**Rick Bloom**  
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tax-deferred growth that are lost.

What I recommended to this couple is to fully fund the husband's matching plan then put money into the wife's plan. This worked because the couple was married for a long period of time and kept their finances together.

In a situation where you have a second or third marriage where the parties don't combine resources and may have a prenuptial agreement, my strategy may not work.

It is important to understand your company's salary deferral program. Companies add and/or change investment alternatives and matching programs all the time. It does pay to spend a few minutes to make sure you understand your employer's current policies.

Free is one of my favorite words in the English dictionary. Free money is even better. That is exactly what you get when you take advantage of an employer's match. If you're like me and don't like to walk away from free money, make sure you take advantage of any matching program available.

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

## Olympic Coney says thanks with Customer Appreciation Week

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Next week will be special for Olympic Coney Island in Westland, which will celebrate its grand re-opening and 16th anniversary.

The restaurant has been in the process of remodeling its exterior for almost two months and "we want to give back to the customers with a customer appreciation week," said Matt Tyranski who manages the restaurant at 7011 N. Wayne Road.

"We are very grateful for the support we receive from our customers," said Tyranski, a Northville resident. "We wanted to put back into our business and reinvest in the city that has been so supportive."

Customer Appreciation Week kicks off Monday, Sept. 15, with 89-cent coney dogs all day long, and continues with 20 percent off the entire bill through Sunday, Sept. 21.

The route to a restaurant in Westland came by way of the Little Fennell Bakery at Five Mile and Middlebelt area in Livonia for Bill Skotanis who lives in Plymouth. It was a family operation; and when the family decided to go their own ways, he and his wife Fay opened their first Coney Island restaurant at Joy and Morton Taylor in Canton.

After 10 years, Skotanis discovered a closed Kenny Rogers restaurant on North Wayne Road just south of Warren Road and was considering buying it when



Manager Matt Tyranski and his father-in-law Bill Skotanis have kept Olympic Coney Island in Westland open through all of the construction.

he asked his father what he thought. His advice was to do it, and Skotanis spent a month redoing the restaurant, opening it in 1998 as the Olympic Coney Island Restaurant.

"I fell in love with Westland and then I found the location," Skotanis said. "My father told me, 'you're doing such a good business in Canton, how can you not do good here.'"

### 'Accepted us'

He found city officials encouraging. They were glad to see him clean up the mess of the restaurant that had been closed for at least five years, he said.

"From day one, we got good cooperation from (Building Director) Bob Fritz who told me not worry," Skotanis said. "It was overwhelming. Westland accepted us very, very well from day one."

The interior was opened up with the wall coming down, replacing the two small doors that led to the kitchen area.

"When we bought building, it was a mess and within 1 1/2 months it was finished," Skotanis said. "For whatever reason, people were afraid to put in money into it. It's like you see the glass half empty, I see the glass half full."

The response from the public was immediate and the restaurant has enjoyed strong customer support ever

since, even through exterior renovations, which are slated to be wrapped up in time for Customer Appreciation Week. New brick work and painted surfaces are dressing up the business's exterior.

Skotanis and son-in-law Matt Tyranski, who with wife Kathy manage the Westland restaurant, appeared before the Westland City Council about the exterior renovations, which had their regulars coming in and telling them they had seen them on the city's cable channel.

"People are excited about it," Skotanis said. "We've gotten a lot of compliments. Matt has proven that he likes what he does and is capable what he's doing, so I said let's invest the money and fix it up the way it should be so it will be here another 200 years."

Olympic Coney Island's menu consists of Greek specialty items and the freshest Detroit-style coney food, according to Tyranski.

"We specialize in breakfast that are served all day and has been called 'the best breakfast in town,'" he said. "We also carry local Michigan-made pies and ice cream from Blazo's Pie Shop and Guernsey Dairy Farms. So much of our menu is homemade and prepared from scratch. These are some of the things that separate us from other Coney Islands."

### Grateful for customers

Tyranski is grateful for customers who through tough economical times "stood by us and supported our business."

"We would like to thank our customers for that," he said.

Skotanis has a second restaurant in Brownstown, managed by his son Nick, also a Northville resident. He chose Brownstown because it reminded him of Canton with churches and schools in the neighborhood. That, too, is doing well.

And as much as Skotanis sings the praise of Westland, the family also has been involved in the community. They all attend St. Constantine and Helen Church, and Skotanis even manages the banquet center. When a fire destroyed an apartment at Wayne wood just down the street, the restaurant held a fundraiser for the families who were displaced. They also staged a benefit for the family of the Late Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Wohlke.

"Westland is doing great things — bringing in new stores, building a new city hall as well as a fire station," Tyranski said. "We just wanted to continue the trend to reinvest into this great American city."

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# Hearing this week for man accused in soccer referee's death

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The man accused of killing a Westland resident during a soccer match earlier this summer in Livonia will go before a judge for a motion hearing later this week.

Bassel Saad, 36 of Dearborn, will go before circuit judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway at 9 a.m. Friday in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

The issues expected to come up during the hearing involve Saad's attorney, Ali Hammoud, requesting a change of venue for the trial because of the increased exposure of the case involving his client.

Saad is accused of striking and killing 44-year-old Westland resident John Bieniewicz during an adult league soccer match on June 29 at Livonia's Mies Park.

Witnesses say Saad got upset with Bieniewicz, who was the referee in the league match, and struck him on the side of the head as he was attempting to show Saad a red card and eject him from the match.

Witness testimony from Saad's preliminary examination stated Bieniewicz fell to the ground, motionless, after the strike. He was declared dead two days later. The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office declared his death to be caused from blunt force trauma to the neck.

Saad is charged with second-degree murder. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.



FILE PHOTO  
Saad

In addition to the change of venue request, Hammoud has asked the circuit court to reduce his client's bond, which is currently at \$1 million. Hammoud asked Hathaway during Saad's arraignment last month that the bond be reduced to \$150,000, saying he was not a flight risk.

Prosecutors disagreed with reducing the bond, citing discrepancies in dates on some of Saad's official documents, including his turned-over passport.

Saad remains in the Wayne County Jail awaiting trial. A final conference in the case is scheduled for Oct. 30 and a jury trial is slated to begin Dec. 8, according to online court records.

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# Tickets available for 20th annual Senior Celebration

State Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia) is hosting the 20th annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day, along with Angela Hospice and Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, a local non-profit organization serving senior citizens. Senior citizens looking for a day filled with entertainment and information should make plans to attend on Friday, Oct. 10.

"There are still tickets available for this fun and informative event," Walsh said. "It's our hope that area seniors take advantage of this fun, social, informational and very affordable occasion."

The event takes place at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, located on Schoolcraft Road west of Newburgh, in Livonia. The celebration runs from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Livonia Senior Center.

The ticket includes a hot lunch, entry in a raffle, music by Mike Wolverton, exhibitor booths, bingo and other games and prizes. A limited number of tickets will be



Submitted  
Diane Bogie putts for a prize during a recent Senior Celebration Day. Derek Sova, staffer for state Rep. John Walsh, keeps an eye on her swing.

available at the door, so organizers urge those who plan on attending to purchase their tickets in advance.

"This is simply a way that we can show our appreciation for all that senior citizens have done

to improve our community," Walsh said.

For more information, contact Walsh's Lansing office by calling 517-373-3920, emailing JohnWalsh@house.mi.gov or online at RepJohnWalsh.com.

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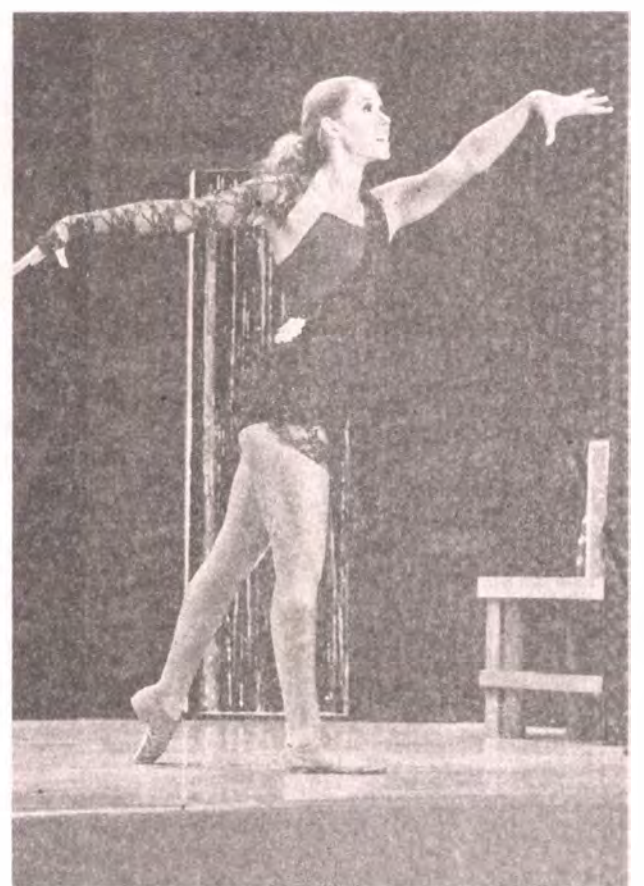




THOMAS BEAUDOIN  
Demi DeShazor of Inkster shows off her beautiful gown during the Miss Wayne 2014 Pageant held Saturday.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN  
Anna Dai from Canton is all smiles after she is crowned Miss Wayne County 2014 this past Saturday at St. Valentine School.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN  
Kaitlyn Krizanic of Birmingham performs in the talent competition.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN  
Sarah Johnson of Plymouth looks stunning in the evening gown competition during the Miss Wayne County 2014 event.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN  
Miss Wayne County 2013 Christina Besh presents Arianna Quan of Bloomfield Hills the first runner-up trophy.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN  
Christina Milne of Garden City performs during the talent competition at the Miss Wayne County Pageant.

# Canton teen wins Miss Wayne County title

By Beth Jachman  
Staff Writer

Anna Dai, 19, of Canton was named Miss Wayne County in a pageant held Saturday evening at St. Valentine School in Redford.

Her talent was a contemporary dance number called "I Was Here." She plans to attend the University of Michigan.

Also competing were first runner-up Arianna Quan of Bloomfield Hills, second runner-up Kaitlyn Krizanic of Birmingham, Demi DeShazor of Inkster, Christina Milne of Garden City and Sarah Johnson of Plymouth.

Dai received scholarship money, a crown and sash, a trophy, crown pin, wardrobe allowance for the state competition and a personalized website for one year.

"Saturday went great," pageant director Sheila Sigro said. The power went out during

the dress rehearsal Friday, she said.

"We got lucky the power came back on Saturday morning," she said.

"What was really exciting was that it was a strong group of girls and we didn't know who was going to win," she said.

### Founded pageant

Sigro, who founded the pageant in 1991, is a former Mrs. Michigan who lives in Livonia and is a former Redford resident.

"I always wanted to direct my own pageant," she said. She applied to get the Miss Wayne County franchise and "I've been running it every since."

"I'm now the longest running local director," she said.

Sandy's by the Beech provided the judges lunch and Floyd's Flowers handled the flowers.

Dai will compete in the Miss Michigan pageant next June.

"We work with the winner for almost a year to get her prepped for Miss Michigan," Sigro said.

Six of the Wayne County winners have gone on to win the state pageant and compete in the Miss America pageant, Sigro said.

One of them is Ashlee Baracy of Channel 4 in Detroit, who sponsors the community service award, won by Krizanic Saturday evening.

"We're a nonprofit organization," Sigro said. "We're there for schol-

arships for the girls and to help them achieve their dreams."

Miss America is being televised this Sunday on ABC, Sigro said.

**City of Livonia: Meeting Minutes of 8/18/14**  
**Called to order @ 7pm**  
**Present:** Meakin, Toy, Scheel, Nash, Kritzman, Pastor, Brosnan  
**Absent:** None  
**#242-14** Approving meeting minutes of 8/6/14  
 Several items received and filed.  
**#243-14** Approving a block party on Sussex between Fitzgerald and Sherwood on 9/6/14 from 1-10 pm.  
**#244-14** Approving block party on Sunnydale between Richfield and Huff on 9/27/14 from 2-8 pm.  
**#245-14** Approving block party on Woodring between W. Chicago and Orangelawn on 9/6/14 from 3-10pm.  
**#246-14** Referring matter of selling City-owned property at 27560 Joy (Parcel #144-99-0161-000) to Dale Donahue in order to erect a garage to the Administration for its R/R.  
**#247-14** Approving to waive the sidewalk requirement for 20180 Mayfield.  
**#248-14** Approving to waive noise ordinance in connection with marriage @18240 Sunset, with a live band on 9/7/14 from 2-10 pm.  
**#249-14** Authorizing the purchase of (2) single axle cab and chassis dump trucks from Wolverine Freightliner in the amount of \$175,056.00 and to use Truck and Trailer Specialties to outfit the truck for \$173,012.00 for a total cost of \$348,068.00.  
**#250-14** Approving a change order to Contract 14-A with Nagle Paving to make misc. repairs to the sidewalk/parking lot of Livonia Community Recreation Center from 8/24-29/14, not to exceed \$20,000.  
**#251-14** Taking No Further Action on request from the HR Director and Sect. to Livonia Employees Retirement System forwarding a request from Asset Strategies to prepare custom proposal in order to determine whether the city/employees are receiving the best Defined and Deferred Compensation Plans.  
**#252-14** Adopting resolution to repeal or revise the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act.  
**#253-14** Referring Livonia Code of Ordinances re: Section 260 of Title 6, Chapter 04 (Dogs) to the Legislative Affairs Committee for R/R.  
**First Reading** to the following Ordinance:  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 040, 120, 130, 180, 230, 261, 270, AND 280, OF TITLE 6, CHAPTER 04 (DOGS) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.**  
 Kritzman stepped down from the podium @ 7:34 pm  
**#254-14** Authorizing the City to execute an amendment to the engineering contract with Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick as the designated consultant for the Sears Drive Reconstruction, for an amount not to exceed \$99,100.00  
 Kritzman returned to the podium @ 7:36 pm  
**First Reading** to the following Ordinance:  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 090 TO TITLE 9, CHAPTER 30 (NARCOTIC AND DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.**  
**#255-14** Directing a Closed COW to discuss litigation matters in Deborah Mato v City of Livonia.  
**#256-14** Directing a Closed COW to discuss litigation matters in International Outdoors, Inc. v City of Livonia.  
**#257-14** Suspending the rules to consider items not listed on the agenda.  
**#258-14** Granting permission and waiving the noise ordinance to Old Rosedale Homeowners Association to show movies at dusk on 8/22/14, 9/19/14, at Rudolf Kleinert Park.  
**Meeting adjourned @ 7:52 pm**  
 Complete minutes available at City Clerks Office.  
**Terry A. Marecki**  
 Livonia City Clerk

## IRISH HERITAGE DAY

Presented by the Rose Kennedy Division of the LAOH

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13 2014**  
**AOH HALL**  
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• Children's Crafts • Musical Performances • Irish Dancing  
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**SCHEDULE**

11:00 Ardan School of Dance...Irish Dancing Performance  
 11:30 Soda Bread - Dennis Hayes...A Sweet Twist on Soda Bread  
 12:00 Coats of Arms - Marilyn Maher...Do You Know Your Family Crest?  
 12:30 Irish Pubs in Detroit - Jim O' Kelly...Where to have a great "pint" in Detroit  
 1:00 Kilt Making - Linda Lee...Which Plaid is Yours?  
 1:30 Story Telling - Jack Clancy...Seanachie of the Old Time Stories  
 2:00 Harp - Lynn Reid...The Harp Could be Heard in Tara  
 2:45 Performance - Nora Fix...The Legend of Finn McCool  
 3:00 Irish Literature - Tony Johnson...Literature from the Land of Saints and Scholars  
 3:30 Bodhran - Sally Kilcullen...Irish Drum Performance  
 4:00 Aran Knitting - Pat Dillon...Stitches from the Aran Isles  
 5:00 Mass

### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 18 9/2/14

Presiding: President Godbout  
 Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrner, Reeves  
 181: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 8/18/14.  
 - Appr. St. Damian "Fall Festival" 30055 Joy Road, 9/20-21.  
 - Traffic Control Order 2014-04: Install 4 "No Parking Fire Lane" e. side of road near Patricia Place Dr., 1 "No Parking", & 1 "Dead End" sign on n.w. portion of Patricia Place Dr.  
 - Appr. bid for Middlebelt Pumping Station to Trojan Development Co.; amt. \$269,000.  
 - Appr. bid for Senior Ctr. Parking lot lighting to America's Green Line; amt. \$22,830.  
 - Appr. FY 2015 Municipal & Community Credit Contract w/SMART.  
 - Appr. contract w/MPSCS.  
 - Adopt Prepared Resolution accepting Woodward Detroit CVS LLC, LTSW Facilities Maintenance Agrmnt.  
 - Appr. Woodward Detroit CVS LLC, LTSW Facilities Maintenance Agreement.  
 - Appr. amendment to Credit Union One LTSW Facilities Maintenance Agrmnt.  
 182: Appr. Token Lounge temp. liquor license & tent 9/26-28.  
 183: Appr. & adoption of resolution to re-locate Pct. 24 to Edison School.  
 184: Appr. & adoption of resolution to re-locate Pcts. 4 & 8 to 36300 Warren Rd.  
 185: Adopt. Res. to correct Resolution #2012-12-267 to reflect correct address of new City Hall as 36300 Warren Road.  
 186: Appr. checklist: \$ 4,128,153.53.  
 Mtg. adj. at 7:51p.m.  
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
 Council President

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC  
 City Clerk

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## OUR VIEWS

# Remember the price we paid for freedom on 9/11

## America remains home of the brave

Thirteen years ago today, our lives changed forever.

Up until Sept. 11, 2001, we believed we were safe and secure from terrorism. That happened in other parts of the world, not the United States of America. Yes, Americans had been lost in terrorist attacks in the air, on land and at sea in places like Lebanon, Germany, Italy, Scotland, Kenya and Tanzania, but it was nothing like the losses experienced on 9/11.

We stood and watched as the tragedy unfolded. Many of us, after hearing that a plane had crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, stood in front of televisions and watched in horror as the second one slammed into the South Tower. Our sense of security was further shattered when a third plane plowed into the Pentagon and yet another crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pa.

*We can't return to our peaceful past, nor can we ignore the violent present. We know where we are going, and the road we travel on today was paved by the tragedy of 9/11.*

The tragedy became our life 24/7 for more than a week. Within hours of the attack, we knew who the terrorists were and how it had happened. The photo of a New York City firefighter racing up the stairs of the North Tower as people fled the horror became the poster child of our new heroes, while the photo of Mohamed Atta became the face of terrorism.

It was the largest loss of life on U.S. soil since Pearl Harbor in 1941. It became our new Day in Infamy and a rallying point for patriotism. Firefighters raised the American flag over the rubble of the World Trade Center like the Marines over Iwo Jima in 1945. And just like FDR, George W. Bush addressed the nation and assured us that the culprits would be caught and punished and that we would go to the ends of the earth to stamp out terror.

That day in September, we learned a lot about ourselves and a lot about the world around us. After the Vietnam War, it took years for many to reclaim the right to wave our flag and be proud to be American. Thirteen years ago, we stood together and collectively waved our flag, sending a message to the world that even in the face of great tragedy, this is America and it remains the land of the free.

In 2001, President Bush had warned that the War on Terror would not be won in a day, a month or a year and it would not end until terrorism was eradicated. He was right. It took almost 10 years to hunt down and kill bin Laden, but others have stepped in to take his place. The War on Terror is like fighting the mythical Hydra. Each head cut off is replaced by two more. The names and faces of our enemies have changed over the years, but their determination to impose their twisted beliefs on others remains. We continue to fight the Taliban in Afghanistan and now face the challenge of ISIS, successor to Al-Qaeda, in Iraq.

In the years immediately following 9/11, we gathered annually to remember the tragedy and honor the dead. But as time goes by, the remembrances have dwindled. We have begun to slip back into our old ways, our old comfort zone. Our support for the War on Terror has declined. Life goes on.

We were committed then to stamping out terror, and we need to continue to be committed. Any weakness we show will give our enemies a new foothold, a new opportunity to inflict pain on us. On this Sept. 11, we need to once again acknowledge the sacrifices that have been made.

Firefighters, police officers and everyday people lost their lives that day and many thousands of our soldiers have been killed or injured since in the War on Terror. We can't return to our peaceful past, nor can we ignore the violent present. We know where we are going, and the road we travel on today was paved by the tragedy of 9/11.

Sometime today, pause for a moment to reflect on 9/11. Say a prayer for those who died and a prayer for those who allow us to remain free. And remember, we still are the land of the free and the home of the brave. No one can take that from us. No one.

## OUR VIEWS

# Stop distracting your teenagers at the wheel

New research about distracted driving by teenagers provides some sobering news most parents probably won't want to admit.

First, they — yes, parents — are the No. 1 cellphone distraction for teen drivers. Second, most parents make lousy role models when it comes to ignoring distractions while driving.

The first finding is the most important and easiest to fix. Moms and dads, don't call your kids when you know they are driving.

Unfortunately, a study presented last week to the American Psychological Association showed parents aren't doing that. When 400 drivers ages 15-18 were asked who calls them the most when driving, 53 percent said their parents. That compares with 46 percent who reported talking to friends.

Again, moms and dads, don't call (or text!) your kids when they are behind the wheel. If

you do call and your teen says they are driving, hang up! Why? Safety first, followed by adhering to the law!

As a report last year by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration showed, distracted driving is a leading cause of crashes among drivers of all ages. For teens specifically, 21 percent of fatal crashes involved cellphones.

It's also important to remember in Minnesota it is illegal for drivers younger than 18 to answer a cellphone while driving or in traffic.

Of course, main reasons this research found teens take calls while driving is their parents.

Among their reasons is their perception it's either OK to take calls from their parents or their parents will be mad if they do not answer. (In fact, some teen respondents noted parents keep calling back if they do not answer.)

Also, these teens, who came

from 31 states, reiterated findings from previous research that showed parents are terrible role models.

Indeed, a growing body of research has proven this to be true. For example, a 2012 survey by the University of Michigan and Toyota found that parents who more frequently engage in distracted driving have teen drivers who engage in distracting behaviors more frequently than their peers who drive.

No wonder this latest study included comments from teen respondents along the lines of "everybody is doing it," including mom and dad making and taking calls and texts.

For the sake of their children's safety, parents need to do a better job on two fronts. First, don't call your kids if you know they are driving. Second, don't use your phone while driving. Failing on both fronts might just kill you and your kids.

## LETTERS

### Wealth disparity

While reading the two daily newspapers this past Labor Day, I noticed several stories and opinions about Rick Snyder's signing of the "Right to Work" (for less) bill passed by Republican lawmakers.

Naturally, the billionaire-backed Americans for Prosperity (for the rich) and the Mackinac Center, along with labor malcontents, highly laud Snyder's action.

I won't bother to comment on the first two organizations as they are obviously doing their masters' bidding.

I formerly served on the executive board of a local union. I have seen members who refused to support the union and only paid dues because they were required to. I have also seen these same people gladly accept the benefits gained by the negotiating committee. And, on many occasions, they were the first to run to the union for help when they got their teat caught in a wringer.

A separate, related article in

*The Detroit News* tells of a new study that shows 40 percent of Michigan's working households are unable to meet basic survival needs. This should come as no surprise. As union membership has dropped, so has the lot of the middle class it created.

The Koch brothers, et al, sent their bought-and-paid-for politicians to Lansing to, among other things, weaken both public and private unions. And that is exactly what they have done.

The great wealth disparity in this state will continue as long as the "new" Republican party wears the crown in Lansing.

James Huddleston  
Canton

### Fix charter school problem

All credit or blame (depending on your point of view) for the charter school situation in Michigan should go to John Engler and the Republicans. For them it was never about the kids. It was about union busting and access for their corporate campaign donors to the taxpayer-filled pot of gold (public

school funding).

Just think, had we never allowed the for-profit schools access to this "pot of gold" how much more could have gone into the classroom. Billions of our tax dollars have gone to those who issue the charters, those who run these for-profit schools and the lobbyists who pressure our legislators for more and more. This has done nothing but put more strain on all our public schools and made those that were behind fall even further behind, all while most of these for-profit school do no better at educating our kids.

Now with Republicans still controlling our state, the people look to them to fix what they have broken.

But with "the cat out of the bag" and all the money we make available for schools, these greedy for profits will not bend easily as some legislators have already seen.

Ever try to put a live cat back in a bag you just let it out of?

Chuck Tindall  
Novi

## STAFF COLUMN

# Finding local news easier than ever at new Hometownlife

Radical change is not easily embraced so there was a bit of trepidation when the switch was flipped to launch our new website, Hometownlife last week.

The good news is that the launch definitely evoked a response. "The website and app look great ... Congratulations!" said one reader.

I'm grateful to say that reaction has been overwhelmingly positive thus far. Readers have discovered our apps for iPad, iPhone and Android and already 25 percent of our online traffic is from mobile users.

Our new homepage is bold, there is no doubt. Photos are vivid, headlines snappy and content is displayed in a fashion that is entirely new. For every 100 people who like it, there are a few who prefer the way it was.

"The new website is horrible," said another reader, while offering up her nephew to build us a new site.

I suppose you can't make everyone happy but I'm going to try anyway.

Readers who have complained have said finding the local news that matters to them isn't so easy these days. That sentiment is understandable given the overhaul of Hometownlife. But our readers should know this — there is still a dedicated home on our website for local news pertinent to every community O & E Media serves. That hasn't changed at all. In fact, for the first time there is a Community News module right on the homepage to make finding local content even easier. All you have to do is click on the name of the city that corresponds to the publication you



want.

If you want to read the *South Oakland Eccentric*, there is a page for that at <http://www.hometownlife.com/news/eccentric-south-oakland/>. If you want to find the *Livonia Observer*, the link is <http://www.hometownlife.com/news/observer-livonia/>. Links for all of our other publications are listed at the end of this column.

Bookmark the link that is important to you and all the local news you expect to find at Hometownlife will only be a click away with no need to navigate further. And that local front now includes everything in one place.

One fact is clear from the launch of our new website — our readers value local news and want to read about the people, places and businesses that make their hometowns unique. If you have an idea for a story, photo gallery or simply want help finding what you are looking for online, feel free to give me a call. My number is 313-595-1007 and I

actually pick it up and enjoy talking to readers.

A local homepage for all of our editions can be found at the following links:

- Canton Observer**  
<http://www.hometownlife.com/news/observer-canton/>
- Farmington Observer**  
<http://www.hometownlife.com/news/observer-farmington/>
- Garden City Observer**  
<http://www.hometownlife.com/news/observer-garden-city/>
- Livonia Observer**  
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- South Lyon Herald**  
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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

## Back to School and making

# New Friends

### Message from Scoop

Now that you're in school meeting new friends you may notice that many may be different than you. Let's celebrate everyone's uniqueness. It makes for a wonderful experience!



**ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!**

**MOVIE and a PIZZA**

**Selfie with a Friend Contest**

You're back in school and surrounded by new friends. Submit a photo of you and your friends for a chance to win an Emagine Theatre Movie pass and a Buddy's Pizza coupon.

Identify everyone in picture along with your age, phone number and address and community of residence.

Photos will be used in an upcoming Scoop Hound Dog Highlights. Send picture to [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com)



### Last Month's SUMMER FUN Winners



**Isaiah Bonner**, Romulus – Went to Six Flags with his Dad in Texas. "I'm taking a picture in front of the sign"



**Marlies Budesky**, Novi –Attending a day for special needs people. She went fishing, boating, played games and hiked.



**Joshua Eaton**, Farmington Hills, Went camping with family at Higgins Lake. "I had a blast!"



**Alyssa Martin** – Southfield - "Went bike riding walked her dog. Loves to go bike riding"



**Jonah Koilpillai** – Northville – Went camping at Wilderness State Park as and went to Mackinac Island and in the U.P. for the first time. "They let me drive the ferry!"



**Brandon Lewandowski**, Garden City – Played Batman & Robin with his little brother Adam. "We love superheroes and playing them".

### Fun & Facts

*How they SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Student

**SPANISH:** Estudiante

**ITALIAN:** Studente

**FRENCH:** Étudiant

**GERMAN:** Student



### Education Word Find

Just in time for school, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BOOKS	GRADUATE	READING
CLASSROOM	LEARNING	SCHOOL
DESK	LESSONS	SEMESTER
EDUCATION	MATH	TEACHER

E I O E P K L H N P C  
 F G E D Z C U J R L L  
 V O H U C B L H A S E  
 T E A C H E R S R T S  
 S O W A I W S E A K S  
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 T K G G Z E K K O Z Q  
 O O H C S T M M A T H  
 U W P G N I N R A E L

### Did You Know?

ACCORDING TO SOME STUDIES, SCHOOL CHILDREN CARRY UP TO 30% OF THEIR BODY WEIGHT IN THEIR BACKPACKS.



WHEN ENTERING OR EXITING THE SCHOOL BUS, WHERE SHOULD YOU CROSS THE STREET TO BE SAFE?

ANSWER: IN FRONT OF THE BUS

### Share your talent!



Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about? Share your talent with us. We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlight.

### Join Scoop's Birthday Club!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boy or Girl: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fill out the form and have your parents fill in their name and signature. Clip and mail, it's that easy!  
 \* Required for Birthday Club

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>Noah Trackwell</b>	Redford	9/3
<b>Hannah Richardson</b>	Farmington Hills	9/5
<b>Liam Born</b>	Highland	9/9
<b>Patrick Kerrigan</b>	Livonia	9/18
<b>Mikey Palmer</b>	Plymouth	9/21
<b>Garrett Darnell</b>	South Lyon	9/24
<b>Isaiah Bonner</b>	Romulus	9/25
<b>Ryan Stallworth</b>	Southfield	9/29

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Courtesy of Metro Creative

**Deadline for submissions:**

Mail all entry forms to: Scoop the Newshound, 29725 Hudson Drive, Novi, MI 48377

All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Media by close of the business day on

Sept. 29

or email your form to: [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) Winners to be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.



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Grape Tomatoes <b>2/\$5</b>	Shortcut Carrots <b>\$1.69</b> lb

## PRODUCE

Michigan Locally Grown <b>Celery</b> <b>79¢</b> ea	Michigan Locally Grown <b>Tomatoes</b> <b>\$4.99</b> 1/2 peck	Delmonte Golden Ripe <b>Bananas</b> <b>33¢</b> lb	Michigan Locally Grown <b>Gala Apples</b> <b>79¢</b> lb	Michigan Locally Grown <b>Honey Rocks</b> <b>2/\$4</b>	Michigan Locally Grown <b>Cabbage</b> <b>25¢</b> lb
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<b>Boar's Head</b> <b>Rotisserie</b> <b>Chicken</b> <b>\$7.69</b> lb Boar's Head Save \$3.00	<b>Dietz &amp; Watson</b> <b>Gourmet</b> <b>Chicken</b> <b>\$7.99</b> lb Dietz & Watson Save \$4.00	<b>Dietz &amp; Watson</b> <b>Garlic Roasted</b> <b>Cheddar</b> <b>\$7.99</b> lb Dietz & Watson Save \$3.00	<b>Dearborn</b> <b>Brown Sugar</b> <b>Ham</b> <b>\$5.99</b> lb Dearborn Save \$2.00	<b>Hoffman's</b> <b>Hard</b> <b>Salami</b> <b>\$5.99</b> lb Hoffman's Save \$2.00

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<b>Tasty Brand</b> <b>Large Eggs</b> <b>99¢</b> doz
<b>Wesson</b> <b>Vegetable or</b> <b>Canola Oil</b> <b>\$2.99</b> ea
<b>Michigan Velvet</b> <b>Creamy or Crunchy</b> <b>Peanut Butter</b> <b>\$1.99</b> ea
<b>Guernsey</b> <b>Ice Cream</b> 1.5 QT <b>\$3.99</b> ea

## PASTRY

<b>PUMPKIN</b> <b>BARS</b> with Cream Cheese Frosting <b>\$2.49</b> ea	<b>CINNAMON</b> <b>APPLE BREAD</b> Small <b>\$3.49</b> Large <b>\$7.49</b>
<b>PUMPKIN</b> <b>ROLL</b> with Cream Cheese Icing <b>\$11.99</b> ea	<b>CHOCOLATE</b> <b>PECAN ROLL</b> with Espresso Filling <b>\$11.99</b> ea

## CAFE

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<b>Salt Water</b> <b>Taffy</b> BIG SALE <b>\$2.49</b> lb
<b>Torani</b> <b>Coffee Syrups</b> All Flavors 12.7 oz <b>\$5.99</b> ea
<b>Bali's Best</b> <b>Coffee &amp; Tea</b> <b>Hard Candy</b> 5.3 oz bag <b>\$2.99</b>

## Everyday GOURMET

### Chef's Feature

**Herb Encrusted Salmon**  
with Honey Glazed Roasted Potatoes

<b>Grilled</b> <b>Chicken Breast</b> Save \$1.00 <b>\$7.99</b> lb
<b>BLT Pasta Salad</b> Save \$1.00 <b>\$3.99</b> lb
<b>Pickled Beet Salad</b> Save \$1.00 <b>\$3.99</b> lb
<b>Twice Baked Potatoes</b> <b>Vegetarian</b> <b>\$1.99</b> ea
<b>Bacon &amp; Cheddar</b> Save \$1.00 <b>\$2.99</b> ea

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Ladywood spikers earn tourney title

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Livonia Ladywood volleyball team was hitting on all cylinders Saturday en route to the Sterling Heights Stevenson Tournament title.

The Blazers, who improved to 10-5 on the season, went 5-0 on the day and didn't drop a set capped by a 25-12, 25-20 victory over Macomb Lutheran North in the finals as junior Kayla March recorded 14 kills.

"After a couple of tournaments the team finally found its stride as far as each player understanding individual roles," Ladywood first-year coach Peter Lau said. "They performed and executed their roles, and their responsibilities as I expected, and put it all together."

Ladywood reached the championship with a 25-10, 25-15 triumph over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The Blazers also earned pool

play wins over Cranbrook (25-13, 25-14), Lincoln Park (25-12, 25-17) and Utica Ford (25-17, 25-18).

March was Ladywood's top attacker on the day with 62 total kills, while junior captain Haley Moores added 43. Senior captain Molly McClorey, also contributed 41 kills and a team-best 21 blocks on the front row.

Senior setter Emily Fradette racked up 111 total assists, while senior Madison Moschet-ta and sophomore Abby Glu-

chowski paced the defense with 91 and 52 digs, respectively.

"We came out of pool play with a point differential of plus 65, which is crazy," Lau said. "Even through the bracket play we continued our dominance. Only one game was close with the 25-20 set (vs. Lutheran North). Other than that we really, really jelled and communicated well."

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### Coaches needed

The Livonia Churchill athletic department is searching for an assistant gymnastics coach and a boys varsity head swimming coach.

Interested candidates are encouraged to fax a resume or letter of interest to Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at 734-744-2824, send an email to mhage@livonia-publicschools.org, or call Hage at 734-744-2650 (ext. 46117).

Both are winter-season coaching positions.

### Redford Catholic football

The Redford Catholic freshmen football team dropped a hard-fought decision Sunday against the Guardian Angels (Madison Heights), 18-13. Jaden Braxton scored two touchdowns for the Lancers, who received a spirited defensive effort from Donivon Lemon, who registered a team-high nine tackles. Arnold Ebiware and Anthony Blouin added four tackles each.

The junior-varsity Lancers came up just short, 9-6, against the Angels. Aaron Brintley scored the only touchdown for RC. Defensively, Brintley, Daron Dunning and Michael Rossi stood tall for the Lancers.

The varsity Lancers overcame a 21-0 deficit to pull out a thrilling 31-28 triumph. Matthew McCarty sparked on offense, scoring three touchdowns. Devin Dunning added one six-pointer while Kevin Cox scored another.

McCarty sealed the deal when he knocked down an Angels pass with one second left.

Defensively, the Lancers were spearheaded by JJ Cantrell, McCarty, Cox, Dunning, Sebastian Laponsa, Sean Rankin, Paul Wagner and Joseph Brintley.

### MU spikers sweep Classic

Payton Maxheimer assumed the setting duties Saturday as the Madonna University women's volleyball team completed its four-match sweep of the Julie Martin Memorial Classic.

Maxheimer, a 5-foot-10 sophomore from Fenton who was filling in for starter Spencer Stokes, finished with 48 assist-to-kills and 13 digs in a 25-16, 22-25, 25-15, 25-19 win over St. Xavier (Ill.).

Casey Gates paced MU's hitting attack with 13 kills, while Samantha Geile and Emily Johnson each added 12.

Cassie Castro and Amanda Obrycki led the defense with 16 and 15 digs, respectively, as nationally-ranked Madonna (No. 4 NAIA) improved to 11-2 overall.

Meghan Falsey led St. Xavier (4-7) with a match-high 18 kills.

PREP FOOTBALL



Livonia Churchill senior receiver Tim Dulin hauls in the game-tying touchdown pass from Brian Alsobrooks Saturday morning.

GARY SHATTER

## VERTICAL VICTORY

### Late TD pass, swarming defense spark Churchill's big win

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Like a long, quick and dangerous bolt of lightning streaking across an unsettled sky, Livonia Churchill's Tim Dulin electrified the Chargers' weather-delayed showdown against Brighton Saturday morning.

With Churchill trailing 14-7 with just 1:28 left in the fourth quarter and facing a daunting fourth-and-17 predicament from its own 48-yard line, the

long-striding, 6-foot-4 receiver hauled in a spot-on 52-yard spiral from quarterback Brian Alsobrooks at the Bulldog 5-yard line before stretching the ball across the goal line to pull his team even, 14-14 (following Alsobrooks' extra point).

It took the Chargers just three plays in overtime – an Alsobrooks 10-yard run on a keeper, an Alsobrooks extra point and a Jamal Allen in-

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Livonia Churchill's Jamal Allen sealed the Chargers' victory Saturday morning with this overtime interception.

GARY SHATTER

PREP SOCCER

## GC opens WWAC play with 4-0 win over Clarenceville

### Staley pockets goal and assist for Cougars

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

This season's pre-conference schedule for the Garden City boys soccer team was as brutal and unforgiving as a meat grinder.

But the games against such area juggernauts like Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Dearborn Divine Child and Allen Park serve a purpose – toughen up the Cougars for the Western Wayne Athletic Conference grind.

On Monday, the preparation appeared to pay off as Garden City registered an emphatic 4-0 victory over visiting Livonia Clarenceville in the WWAC

opener for both teams.

The triumph improved the Cougars to 2-4-2 overall.

"Playing the teams we play early in the season doesn't always help our record, but it gets us ready for the league games," said GC head coach Jeff Szygula. "We've been a little up and down this season, so hopefully this win will give us the momentum we need. I really believe this team can play with any team around as long as it gives a consistent effort like we did tonight."

The Cougars set the tone early, scoring in the game's

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ED WRIGHT  
Garden City forward Shane Feasel nearly scored on this first-half run.

## BIG WIN

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ception – to register a scintillating 21-14 victory.

Churchill improved to 2-0 heading into Friday night's 7 p.m. home game against 2-0 Westland John Glenn. Brighton slipped to 1-1.

"All four of our receivers ran vertical routes straight up the field," said Dulin, recounting the game's biggest play. "When I was running, I had a feeling Brian was going to throw the ball to me. I just made the play when I had to."

"Brighton's defense played it well," Also-brooks chimed in. "They had a lot of cover guys back there. I looked to the front side first then I

looked back to the back-side and figured I'd throw it to my biggest target and let him make a play, and he did."

The scoreless game was halted early in the second quarter Friday night when an intense storm front rolled through Livonia, forcing a 10 a.m. Saturday resumption.

While the Chargers' offense provided the late-game fireworks, Churchill's defense was fearsome from the get-go. Led by Tyler Melow, Aaron Kerr, Steve Szymanski and Shakur Lockett – to name just a few standouts – the hosts bottled up Brighton's explosive offense with the exception of a couple big-yardage plays.

The Bulldogs struck first, scoring on a fourth-and-18 pass play to jump

ahead 7-0.

Churchill deadlocked the contest at 7-7 on its opening possession of the second half – an eight-play, 43-yard drive that was capped by Paul Romain's bull-dozer-like 13-yard touchdown run with 8:03 on the clock.

One play prior to Romain's TD, Alsobrooks missed a 45-yard field goal, but the hosts' drive was extended when the Bulldogs were whistled for roughing the kicker.

Brighton grabbed a short-lived 14-7 lead with 4:26 left in the game when Ben Finnegan secured a swing pass from quarterback Nick Brish and slithered through the Chargers' defense for a 45-yard TD.

The Chargers' game-tying drive included a fourth-and-1 first-down run by Romain – that was so close it required a measurement – and a 12-yard Alsobrooks-to-Steve Szymanski pass play that was extended by 15 yards after a personal-foul call on Brighton.

Following Dulin's touchdown haul, the Bulldogs elected to settle for overtime when they ran two straight up-the-middle run plays.

Alsobrooks scored on the first snap when he faked a dive to Romain, cut inside and motored into the end zone.

Allen – the only sophomore on the Chargers' varsity roster – then picked off a pass in the end zone to preserve the triumphant comeback.

"The play we scored on in overtime had been there all day, so we decided to go with it," said Churchill head coach Bill DeFilippo. "They had been playing our tailback on the zone read, and Brian did a great job of getting the ball in the end zone. They went play-action on their first play and our sophomore cornerback made a real nice play."

"This is a great victory for our kids against a very good team."

## PREP FOOTBALL

# Cougars' defense mauls RU, 30-0

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

There weren't one or two standouts for Garden City's defense during the Cougars' 30-0 victory this past weekend over host Redford Union – there were 11 of them.

"It was a total team effort," said GC head coach Scott Murray, whose team improved to 1-1. "The entire defense was outstanding."

The game was delayed early in the second quarter by severe weather and resumed Saturday morning.

The Cougars forced eight turnovers, held RU to just four first downs and recorded two safeties.

Senior middle linebacker Cody Johnson was the Cougars' defensive lightning rod as he compiled 13 tackles. Fellow linebackers Nick DeHetre, John Giangrande, Vincent Murray and Brandon Grace also excelled.

GC's defensive line of Austin Dwyer, Jacob Gass and Mason Jennings provided consistent pressure in the trenches while defensive backs Nick Clark, Brandon Mitcham and Eian Castonguay locked down on coverages.

The Panthers, who are still trying to grasp the intricacies of their new full-house "T" offense, slipped to 0-2.

The Cougars seized a 7-0 lead in the first quarter when quarterback Kyler Hubbs scored on a keeper. GC led 9-0 when the torrential rains came thanks to a safety that unfolded when Johnson and Dwyer tackled RU's punter in the end zone following a misfired snap.

Hubbs, who rushed for a team-high 186 yards and passed for 96 more, also ran for another TD and connected



Senior quarterback Jason Crowe calls out the signals for Redford Union.



Garden City quarterback Kyler Hubbs ran for two touchdowns and threw for another in the Cougars' 30-0 victory over Redford Union.

body got after it."

### Trojans fall short

Livonia Clarenceville made a better showing Saturday in its postponed game with Dearborn Heights Robichaud than it did the previous week in the first game of the football season.

The host Trojans were much more competitive, though they were on the short end of a 22-14 tally Saturday.

"Overall, the kids played much better than the week before," coach Ken Fry said in reference to a 56-20 loss to Ferndale.

"Jake Kubiak and James Hill had good games offensively while Jonathan Harris played extremely well defensively. Jonathan Hogan looked good in his one play at quarterback when he threw a 20-yard TD toss to Hill.

"As with last week, the mistakes and inexperience caught up with us. They were fewer but still big.

"We're on the brink of putting it all together, and we look forward to playing old Metro (Conference) foe Lutheran North."

– By Dan O'Meara

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Quick-igniting Rockets hold off Howell

The rout was on for Westland John Glenn's football team Friday night ... and then it wasn't.

The Rockets were feeling good and playing better during the early portion of this weekend's clash against visiting Howell as they built up a seemingly indestructible 14-0 lead.

However, a 23-hour severe-weather delay took some of the steam out of the engine for the Rockets, who had to stave off a Saturday-night Highlanders' comeback to secure a 35-14 victory.

The win improved John Glenn's record to 2-0 heading into Friday's 7 p.m. showdown at Livonia Churchill. The Highlanders slipped to 0-2.

The game was stopped with 3:38 left in the second quarter when a nasty storm front rolled through metropolitan Detroit. The game resumed at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The Rockets actually ex-

tended their cushion to 21-0 Saturday night thanks to an electrifying 65-yard punt return for a touchdown by Jaron Flournoy.

Undaunted, Howell scored back-to-back TDs to claw to within 21-14.

"It was like a tale of two games," said John Glenn head coach Tim Hardin. "Obviously, we played a lot better Friday night than we did Saturday night. It's kind of a tough situation to be in when you're rolling and all of a sudden the game is canceled. I think Howell came back on Saturday with a nothing-to-lose mentality. They came out in empty-backfield sets. We saw alignments we hadn't seen before from them."

John Glenn scored first when Jamie Melchor plowed into the end zone from 1 yard out. Steve Hegenauer's first of five extra points made it 7-0.

The Rockets doubled their lead to 14-0 on the last play

before the weather turned ugly when Brendan Wetmore connected with DeAndre Barthwell on a 25-yard scoring strike.

Flournoy's special-teams highlight closed the first-half scoring.

The Highlanders made things interesting in the fourth quarter when they scored back-to-back touchdowns on a 2-yard run by Evan Siemen and a 13-yard pass from Brett Chaperon to Trevor Wetzel.

The Rockets quickly regrouped and countered with a pivotal 78-yard TD pass from Wetmore to Andre Brown.

John Glenn's Le'Jon Crawford put an exclamation point on the victory when he returned an interception 65 yards to paydirt.

Howell pushed the ball into the red zone on its final drive, but Flournoy intercepted a pass in the end zone.

The Highlanders outgained

John Glenn in total yards, 294-259.

Melchor had a stellar game, picking up 92 yards on 22 carries. Wetmore was 5-for-8 for 151 yards and two touchdowns. Flournoy was Wetmore's top target, catching three balls for 48 yards.

Tyrikh Hunter added an interception for the winners' defense.

"I liked the way our kids persevered and kept fighting," Hardin said. "We were a lot more disciplined than we were in the first game."

The Rockets face a stiff road test on Friday when they travel down Newburgh Road to battle unbeaten Livonia Churchill.

## Zebras caged

Junior quarterback Joe Bob Walker threw for 226 yards and two long touchdowns, but it wasn't nearly enough to prevent Wayne Memorial from

getting rocked by visiting Grand Blanc 56-14 in a game that started Friday night and ended Saturday night.

Grand Blanc led 28-6 when the game was postponed to Saturday by severe weather. The Bobcats led 42-6 at the half.

Walker, who completed 11 of 32 passes, got the Zebras on the board first when he connected with Angelo Wiggins on an 87-yard touchdown strike. Walker and Juan Wise hooked up for a 70-yard bomb in the fourth quarter.

Wayne's ground game was stymied by Grand Blanc as it rushed for just six yards. Bryant Malik led the way with nine yards on four carries.

The Bobcats outgained the Zebras, 390-232 in total yards.

The Zebras visit unbeaten Plymouth on Friday for a 7 p.m. game.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Huge rushing effort not quite enough for Patriots

Franklin teases 400-yard mark, but drops 28-27 decision

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's football team pounded out 398 yards rushing during last weekend's game against visiting Milford, but the Patriots ended up falling short by just a few inches.

A potential game-winning field goal with five seconds left hit an upright, allowing the Mavericks to escape with a 28-27 victory.

Milford improved to 1-1 while the Patriots slipped to 0-2.

The game was postponed by severe weather early in the second quarter with the score knotted at 14-14 and resumed at 9 a.m. Saturday.

"We didn't take advantage of a couple golden opportunities to score in the second half when we had the ball inside their 20," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert. "We missed a block on a fourth-and-1 on one series, and we overthrew an open receiver in the end zone on another."

"I don't think the delay affected us much. We ran the

ball extremely well. Our offensive lined played really well."

Dominating the trenches for the Patriots were offensive linemen Tim Nehasil, Joe Fortin, Josh Retting, Mitch Retting and Mitch Gonyaw.

Benefitting from the bulldozing blocks were running backs Nate Binkiewicz, who ran for 174 yards, and Nathan Rodgers, who galloped for 113.

Rodgers turned in the play of the game before the weather delay when he intercepted a Milford pass at his own 11-yard line and returned it 89 yards for a touchdown to deadlock the game at 7-7 (following Ryan Prohaska's first of three extra points).

Binkiewicz scored on a reception (from quarterback Denzel Adams) and on a run.

Rodgers scored on a run in addition to his pick-six.

Adams completed three of seven passes for 25 yards and ran seven times for 17 yards.

Franklin won the first-down battle, 12-7.

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Livonia Franklin's Nathan Rodgers returned this first-quarter interception for an 89-yard touchdown Friday night against Milford.



Livonia Franklin's defense ganged up to stop Milford's Tyler Carrier on this first-quarter carry.

PREP FOOTBALL

# Warriors throttle Harper Woods, 49-12

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland's football team was so dominant in Saturday afternoon's 49-12 victory over visiting Harper Woods that the Warriors' offense, defense and special teams scored touchdowns - all in the game's first eight minutes.

The thorough triumph proved to be a shot of adrenaline for the Warriors, who evened their record at 1-1 following last week's season-opening setback to Burton Atherton.

"We played really well and Harper Woods had a lot of new players," said Lutheran Westland head coach Paul Guse. "We put in a punt-block play for the first time in about 10 years and we blocked two punts, which was nice to see."

"We played well in all phases of the game - offense, defense and special teams."

Sophomore D.J. Nykiel had a break-out game for the winners, rushing for a team-high 97 yards on eight carries while executing a perfect scoop-and-score following the Warriors' first punt block (by Austin Olson) in the first quarter.

Senior Jacob Davenport had another lights-out game for the victors, rushing for 85 yards and two touchdowns while leading the defense with six stops.

In addition to blocking a punt, Olson picked up 81 yards on 13 hauls for the Warriors' ultra-



Lutheran Westland's Austin Olson stretches the ball across the goal line during the Warriors' explosive first quarter Saturday afternoon.

balanced offense.

LW took command early when it drove 61 yards on its first drive, which was capped by Olson's 8-yard TD scamper.

Moments later the Warriors padded their cushion to 14-0 when Nykiel returned the blocked punt 35 yards to paydirt.

Not to be outdone, the hosts' defense got on the board when Cleveland Tarp stepped in front of a Johnson pass along the visitors' sidelines and raced 30 yards for a TD.

A Robert Marshall fumble recovery on the Pioneers' next ill-fated possession resulted in a seven-play, 32-yard drive that culminated with a 5-yard scoring run from Caleb Richter with 37.1

seconds left in the first quarter.

The Warriors ramped up their lead to 40-0 at the half thanks to a 4-yard run Davenport with 7:32 left on the clock and a 1-yard plunge by Richter. The final TD of the half was set up by Mitchell Klein's fumble recovery and entertaining 8-yard return during which he appeared to drag half of the Pioneers' offense.

The second-half points came on a 5-yard run by Davenport and a 27-yard field goal by Olson.

Thomas Krueger added a second-half fumble recovery to give the Warriors four forced turnovers for the contest.

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PREP TENNIS

# Cougar netters take News Herald title

The Garden City boys tennis team won the News Herald Tournament held at Taylor Kennedy High School on Saturday.

Joe Pummill won the gold medal for the second year in a row as the tournament's top player. Travis Kidd won the gold medal at No. 3 singles, while Tyler Kelly took first at No. 4 singles.

In doubles action, Tony VanDooren and Derrick VanDooren won the No. 4 flight.

GC's No. 2 singles player Robbie Moyers earned a silver medal, and Jassen Matuscak and Nick Bennett struck silver at No. 3

doubles.

The Cougars' No. 1 doubles team of Zack Quartz and Aaron Wilson, and the No. 2 tandem of Jake Beasley and Justin Perrin won two matches each and finished in third place in their respective brackets.

"It was a great win for our program and I was really proud of the effort the boys displayed," said GC head coach Ron Pummill. "There was a lot of great tennis on Saturday and we are going to continue to improve as league play begins on Wednesday as we travel to Belleville."

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Members of the Garden City tennis team pose proudly with the first-place trophy they won at Saturday's News Herald Tournament.

CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP

# Chargers, Pats finish top 5 at Ramblin' Rock

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's girls cross country team placed fifth at Saturday's Ramblin' Rock Invitational, which was hosted by Salem at Willow Metropark.

Brighton won the event with 40 points, followed by the host Rocks (45), Livonia Churchill (84), Novi (118) and the Patriots, who compiled 142 points.

Franklin's top runner was Mandy Pokryfky, who placed

18th in 20 minutes and 42 seconds. Also finishing for the Patriots were Ellary Marano (22nd in 21:00), Julie Wonch (29th in 21:26), Natalie Martinez (33rd in 21:40), Camryn Zurawski (46th in 22:03), Riley Shine (47th in 22:14) and Emma Devine (53rd in 22:30).

The Patriots bounced back admirably on Tuesday when they outlasted Wayne Memorial, 18-45, in a KLAAs South Division dual meet held at Nankin Mills. Shine sparked with a first-place time of

22:53.4. Just a few strides later Katelyn Kovach crossed the line in a runner-up time of 22:56.8.

Wayne's Kelsie Wysong placed third in 23:04.8, followed by Franklin's Jennifer Jaynes (23:17.4) and Paityn Santi, who earned fourth- and fifth-place points, respectively.

### Wayne boys win

The Zebras edged the Patriots, 28-29, thanks to strong performances from Devin Gibson (16:41.1) and Malik

Jordan (17:11.9), who placed second and third, respectively. Franklin's Tony Floyd won with a time of 16:35.7. Keenan Jones, who was the medalist in last week's Livonia City Meet, placed fourth in 17:26.4.

### Charger boys victorious

Jonathan Alessandrini (18:00) and Jonathan Hovermale (18:05) proved to be a productive one-two punch for Livonia Churchill's boys cross country team during its 15-49 victory over Westland John

Glenn on Tuesday. The Chargers claimed the first six places with Matt Cohan (18:19), Josh Mussen (18:45) and Dash Dobar (19:09) also running strong. Beb Biber was the Rockets' fastest runner as he posted a time of 19:28.

### Churchill girls dominate

Led by first- and second-place runners Addison Mussen (22:29) and Kathleen George (22:57), the Chargers' girls team posted a 19-42 triumph over Westland John Glenn.

PREP SOCCER

# Churchill blanks Wayne, 5-0

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The signature goal Tuesday night during Livonia Churchill's 5-0 triumph over visiting Wayne Memorial had Churchill forward Daniel Jones' footprint all over it.

With his team already in command of the Zebras, 3-0, Jones one-timed a waist-high centering pass from Riles Dobar and knuckled-balled the ball into the top-left corner of the net to put a cherry on top of his team's dominating second-half performance.

"The ball came from the right and it was a perfect service right to me," Jones said. "It wasn't that hard of a shot. I hit it just hard enough to get it in."

Churchill coach Matt Grodzicki, whose team improved to 3-2-1 overall and 2-1 in the KLAAs South Division, said the Chargers' fourth goal was the result of solid execution.

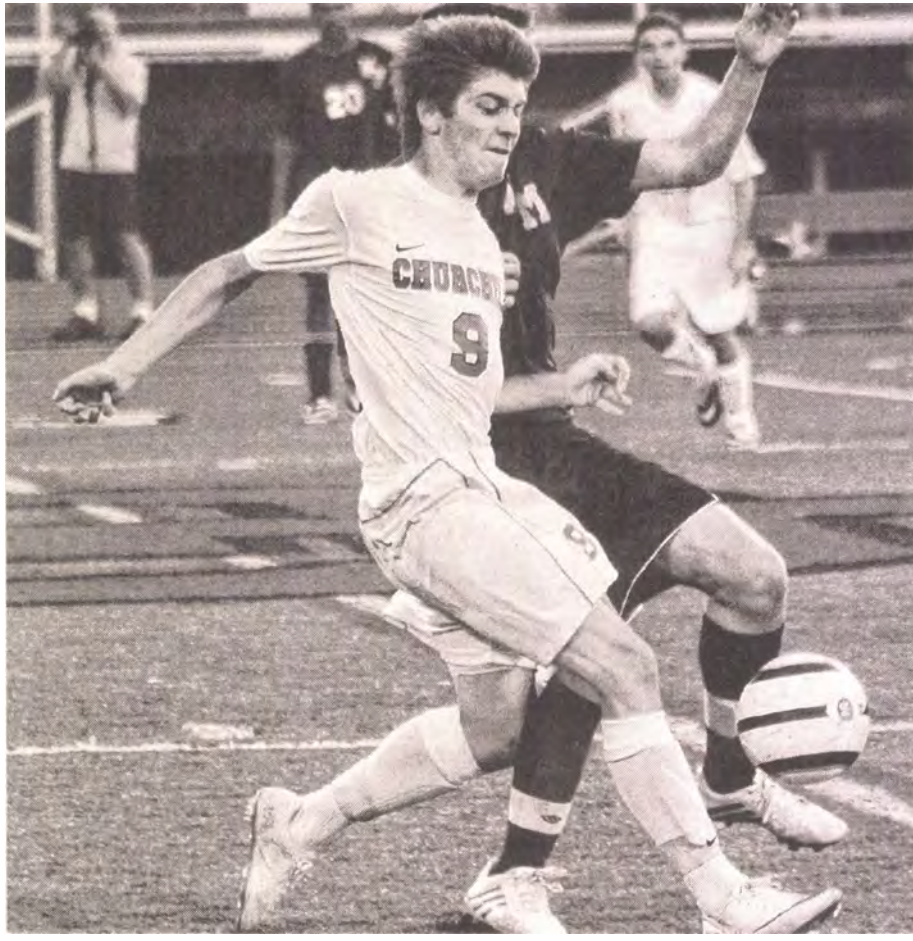
"We got to play a ball wide and work on driving it inside," Grodzicki said. "When you get bodies in the box, that's what happens."

After Churchill's Erlin Guri put his team on top, 1-0, 90 seconds into the contest, the Zebras played toe-to-toe with their hosts for most of the first half, which ended with the Chargers ahead 2-0 courtesy of a Dobar goal from Guri at the 8:58 mark.

"I thought we played pretty well in the first half," said Wayne head coach Jason Dean, whose team slipped to 2-4. "They got a goal right away, but we battled them 50-50 for most of the first half."

Grodzicki was mostly pleased with his team's performance, but there are still a few emotional elements he said need work, referencing a late-game red card issued to one of his players.

"I liked the way we possessed the ball in the second half," he said. "What I didn't like was our undisciplined behavior at the end. We have to do a better job of keeping our composure and playing through the whistle. We have to learn that we can't hurt our team like that."



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Churchill junior defender Conner McCarthy beats a Wayne Memorial player to the ball during Tuesday night's KLAAs South Division clash.

### Patriots play well in loss

Livonia Franklin played Canton to a 2-2 draw during the first half before succumbing to three late Chief goals in a 5-2 setback.

"I always hate to lose, but the way we played tonight, I can accept it," said Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos.

Ryan Bieth and Nick Curtis (penalty kick) scored for Franklin. Ryan Prohaska made 10 saves for the Patriots.

### Stevenson keeps rolling

The Spartans improved to 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the KLAAs Central Division Tuesday night by blanking visiting

South Lyon, 2-0.

The Lions slipped to 0-3-2 overall and 0-3 in the division.

Stevenson, which outshot South Lyon 14-6, scored in the 34th minute on Brandon Navarro's net-finder from Tyler Gregory, and in the 43rd minute on Brady Brown's first career goal from Dom Rea.

Austin Kaczmarek, Turner Miller and Adam Bixby combined for four saves in the Spartans' second shut-out of the campaign.

"It was a solid effort from our entire team, from start to finish," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker.

VOLLEYBALL WRAP

# Warriors rally to upend Parkway

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland's volleyball team posted an impressive come-from-behind 22-25, 25-17, 25-22, 25-18 victory over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian Tuesday night.

Emily Fairbairn and Allie Lange paced the Warriors with nine kills each. The winners' defensive effort was led by Sabrina Morrison (15 digs), Allie Lange (12 digs) and Caylin Hindle, who dug out 11 would-be kills.

Vivian Quitmeyer registered five blocks for LW, which improved to 2-7 overall and 1-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"We started out a little nervous and tight," said Warriors head coach Tom Lange. "We had too many errors and not enough movement. In the fourth set I saw the hustle and get-the-job-done attitude I expect from this team. We have a long list of things to work on, but I'm pleased at where we are so far."

### Chargers 1-3 at Novi tourney

Following a promising start, Livonia Churchill's volleyball team struggled in Saturday's talent-rich Novi Tournament.

In the day's first match, the Chargers defeated Ida, 25-14, 25-10.

However, things went south after that as the Chargers lost in straight sets to Rochester Adams, Novi and Salem as their season record slipped to 5-5.

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COLLEGE SOCCER WRAP

# MU shutout streak ends

After posting three straight shut-outs to start the season, the Madonna University men's soccer team had its streak snapped Saturday at home in a 2-1 setback to Purdue University-Calumet.

MU, which slipped to 3-1 overall with the non-conference loss, took a 1-0 advantage in the 37th minute on freshman Ljubevic Strahinja's header off a free kick from senior Ryan Williams.

But the Peregrines (2-1) evened the match at 1-1 on Juan Pablo Garza's goal off an assist from Jaime Prado to snap MU's scoreless goal streak at 340 minutes.

Tulio Ribeiro then notched the game-winner from Papa Otoo in the 83rd minute to give Purdue-Calumet the victory.

MU sophomore goalkeeper Marcel Schmid made five saves, while Peregrines counterpart David Miguel had to make only one.

Madonna returns to action 2 p.m. Friday at Pontiac's Winstar Sports Facility for a non-conference match with host Rochester College.

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

### ALL GAMES AT 7 P.M.

#### Friday, Sept. 12.

A.H. Avondale (2-0, 1-0) at Farmington (1-1, 1-0)  
Oak Park (1-1, 1-0) at Farm. Harrison (2-0, 1-0)  
North Farmington (1-1, 0-1) at Rochester (0-2, 0-1)  
Canton (1-1, 0-0) at Liv. Franklin (0-2, 0-0)  
Wayne Memorial (0-2, 0-0) at Plymouth (2-0, 0-0)  
Salem (0-2, 0-0) at South Lyon (2-0, 0-0)  
John Glenn (2-0, 0-0) at Liv. Churchill (2-0, 0-0)  
Novi (0-2, 0-0) at Livonia Stevenson (1-1, 0-0)  
Liv. Clarenceville (0-2, 0-1) at Lutheran North (0-2)  
Garden City (1-1, 1-0) at D.H. Annapolis (0-2, 0-1)  
Redford Union (0-2, 0-1) at D.H. Robichaud (2-0, 1-0)  
Redford Thurston (1-1, 0-0) at Dearborn (0-2, 0-0)  
Luth. Westland (1-1, 0-0) at Parkway Chr. (1-1, 0-0)

#### Last week's record

#### Overall record

	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
A.H. Avondale	Avondale	Farmington	Avondale
Oak Park	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
North Farmington	North	North	North
Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Wayne Memorial	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Salem	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon
John Glenn	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Novi	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Liv. Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Redford Union	Robichaud	Robichaud	Robichaud
Redford Thurston	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn
Luth. Westland	Lutheran W.	Lutheran W.	Lutheran W.
Last week's record	9-6	11-4	8-7
Overall record	18-10	24-4	18-10

# SOCCER

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fifth minute when A.J. Staley tapped in a short shot after controlling a crossing pass from David Rush.

GC maintained its 1-0 advantage until the 8:44 mark of the first half when Nick Schroeder's penalty kick doubled the hosts' lead to 2-0. The PK was set up when Jacob Shea was pushed in the back in the box while elevating for a corner kick.

The scrappy Trojans stayed within striking range until the mid-way mark of the second half when sophomore Jacob Sadowski delivered a net-finding header off a corner kick from Staley

to expand the Cougars' lead to 3-0.

"Jacob ran back side and headed the ball in the back corner, just like we drew it up," said Szyplia. "Everybody was in the right place at the right time."

The winners' final goal came with eight minutes left when Anthony Mauney ran down a slick pass from Maxwell Frederick and hammered it home.

"Anthony made a good run, called for the ball and Maxwell got it to him," Szyplia said.

Senior Nick Stephens made three saves to notch the shut-out.

Szyplia had high praise for junior center-back Vinnie Bakerian, who played a major role in keeping the Trojans off the board.



ED WRIGHT

Garden City's Maxwell Frederick races a Clarenceville player to the ball during the first half of Monday's game.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 12  
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Robichaud, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Annapolis, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Dearborn, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Parkway at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
HVL at Calvary, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
Stevenson vs. U-D Jesuit, noon  
PREP VOLLEYBALL  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Parkway at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
HVL at Calvary, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
Stevenson vs. U-D Jesuit, noon  
PREP CROSS COUNTRY  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Belleville at Wayne, 4:30 p.m.  
Spartan Invite, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
New Boston Invite, TBA

### Saturday, Sept. 13

Ladywood Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
Wyandotte Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
Clawson Tournament, 8:30 a.m.  
GIRLS SWIMMING  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
Redford Union at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.  
Ladywood at John Glenn, 6 p.m.  
Thurston at Fordson, 4 p.m.  
Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
W.L. Northern Invite, 9 a.m.  
BOYS TENNIS  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
Howell Invitational, 8 a.m.  
GIRLS GOLF  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
John Glenn at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 3 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 3 p.m.  
Cranbrook at Ladywood, 4 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Churchill at John Glenn, 3 p.m.  
PREP CROSS COUNTRY  
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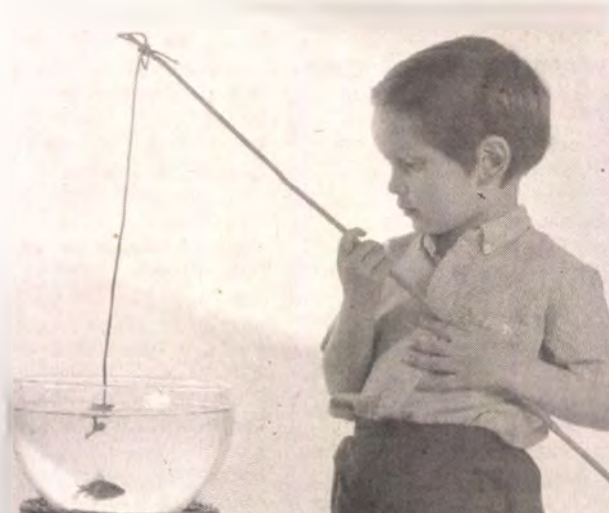
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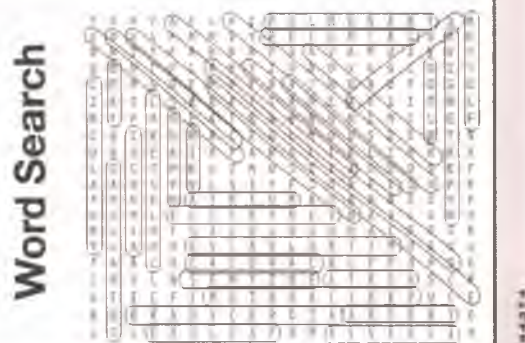
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5	9	2	4	3	4	6	7	1
1	4	3	1	3	8	2	6	5
4	7	3	6	8	5	9	3	2
4	6	5	2	6	1	4	3	7
5	8	6	1	2	4	7	3	5

**Word Search**









## PECAN ROLLS

Servings: 8

3 tablespoons butter  
½ cup brown sugar  
1 tablespoon maple syrup  
½ cup chopped pecans (divided)  
1 package (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent sheet  
½ cup apple butter  
¼ cup raisins (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Coat 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.

In small sauce pan over medium heat, combine butter, brown sugar and maple syrup. Stir until melted and pour into baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with ½ cup pecans.

On cutting board, unroll tube of crescent dough into a rectangle (seal seams and perforations).

Spread apple butter evenly over dough surface and sprinkle with additional pecans and optional raisins.

Starting on long edge of dough, roll tightly, jelly roll fashion. With serrated knife, cut roll into 16 equal slices. Place each slice cut side down on the glaze in the baking dish. Bake 18 to 20 minutes, or until puffed and golden brown. Remove from oven and immediately invert onto serving platter. Allow to cool five to 10 minutes before serving.

# Simple ways to infuse fall flavors

Apple butter adds spice to baked, cooked and grilled dishes

There's no time like fall to experiment with new recipes, especially those savory and sweet comfort dishes that highlight the season's favorite fruit — apples. Delicious when spread over a warm slice of fresh-baked bread, apple butter is also an unexpected but ideal ingredient for creating rich flavors in baked, cooked and grilled dishes that add warmth to any meal.

Traditional apple butter is made by simmering apples long and slow in kettles with sugar, apple cider and spices. This classic Pennsylvania Dutch spread is essentially a concentrated, spiced apple sauce and contains no dairy butter. The classic brown color reflects the apples' sugar caramelizing during the slow cooking process.

While apple butter makes an excellent spread, with up to 70 percent fewer calories than peanut butter and traditional dairy butter, it's also an easy way to instantly introduce fall flavors into your favorite dishes, whether dinner or dessert.

Bring the flavors of fall to your table with these simple, homestyle recipes. Two recipes blend the spicy notes of apple butter into simple, comforting crock pot dinners. The others offer sweet apple-infused desserts. One is a twist on traditional pecan rolls and the other a glazed apple cake.

For more recipes featuring apple butter, visit [www.musselmans.com](http://www.musselmans.com).

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## SPICED APPLE CAKE WITH ORANGE GLAZE

Serves: 10

2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon nutmeg  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
½ teaspoon ground cloves  
¼ cup sugar

½ cup butter  
2 eggs  
½ cup buttermilk  
1 cup Musselman's Apple Butter  
1 cup powdered sugar  
2 tablespoons orange juice  
1 teaspoon orange peel

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Sift flour, baking soda, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves.

Cream sugar and softened butter or margarine in large bowl. Add eggs, beating thoroughly. Beat in dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk. Stir in apple butter.

Pour into a greased 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan.

Bake in 350°F oven 55 to 65 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan.

Make orange glaze by combining powdered sugar, orange juice, and orange peel. Spoon glaze over warm cake.



## APPLE-MUSHROOM SLOW COOKER SWISS STEAK

Serves: 6

1 cup Musselman's Apple Butter  
1 10.75-ounce can condensed cream of mushroom soup  
18-ounce can tomato sauce  
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
1 cup onions, chopped  
2 pounds boneless beef round steak, cut into serving-size pieces  
18-ounce container button mushrooms, sliced



Mix all ingredients except onions, steak and mushrooms in large bowl.

Place onions in bottom of 3 ½ to 4-quart slow cooker. Layer on top with half of the steak pieces and then half of the mushrooms. Pour half of the apple butter mixture over the top.

Repeat the layers.

Cook on Low heat setting 8 to 10 hours or until meat is fork tender.

## SHREDDED APPLE PORK

Servings: 6

1 cup apple butter  
¼ cup apple cider vinegar  
¼ cup brown sugar  
2 tablespoons minced garlic  
2 tablespoons whole grain Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
2 medium apples, cored and chopped  
1 medium onion, chopped  
6 boneless pork chops



In small bowl, whisk together apple butter, vinegar, brown sugar, garlic, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper.

Place chopped apples and onions in slow cooker. Add pork chops and pour apple butter mixture over top.

Cook on low for five to six hours covered. Shred pork with two forks in cooker, and let meat marinate on low in sauce for 20 minutes uncovered. Serve warm over rice or mashed potatoes.

## CITY BITES

### Time for brew, brats

Canton — More than 60 craft beers will be available for sampling at the fifth annual Brew, Brats & Bands At The Barn, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. Admission to this fundraiser for the Canton Historical Society will include seven drink tickets good for seven beer samples, along with a keepsake beer-tasting mug and brats and all the fixings. The Dale Hicks Band will play classic rock and All Directions will play rhythm and blues standards during the event. Tickets are \$30. Designated driver tickets are \$10. Buy them online at [www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org), or in person at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, the Canton Treasurer's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, or the Canton Farmers Market, 500 N. Ridge Road. For more information, visit [cantonhistoricalsociety.org](http://cantonhistoricalsociety.org) or call 734-394-5314.

### Restaurant crawl

Plymouth — Taste samples and treats from 15 restaurants and then vote on your favorite, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday,



Chef Paul Penney (left), Karl Zarbo and Noreen Rybar grill brats at Brew, Brats & Bands last year. SUBMITTED

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