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## Wayne appoints interim city manager

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A former South Lyon city manager has been hired as Wayne's interim city manager. The Wayne council voted Tuesday to hire David Murphy to serve in the interim post for up to six months. A week earlier council had interviewed Murphy, who was included on a Michigan Municipal League list of possible interim candidates, and David Mackie, currently Taylor deputy mayor. Once the agenda item came

up, Councilman David James quickly voiced support for Mackie, citing his private sector experience as a consultant. "I feel we had two good candidates. I thought David Mackie showed great qualities," James said. "The budget he manages (in Taylor) is three times what we have here. He's currently in Wayne County. He knows what we need." While council members all agreed they were pleased with the quality of both candidates, Councilwoman Susan Rowe commented that she thought Murphy was a better fit for

Wayne's current needs. "He has prepared several city budgets. Mr. Mackie is well qualified but said he has never prepared a budget," Rowe said. "Mr. Murphy can step right in after he passes his background check." Hiring an interim city manager became a more pressing issue with the Oct. 17 retirement of Police Chief Jason Wright, who has been serving as interim city manager since the sudden resignation of Joseph Merucci last month. "We do have a situation here. Mr. Mackie would learn

as he comes in. I'm not sure we have time for him to be on a learning curve," Rowe said. "I'm confident Mr. Murphy will be able to step right in." During his interview, Murphy told council he expected to be able to provide budget recommendations after a month on the job. The city currently has a budget with an approximately \$500,000 deficit and a larger than projected shortfall for 2014-15. Having served over five years in South Lyon, Murphy also worked in Almont, Caro and Brighton Township. Since

he left South Lyon in October 2013, Murphy has filled interim positions in Franklin and Huntington Woods. "Anyone we talked to and who had dealt with him said he was a very respectable manager," Councilman James Hawley said. "If you look at who gets appointed as EFM (emergency financial manager), they don't appoint people without experience. I'd recommend Mr. Murphy."

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## New signs and scarecrows in Wayne

Decorations help draw attention to downtown

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Scarecrows have taken over Wayne, but they're not the only things decorating poles downtown. People driving along westbound Michigan Avenue and southbound Wayne Road are seeing blue and yellow signs letting them know that Wayne is a Michigan Main Street community. "The city agreed on the locations. We have two, but we'd like to add a third on northbound Wayne Road and Michigan," Main Street director Lindsay Wooten said. "We're pricing it out. It costs about \$300, and we're on a bare-bones budget." According to Wooten, the Glenwood-Wayne Road location was chosen to serve as an "Oh, yes, I'm in Wayne" reminder for motorists. Glenwood is the dividing line between Wayne and Westland, and when people drive through the intersection the sign lets them know they're in Wayne. The Michigan and Second Street location focuses on motorists who slow down because of traffic as they enter downtown Wayne. "The downtown boundary starts at St. Mary's, but the traffic builds up at Second," Wooten said. "They're more of a captive audience and we want them to see they're in the downtown once they're past the vacant Save-A-Lot



Volunteers for Wayne Main Street — Pastor Dave Furno, Cindee McClure, Cindy Schofield, Carolyn Marnon, Alicia Marnon, Angie Jarman, Dennis Wallot, Jim Jeziorowski and Main Street director Lindsey Wooten — show off the new Main Street signs that have been put up in two locations in downtown Wayne.

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## Wright retiring as Wayne police chief

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright is retiring from the city effective Oct. 17 to take a position with Van Buren Township. A Wayne Police officer for 21 years and police chief since 2010, Wright has also been serving as acting city manager for the past month. The council accepted Wright's resignation at its meeting Tuesday. In his letter of resignation, Wright noted his experience as a patrol officer and each rank, including being a canine officer, as times he will cherish. "I have never taken for granted the trust the city manager, city council and mayor have had in me during our difficult times, and I am very proud to have earned their confidence," Wright said. The Wayne Police Department is a great organization, he said, and he has been proud to work with true professionals. Wayne Deputy Chief Alan Maciag is expected to move into the police department's top position once Wright retires. Wright has accepted a position as deputy director of police operations for Van Buren Township, which has a public safety department. As part of his new job, Wright will be cross-trained as a firefighter. Following a recent spate of resignations, Wright and City Clerk/Planning Director Matthew Miller were left as the only full-time city department heads. Faced with an approximately \$500,000 deficit in the current fiscal year and a significantly larger shortfall in 2014-15, the city is also currently without a finance director. The Wayne council voted Tuesday to hire David Murphy to serve as interim city manager, filling the position vacated by Joseph Merucci who resigned.



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## Norwayne historic marker dedication is Oct. 23

By LeAnne Rogers  
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October is shaping up to be a busy month for Westland's Norwayne community. Among the highlights will be the Oct. 23 dedication of the Norwayne Historic District marker at the former Jefferson-Barns Elementary School, soon to be the new home of Dorsey Community Center. Norwayne Community Citizens Council President Henry Johnson and Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell will talk about Norwayne at 7:30



Johnson

p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, as guest speakers at Wayne Historical Museum. "Norwayne had very close relations with Wayne. We have newspaper articles that the whole Norwayne project was going to be part of the Village of Wayne," Johnson said. "Because it was a federal housing project, Wayne would not have the ability to tax it, so it fell apart." Constructed to house World War II defense workers building the Liberator bomber, part

of Norwayne did end up being in Wayne — Gladwin Court. The rest of Norwayne is located in what is now Westland, then Nankin Township. "People in Norwayne did most of their shopping in Wayne at Lazar's, Mulholland's and the A&P," Johnson said. "The current Wayne City Hall was built as the Norwayne recreation center." Much of the talk, however, will focus on ongoing efforts to revitalize Norwayne and make it a community of choice, he said. On Tuesday, Oct. 21, the Norwayne Community Citizens Council will honor West-

land police and firefighters. "We are providing every person who works at the police and fire departments with lunch," Johnson said. "We will deliver the lunches to where they work. We will make two deliveries — 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. — to get both shifts. Students are making greeting cards to go into the lunches." The Norwayne Historic District Marker Dedication is scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, and is open to the community. Jefferson-Barns is located on Dorsey east of Venoy.

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# HalloWayne case hearing delayed until Oct. 20

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

If no one complains of being wronged or suffering a loss, is a crime committed?

That's part of the issue to be decided in the preliminary examination of a Wayne man accused of multiple felonies in connection with the nonprofit group Destination Wayne. The hearing Monday was adjourned until Oct. 20.

In a hearing before Garden City 21st District Court Judge Richard Hammer, testimony was that defendant Christopher Sanders, 45, en-

dorsed and deposited a \$1,000 check made out to another person into his personal bank account.

The check was written to Mike Spence, who testified he was offered the money if he claimed to be the winner of a 2013 HalloWayne pumpkin carving contest sponsored by Destination Wayne and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Spence testified he never entered the pumpkin carving contest and didn't claim to have won.

Sanders and Beverly Campbell, who wrote the check, are the principals of Destination Wayne, which promotes Wayne.

Sanders, 45, is charged with larceny by conversion, embezzlement as an agent or trustee and embezzlement from a nonprofit charitable organization, all five-year felonies, along with forgery, uttering and publishing or writing bad checks and identity theft. The charges specify the amount of money in question is more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000.

Defense attorney Ronald Ruark argued that the charges should be dismissed since no one was claiming to be a victim — not the woman who donated the prize money, Campbell or Spence.

"Both members of Destination Wayne are not complaining. If they are both OK with it, what is the crime?" Hammer said. "It's dishonorable, but who is being stolen from?"

Regarding identity fraud, Hammer said Spence's name had been used, but questioned whether that was sufficient for the crime. Since Spence's name had been signed to endorse the check, Hammer said there was what he called "small f" forgery but not necessarily criminal forgery.

"If no one has been defrauded, there is no crime. My primary objection is that there is no

victim," Ruark said. "No one is saying they were entitled to something."

In fact, the criminal investigation began when a pumpkin carving contestant filed a complaint with Wayne Police after the \$1,000 prize was not awarded and there were discrepancies on how many entries were received.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski argued that people can't use someone else's name. Along with forgery and identity theft, he said the utter and publishing charges were supported by the check being altered when Sanders signed Spence's name to endorse it.

"The people of Wayne were defrauded," Lukiewski said.

After taking a brief break to review materials, Hammer said he wanted to do more research. The attorneys were allowed to submit additional material to support their arguments.

"There are a number of novel issues I'd like to look into," Hammer said. "There are public issues, and this was a public type of activity."

Sanders, who entered a not guilty plea at arraignment, is free on \$1,000 personal bond.

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## CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's issue of the Wayne-Westland Observer should have stated the Republican candidate Steve Boron does not favor a 19-cent tax increase to cover the cost of repairing Michigan roads. Previously a Libertarian, he is a conservative who is involved in the 13th Congressional District Republican Committee.

## WAYNE

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store."

Wayne became a Main Street select-level community early this year through the efforts of the volunteer Wayne Ripple Effect. That committee has now become part of Wayne Main Street and the two entities — with the help of the Michigan Main Street Center at Michigan State Housing Development Authority — are working to develop a main street district that attracts both residents and businesses, promotes commercial investment and spurs economic growth.

The scarecrows are one way the group is looking to bring people into the downtown area. Sixty scarecrows have been hung on lamp posts along Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. Residents and businesses paid \$20 for the frame or \$15 to reuse their frame from last year, and then decorated them in a theme of their choosing. The frames were sold

at the weekly farmers market and delivered to the Main Street office Sept. 27. Members of the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Zebra Battalion made quick work of attaching the scarecrows to poles with zip ties.

The designs are anything but the scarecrows seen in farm fields. There's a flower pot scarecrow, a Little Mermaid scarecrow and a Meteors football player scarecrow. Hanging on the pole below the Main Street sign on Michigan Avenue is one provided by the Wayne Dairy Queen.

### Select community

Even the Lego Man, which won a prize last year, is back after a brief court appearance. Lego Man was "kidnapped" last October and the culprit was eventually identified and taken to court. Lego Man was created by the Kuban family and will get a makeover once Rouge-A-Palooza is over with this weekend, according to Wooten. Dad Kurt Kuban is a Rouge-A-Palooza organizer.

The Main Street promotions committee will look at every scarecrow

and select a winner. Residents will select the People's Choice Award winner.

The ballots will be counted and the winners will be announced at the Scarecrow Reception set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in Goudy Park. The winners will receive a cash prize and passes to State Wayne Theater. There will be a bonfire for roasting marshmallows and free cider and doughnuts.

"The idea is to get foot traffic in the downtown," Wooten said. "We've had volunteers look at all the scarecrows and have done it in about one hour.

Wooten is hoping that businesses will be open later the night of the reception.

### Looking ahead

People interested in getting involved in the Wayne Main Street program can visit its office at 3028 S. Wayne Road, south of Glenwood or can stop by from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 734-629-6822 for more information or an appointment.

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Former Norwayne resident Jeff Styers paid for the recordation work required for the historic designation. The Wayne-Ford Civic League is funding the cost of the marker and the installation.

Set for 6 p.m. Oct. 23 is the Norwayne Founders Day and Beautification Awards Banquet, which is by invitation, at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church.

"This honors longtime Norwayne residents and we will present beautification awards," Johnson said.

The monthly Community Picnic will be an Octoberfest from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Dorsey Community Center with food, children's games, crafts and free pumpkins.

On Halloween Friday, Oct. 31, a Trunk or Treat candy giveaway begins at 6 p.m.

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Recently in the Detroit Free Press, Republican State Senator Patrick Colbeck offered three ways to fix the roads without raising taxes. He wants to spend road dollars more efficiently than the Snyder administration has done so far. He wants to pursue unnamed revenue sources. And most troubling, he wants to "prioritize existing revenues to go to roads". This means taking revenues from schools, public safety and other state spending and transferring it to pay for roads. His free lunch approach to fixing roads clearly is not free.

When candidates talk about less government, you only need to look at our roads to understand what they mean. The cry for less government followed logically after the Republican Party became the party of never ending tax cuts. Republicans are not asking for government to get out of the business of providing, road, school, public safety or the rest of things it does. They just want to spend less on everything to make room for tax cuts. Spending less in inflation adjusted dollars on roads is just one example.

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# Five vie for three seats on Schoolcraft College board

Five candidates are running for three seats on the Schoolcraft College board of trustees Nov. 4. The candidates are incumbents Brian Broderick, Joan Gebhardt and Terry Gilligan and challengers Robert Breslin and Howard Petty. The seats are for six years each. The Schoolcraft College district includes the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, and part of Novi.

Following are the candidates' responses to questions from the *Observer*:

**Why are you running for the Schoolcraft College board?**

**Breslin:** In general, I want to reduce or eliminate college tuition so that students can start their lives without student loan debt. Additionally, I want to see SC launch courses that support Pure Michigan Talent Connect that offers a variety of programs to obtain skills needed in the present job market. I want those programs/courses complementing jobs our local community employers require today.

**Broderick:** I want to continue to give back to my community. Schoolcraft is a vital resource for all in western Wayne County. Stability in leadership and a vision in how the college can succeed are hallmarks of the current leadership team in place now and must continue into the future.

**Gebhardt:** Schoolcraft College Trustee is a non-paid, non-partisan position, but it is a way that I can give back to the community that has given my family and me so much.

**Gilligan:** I think I bring a unique perspective to the Board that no other member does. Coming from a building-trades background I can

assist in the scrutinizing of perspective contractors doing work at the College as well as developing curriculum and programs to prepare students for employment with the various trades looking for employees.

**Petty:** To help students and the community.

**What do you see as the biggest issue facing Schoolcraft College and how would you resolve it?**

**Breslin:** I believe SC College has lost sight of students being their customers. I think the SC growth is great, but shouldn't be on the back of student tuition. Raising tuition 3 percent this year is unacceptable! We should do everything to reduce cost, and I don't see Schoolcraft doing that. SC is an inexpensive community college in southeast Michigan! But, it also is one of the largest tax-based community colleges, and could do more for its customers.

**Broderick:** The biggest issue facing higher education, particularly community colleges, is the amount of money and time spent on remedial education because students are not adequately prepared to succeed when they exit the K-12 level. This will always be a role for community colleges. We must be proactive in our relationship with K-12 school districts and administrators so there is a clear understanding of the expectations at the college level and more effort to prepare teachers to make sure students are "college ready."

**Gebhardt:** Our biggest issue is balancing the budget. With less state appropriations and reduced taxes from property assessments, we are faced with reduced revenue, while college operating costs increase. I have voted no

**Name:** Joan Gebhardt.  
**Age:** 65.  
**City of residence:** Livonia.  
**Occupation:** Retired Teacher, Principal, and County Commissioner.  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Eastern Michigan University; Master of Arts, Educational Leadership, Eastern Michigan University; Additional Post-Graduate Work, Wayne State University.  
**Family info:** Married 43 years to husband Fred; family includes son Steven, daughter Jennifer, son-in-law Franco and granddaughter Lindsay.  
**Community Service (keep to past three years):** Past Chair of Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Board Member of Growth Works (a non-profit organization helping youth and families), American Association of University Women of Livonia (AAUW), League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, Teacher Education Committee at Madonna College of Education.  
**Elective offices held and years held:** Schoolcraft College Trustee since 2007, Wayne County Commissioner 2008-2012, Precinct Delegate since 2000.



**Name:** Terry Gilligan.  
**Age:** 51.  
**City of residence:** Livonia.  
**Occupation:** Business Representative, Pipefitters, Steamfitters, H.V.A.C. and Refrigeration Service Local 636.  
**Education:** Some College, along with graduation from Pipefitters Local 636 Apprenticeship program.  
**Family info:** Married 26 years, two children, Joseph 22 years, Allyson 21 years.  
**Community Service:** Schoolcraft College Trustee last two years, former L.J.A.L. assistant and head coach.  
**Elective offices held and years held:** Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees (two years).



**Name:** Howard Raymond Petty.  
**Age:** 60.  
**City of residence:** Livonia.  
**Occupation:** Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.  
**Education:** B.S., Manchester College, N, Manchester, IN; Ph.D., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Fellow, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.  
**Family info:** Married to Leslie Isler Petty. Sons: Aaron Petty, Federal Prosecutor, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C., and Lt. in USAF JAG Office; Daniel Petty, Cyber Security Expert, Google Inc., Palo Alto, Calif.; Ian Petty, Financial Analyst, Calypso Technology Inc., San Francisco.  
**Community Service (keep to past three years):** Saint Andrew's Society.  
**Elective offices held and years held:** None.



**Name:** Robert L. Breslin.  
**Age:** 74.  
**City of residence:** Northville.  
**Occupation:** Retired member of management, FoMoCo (41 years).  
**Education:** B.S. Industrial Management from Lawrence Institute of Technology (now Lawrence Technological University), pre-grad studies at University of Detroit College of Engineering, post-graduate studies at Central Michigan toward Master's Program, University of Tennessee's Quality Institute, and Wright State University's Quality Program.  
**Family info:** Married 54 years with four adult children and six grandchildren, three of which are in college with the other three in high schools.



**Community Service (keep to past three years):** Volunteer at St. Al's food pantry and South Oakland Shelter for homeless; volunteer Thayer Corners Northville Twp.; volunteer at SC, worked concession stands for Financial Aid to Athletics; volunteer Homeowners association and past social chairperson; active Catholic Central's Alumnae gatherings; treasurer of the Northville Democratic Club; and past school Board member in Wayne-Westland District (appointed for special program during early 70's).

**Elective offices held and years held:** Never ran in a public election. I've only held elected positions in political or social clubs.

**Name:** Brian D. Broderick.  
**Age:** 48.  
**City of residence:** Plymouth Township.  
**Occupation:** Executive Director, Michigan Association of Non-public Schools (MANS).  
**Education:** M.P.A. Wayne State University; J.D. University of Detroit School of Law; B.A. University of Notre Dame; Catholic Central High School.  
**Family info:** Wife Donna, son Jim (14), daughter Katherine (11).



**Community Service (keep to past three years):** Volunteer on various projects through Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish, Detroit Catholic Central, Notre Dame Club of Detroit and Irish Lawyers Society; CYO Coach.  
**Elective offices held and years held:** Schoolcraft College Trustee since 1995.

for the past several increases. We must resolve to keep our costs down.

**Gilligan:** The biggest issue we face every year is balancing the budget. In these times of shrinking revenue from the State, decreased proper-

ty tax revenue, and the need to keep tuition rates low, we struggle to keep Schoolcraft College the safe, clean, and great educational value it is today. We are continuously searching for ways to cut costs and still of-

fer a great college for our students.

**Petty:** Finances are the biggest issue facing Schoolcraft College and its students. State and local revenues are declining. The number of college-age students is also declining. Therefore, the College must be attractive to students in both curriculum and cost.

**In what ways can Schoolcraft College improve?**

**Breslin:** SC is centrally located in one of

the largest growth areas in the state, surrounded by every type business imaginable. I want participation by local entrepreneurs. We have manufacturing, assembly, robotics, hotels, restaurants, every kind of retail businesses, etc. in our area. I want those owners/managers to assist in program development for our students with direct practical job application.

**Broderick:** School-

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## Wayne woman charged with assaulting boyfriend

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A Wayne woman has been charged with using a gun to assault her boyfriend as he was ending their relationship.

Stephanie Wright, 45, entered a not guilty plea in 29th District Court on Oct. 7 as she was arraigned on charges of felonious assault, felony firearm and domestic violence.

Just before 4:30 p.m. Oct. 5 an officer on patrol was flagged down by a resident of the 4800 block of Howe. The resident, 45, told police his



Wright

girlfriend had just pulled a handgun on him. The officer reportedly recovered a 32-caliber handgun loaded with six rounds of ammunition from the grass between the street and sidewalk in front of the home. The officer noted that the gun safety was on.

The man reported to the officer that he and his girlfriend were having relationship problems that prompted her

to move out a week earlier. The pair had been in contact and the man said she had texted him that she was at the home waiting for him.

Returning to the house, the man told police his girlfriend said she was moving back into the home and then went outside to collect clothing from her vehicle. He said he was ending the relationship.

When she came back inside, the man reportedly said that she had a handgun in her sweater pocket, pulled it out and pointed it directly at his head. The woman alleg-

edly told him she was going to kill him and, standing 3 or 4 feet away, pulled the trigger but the gun didn't fire.

The boyfriend told police he wrestled the gun away from the woman and then ran outside and began to call 911. At that point he spotted the officer who happened to be driving by.

The safety on the gun was likely why the gun didn't fire, the boyfriend said.

Police reported the woman gave different versions of what had happened but initially told police that the cou-

ple was talking over their issues when the man suddenly pulled out the handgun and pointed it at her. The woman reportedly said the gun had belonged to her late grandmother.

The woman was taken into custody, police said, after she began to resist officers who told her she couldn't go outside to smoke as they were conducting their investigation.

Described as intoxicated, police said the woman had a .24 blood alcohol level — three times the legal limit of drunken driving. The

woman reportedly told police she didn't remember getting the gun.

Bond for Wright was set at \$100,000/10 percent with conditions including no return to the home on Howe, no contact with the victim, no possession of any weapons and no consumption of alcohol/drugs.

A preliminary examination has been set for Oct. 21 in 29th District Court.

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### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

#### Disorderly person

Garden City Police arrested a 59-year-old Inkster man about 10 p.m. Oct. 5 for being disorderly as he waited for care at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster.

The man was transported to the emergency room after he was allegedly assaulted in Inkster. He had visible facial signs of an assault.

He demanded a wheelchair upon his arrival after hospital staff gave him a chair to sit in. They told him that he would get a wheelchair after his paperwork was processed. He reportedly shouted obscenities and wouldn't calm down when the staff asked him to be considerate of others waiting to be checked in.

When his behavior reportedly continued to be disruptive, he was asked to leave the hospital. He reportedly refused. When the police arrived, they re-

portedly found him sitting on the floor. The police officers arrested him and transported him to the police station where he was cited for disorderly conduct.

He then asked to be transported to Oakwood Wayne Hospital for treatment.

#### Vehicle theft

A Westland car owner reported her 2005 Ford Focus was stolen Oct. 4 after she parked it for a short time in the east parking lot of Gordon Chevrolet, 31850 Ford.

She said that she had accompanied her sister who was picking up her car that day and was inside the dealership no more than 20 minutes. When she returned to the lot, she said that her car was gone.

After others helped her search the area for the car and it couldn't be found, she came to the police station to report the incident.

*By Sue Buck*

#### Vandalism

On Sept. 30, a resident in the 34000 block of Currier told police that she went outside in the morning to find the entire hood of her 2007 Dodge Caliber caved in. There were no scrapes or scratches on the vehicle and it wasn't known what had struck the hood.

The owner said she hadn't heard any noises

over night after parking the vehicle.

#### Stolen vehicle

A 2004 Jeep Liberty was reported stolen from a home in the 4500 block of Gloria overnight Oct. 4.

The owner said she had parked on the street and had both sets of keys to the vehicle, which is paid off.

The owner said there were also an iPod Touch

and a large speaker inside the stolen vehicle.

#### Vandalism

Police were called to the Newberry Square Apartments, 35240 Michigan Ave., Oct. 3 after a resident reported a tire cut and flat on a 2005 Chrysler Sebring. The woman told police the car is registered to her mother but she had been using it for the past few days.

#### Larceny

Police were called to the Avenue Bar and Grill, 3622 Elizabeth, just after 2:30 a.m. Oct. 5 on a report that two drunken suspects had stolen a scarecrow that looked like Batman. The suspects were gone when officers arrived but the scarecrow had been dropped and was reattached to the light pole.

*By LeAnne Rogers*

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

front end suspension.

#### Stolen vehicle

A Wayne woman told police Sept. 30 that she came out of Kroger, 200 S. Merriman, to find her 2009 Honda CR-V was missing.

The car had been left unlocked and an extra key was in the center console. The woman had locked the vehicle at Burger King, 120 S. Merriman, and found the key was still inside.

Reported missing from the vehicle were a laptop computer, shop vacuum, two phone chargers and a child car seat valued at \$1,205.

#### Bikes stolen

A Livonia boy told police he rode his bicycle to 7-Eleven, 31385 Joy, Sept. 30 and spent about 15 minutes inside the store. When he came outside, he said his bicycle valued at \$250 was gone.

The bike had been parked near a dumpster and was not visible from the store. It was described as a white BMX model with red hand grips.

Two BMX bicycles were reported stolen from a home in the 800 block of South Carlson on Sept. 30. The owner told police she had left her children's bicycles in the driveway Sept. 26-27 and they had been stolen.

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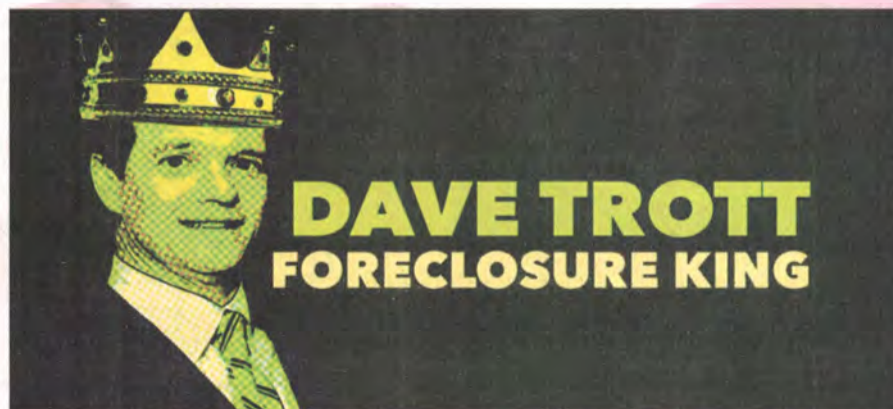
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# Canoe race seeks paddlers looking for challenge

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

Some people told me it could never happen, a canoe race on the Rouge River. The idea was too crazy and the odds too long. I had been hearing that ever since I started volunteering my time to clean up the Rouge more than a dozen years ago. People would say that the river was dead or an open sewer – or lots of other negative things.

Yet, as someone who loves the outdoors, especially canoeing and kayaking, hosting a race was always my goal. I have seen major improvements in the river with each passing year. And every time our group of volunteers – and there is a hardcore group of us – pulled a tire or shopping cart from the river or opened another logjam, I would think about that goal. I've always felt a race would be a great way to showcase the Rouge.

The fact is the Rouge has really been making a comeback in recent years. Fish and aquatic insect surveys have shown this. So have water quality tests, which show improved dissolved oxygen levels, as well as much lower bacteria counts, particularly during dry weather. Despite the fact that there are still challenges, especially the impacts of poor storm water management, there is no denying the fact that the river is coming back to life.

I'm happy to report that last year, after years of effort, we shrugged off the naysayers and held the first-ever Logjam Classic canoe race along a three-mile stretch of the Lower Branch of the Rouge through the city of Wayne. More than a dozen teams participated in the race, including men and women. For me, the highlight of the whole thing was speaking to the competitors after the race. Almost to a person, they told me how surprised they were with the



Jeff Barch of Livonia and Scott Spielman of Canton near the finish line in last year's Logjam Classic Canoe Race. They finished in third place.



Kurt Kuban

river – and how much fun they had.

We will be hosting the second annual Logjam Classic next Saturday, Oct. 11, along the same stretch of the river. The race will again coincide with Rouge-A-Palooza, a daylong celebration of the Rouge and the outdoors in general that will take place in Wayne's Goudy Park.

The event will include lots of activities, including a group canoe/kayak trip, canoe and kayak rentals, live music, family activities and lots of educational displays (Michigan DNR/State Parks, Wayne County Parks, Friends of the Rouge, Howell Nature Center – to name just a few).

For me, however, the race is the main highlight of the festival. In a day and age with extreme competitions like the

Tough Mudder being so popular, the Logjam Classic should be appealing to paddlers who are looking for a tough physical challenge. Despite the name, there won't be any impassable obstructions in the river. However, the Lower Rouge offers a fairly technical course. There are logjams to maneuver around (and under, in some cases), riffle areas that must be navigated and lots of bends and turns to the river.

Experienced paddlers will really enjoy the challenge.

Our rules are pretty basic: There must be two people in a canoe and any canoe can be used. Unlike the famous AuSable Canoe Marathon, the Logjam Classic is more of a sprint. Winning teams should finish in less than an hour. Last year's winners, Michael

Parsons and Steve Landfair, came in at 37 minutes. They will be back to defend their title.

Although Michigan Avenue and Ford Motor Co.'s massive Michigan Assembly complex are nearby, competitors in the race will never know it as the river traverses its way through a scenic terrain of large cottonwoods, maples, willows and sycamore trees.

The whole point of the race is to draw more attention to the Lower Rouge and all the efforts that have been made to turn it back into a recreational resource for communities like Wayne, Canton Township, Westland and even Inkster and Dearborn further downstream. In fact, plans are currently under way to have the Lower Rouge designated a national water trail.

The best thing about

the Rouge River is the fact it's in our backyard. People who live in the Detroit area usually have to drive an hour or more to paddle a Michigan river. Our goal is to provide that opportunity closer to home.

The winners of the race will earn a cash prize (the amount will depend on the number of participants in the race), as well as trophies cut from a logjam on the Rouge. The rest of the proceeds from the race will go toward making canoeing and kayaking the Rouge a reality.

If you think you have what it takes, preregister by contacting me at 734-716-0783 or kkkuban@hometownlife.com. You can show up the day of the race (registration begins at 9 a.m.), but we are only allowing 30 canoes in the race. Cost is \$30 per boat. Each com-

## LOGJAM CLASSIC

The race takes place Oct. 11 in Wayne. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at 3600 Commerce Court in Wayne.

- Here are the rules:
- » Two contestants for each canoe. They must remain as a team for the duration of the race, in the same canoe as started with.
  - » Any canoe may be used.
  - » Competitors must be at least 18 years old.
  - » Contestants must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved P.F.D. (personal flotation device).
  - » Commonly accepted rules of sportsmanship will prevail. Intentional capsizing or damaging an opponent's canoe will mean disqualification. Preregistration is a must due to limited spots. Contact Kurt Kuban at 734-716-0783.

petitor will get a Rouge-A-Palooza T-shirt. If you don't have a canoe, but would like to compete, you can rent one for \$35 through Heavner's Canoe & Kayak Rentals by contacting Jeff Vallender at 248-798-7434.

If you don't want to compete in the race or participate in the group paddle, but are interested in efforts to clean up the river and the outdoors in general, head over to Rouge-A-Palooza on Oct. 11 as we celebrate our river.

Kurt Kuban is the environmental reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, community editor of the Northville Record, and a Rouge River clean-up volunteer. He welcomes your feedback at kkkuban@hometownlife.com or 734-716-0783.

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# Wayne Memorial High School celebrates Homecoming

Crisp fall weather set the stage for Wayne Memorial High School's annual Homecoming celebration.

A prep assembly on Thursday was a prelude to the festivities Friday evening.

Students paraded into the stadium to watch their Zebras square off against Livonia Franklin in the annual gridiron game.

The enthusiasm of fans, however, wasn't enough to bring home a victory. Franklin out-scored Wayne to win 54-24.

However, the fans did cheer for the Homecoming court.

Selected by the student body as King and Queen were Angelo Wiggins and Shakyra Shoulders who also reigned over the Homecoming dance on Saturday evening.



TOM BEAUDOIN

King and Queen, Angelo Wiggins and Shakyra Shoulders are crowned during halftime at the annual Wayne Memorial Homecoming football game.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Wayne Memorial High School cheerleaders show their spirit as they march along Ash Street during the Homecoming parade last Friday evening.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Marching in the parade were the lady Zebras volleyball team dressed as little snowflakes.

## 4 candidates campaign for 3 seats on W-W school board

Four candidates are vying for three six-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education: incumbents Carol Middel and Shawna Walker and newcomers Tom Froreich and Melandie Hines.

The following are the responses of Middel, Walker, Froreich and Hines to questions posed by the *Observer*.

**What made you decide to seek a school board seat?**

**Froreich:** My fundamental wish, and something I will work toward tirelessly, is an open and transparent school board. My son is a recent graduate of WWCS and I am well aware of the financial challenges facing our district. As a leader on the school board, I will bring diversity and a fresh, outside view to move our district forward while complementing the leadership style of our new superintendent, Dr. Michele Harmala. My desire is to advocate for students as a creative thinker providing open communication, vision, responsible leadership and accountability.

**Hines:** I was a student of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. I was involved in a program called Upward Bound that paved the way to my successful future. I want to make sure that more programs are implemented to help children get more involved in their community and explore more internships with corporations so that the children have a direct career path. I am concerned about the quality of education due to lack of funding from Lansing. I am concerned about overcrowding in the classrooms. I have a 10-year-old son and these issues are vital to the quality of his education.

**Middel:** I am seeking to be re-elected to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education. I have been on the board for five and one half years. I wish to continue the good works that we have accomplished as a board to increase student achievement, fiscal responsibility, moving the curriculum content forward, offering quality educational programs, communications with the parents/community, and the retention of students and highly trained employees. I still have something of value to offer our students, parents, and district.

**Walker:** I currently sit on the school board and I would like to continue to help move the district forward, my children received the very best education in Wayne-

Westland and I want to continue to help provide that same educational experience for our current children and children to come.

**What do you see as the biggest issue facing the district?**

**Froreich:** As a district we continue to struggle with a lack of funding. Nevertheless, the WWCS is moving forward with many positive improvements under our new superintendent. Recent changes within the Administrative Cabinet make it more efficient, while cutting costs and still providing support for all departments. There is an urgent need to address improving student success, not only to retain students presently enrolled in our district, but to also attract students from other districts in today's competitive educational market.

**Hines:** Lack of funding from the state. In 2010, I was asked to join the Wayne-Westland Transitions Committee due to the closure of several schools. Over the last four years approximately \$1.8 billion has been taken out of the public school system, causing whole school districts to dissolve. After the dissolution of the Inkster Public Schools three weeks before the start of school, it caused a financial hardship to the surrounding. The Wayne-Westland School District has been able to maintain their budget throughout all of the ups and downs of the economy. The district is in the black, which shows financial responsibility and it is very important to maintain their budget.

**Middel:** The biggest issue is the funding of education in our district. Regardless of political statements, we have received less funding per pupil over the last few years. The costs of operating our district have continued to go up and incoming funds have either stayed the same or decreased.

**Walker:** Finance and budget issues continue to be a large part of educational issues and so far the district has been fiscally responsible at keeping the district out of the red without privatizing or cutting programs. I would like to continue to help keep the district moving forward by making the hard decisions necessary to keep the district out of financial trouble.

Also another issue, which isn't necessarily a bad issue, is improving community/board/administrative relations. Sometimes change can be difficult and I want to continue to help in the transition as we move

forward with the new superintendent and welcome her into the family. This can be done through honesty, trust, and transparency and everyone working together to reach one common goal and that is helping the children to be successful.

**How would you recommend increasing revenue, considering the state legislature has shown no willingness to address Proposal A and the funding inequities it created?**

**Froreich:** Under current state law, local school districts have severely limited options to increase revenue. Proposal A provides for a per pupil funding distribution, which creates a direct connection between funding and student enrollment. While I have limited details on the financial status of our district, I would recommend an intensive effort focused on improving student achievement. The results of such an effort would be in the form of a solid foundation from which we would raise our graduation rate, increase our percentage of college-bound students and substantially increase the marketability of the WWCS to new students.

**Hines:** To increase revenue, the State Legislature should remove or lessen restrictions of Proposal A and allow individual communities to raise the millage by 1 percent or based on their needs. Unfortunately with the Wayne REASA proposal failing it will make it extremely difficult to keep financially strapped school districts afloat. A way to increase revenue in public education would be to rent out the facilities to after-school programs like the Boys and Girls Clubs and other community programs targeted around increasing education.

**Middel:** As a school district, we are limited in our abilities to increase revenue. Sinking Fund monies have been procured from the community. The district has successfully qualified for any Best Practices monies being offered by the state. A bond issue will need to be considered in the near future to allow the purchase of buses and to fund other major capital projects. I will continue to meet with our state representative to help our district's efforts in seeking more revenue from the state. I will also encourage corporate/community sponsorship where ever and when ever appropriate.

**Walker:** As a board we will continue to make the decisions necessary to keep the district in the black by working together with the employees/

### TOM FROREICH

**Age:** 41.  
**Employment:** Letter Carrier, United States Postal Service.  
**Family:** Lane Froreich, son, 18, graduated JGHS this past June, presently attending Schoolcraft College.  
**Education:** High school graduate.  
**Community Involvement:** Food drives and charity fundraising.



### MELANDIE HINES

**Employment:** Dialog Direct.  
**Family:** Son Elijah Hines, 10, parents Lavern Caine and Jeffery Caine and brother Jeffery Caine Jr.  
**Education:** Master's in Business Management and Human Resources Management from the University of Phoenix; Bachelor of Behavior Arts and Science Specializing in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University.  
**Community Involvement:** Elected Precinct Delegate second term, honorary vice-chair of the 13th Congressional District, secretary of the Michigan Progressive Caucus, member of the Justice Caucus, Parent Teacher Organization, Wayne-Westland Transitions Committee, Detroit Society of Human Resources Management, director of a Praise and Mime ministry, served as a Inkster Reserve Police Officer.



### CAROL MIDDEL

**Family:** Married and mother of two children, caregiver for a 90-year-old aunt.  
**Education:** Associate of Arts degree from Schoolcraft College, Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Wayne State University, also University of Michigan-Dearborn.  
**Employment:** Substitute teacher with the Garden City Public, Romulus, Detroit and Wayne-Westland school districts, contract teacher with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools teaching first through third-grades and sixth-grade.  
**Community Activities:** 2009-present Wayne-Westland Community School District Board of Education, American Red Cross (instructor), First United Methodist Church (Chairperson-meals for the homeless; Education), Girl Scouts (trainer), Veteran's Administration Hospital (No Vet Dies Alone program co-coordinator).



### SHAWNA WALKER

**Age:** 44.  
**Family:** Married with four children and one grandchild.  
**Education:** Associate's degree in liberal arts from Henry Ford Community College.



administration and community to come up with ways to cut cost and save money.

**What qualities and skills do you believe you would bring to the school board, if elected?**

**Froreich:** I have unquestionable values and ethics; honesty and integrity as my foundation. Strongly committed to team environment dynamics, I am goal oriented and results driven. The position of School Board Trustee is not a stepping stone for me politically. Because I have no other political aspirations my sole focus will be to prepare our students for challenges they will face in the global marketplace. I attended school in this district and chose to have my son educated here as well. Open to new ideas and concepts, I am eager to learn the intricacies of school district governance.

**Hines:** I am actively involved in the community, participate in a lot of organizations and have relationships with community leaders. I have maintained trusting relationships with parents in the community. When my

child attended elementary school, I was involved in the PTO and know the importance of parent involvement in the schools. I believe that as a school board member I must be able to effectively communicate concerns from the community and be able to negotiate solutions with the board members respectively.

**Middel:** I am a highly trained, experienced educator and a highly trained, experienced school board trustee. I possess good leadership skills, am a good listener, and a good problem solver. I am very familiar with all of our buildings, the programs we offer, the employees and the students with many parents/grandparents recognizing me by sight. I have made every attempt to support our students by making financial contributions to their programs and by attending as many student programs, concerts, plays, special events as possible.

**Walker:** I am currently a member of the Wayne-Westland board of education and currently hold the role of President. It has been not only an honor but a pleasure

to serve our community since 2008. During my term I have earned several school board certifications. I also serve on the WCASB executive board.

**What makes you the best candidate for the school?**

**Froreich:** I am a candidate who values honesty, transparency and integrity. A detail-oriented person able to look at our challenges with a different perspective, while both initiating and contributing to discussion resulting in solid, forward-thinking decisions. A candidate who embodies a change in leadership that promotes active communication with all stakeholders, fiscal responsibility, accountability and improvement of student achievement that defines child advocacy.

**Hines:** As a school board member, I plan to restore the equality of education to our children. I will help increase funding to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools by utilizing my relationships with local, state and federal officials. One of my goals would be to build a bridge between the School Board and the community. I will create programs aimed to help parents become more engaged in the Wayne-Westland. As a parent, with a son enrolled in the school district, I know that education is the pathway to success.

**Middel:** I bring to the board a lot of institutional knowledge, having been in the district since 1959. Over 400 hours of professional development have been earned by me through attending classes, conferences, seminars, webinars and board retreats. I am recognized and respected by people in the community and by our state representatives. I am a person of integrity who always keeps the best interest of the students foremost in my decision making. Working hard for our students and the district has always been my driving force.

**Walker:** I have served on the board for the last six years and I have the experience need to help move the district forward and I would love to continue to advocate for the children and families of our district. Wayne-Westland is starting a new chapter with the hiring of the new superintendent and I know with the help of my fellow board members together we can move the district forward in a positive direction. Together we can continue to provide the things needed for the children today to compete in a global society.





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## Saving for retirement: Don't touch your 401(k)

A frightening new trend is starting to take hold in America. More and more people are starting to take loans from their 401(k) plan thinking it is a pool of money that can be tapped whenever they want.

According to a new report, 22 1/2 percent of people with 401(k) plans now have outstanding 401(k) loans — up nearly 20 percent over the last decade. As a result of these loans, Americans are putting their retirements at risk.

I don't want to say there's never a time to borrow from a 401(k) plan, because in some situations, particularly in emergencies, it does make sense. However, those situations are few and far between.

Unfortunately, many Americans are tapping into their 401(k) plan for such things as vacations, cars and other lifestyle expenditures. In the great majority of cases 401(k) money should not be used for those items. This is retirement money and should generally only be used for retirement.

Many people think that borrowing from a 401(k) plan is an inexpensive way to borrow money, however, it is not. In many 401(k) plans, if you have an outstanding balance you are no longer eligible to contribute new money. This can even be a bigger problem if your company offers a match.

In addition, if you borrow money from a 401(k) plan you have to pay interest. Even though the interest is being paid into your account, it is not tax deductible. Eventually, when that money is with-



**Rick Bloom**  
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drawn, you would have to pay tax on that interest. In other words you are paying taxes twice on the same money.

The major problem with borrowing from a 401(k) plan is that it takes money from retirement and creates more problems.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for people to save as much as they can for retirement and avoid, whenever possible, touching that money before you actually retire. It may mean cutting back on your lifestyle — not buying that new car or taking a vacation. However, it is much easier to make adjustments today than it will be in the future where, because of your finances, you may not have as many alternatives.

Retirement is a brand new concept in the history of mankind. In the past, people didn't have to worry about living 25-30 years into retirement; however, today that is the reality.

To assure yourself a quality of life in retirement, you need to have self-discipline today and that includes contributing the maximum possible into your 401(k) plan — and not touching the money until you are retired.

Good luck.

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

## Livonia Bob Evans presents \$1,500 check to local church

Bob Evans of Livonia recently presented Full Gospel Temple with a check for \$1,500.

Full Gospel Temple, located in Westland, was chosen as one of Bob Evans' Harvest Program partners due to being consistently engaged with the community by hosting many events to provide help to whoever may need a helping hand.

Bob Evans restaurants partner with local emergency feeding agencies and/or shelters to donate its unused food through its Harvest Program.

Full Gospel Temple is a member of the Churches United Against Hunger (CUAH) organization and has a soup kitchen that operates year round to feed the hungry five days a week. They also offer a place to take a shower and a food pantry program, which has been feeding people



From left, Stan Beneteau, Pastor R. Beneteau, Christina Mims General Manager, Katrina Dezerne, Lindsey Smith, Katherine Jaber, Ronney Lear, Dacia Major, Latavia Stoner, Krista Wallace, Faith Washington and Adrienne Lawrence, Local Sales Manager.

for more than 20 years.

Guests of the Livonia restaurant were invited to participate as well and donate to their local community.

"Most of our funds come from our loyal guests who dine with us," said Christina Mims, general manager of the Livonia restaurant, "and the rest of the funds come from Bob Evans

Company that believes in giving back to our friends."

The Livonia location is one of six Bob Evans restaurants in Wayne County to give weekly contributions to the church, which includes the Dearborn, Taylor, Romulus and two Canton locations.

"Bob Evans is always looking for many differ-

ent ways to help out our local communities with fundraisers that can be held as often as needed," added Mims. "We want to be able to say we have a great relationship with our neighbors and are proud of the big and small contributions we can offer."

The Livonia Bob Evans is at 13911 Middlebelt Road.

## Wayne Metro earns top workplace honor

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro) has been named one of 35 mid-size organizations named to the Top Workplaces 2014 list by the *Detroit Free Press*.

Wayne Metro has significantly increased the size of its workforce and budget since adding a Detroit Division office, launching a new state-of-the-art call center and website, and expansion of operations through several new educational sites and community development projects in

Wayne County.

Wayne Metro currently has 166 full-time employees, 144 part-time employees and an extensive group of dedicated service members and volunteers. The current budget is \$35 million per year.

"As a growing agency, our team members continue to work diligently to provide important programs for families living in Wayne County," said Louis Piszker, Wayne Metro CEO. "We are very proud to maintain a low administrative rate, which ensures that more than 94 percent of our revenues go directly to client services."

As the Community Action Agency for Wayne County's 43 communities including the City of Detroit, Wayne Metro operates more

than 60 programs and services at sites located throughout Wayne County. The agency's five focus areas include: Youth and Family Educational Services, Homeless and Housing Services, Stability and Life Skills Services, Community and Economic Development and Basic Needs.

The Top Workplaces recognition is based on employee feedback. Workplace Dynamics, LLP, a leading research firm on organizational health and employee engagement, partners with the *Detroit Free Press* to conduct extensive surveys of team members on topics ranging from workplace diversity to workplace environment and compensation.

The surveys are used to select the companies

appearing on the Top Workplaces list. This year's list includes 100 companies in the categories of large, mid-size and small organizations.

Wayne Metro has been serving needs of low-income individuals since 1971, delivering more than 60 integrated programs, including educational, housing, financial empowerment and basic needs services to individuals, families and children. With administrative offices in Wyandotte and Detroit, Wayne Metro maintains 22 service sites throughout Wayne County, including Detroit, Highland Park, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Taylor and Westland.

For more information, visit [www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org) and connect the agency on Facebook and Twitter.



Wayne Metro full-time and part-time employees strike a pose after hearing that the agency has been named to the Top Workplaces 2014 list.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Scary pancakes

IHOP Restaurants® may want to change their name to the "International Haunted House of Pancakes" this October, with the return of their frighteningly delicious "Scary Face" pancakes. This customizable treat, beloved by children, has returned to the "Just for Kids" menu from the month of October.

As an added treat, on Halloween itself (Friday, Oct. 31) from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., kids can enjoy their petrifying playful pancake portrait for free at participating IHOP restaurants.

An order of the "Scary Face" pancakes is sure to keep the kids entertained. Each order comes with one of IHOP restaurants' world-famous buttermilk pancakes decorated with a beaming whipped topping smile and eyes, and a strawberry nose. Then, kids can use a kit of delicious toppings — eight pieces of sweet

candy corn and two mini Oreos® — to finish decorating the face any way they choose.

Young guests can let their imaginations run spooky as they create frightening or funny face combinations. From candy corn horns to vampire teeth, the possibilities are endless.

The pancakes are being served at IHOP restaurants at 14200 Middle Belt Road, Livonia, and 24140 Ford, Dearborn Heights.

### Leadership Academy

The president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of REALTORS® (GMAR), Maureen Francis, has been accepted into the National Association of REALTORS® Leadership Academy.

The NAR Leadership Academy identifies, inspires and mentors emerging leaders from the local and state level for the National Association of REALTORS®. NAR selects 16 candi-

dates from across the country each year to participate in the eight-month leadership training. Of the five REALTORS® that have been accepted into the program from Michigan since its inception, four have been from GMAR.

The first session takes place during the NAR Conference & Expo on Nov. 5.

When asked what she plans to gain from this experience, Francis said, "I hope that it will help me in terms of what I'm able to do not only for GMAR but for Michigan REALTORS® and to define a role that I'd like to play within the National Association."

Sessions will consist of networking activities, brainstorming and peer-into processes that occur at the national level to give students a better understanding of what's involved and required to be instrumental as NAR leaders.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: [ksmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:ksmith@hometownlife.com).

**FINE ARTS EXHIBIT**

**Time/date:** Through Oct. 31.  
**Location:** Livonia Fine Arts Gallery, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Works by sculptor Robert Bielat, and ceramic artists Daniel Borton and John Albert Murphy. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Time/date:** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9.  
**Location:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive in the North Auditorium. The public is invited to join St.

Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.  
**Contact:** 1-800-GIVE-LIFE; red-crossblood.org.

**BOOK SALE AND BAKE SALE**

**Time/date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, and Saturday, Oct. 11.

**Location:** St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Hosted by the United Methodist Women's group, this sale will feature tables of used books, and homemade baked goods.

**CRAFTERS WANTED**

**Date/Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.  
**Location:** St. Theodore Parish Social Halls, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

**Details:** St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available for \$25 each.

**Contact:** Call Mary at 734-425-4421 (vm #10) for a table rental contact.

**COLOR SPLASH DASH**

**Time/date:** 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.

**Location:** Randolph Elementary, 14470 Norman, Livonia.

**Details:** Randolph Elementary's second annual Color Splash Dash, fun for all ages, benefits the school's Leader in Me program. Register at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com). Randolph is located in the neighborhood at the southwest corner of Newburgh and Five Mile.

**Contact:** 734-744-2770.

**DAR MEETING**

**Time/date:** Noon Saturday, Oct. 11.

**Location:** Civic Center Public Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

**Details:** Speaker Dorothy Moore will discuss Winter Emergency Preparedness at the October meeting of the John Sackett Chapter of the DAR. Visitors are welcome.

**Contact:** Joan Cheyne at [jbcheyne@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:jbcheyne@oaklandcc.edu) or 248-820-9156.

**CUT-A-THON**

**Time/Date:** Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12.

**Location:** Santa Fe Salon, 34367

Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Santa Fe Salon will hold its third annual cut-a-thon fundraiser for Children with Hairloss, a Michigan-based company that provides hair pieces to children with medically related hair loss. Haircuts will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Eyebrow and lip waxing will be \$5. Or donate a ponytail of 8 inches or longer. There also will be raffles, prizes, refreshments and 20 percent off Paul Mitchell products.

**Contact:** For more information, visit [santafesalon.biz](http://santafesalon.biz) or [childrenwithhairloss.us](http://childrenwithhairloss.us).

**CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13.

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

**Details:** The Tri-County Celiac Support Group will hold a general support meeting Oct. 13. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. On Friday, Oct. 17, there will be a Halloween Trunk or Treat for Gluten Free Candy from 7-7:30 p.m., with games, cider and donuts inside the church hall

from 7:30-9 p.m. There also will be a costume contest at 8:30 p.m. Members are free, guests cost \$10 per family.

**Contact:** Email Laura Budweg at [bellabraun@ameritech.net](mailto:bellabraun@ameritech.net) to register your children.

**LIVONIA NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14.

**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** History Teller Maureen Esther will talk about some of history's most interesting women, from King Tut's wife, Ankhesenamun, to the wives of Henry the VIII. Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a woman's club in Livonia, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. New members are always welcome.

**Contact:** <http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.

**WIDOWED CO-ED BREAKFAST**

**Time/date:** 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, and Nov. 20.

**Location:** Annes, 33427 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites all widowed men and women to meet for breakfast, good coffee, good food and good conversation at 9 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Annes. Meet new friends in a safe setting.

**Contact:** Tom at 734-927-0610.

**COMMUNITY HEATH FAIR**

**Time/date:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18

**Where:** Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford.

**Details:** Senior Citizens' Day is Friday; Family Day is Saturday. Activities include hospital mobile health units, flu shots, health information, cooking demonstrations, etc. The fair is free to vendors and attendees. There may be some costs related to health tests and vaccinations. Medicare, Medicaid and insurance will be accepted.

**Contact:** 313-937-3170.

BOARD

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craft is an outstanding institution that serves the community well. The college can always improve on "selling" its reputation and brand as a rigorous academic institution that will improve your life and give students opportunities.

**Gebhardt:** We must always strive to improve. We must stay current to the needs of the business community and train our students for this ever-changing world of work. We want our students to be the best trained because with an associate's degree (or baccalaureate in Culinary Arts) or to transfer to a four-year university, they can get a good job.

**Gilligan:** The recent partnerships formed with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo are great examples of ways to im-

prove the educational value that we offer at Schoolcraft. More opportunities for students to obtain a four-year degree without ever leaving the safety and convenience of our campus must be explored.

**Petty:** The College has built two new buildings and a fitness center in the last three years; it has also hit students with a 3-percent tuition hike. The board should freeze new construction and tuition. The College should improve links with businesses, including enhancements in job training, especially advanced manufacturing training.

**What do see as the role of a board member?**

**Breslin:** As a member of board, it's my responsibility to direct the school administration with respect to expansion, maintenance and usage of the school facilities. To listen to staff recommendations for

programs, while acting as a check and balance for those programs being practical for our college. To be a liaison and goodwill ambassador to the community, while making efficient use of all revenue.

**Broderick:** The most important role of a Trustee is to select a leader who can hire an administrative team to run the college successfully. Over the years Schoolcraft College Trustees have done just that. Additionally, a Trustee represents the interests of community in the college by setting policies, approving an annual budget and taking all the necessary steps to ensure the residents of the district that the College is run efficiently and effectively.

**Gebhardt:** We hire and evaluate the president. We establish millage, tuition and fee rates, while approving the budget. The board awards purchase orders, con-

tracts, ratifies labor agreements and sets policy and procedures. In addition, I am also committed to being an ambassador of the college and attend as many college and community events as possible.

**Gilligan:** Our role is to hire and fire (if necessary) the President. Balance the budget. Set tuition rates. Approve contracts that are brought before us. Most importantly be a voice of the community.

**Petty:** The Board should be a part of the College, not separate from the College. By being involved on campus, the Board can better administer the campus.

**What makes you the best candidate?**

**Breslin:** I'm objective in thinking and I listen. I bring to SC an urgency to reduce costs. I'm a team player with the best interest of our customers-students paramount in my decision making. My objective is

for our students to leave school with a good education without student loans bearing down on them. Life is hard enough without starting a career in a hole. It's a lofty goal, but it has got to start somewhere, and I want to try.

**Broderick:** Each candidate brings his/her own unique qualities. Support for my candidacy is support for continuity in leadership, a vision to make Schoolcraft the best community college in the state and a passion for education and all that it promises each and every citizen in the Schoolcraft College district.

**Gebhardt:** I am the best candidate because of my experiences in public education and my government service. I have the educational training, experience in education and have served in leadership roles. My experience as a Wayne County Commissioner and Chair of

SEMCOG has provided me with experience in elected leadership roles. Being the parent of former Schoolcraft students has been invaluable!

**Gilligan:** We currently have a very good make-up of diverse candidates that work very well together, but I feel with my building trades background I bring a perspective to the Board that no other candidate can. I am also the only current board member or candidate that has a child currently attending Schoolcraft College.

**Petty:** As the only conservative running for Trustee, I will help balance the Board and make it more representative of our community. I can relate to students, faculty and administrators because I have 30 years of experience at Wayne State and University of Michigan. I have experience in business and fundraising. I bring a new perspective and talents to the Board.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Walker, Middel, Griffin, Hines best for board

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters will decide who will represent them on the national, state and county levels. They also will consider a state referendum on wolf hunting and a proposal to create a Wayne County Retirement Board. They also will decide who will serve on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

Four seats are being filled in the election — three six-year terms and a two-year partial term — and six candidates have filed in the contest. Appointed incumbent Charles Trav Griffin is challenged by Adam Salam Adamski, formerly known as Mario Fundarski, for the partial term, while incumbents Carol Middel and Shawna Walker and newcomers Melandie Hines and Tom Froreich are vying for the six-year terms.

Student achievement and fiscal responsibility are among the issues shared by a majority of the candidates. Wayne-Westland has fine tuned its curriculum and is showing steady gains in achievement and test scores. Prudent fiscal



Griffin Hines



Middel Walker

spending and concessions by all school employees from the top down have helped keep the district in the black and preserved programs without having to privatize jobs.

They each have other issues, such as board transparency, building relationships among board members, the administration, employees and the community and creation of internship and mentoring programs. In listening to what they say, we believe Charles Trav Griffin, Carol Middel, Shawna Walker and Melandie Hines are the best

choices.

Griffin brings to the board his knowledge of the school district, gleaned from his work on the 1998 school bond committee, and the skills he acquired as a Westland city council member and mayor. He also has an understanding of employee relations through his work with the MEA.

In his two years on the board after being appointed to fill a vacancy, Griffin has shown he isn't afraid to speak up for what he believes is right and what he doesn't want to see happen to the school district. He has been very vocal about his commitment to keeping the district out of deficit and away from an emergency manager and in supporting students and employees.

Walker is completing her sixth year on the board. She has held a number of board positions and currently is the board president. It was under her leadership that the board was able to work through the selection of a new superintendent and come to a consensus on the hiring

of Michele Harmala. She now wants to work on building relations within the board and in the school district.

Walker also brings diversity to the board, which is needed in a district that is changing culturally. She has had three children go through the district and wants to make sure today's students receive the "very best education." According to Walker, Wayne-Westland students deserve the same opportunities as those in more affluent districts, and she is committed to providing them with the tools they need to be successful and to compete.

Middel also has proven to be a capable and committed trustee during her six years on the board. She has served in a variety of positions and is currently the secretary. She has a history with the district as a student and graduate of John Glenn High School and as a 30-year plus employee.

She experienced a few missteps at the beginning of her term, but has used those experiences to become a better

board member. A Canton resident, Middel has made a strong commitment to be a well-educated board member and has completed 400 hours of work through the Michigan Association of School Boards. She also has committed her time and energy to being involved in the district, attending students programs and events at the different schools.

Both Froreich and Hines are quality candidates who exhibit an understanding of the district and have good ideas about what they want to see done. However, we believe Hines is the better choice. She adds to the diversity of the board as a parent of a young Wayne-Westland student and as an advocate for families in the Hicks Elementary School area of the district where she once lived.

Hines was a K-12 student in Wayne-Westland and graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She has served on the transitions team, providing information and planning transition activities for students, staff and parents during

the downsizing of the district in 2010-2011 and has been active in the PTO. She also has an understanding of the political process through her involvement in the 13th Congressional District, Michigan Progressive Caucus and Justice Caucus.

Hines also brings enthusiasm to her campaign. She doesn't focus on the negatives but on what can be done to provide a quality education for Wayne-Westland students. She wants to build a bridge between the school board and the community and get parents more involved in the schools. She sees her connections with federal, state and county officials as a plus in helping the district meet the needs of all students.

Wayne-Westland needs to work as a team, and we believe that **Shawna Walker, Carol Middel, Charles Trav Griffin and Melandie Hines** have the ability to help make that happen.

On Election Day, we hope voters will take the time to vote the entire ballot from governor to school board trustees.

## OUR VIEWS

# Re-elect three Schoolcraft College incumbents

Three incumbents on Schoolcraft College's Board of Trustees are running as a slate for reelection Nov. 4 and for good reason.

Brian Broderick, Joan Gebhardt and Terry Gilligan are part of a team that works well together and can point to several key accomplishments during the past few years, including the school's new "Schoolcraft to U" partnership with the University of Toledo and Wayne State University. They want to continue providing educational excellence to those who live inside and outside the Schoolcraft district, which includes the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

We recommend voters re-elect them for another six years. We see no reason to fix what isn't broken by replacing any of them with one or both of the challengers.

The incumbents have diverse backgrounds — Broderick is an attorney who serves as executive director of the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, Gebhardt is a retired teacher and principal and Gilligan is a 26-year member of Pipefitters Local 636.

They don't always agree on the issues or with the administration's recommendations — Gebhardt voted against the recent tuition increase and Gilligan ran to get on the board after questioning the board's selection of a contractor.

But together, with the other four members, they have consistently balanced the college's budget while also continually improving the campus and the curriculum. Their accomplishments include opening the Public Safety Training Center and Jeffress Administration Center, among other buildings, achieving unprecedented culinary arts and nursing accreditation and developing a culinary baccalaureate for 2015.

Their most important task to date may lie ahead — finding a replacement for legendary President Conway Jeffress, the 1835 Livonia Hall of Fame inductee whom many expect will retire sometime during the next six years.

For that, the Schoolcraft board needs leaders who know about the college's past and who have a vision for the college's future, as well as an understanding of the characteristics needed in a president to help them get there.

Those leaders are **Brian Broderick, Joan Gebhardt and Terry Gilligan**.



Broderick



Gebhardt



Gilligan

## LETTERS

### Get out and vote

In the last four years, Lansing has passed so many new laws it makes your head spin: From the total control of emergency managers to construction on our beautiful sand dunes. Privatizing the prison food system. Not allowing the federal government to help 400,000 Michiganders with Medicaid insurance. Taxing public pensions. Voter registration laws. Privatizing public education. Weakening all unions through Right to Work. Deregulation of environmental laws.

The list goes on and on and on. Just look at the money they took from K-12 classrooms and the increased financial burden they put on our public colleges and universities. It just makes me sick!

So who is behind it? Well, I found out. A national nonprofit (hah!) group called ALEC is.

ALEC stands for the American Legislative Exchange Council. This group is made up of the rich and powerful and about 2,000 state legislators across America. Wealthy corporations, think tanks, foundations, corporate lawyers and lobbying firms sit down behind closed doors with our state senators and representatives and hammer out "model bills" to take back to their states as original ideas.

Every year about 1,000 model bills are created and about 200 get passed in each and every state that is Republican-controlled like Michigan is. Our supreme court is even Republican. The people do not stand a chance. When a petition drive goes around and passes, the legislature makes a loophole in another. Look at what they are doing to wolf hunting. Do you think the NRA controls our state policy on that? Is the NRA more important than the citizens of our state? They seem to be.

So who is voting these lawmakers into office? You are! They don't come out and say "I belong to ALEC." They say: "I'm for lower taxes. I'm for deregulation. I'm for the right to bear arms. I'm for traditional marriages." Anything to push your button into voting for them.

I Google'd Bill Moyers who made a program a couple of years ago called "The United States of ALEC." At the end there is a list of the known (many are still unknown) lawmakers who belong to ALEC.

Most of them pay their dues with taxpayer money. All of them are Republican.

Gerrymandering has changed many district boundaries for the upcoming election, so you might want to check yours out.

If you care about democracy, if you are truly a "we the people," you cannot allow the wealthy to manipulate you any longer. And that goes for you too — you senators and representatives who do their dirty work.

I wish it wasn't so, but it is. Open your eyes and vote this

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November for Michigan.

Laurel Raisanen  
Wayne

### Kosowski lied

I find it interesting that the *Observer's* Oct. 2 endorsement of Robert Kosowski mentioned that he "is not opposed to charter schools."

HB 5852, which Rep. Kosowski co-sponsored, not only prevents new charter schools from opening — it also forces every currently existing public charter school to close its doors once its charter expires. That is in the language of the bill which Kosowski co-sponsored.

If Kosowski were truly interested in helping improve education, he would support giving equal funding to public charter schools, which receive up to \$2,500 less per student compared to traditional public schools.

Instead, he appears more interested in telling reporters and the voting public one thing, then doing another.

Steve Juhasz  
Westland

### Supports Colbeck

Over the past several weeks, there have been letters to the editor by supporters of Dian Slavens that make no mention of her proposed solutions to address myriad issues that face this state.

Instead, her supporters have focused on the typical partisan mud-slinging that has come to identify our modern day election process. Let me be clear, I am a supporter of Sen. Patrick Colbeck and would like to take this opportunity to extol some of his political virtues without attacking the values and beliefs of Ms. Slavens in the process.

Sen. Colbeck has proposed several "out-of-the-box" solutions to issues facing this state. Each of his solutions address the root cause of an underlying problem instead of applying a bandage to the problem's symptoms.

Examples of this approach includes proposals to expand a parent's education options for their children; a comprehensive strategy to fix our roads, improving their quality all without increased taxes and fees; and a

free market alternative to the Affordable Care Act.

What do each of these solutions have in common? Each solution is a free market-based approach that involves choice which, in turn, breeds innovation instead of the tired, worn out, government-managed programs that have too long been the solutions of our elected officials in Lansing.

Charles B. Flint II  
Canton

### 'Comeback' for whom?

I saw a political ad, showing our governor saying, "You might not feel it yet, but you will soon ..."

I think he was referring to the economy. But what Gov. Snyder doesn't realize is that I do feel it. Now. And I don't like what I feel one bit.

I am retired. I worked in public education for 31 years as a teacher and principal. I am proud of that achievement because I think that I have touched many people's lives over those 31 years, hopefully for the better.

But in one fell swoop, the governor really touched my life. And not for the better! In my career I worked hard. I continued in college to get advanced degrees. I sacrificed and received low-negotiated salaries in order to get a decent pension. I wanted to retire, not to an island paradise like you see on those commercials, but I made an effort to have an additional percentage taken from my salary and put into my retirement. I saved enough to live, or so I thought.

With the stroke of a pen, Gov. Snyder added an additional 4.5-percent tax, not to all senior citizens, just to those of a certain age. He chose to hurt those selected retirees because he had to fill the gap left by removing the single business tax. He gave a gift to his corporate friends by raiding the pensions of retired workers instead of looking for a more profitable long-term funding source. Why select a certain age group to punish? How could he end the year with our increased taxes, only to say he had a surplus? Wasn't that surplus the 4.5 percent of my pension? Why couldn't he return the money he took from my pension?

Michigan cannot continue with these short-term solutions for our systemic budget problems. For Michigan to prosper well into the future, we need to attack our problems head on instead of pretending that everything is fine. Our governor believes that Michigan is on the "comeback," but I must ask for whom? If the vast majority of Michigan residents are struggling to make ends meet, how can our state be considered prosperous? We can and we must do a better job of including all Michigan residents in Gov. Snyder's so-called "comeback," and it starts with protecting pensions.

Joan Gebhardt  
Livonia

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# Seven misconceptions about NFL dads from an NFL wife

By Courtney Conover  
Guest Columnist

You can't escape it because it's everywhere — in the headlines, on talk shows, and on the minds of people (both men and women) who don't even consider themselves fans of the game: Ray Rice; that video; Adrian Peterson; those photos ... abuse. And more specifically, domestic abuse against women and children at the hands of men who play in the NFL.

As the wife of a man who played seven years in the NFL, I don't feel the need to defend myself — or my husband — any more than hearing about a woman accused of neglecting her children would encourage me to persuade others that I love and properly care for mine.

Of the men who make it to the NFL, the number of those who don't take care of business is scant. Most obey the law, respect their wives, are wonderful fathers to their children — and don't make for water cooler fodder. But I do relish the chance to share my experiences when the opportunity arises because making generalizations about any segment of society — not just NFL players — is irresponsible and unjust.

Here's a rebuttal to some of the most common misconceptions that plague NFL players the most.

1. They are inherently violent individuals who can't distinguish the game from real life.

I particularly stood up and took notice when, while washing dishes the other day, I heard the co-host of a popular talk show state with complete and utter certainty that NFL players cannot help but bring home with them the physicality they experience on the field. I wondered where she



Scott Conover shares a tender moment with his daughter Kennedy. SUBMITTED



The Conover family includes Kennedy, 1, Courtney, Scotty, 3, and Scott. SUBMITTED

obtained this information.

Of course, I cannot speak for all the men in the NFL. But I can speak for the ones I know personally — and, in particular, the one I share a bed with every night. Being a former offensive lineman, the former players that my husband interacts with the most also played the same position. The irony here is that linemen are the largest men in the game, but tend to be the most soft-hearted. The old "gentle giant" aphorism does tend to ring true here.

Trust me, should the refrigerator repair man jerk us around or if our son should need defending at school, a 5-foot-4 mama bear can be far more menacing than a 300-pound football player. Just try me.

2. Their wives and girlfriends employ hired help while they spend their days lunching, manicuring and shopping.

It's a given that the wives of current and former NFL players have one thing in common: Our husbands have beaten incredible odds to play football at the professional level. But beyond that, we're all about as diverse as fish in the sea, even though others might

think differently.

Do Scott and I have a nanny, a chef or a maid? No, no and no. And if by lunching you mean slapping together a PB&J in between diaper changes, and if by manicuring you mean wrestling a 38-pound toddler to the floor so that you can cut his Edward Scissorhand fingernails, and if by shopping you mean trolling eBay while the kids are in bed ... then, yes, I'm guilty as charged.

3. They have several kids ... by different women.

Scott has fathered two kids ... and they were both pushed out by yours truly. I have the pooch to prove it.

4. They are dumb jocks.

For starters, have you seen an NFL playbook? It is easier to read the formula for cold fusion. (OK, I'm totally exaggerating, here to make a point.) But, seriously, Scott earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from Purdue University before getting drafted, and upon retirement, he earned a degree in culinary arts from the Arts Institute in New York City ... after he received his teaching certification in the state of New Jersey. Nope, I

didn't just marry him for his brawn.

5. They're all wealthy. Scott and I certainly aren't living in the poorhouse, but we're far from Park Avenue, too. It's easy to see why people would think all NFL players (both former and current) are rolling in dough — what with images that the media presents and given NFL salaries these days. But looks can be deceiving.

Let me break it down: Scott played nearly seven years in the NFL, but the average NFL career lasts only two years — just two years! That means most players are done one before they hit 30. So in order to never have to work again, players must make enough to live off of for the next 60 years, which, for many players in Scott's era (the '90s), was impossible. Players back then made darn good money, but they simply did not make what players make currently — and even now, not all current players are millionaires.

The bottom line is that Scott and I are careful about how we spend our money so that we can maintain the lifestyle to which we have become accustomed, which includes — but is not limited to — providing a roof over our heads complete with heat, air conditioning and high thread-count Egyptian cotton bed sheets, keeping our bathroom closet stocked with my arsenal of hair care products, supporting my addiction to Wheat Thins and Laughing Cow cheese, and fulfilling our son's incessant requests for Chinese take-out.

6. They are financially irresponsible. On the heels of number five comes this one, which is my absolute favorite stereotype to debunk. Yes, Scott made good money during his playing days. Yes, he traveled a lot and lived a very comfortable lifestyle. But he never owned a Mercedes, never lived in a mansion and never made it rain. He did, however, buy his mother a house, support his family financially and fund a children's foundation mostly out of his own pocket. He also paid his taxes, agents and other dues that are part and parcel with being a professional football player. Ask Scott if he could have done some things differently, and he'll tell you yes. But does he have any regrets? No.

7. They groom their sons to play professional football.

I'm not going to lie: We would be proud if Scotty followed in Scott's footsteps. But we would also be proud if Scotty decided to pursue a career in medicine, science or the arts. The bottom line is this: Our son's future does not hinge on whether he becomes a professional athlete. Yeah, we'll put him in pee-wee football within the next year or two, but as for setting our sights on the professional level? It's not something I'm striving for — even though the chances of making it to the NFL nearly double for the sons of NFL players.

Will Scotty feel pressure to become the third Conover to make it to the NFL? Perhaps. (Scott's first cousin, Frank Conover, was also drafted to the NFL in the same year as Scott.) But that pressure won't come from Scott or me. First and foremost, Scott and I want Scotty to be nothing short of passionate about what he does for a living. If that means playing football, then, so be it.

sons to play professional football.

But this issue doesn't just affect our sons: One of Scott's former teammates has a daughter who played offensive line — just like her father — while she was in high school. (Now how's that for girl power?) He had to beg her to stop for fear she'd end up getting hurt.

Courtney Conover is a mom of two (ages 1 and 3) and the wife of a former NFL offensive lineman. She has more LEGOs and NFL memorabilia lying around her home than she knows what to do with. She is also a certified yoga instructor and a contributing writer to the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book series. She blogs at [www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com](http://www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com) and over-shares on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair](http://www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair).



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PREP FOOTBALL

## Thunderbirds rally to defeat Garden City

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Dearborn Edsel Ford utilized a fourth-quarter rally to edge visiting Garden City, 26-19, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference cross-over game played Thursday, Oct. 2, in Dearborn. The Cougars, who slipped to 3-3, earned an advantage in several statistical categories, including first downs (16-13), but couldn't stave off the Thunderbirds down the stretch.

According to MaxPreps.com, the Cougars led 7-3 at the half and 13-10 with 12 minutes to play. GC senior quarterback Tyler Hubbs continued his block-buster final season as he rushed for 126 yards and threw for 63 more by completing 4 of 12 passes. Tommy Segars caught two Hubbs spirals for 24 yards while Denzel Tinsley and Matt Spisak hauled in one pass a piece. Sophomore running back John Giangrande was a freight train for the Cougars, churning

out 144 yards on 23 carries. Giangrande and Hubbs (two) both scored touchdowns for GC, which accumulated 361 total offensive yards. Edsel Ford improved to 4-2 with the win. With its back up against the proverbial playoffs wall, GC will host 4-2 Romulus on Friday at 7 p.m. It will be homecoming night for the Cougars. The Eagles dropped a 20-14 decision to unbeaten Dearborn Heights Robichaud in week six.

The Cougars will need to close the regular season with a three-game winning streak to earn an automatic berth in the post-season. In addition to Friday's game against Romulus, the Cougars will host Thurston on Oct. 17 before closing the regular season at Livonia Franklin on Nov. 24. GC fans are encouraged to wear black clothing for the homecoming game, which is being billed as a "Black Out."

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## New GCYAA hoops league

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association is organizing a new basketball league for girls and boys in grades third through eighth. The new league's first registration session will be held Thursday, Oct. 16, from 6-8 p.m., at Moeller Field in Garden City. A second registration is set for Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 6-8 p.m. at the same site.

In addition to players, the league is searching for volunteer coaches. Young athletes from throughout the area — not just Garden City residents — are eligible to compete in the new GCYAA hoops league. For more information, contact GCYAA basketball coordinator Shearard Westbrook at GCYAA-Basketball@yahoo.com.

## Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are strongly encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, so that the area's athletes can receive the positive publicity they deserve. Wright can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com. The deadline for Sunday editions of the Observer is Friday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m.

## MU soccer updates

Danny Swanson converted a penalty kick for the second straight match and goalkeeper Marcel Schmid recorded his sixth shutout of the season as the Madonna University men's soccer team battled the wind and a driving rain Saturday night to beat host Siena Heights, 1-0 win, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match at O'Laughlin Stadium. Sophomore Amadou Cisse was fouled inside the 18-yard box in the 25th minute to set up the penalty kick taken by Swanson, a sophomore from Auburn Hills Avondale. The Crusaders had one more shot on goal, while Schmid (Stuttgart, Germany) made his only save in the fifth minute as the Crusaders improved to 7-3 overall and 2-1 in the WHAC. Samantha Houchai's goal from Mikayla Goldsmith at 103:47 gave Aquinas College (8-0-2, 2-0-1) a 2-1 double-overtime victory Saturday over host Madonna University (5-5, 0-3). The Crusaders led 1-0 at halftime on Dayna Meloche's first goal of the season off a free kick from Jessica Witt at 9:17. But the Saints tied it in the second half on Casey Westveer's penalty kick at 47:33. MU goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg made four saves, while Aquinas counterpart Lindsay Armstrong had five saves.

PREP FIELD HOCKEY

## Ladywood upends Ann Arbor Greenhills

Blazers dominate stat sheet but not scoreboard in 1-0 win

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

A new-comer to the sport of field hockey as a freshman four autumns ago, Livonia Ladywood senior captain Kendall Romano walked off the Blazers' field for the last time Monday afternoon triumphant and just a little bit sad.

Even though Ladywood edged Ann Arbor Greenhills, 1-0, on "Senior Night," the victory was bittersweet for Romano and her five fellow seniors, who played their last home game together.

"I am really going to miss playing with this group of girls," said Romano, who played an important role in the Blazers' dominating, yet narrow victory. "I had never heard of this sport before high school, but I tried it and I loved it. This team has grown to become very close. We support each other when things are going well and when they're not."

Even if the scoreboard didn't reflect it, things were going extremely well Monday afternoon for the Blazers, who outshot the Gryphons 19-1 and accumulated 12 penalty corners to just one for the visitors.

The ball was in the Blazers' half of the field at least 90 percent of the 60-minute contest.

But the hosts struggled when it came to finishing, which was due in large part to the play of Greenhills goalkeeper Jacquelyn Stokes, who turned away 18 shots.

"We had a lot of chances that we just couldn't quite capitalize on," said Ladywood head coach Kris Sanders, whose team improved to 6-3-4. "Things were just not going our way today. It was a tough day for our team, collectively."

"We played well as a team, we just couldn't get a spark going, no matter who I put in the game."

The game's lone goal unfolded with 16:43 left when Katie Gordon slid a centering pass in front of the net to Madison Markwardt, who delivered the difference-maker with one swing of her stick.

Ladywood threatened to cushion its lead on numerous

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Livonia Ladywood mid-fielder Shannon Mulcahy (right) advances the ball during Monday's 1-0 victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills.

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP



Canton's Sam DeLoy (left) battles Livonia Stevenson's Brandon Eklund for the ball near mid-field during Monday night's KLAAs Conference championship game. The Chiefs won in penalty kicks.

# CHIEFS EDGE STEVENSON

## Canton keeper comes up big in PK shootout to propel team to conference title

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

A lacrosse player who moonlights as a soccer goal-keeper, Jay Krebs, lit up the KLAAs Kensington Conference championship game Monday night at Livonia Stevenson.

Using every inch of his 6-foot-3 frame, Krebs' diving save on the Spartans' first penalty-kick shoot-out attempt spearheaded Canton's ultimate triumph in a game that featured 100 minutes of scintillating end-to-end action and one inexperienced net-minder (Krebs), who — for a moment at least — played like a Tim Howard clone under the most intense spotlight imaginable.

The result propelled No. 1-ranked Canton (16-0-3) into Wednesday night's KLAAs Association title game against Grand Blanc.

Monday's thriller was deadlocked at 1-1 after 80 minutes of regulation, forcing two 10-minute overtime sessions — both of which lapsed without a goal.

The Chiefs came within inches of scoring in the second overtime, but Jimmy Walkinshaw's right-footed missile from 20 yards out with 6:30 on the clock crashed into the cross-bar.

Sophomore forward Mohamed Miri gave the Chiefs a quick 1-0 lead in the shoot-out when he lasered a shot past Stevenson junior keeper Austin Kaczmarek, whose series of acrobatic saves in regulation helped extend the game for

the Spartans.

Krebs then stoned Spartan Domonic Rea when he dove to his left and two-handed the well-struck ball out of harm's way.

Canton's Andrew Murphy and Matthew Causley both converted their PK's while Stevenson's Tyler Gregory banged his attempt hard off the cross-bar and Trevor Furkas missed wide to the right, giving the winners an insurmountable 3-0 lead.

"Actually, I've only been playing soccer a couple years now, so I've never experienced a shoot-out like this, except in practice," said Krebs. "I've practiced quite a bit for this exact kind of situation, but this wasn't anything like practice."

"It felt good — really good — when I made the save. It was a little guessing and a little reading the shooter — probably more guessing. We lost in this game to Salem last year, so I'm just glad I could help my team tonight."

The Chiefs drew first blood in the sometimes-physical, always-intense contest when senior defender Nick Wendel sneaked the ball inside the right post after securing Hunter Olson's bending free kick from 50 yards out.

It appeared for the longest time that Wendel's goal would be the difference-maker until one of the linesmen ruled that Stevenson's Hunter Mullett was fouled in the 18-yard box

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# MU suffers another defeat

Lourdes pulls off upset in 5 sets

MU survives in five

The Madonna University women's volleyball team dropped out of first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and most likely the NAIA top-25 poll following its second consecutive home loss Saturday against Lourdes University (Ohio) in five sets, 25-20, 20-25, 19-25, 25-12, 15-9.

The ninth-ranked Crusaders, who slipped to 21-4 overall and 9-2 in the WHAC, got 17 kills and 18 digs from senior outside hitter Casey Gates, who was named WHAC Player of the Week (ending Sept. 29).

Other leaders for MU included Emily Johnson (14 kills), Spencer Stokes (42 assist-to-kills, 19 digs); Amanda Obrycki (21 digs); and Payton Maxheimer (12 digs).

Lourdes (10-10, 6-5)

pulled off the upset thanks to 16 kills from Stephanie Richards and 10 from Carolyn Manley.



Gates

The Crusaders return to WHAC action at 7 p.m. Wednesday at first-place Northwestern Ohio before returning home Friday and Saturday to the BLT Sportswear Crusader Classic.

At 4 p.m. Friday, MU faces the University of Windsor followed by an 8 p.m. match with No. 2-ranked University of Texas-Brownsville. At 11 a.m. Saturday, the Crusaders face No. 21 Grand View (Ia.) followed by a 3 p.m. match against Bellevue (Neb.).

Down two sets to none, the Crusaders (21-3, 9-1) had to dig deep Friday night, rallying for a 17-25, 22-25, 31-29, 25-23, 15-6 WHAC victory over host Indiana Tech (9-8, 4-5) in Fort Wayne.

Gates paced MU's hitting attack and defense with 16 kills and 16 digs. Johnson added 13 kills, while recording two solo blocks and nine assists.

Other standouts for MU included Kayla Vogel (11 kills), Breault (10 kills), Stokes (52 assists, 14 digs), Obrycki (16 digs) and Breanna Geile (14 digs).

Indiana Tech got 13 kills apiece from Stacy Nagy and Shanice Richards, while setters Karli Jones and Emileen Palka dished out 27 and 22 assists, respectively. Taylor Kelso added a match-high 22 digs.

# SHOOTOUT

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with 7:21 left.

Spartan junior forward Tyler Gregory then smoked a no-doubter into the back of the net to make it 1-1 and set the stage for 27-plus more minutes of high drama.

Senior Andrew Loehnis played the first half in goal for the Chiefs – and he played well – before taking a seat in favor of Krebs. Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said his keepers have been sharing time all season, so why stop now.

When it came time to choose a net-minder for the shoot-out, Zemanski said his decision was based on a couple of factors.

"We base it partly on who makes more [PK] saves in practice," he said. "Plus, psychologically, you want the bigger guy in there because it makes the goal look smaller for the shooter."

Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said there wasn't a lot of extensive scouting that went into preparing for the Chiefs.

"We didn't overly



ED WRIGHT

Canton's Andrew Murphy (No. 19) battles Livonia Stevenson's Dominic Rea for the ball Monday night.

worry about seeing them play, either in person or on film," said Shingledecker, whose team's record is now 12-2-3 following the tie. "We knew they were good in the mid-field. I think their mid-field wore us down a little bit, especially mid-way through the second half."

"We had our moments and we got dangerous there in the second half when we were able to draw the penalty kick. I thought it was a good

game."

Zemanski praised the rock-solid efforts of his center defenders Sam Belcher and Chris Doolley, who guarded the 18-yard box like a couple of dobermans.

Senior mid-fielder Jack Zemanski also earned accolades from his coach for a few strong offensive threats.

"The bottom line is it was a total team effort tonight," said Zemanski. "Everybody who played contributed to the win."

# LADYWOOD

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occasions the rest of the game, but was turned away at the doorstep.

"I thought their goalkeeper was fantastic," said Sanders. "She was very good, very aggressive."

A game-day promotion from the junior-varsity squad gave Ladywood goalkeeper Rosemary Austin an opportunity to show her stuff in front of the net for the Blazers. However, Austin's teammates overwhelming superiority gave her little chance to get into the action.

In addition to Romano, the Blazers' senior cast included Gordon, Emma Smalley, Elyse Smalley,



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Ladywood forward Jillian Jacobs (left) battles an Ann Arbor Greenhills player for possession of the ball during Monday's game at Ladywood.

Jacqueline Kristofik and captain Christina Meyer, all of whom excelled in their home finale.

"I feel like this team really bonded this season," said Meyer, who aspires to walk on to the University of Michigan's field hockey team next

summer. "We're like each others' best friends; we're like sisters. We all know we can turn to each other if we're having a bad day and that our teammates will pick us up."

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Removal and Installation of new apartment insulated entry doors and self-storing storm doors at one hundred and twenty (120) apartments at the Newburgh Village housing community. The project is to be funded by the 2014 and 2015 Newburgh Village operating budgets.

**CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

Specifications and bidding documents will be available beginning **Friday, October 10, 2014** at the Newburgh Village Administrative Offices, 11999 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150. All proposals are to be submitted on the forms furnished by the Director of Housing which are included in the Project Manual.

All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to James M. Inglis, Housing Director, City of Livonia, 11999 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150. Bids must be on the form provided in the project manual accompanied by a bid bond and non-collusion affidavit. Additional bid requirements are outlined in the Project Manual.

The Housing Commission has scheduled a **pre-bid meeting and walk-thru for 10:00am, Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Newburgh Village Community Building.** Contractors and sub-contractors are encouraged to attend this meeting to review the scope of work.

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the Housing Commission.

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# Ladywood spikers strike gold at Mount Morris



Livonia Ladywood's volleyball team captured first at the Mt. Morris tournament.

PETER LAU

## Moores, March key tournament title run

Haley Moores collected 67 kills on the day while Kayla March added 62 as Livonia Ladywood's volleyball team earned its second tournament title of the season Saturday at Mt. Morris with a 22-25, 25-23, 15-12 win in the finals over Unionville Sebewaing.

The Blazers, who improved to 22-8-2 overall, also got 39 kills from Molly McClorey and 136 total assist-to-kills from setter Emily Fradette.

Madison Moschetta paced Ladywood's defense with 78 total digs.

The Blazers reached the championship final with a 25-22, 25-17 semifinal victory over Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

In pool play, Ladywood split with Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner (18-25, 25-18), while defeating Alama (25-167, 25-15), Sanford Meridian (25-12), 25-18) and Pigeon Laker (25-7, 25-11).

"It was a great day for Ladywood volleyball," Ladywood first-year coach Peter Lau said. "Anytime you win a tournament and successfully compete against a Miss Volleyball Candidate (Erica Treiber of Unionville Sebewaing), it's a

sign that all the hard work is paying off. I'm proud that everyone on the team contributed throughout the day. There are no stars ... truly one team."

### Win over Regina

On Sept. 30, the Blazers answered the challenge while evening their Catholic League Central Division mark at 1-1 with a lopsided 25-7, 25-9, 25-13 win at Warren Regina.

"In my pre-game speech to the team I challenged the squad to make this a statement match and they certainly delivered," Lau said. "Good teams take care of business. They don't drop their play based on their opponents' skills and that's exactly what the team did. We have the potential to be one of top teams in the state and once the girls truly believe it, they will challenge anyone."

McClorey, a middle hitter, finished with 16 service points to go along with six kills and hit an amazing .857. Moores contributed seven kills while hitting .429, while March added six kills with a team-best eight digs. Junior Kelcy Son-Servacio was also a perfect four-for-four on kill attempts.

# ROCKETS PACK '2' MUCH FIREPOWER FOR PATRIOTS

## Sweet-swinging Epperson leads John Glenn over Livonia Franklin

As best as she can remember, Westland John Glenn outside hitter Kelley Epperson has never hurt an opponent with the rocket hits she unleashes with her mouse trap-quick swing.

"I hit a girl on the top of the head last week — accidentally, of course — but I don't think she was hurt," said Epperson.

But the player who wears the No. 2 for the Rockets has inflicted a ton of pain on opponents' won-loss records.

Case in point: John Glenn's four-game, come-from-behind triumph Tuesday night over host Livonia Franklin during which she delivered 21 kills and a string of point-producing serves, including nine aces.

"Kelly is very good," emphasized John Glenn head coach Andrew Walker. "She's making a lot of good adjustments and she's putting the ball down well. And she served extremely well tonight."

The victory improved John Glenn's record to 4-5 in the South and 29-14 overall.

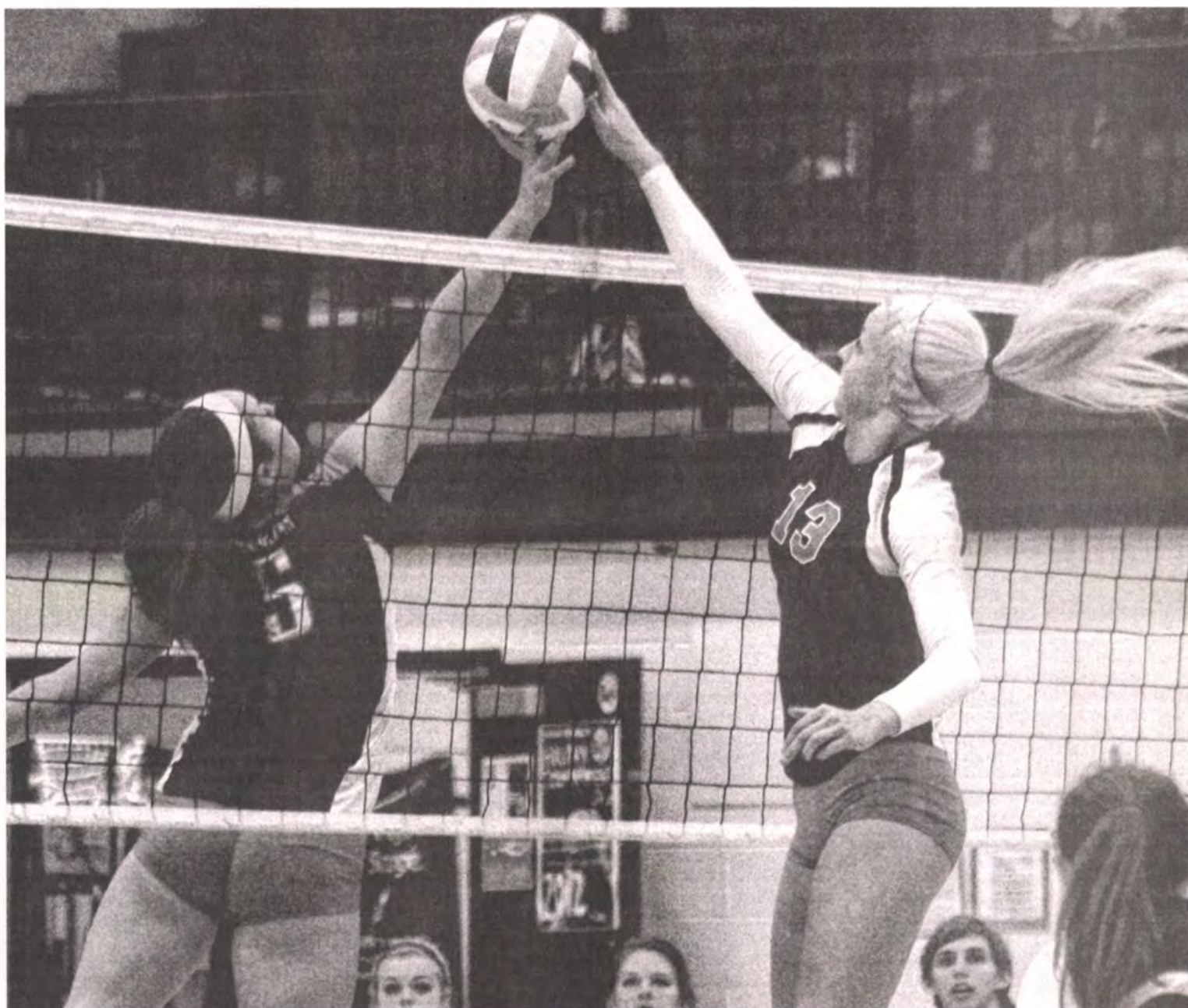
During the early going, it appeared it may be the Patriots' night. Led by the all-around effort of senior Kelly Newton, strong setting from Kennedy Mang and some front-row energy from Erin McNally, Franklin overcame a quick deficit in game one to roar back with a 25-19 victory.

The Rockets regrouped quickly, however, surging to a 14-2 lead before taking game two 25-17. John Glenn never trailed in the third stanza after Ryan Clemmons' kill gave it a 7-6 advantage in a game it went on to win 25-19.

The visitors dominated game four, building a 9-1 lead before breezing to a 25-13 triumph.

"We were still asleep it seemed like in the first game," Epperson said. "We had to warm up a little bit and get our heads in the game. Some of it may have been due to arrogance, too. We beat Churchill last week, so maybe we were a little too confident coming into tonight."

"We tend to lose focus sometimes, so we set little mini-goals for ourselves. Instead of trying to be the first team to 25, we say, 'Let's be the first to five points, then 10 and 15.' It keeps our focus sharp."



Westland John Glenn's Shelby Hodges (5) meets Livonia Franklin's Erin McNally at the net during Tuesday night's KLAAs South Division match at Franklin.

ED WRIGHT

Epperson said she is probably the second most explosive hitter on the Rockets' roster, deflecting some praise toward senior captain Erin Parrinello.

"She's the strongest hitter we have," Epperson said.

Parrinello backed up her colleague's remarks with a stellar 12-kill effort during which she committed just two errors on 29 swings.

The Rockets' serving — which has been atop the priority list since Walker took over the team during the summer — was stellar against Franklin as John Glenn ripped 16 aces on 96 attempts with just nine errors.

"Serving and passing are the too most important parts of

the game, in my opinion," Walker said. "Some of the girls want to know their hitting stats, but I tell them, if you don't do the first two things, the hitting won't matter."

### Thurston falls

On Thursday, Oct. 2, the short-handed Eagles dropped a 25-22, 25-18, 26-24 decision to Livonia Clarenceville.

Gabrielle Van Well led the Eagles with seven kills and four digs. Kris Hollis dished out seven assists and picked up one dig.

Also making contributions were Maya McKinney (three kills, two digs), Lauren Garchar (one kill, two aces), Kati-lyn McClendon (two blocks),

Dasia Johnson (two kills, four digs, one ace) and Breonna Bryant, who chipped in with two assists.)

"With seven kids present, the kids represented well," said Thurston head coach Scott Gray. "I was very pleased with our work ethic the entire night. From start to finish, we never stopped."

### Warriors bumped

Lutheran Westland was upended by Oakland Christian Tuesday night, 25-17, 25-20, 25-15. Vivian Quitmeyer led the Warriors with 12 blocks, while Emily Fairbairn tallied six kills with no hitting errors.

"Oakland Christian is a very good defensive team," said

Warriors' head coach Tom Lange. "It's hard to get the ball to the floor against them."

### Churchill triumphs

Livonia Churchill improved to 16-14-1 overall and 5-3 in the KLAAs South Division Tuesday night with a 25-23, 25-7, 25-18 victory over visiting Plymouth.

Lauren St. Pierre had a big night for the Chargers, picking up 22 digs while launching three aces.

Natalie Panek added 12 kills, while Maddy Pargoff knocked down seven kills.

Amanda Rybak and Rayna Yetts both distributed 17 assists.

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## OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

### Friday, Oct. 10

Plymouth (5-1, 3-1) at Canton (5-1, 4-0)

Salem (1-5, 1-3) at Livonia Stevenson (4-2, 3-1)

Liv. Franklin (1-5, 1-3) at Liv. Churchill (5-1, 3-1)

Red. Union (1-5, 0-4) at Liv. Clarenceville (0-6, 0-3)

D.H. Crestwood (1-5, 0-4) at Red. Thurston (3-3, 2-2)

Romulus (4-2, 3-1) at Garden City (3-3, 3-1)

Wayne Memorial (0-6, 0-4) at John Glenn (3-3, 1-3)

Hazel Park (0-6, 0-5) at Farmington (5-1, 5-0)

N. Farmington (3-3, 2-3) at Roch. Adams (2-4, 2-3)

Royal Oak (0-6, 0-5) at Farm. Harrison (5-1, 4-1)

### Saturday, Oct. 11

G.P. Liggett (5-1, 4-0) at Lutheran W. (5-1, 4-0), 2 p.m.

### Last week's record

Overall record

### Ed Wright

Canton

Stevenson

Churchill

Clarenceville

Thurston

Romulus

John Glenn

Farmington

Adams

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### Dan O'Meara

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### Tim Smith

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10-3

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# Salem edges Franklin

Things were looking up for Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team Monday night after Nick Curtis's penalty kick with 19 minutes left gave the Patriots a 1-0 advantage.

However, Salem countered with two goals in the game's waning moments to pull off a 2-1 victory in a KLAAs Kensington Conference cross-over match hosted by the Rocks.

### Trojans prevail over RU

Livonia Clarenceville earned its seventh victory Monday night with a 2-0 defeat of host Redford Union in a Western

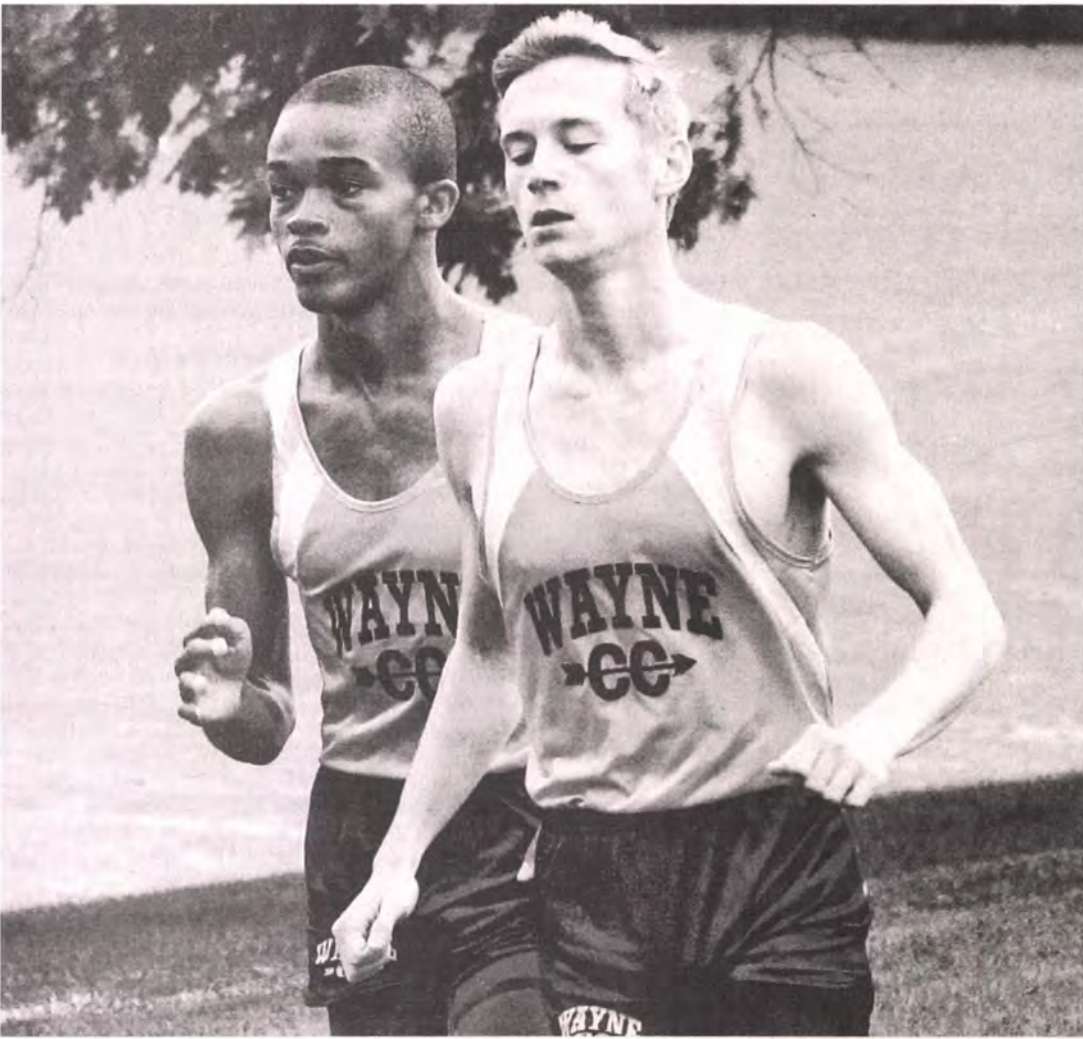
Wayne Athletic Conference game.

Gerardo Arzate scored the first goal, unassisted, taking the ball over 40 yards for the score. In the second half, Armin Andelija assisted on Jayson Fitzpatrick's goal.

Goalie Jon Murphy earned the shutout with nine saves. Connor Nolan and Jake Devos-Roy played physical and set the tempo for the Trojans, according to coach Trevor Johnson.

Clarenceville finishes the regular season Thursday at home with a 6 p.m. game against Ferndale.





ED WRIGHT

The Wayne Memorial boys cross country team's one-two punch of Devin Gibson (foreground) and Malik Jordan led the Zebras to a runner-up finish in the Saturday's 37-team Wayne County Invitational.

## WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

## Wayne Memorial takes best-ever 2nd at elite meet

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Salem's girls and boys cross country team drove out of Willow Metropark Saturday afternoon with the shiniest hardware, but several other Observerland boys and girls cross country runners made their mark at the annual Wayne County Championships.

The Rocks won both the boys and girls races. Salem's boys accumulated 94 points to out-distance runner-up Wayne Memorial, which had 144. Northville "B" took third with 164, just ahead of Canton (177), Livonia Stevenson (181), Plymouth (183) and Livonia Churchill (215).

Rounding out the top 10 were Livonia Franklin (222), Dearborn Divine Child (231) and Allen Park (233).

Twenty-eight boys teams competed in the annual distance-running extravaganza. Wayne seniors Devin Gibson and Malik Jordan earned 1st Team All-County accolades by placing third and fifth, respectively, with times of 16 minutes and 12 seconds and 16:15.

The Zebras' No. 3 man, Michael Gibson (Devin's twin brother) just missed his personal-best time with a 17:07, which was good enough for 22nd and an honorable mention award.

Wayne's Uriel Figueroa missed medaling by one place with a 36th-place showing in

17:18. Sophomore Jamie Caranza continued his season-long improvement with a 79th-place clocking of 18:09, while Wayne's sixth and seventh runners, John Gaton and Matt Fischer, took 134th and 167 places.

"The boys are progressing every week as I hoped they would," noted Wayne head coach Tom Gibson. "Every boy ran a course PR and four were just shy of their overall bests."

Salem's Chaz Jeffries won the race in 15:56.

### Patriot boys shine

The top Livonia finisher was Franklin junior Tony Floyd, who strided to a fourth-place, All-County 1st-team time of 16:15. Teammate Keenan Jones also ran well, taking 10th in 16:39.

Also running strong for the Patriots were Zach Fenwick (62nd in 17:51), Gage Wheeler (66th in 17:53), Matt Lepper (81st in 18:13), Kyle Perelli (85th in 18:18) and Grant Rudd, who turned in a time of 18:55.

"Tony Floyd had another great day and stayed in contact with the lead pack the entire race," said Franklin head coach Walt Reaser. "He finished with an All-County award. Keenan Jones and Gage Wheeler had good races overall. Zach Fenwick ran a personal best in breaking into the 17-minute range for the first time."

### Franklin girls excel

The Patriots girls contingent placed third place with 116 points, getting bested by only Salem (49 points) and Grosse Pointe South (66).

Other area front-runners included Livonia Churchill (fifth with 139 points), Livonia Ladywood (seventh with 251), Plymouth (ninth with 286), Livonia Stevenson (10th with 311), Westland John Glenn (16th with 454), Garden City (21st with 546) and Wayne Memorial (22nd with 553).

A total of 33 teams competed in the hotly-contested girls race.

Leading the Patriots' charge were Natalie Douglas (sixth place in 19:39) and Mandy Pokryfky, who placed 16th in 20:19.

Also faring well for the Patriots were Ellary Marano (27th in 20:46), Riley Shine (32nd in 20:53), Camryn Zurawski (39th in 21:03), Natalie Martinez (44th in 21:13) and Julie Wonch, who finished 71st in 21:56.

"We ran very well as a team today," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "Our goal was to come in the top five and we ended up with the third-place trophy."

"I told the girls we needed to have four or five medalists, and we had four (top 35). The team is really starting to believe that they can compete with some of the top teams in the area."

## PREP CROSS COUNTRY

## Churchill girls clinch KLAASouth title

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's girls cross country team clinched the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division championship Tuesday afternoon at Cass Benton Park in Northville with an impressive 20-40 victory over Canton.

Kathleen George was the Chargers' pace-setter — just like she's been all season — as she won the race with a time of 20 minutes and 11 seconds. George's teammate Addison Mussen placed a strong second with a time of 20:45.

Also scoring for the Chargers were Lauren Bernhardt (fourth in 21:17), Hailey Pampreen (sixth in 21:43) and Raquel Zwick, who took seventh in 22:14. Gabby Swider also ran well for the winners, taking eighth in 22:25.

### Patriot girls finish strong

Livonia Franklin's girls cross country team solidified its second-place finish in the KLAASouth Division Tuesday afternoon with a 24-33 victory over Plymouth. The victory improved the Patriots' record to 4-1 while the Wildcats slipped to 3-2.

Plymouth's Annie Bonds won the race with a time of 19:55, almost 20 seconds ahead of Franklin's top runner, Natalie Douglas, who was runner-up with a time of 20:14.3.

The Patriots clinched the triumph with strong efforts from Mandy Pokryfky (third in 20:47) and Ellary Marano, who was fourth in 20:47.

Also running well for the winners were Camryn Zurawski (seventh in 21:41), Julie Wonch (eighth in 21:46), Natalie Martinez (10th in 22:03) and Katelyn Kovach, who was 11th in 22:08.

"I am very proud of the team," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "Beating Plymouth today gives us back to back 4-1 seasons. This meet caps off a series of five meets in a row racing Tuesday and Saturday going back to September 23, so as a group we were very tired."

### John Glenn girls edge Zebras

In Tuesday afternoon's showdown between friendly rivals, Westland John Glenn upended host Wayne Memorial, 22-34, in a race that featured a down-to-the-wire battle between the two teams' No. 1 runners: Rocket Caroline Mahalak and Wayne's Kelsie Wysong.

Both girls sprinted stride-for-stride down the final hill toward the finish line, but Mahalak's late kick over the final 30 yards proved to be the difference.

Also earning crucial points for the Rockets were Shiann Proffett, who placed third; Mary Luckhardt (fifth), Erica Robinson (sixth) and Jackie Mueller (seventh).

Placing fourth for the Zebras was Nikita Bhangu. Also scoring for Wayne were eighth-place Kendelle Hood, ninth-place Jessica Leigh and 11th-place Melaina Climer.

### Wayne boys cap historic season

The Zebras won their first-ever KLAASouth division crown by out-striding the Rockets, 15-43. Wayne Devin Gibson set a school course record with a time of 16:48.91. Malik Jordan placed second for the Zebras in 17:06.28 while Michael Gibson had his best time of the season at home (17:55.84). John Glenn was led by Austin Hickerson, who placed sixth in 18:56.



ED WRIGHT

Westland John Glenn's Caroline Mahalak outsprinted Wayne Memorial's Kelsie Wysong over the final 100 yards to place first in Tuesday's dual meet between the Rockets and Zebras.

## OHL HOCKEY

## Whalers slam door on Knights' late rally

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

After spotting London an early goal Saturday night, the Plymouth Whalers responded big-time at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers delighted the home crowd of 3,143 with back-to-back goals just 41 seconds apart by forwards Danny Vanderwiel and Francesco Vilardi to build a 2-1 lead before eight minutes had elapsed in the Ontario Hockey League contest.

Plymouth tacked on a power-play goal by center Mathew Campagna at 13:39 of the opening period to make it 3-1.

But the Whalers still had to ride out a London storm, especially in the first part of the third period, when the Knights peppered Plymouth goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic.

The Carolina Hurricanes draft pick did not yield anything to the Knights and Plymouth hung on for a 3-1 victory to improve to 2-1-1-0.

"That's Ned. Hopefully there's not too many nights we have to do that," Whalers head coach Don Eland said about the way his team leaned on Nedeljkovic to shut down London. "Early on we're going to



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Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (left) again was brilliant in Saturday's win over London.

have to until we get our feet underneath us and it's good to have him back there.

"But moving forward, hopefully less and less we'll have to depend on him."

Nedeljkovic, the game's No. 1 star with 33 saves, blanked a high-powered London offense for the final 54:55 of the game. Chandler Yakimowicz caromed a shot in off the goalie to open the scoring.

"I thought I played my game the whole way, same

thing for the guys in front of me," Nedeljkovic said. "They tried making my job easier. They were blocking shots towards the end there and they were getting pucks out."

"They were clearing bodies, they weren't leaving things in front, so it was a good team win today."

### Good response

Eland said another key to the win was bouncing back from the early Yakimowicz

goal, especially coming on the heels of Friday night's 4-2 defeat at Guelph.

"That's the last thing you want after you have a bad third period on the road, to come home and give up an early goal," Eland said. "You're just trying to get your legs underneath you and maybe get a little momentum started."

"I thought we responded really well. There was no panic, it was very positive on the bench and we responded right away. That was good to see."

Plymouth evened things up 1-1 at the 6:45 mark, when Vanderwiel tipped in a shot taken by defenseman Mitch Jones (Rochester Hills).

Jones originally was credited with the goal; it was changed to Vanderwiel's goal (his first of the season) between periods.

"Danny's such a hard worker and I knew coming into this year with all the work he was putting in that eventually it was going to start to pay off for him and it will," Eland said.

The Whalers went ahead at 7:26, when forward Matt Misteale circled the net and fed the puck to Vilardi at the right

post. The slam-dunk beat London goalie Tyler Parsons, who stopped 20 of 23 shots.

That proved to be the eventual game-winner, although Plymouth added a power-play goal later in the period.

Misteale (two assists) rushed up the right wing, cut into the circle and centered a pass to Campagna, who neatly swiped a backhand through Parsons for his fourth goal of the year.

### Pressure mounts

London started to turn up the heat as the second period progressed, but Nedeljkovic was equal to the task.

At 18:49, he snagged a point-blank shot taken by center Mitchell Marnier to enable the game to remain 3-1 after two periods.

The Knights then turned up their attack a couple of notches to open the third.

During their first power play of the game, the Knights were all over Nedeljkovic and the Plymouth defense. But the goalie blocked rapid-fire shots by Dakota Mermis and Marnier.

The Whalers will visit Oshawa on Friday before hosting Peterborough at 7 p.m. Saturday.



## GMAR president tapped for NAR Leadership Academy



Maureen Francis, GMAR president

Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors President Maureen Francis has been accepted into the National Association of Realtors Leadership Academy. The NAR Leadership Academy identifies, inspires and mentors emerging leaders from the local and state level for the National Association of Realtors. NAR selects 16 candidates from across the country each year to participate in this eight-month leadership training. Of the five Realtors that have been accepted into the program from Michigan since its inception, four of them have been from GMAR.

The first session takes place during the NAR Conference & Expo on Nov. 5 of this year. When asked what she plans to gain from this experience, Francis stated, "I hope that it will help me in terms of what I'm able to do not only for GMAR but for Michigan Realtors and to define a role that I'd like to play within the National Association."

Sessions will consist of

networking activities, brainstorming and peering into processes that occur at the national level to give students a better understanding of what's involved and required to be instrumental as NAR leaders. Francis said, "They don't tell us so much about what the homework assignments will be outside of class but I know that in the past people have had to write grants for NAR to get a project that they would spearhead and get funded."

GMAR is very proud of the president's acceptance into this highly acclaimed and competitive program. Francis and the past four members who have had the honor of participating in this

program garner GMAR further national recognition and exhibit GMAR's capable membership. Francis stated that "I am very grateful for the opportunities that GMAR has given me, and this is one."

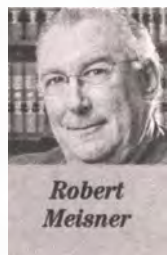
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With over 6,000 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides many benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 quality continuing education and designation courses per year, the largest Realtor-specific store in the area, the ToolShop™, Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and Metropolitan REALTOR monthly electronic magazine. GMAR's mission is to be the leading resource for the real estate community in Southeast Michigan.

## South Beach hotels being upgraded

**Q: Can you give me an idea of the scope of new construction in the South Beach area of Miami Beach as a result of any potential recovery?**

A: Those hotels that have not already been refurbished are in the process of being so in most instances. There are several new condominium projects being developed and, of course, the neighboring North Beach of Miami Beach is flourishing with new construction and/or refurbishing of hotels and residential structures.



Robert Meisner

The economy has heated up particularly because of South American money, but it may not have reached the prices which preceded the great recession.

**Q: I have provided transportation and helped my mother with tasks around the house since she cared for my father. I have convinced my parents to transfer title to their home to prevent seizure by the state health care provider for unpaid medical bills where they live in Maine. I got a Power of Attorney from my father, opened up a bank account and I have transferred some of my Dad's money to a joint account. My mother is now very upset and seeking to**

**sue me for the transfer of the property. I haven't gotten a lawyer yet, what do you think?**

A: I think that your lawyer is going to advise you that the transfer of the house and the cash may be in violation of a statute called Improbident Transfer of Title Act. In a similar case out of Maine, the trial court ruled for a mother because the ITTA allows elderly dependent persons to avoid transfers of property as a result of undue influence. It sets up a presumption of undue influence when the transfer occurs in the context of a confidential or fiduciary relationship for less than full consideration unless the elderly person is represented by independent counsel. Being considered elderly is someone over 60 years of age. Get a lawyer to defend you.

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## Local association of Realtors tapped for Hall of Fame

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors has been inducted to the 2014 Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council's (REBAC) "Hall of Fame" presented by REBAC of the National Association of Realtors.

GMAR was nominated for the 2014 REBAC Hall of Fame by fellow REBAC members and was selected by an independent panel of real estate industry leaders. The local Realtor association has been an outstanding leader in the real estate community and has made a visible difference for buyer's representation needs in the Detroit metropolitan area.

GMAR serves a membership base of over 6,000, and provides a multifaceted array of assistance and services. GMAR exhibits itself as an outlet of knowledge for Realtors in working with buyers and has shown high principles and furtherance of

the principles of good practice among Realtors.

The Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council, REBAC, was founded in 1988 to promote superior buyer representation skills and services. An affiliate of the National Association of Realtors since 1996, REBAC's membership now numbers well over 30,000 and is the world's largest organization of real estate professionals concentrating on buyer representation. Members who meet all course and professional experiential requirements are awarded the ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative) and/or ABRM (Accredited Buyer's Representative Manager) designation(s). Both are the only designations of their type recognized by NAR.

The REBAC website is www.REBAC.net.

GMAR Education Director Vicky Livernois stated,

"We've been teaching REBAC courses for many years, but when the market in our area started to slow down, our association created the MemberMax™ program that would enable our members to attend our courses and increase their education and professionalism." MemberMax™ is a type of membership that allows members to pay their GMAR, Michigan Realtors and NAR dues on a monthly basis while affording them two designation courses and a slew of other continuing education courses at no additional cost. Since its 2010 inception, GMAR had just under 3,000 Realtors who completed a REBAC course through MemberMax™.

GMAR CEO Duane Marsh said, "GMAR agent training focuses on elevated service level and designs offerings that prepare today's real estate professional for the new, emerging buyer client."

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are

at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

#### Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 16-20, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	Price
7401 Admiralty Dr	\$192,000
2051 Arcadia Dr	\$144,000
42928 Arlington Rd	\$200,000
2007 Bellingham St	\$155,000
40818 Bluesprings Ct	\$294,000
8215 Chatham Dr	\$555,000
320 Cherry Grove Rd	\$210,000
4046 Cornerstone Dr	\$138,000
2845 Eddington Ct	\$249,000
6735 Fox Hills Rd	\$250,000
7783 Hillsboro Dr	\$238,000
42570 Keystone Ln	\$217,000
6513 Kings Mill Dr	\$402,000
1999 Knollwood Dr	\$135,000
39604 Lotzford Rd	\$180,000
149 McDougal Ct	\$430,000
613 Merrimac Rd	\$180,000

48880 Michigan Ave	\$34,000
46797 Mornington Rd	\$386,000
44288 N Umland Cir	\$210,000
47478 Scenic Circle Dr N	\$233,000
47434 Wallingford Ct	\$448,000
6950 Weatherfield Way	\$295,000
1401 Whittier Dr	\$134,000
41511 Wild Turkey Ln	\$160,000
GARDEN CITY	
29035 Marquette St	\$55,000
LIVONIA	
14242 Barbara St	\$170,000
11810 Cardwell St	\$77,000
33733 Clarita St	\$180,000
9999 Deering St	\$125,000
15962 Deering St	\$120,000
15164 Fairfield St	\$33,000
32959 Fargo St	\$44,000
9135 Fremont St	\$70,000
15153 Golfview Dr	\$280,000
39040 Grennada St	\$140,000
32611 Hees St	\$168,000
20409 Hubbard St	\$50,000
29290 Lyndon St	\$148,000

35561 Minton Ct	\$150,000
34487 Navin Ave	\$325,000
16771 Park St	\$252,000
34597 Pinehurst Ct	\$230,000
35241 Richland St	\$160,000
35571 Richland St	\$145,000
38952 Ross St	\$165,000
38124 S Vista Dr	\$280,000
37718 Sunnydale St	\$240,000
38475 Tuscany Ct	\$183,000
9000 Virginia St	\$145,000
36072 W Chicago St	\$140,000
16429 Westbrook St	\$164,000
30729 Westfield St	\$137,000
NORTHVILLE	
18825 Heather Ridge Dr	\$665,000
46274 Pinehurst Dr	\$579,000
45935 Riviera Dr	\$628,000
17563 White Pine Ct	\$660,000
PLYMOUTH	
545 Herald St	\$459,000
12011 Hines Ct	\$195,000
11625 N Beck Rd	\$288,000
323 N Harvey St	\$252,000

49175 Pine Bluff Ct	\$475,000
10016 Wolfriver Dr	\$186,000
REDFORD	
20041 Beech Daly Rd	\$39,000
9114 Inkster Rd	\$57,000
9912 Laverne	\$99,000
18845 Negaunee	\$60,000
19317 Seminole	\$15,000
9126 Tecumseh	\$73,000
14801 Woodworth	\$157,000
WAYNE	
34527 Elm St	\$78,000
WESTLAND	
30843 Avondale St	\$89,000
441 Bedford Dr	\$179,000
8212 Carrousel Blvd	\$120,000
37642 Colonial Dr	\$67,000
1045 Paddock Ln	\$101,000
31422 Hazelwood St	\$83,000
35210 Hazelwood St	\$40,000
34116 Kennedy St	\$91,000
32233 Merritt Dr	\$124,000
1049 S Sutton St	\$129,000
1575 S Sutton St	\$127,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 27-30, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	Price
32355 Bell Vine Trl	\$350,000
18137 Birwood Ave	\$295,000
31015 Rivers Edge Ct	\$335,000
BIRMINGHAM	
480 Abbey St	\$490,000
1649 Mansfield Rd	\$313,000
111 Willits St # 315	\$600,000
BOOMFIELD HILLS	
600 Deauville Ln	\$450,000
500 N Woodward Ave # 100	\$275,000
5674 Raven Rd	\$325,000
BLUETOWN TOWNSHIP	
2993 Aldgate Dr	\$275,000
796 Edgemont Run	\$265,000
666 Hamilton Rd	\$785,000
1428 N Cranbrook Rd	\$1,595,000
5163 N Kellen Ct	\$313,000
2168 Somerset Rd	\$138,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 29	\$109,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	

3142 Adele Ter	\$182,000
9032 Cynthia Ct	\$293,000
3965 N Vanstone Dr	\$448,000
2345 Palmetto	\$75,000
1616 Trace Hollow Dr	\$303,000
1691 Trace Hollow Dr	\$25,000
1725 Wickham	\$91,000
FARMINGTON	
23250 Cass Ave	\$156,000
34130 Cortland Ave	\$226,000
24167 Saint Mary Ct	\$186,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22741 Albion Ave	\$44,000
28319 Farmington Rd	\$180,000
21581 Flanders St	\$182,000
29886 Fox Club Dr	\$302,000
29700 Fox Grove Rd	\$267,000
35497 Fredericksburg Rd	\$285,000
35135 Gary St	\$165,000
33508 Kirby St	\$6,000
22222 Ontaga St	\$131,000
25022 Pimlico Ct	\$132,000
29559 Pipers Ln	\$225,000
33558 Rhonswood Ct	\$40,000
21465 Riverwalk Ct	\$261,000
30070 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 121	\$55,000
28422 W Eight Mile Rd Unit B9	\$41,000

23690 W Newell Cir	\$205,000
FRANKLIN	
30405 Stonegate Dr	\$870,000
HIGHLAND	
1260 Grebe Rd	\$174,000
1640 Juno Dr	\$157,000
MILFORD	
730 Bird Song Dr	\$131,000
2470 Bridle Trl	\$300,000
410 Hickory Ridge Ct	\$305,000
321 Highland Ave	\$115,000
2325 Lerwick Ln	\$378,000
NORTHVILLE	
20912 Barola Dr	\$1,500,000
21178 Equestrian Trl	\$809,000
42141 Gladwin St	\$101,000
46906 Grasmere Rd	\$176,000
NOVI	
45460 Addington Ln	\$440,000
22006 Center	\$305,000
44527 Gwinnett Loop	\$225,000
40775 Katie Dr	\$275,000
40600 Ladene Ln	\$246,000
22532 Meadowbrook Rd	\$220,000
22776 Randall Ct	\$400,000
40571 Rock Hill St	\$150,000
22145 Siegal Ct	\$333,000

30268 Sterling Dr	\$380,000
41770 Webster Ct	\$167,000
23526 Woodshire Ct	\$119,000
SOUTH LYON	
58753 Carriage Ln	\$395,000
1237 Corral Ln	\$358,000
28654 Danvers Ct	\$247,000
53708 Edgewood Dr	\$310,000
53833 Edgewood Dr	\$385,000
1045 Paddock Ln	\$290,000
24441 Padstone Dr	\$81,000
54457 Royal Fern Dr	\$458,000
23581 Winterberry Ct	\$435,000
SOUTHFIELD	
17350 Redwood Ave	\$63,000
29821 Rock Creek Dr	\$112,000
29130 Woodcrest Ct	\$152,000
WHITE LAKE	
11376 Brigham Ln	\$214,000
10340 Cedar Lake Rd	\$237,000
2297 Cooley Lake Rd	\$269,000
543 Crown Ridge Ct	\$300,000
105 Decca Dr	\$158,000
9015 Huron Bluffs Dr	\$374,000
9091 Mandon Rd	\$58,000
8119 Sutton Ct	\$169,000



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RELIGION CALENDAR



The Detroit Lutheran Singers performs Sunday, Oct. 12, in Birmingham and Royal Oak. Tickets for the group's December concert in Redford also are available at detroitlutheransingers.com

OCTOBER BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 19  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children  
**Contact:** 734-425-4421

CROP WALK PLYMOUTH/CANTON

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. registration, 2 p.m. walk, Sunday, Oct. 12  
**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Walkers raise money for hunger relief  
**Contact:** Gary and Becky Copenhaver at 734-981-6023; bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com

DRAMA

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City  
**Details:** Canales Academy presents "An Evening of Sacred Drama." Three biblical stories will be brought to life with song and dance through the compositions of Michael Canales. Champagne reception follows. Tickets are \$20  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660

FALL FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25  
**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia  
**Details:** The event, for children through sixth grade, will include crafts, games, refreshments and more. Church members will pass out treats as children trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk. Costumes are encouraged. Parents or guardians must be present. The church also will sponsor a coat exchange for kids. Donate coats for the exchange during business hours at the church. Any remaining coats will go to Redford Interfaith Relief.  
**Contact:** 734-422-1470

FLEA MARKET

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25  
**Location:** Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Arts and crafts, vintage flea market and more; proceeds

used to fill Christmas baskets  
**Contact:** Denise at 248-474-4162

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 13-15  
**Location:** St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** The Rev. Cedric Pisegna is an author, Catholic television and radio personality with a program, *Live with Passion*, that airs on TBN, the Church Channel and Radio Maria  
**Contact:** 734-981-1333

**LIVING ROSARY**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** In this candlelit service, a person or small group represents a bead of the rosary and leads the group prayer that bead represents. The rosary is a Catholic devotion  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200

**DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS**  
**Time/Date:** 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19  
**Location:** Early concert at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2235 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham and evening concert at St. Paul Lutheran, 202 E. Fifth, Royal Oak  
**Details:** "Sacred Pairings" concert; general admission \$15, \$10 for students, 12 and up, and seniors  
**Contact:** dlsingers@hotmail.com; detroitlutheransingers.com

**MASS OF ANOINTING**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** For all Catholics who are in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual strength and healing. Call the church to register  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200

**PATHWAYS TO HOUSING FUNDRAISER**  
**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17  
**Location:** St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Wine and cheese tasting, along with 10-12 food stations, silent and live auctions; \$35 per person. The event benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Pathways to Housing, which works with homeless individuals and families in western Wayne

**County**  
**Contact:** pathwaytohousing@mail.com  
**PHOTO EXHIBIT**  
**Time/Date:** Reception and opening 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10; viewing hours 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 30  
**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield  
**Details:** "Pioneering Voices" consists of photos and stories of transgender persons  
**Contact:** 248-354-4488; www.northwest.uu.org

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17; 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 18  
**Location:** The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** A little something for everyone including specialty boutique, house wares, electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only  
**Contact:** 248-477-1410

**WHY BE CATHOLIC?**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** The Rev. Ben Luedtke, based at St. Alfred the Great Parish in Dearborn Heights, talks about his reversion to Catholicism as an adult. Luedtke was ordained in Rome and was Mother Teresa's personal driver whenever she visited there. He serves Mother Teresa's Missionary Sisters of Charity and is a spiritual director to several Carmelite Monasteries  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455; livonia@michael.org

**NOVEMBER CRAFT SHOW**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8  
**Location:** New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford  
**Details:** Seeking crafters; 8-foot tables available for \$25 each  
**Contact:** Sue Makins at 313-516-7249

**ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**  
**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m.

and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000

**CLOTHING BANK**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** No documentation needed  
**Contact:** info@cantoncf.org

**FAMILY MEAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

**MOMS**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

**PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.  
**Contact:** 313-563-0162

**PRAYER**  
**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh,

Livonia. Enter through back.  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

**SINGLES**  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago,

Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

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**ADAMSON Johanna (Joey)**  
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**PILLICIOTTI, SUE J.**  
 Age 95, passed away October 1, 2014. Mass was October 7, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon www.phillipsfuneral.com

**ROUSSEAU, CONSTANCE E.**  
 Longtime resident of Westland passed away on Aug. 27, 2014. She was 91. Connie is survived by her four children, 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Celebration will be held Oct. 12, at 2 p.m., at Grace Memorial Church, 31133 Hively, Westland. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to breast cancer research.



**PAGE, JOSEPH F. III "JEFF"**  
 Age 72, October 6, 2014. Beloved husband of Wendy. Loving father of Carrie (Bill) Bach, Joseph F. IV "Jay" (Janet) and Eric (Meggan). Dear grandfather of Jack, Allison, Annie and Ava Page, Henry and Campbell Bach, Madeline, Noelle and Lincoln Page. Dear brother of Joan O'Hara (Bill) Erikson, Sue (Ed) Blugerman and the late Laura Hardy Page. Family will receive friends Thursday and Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI. In state Saturday October 11th, at 10 a.m. until time of funeral services at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI. Contributions appreciated to Multiple Myeloma Foundation at themrf.org/donate, Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org/donate and / or U of M Law School Scholarship Foundation at law.umich.edu.  
 Share your memories at: sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

**SAMPSON, LAWRENCE CHARLES**  
 Age 55 left this earth September 29, 2014. He leaves behind his mother Martha E, his children Lawrence Patrick and Charles Torres and their mother Deedre; his sisters Judy, Martha Kay, Patricia, Debra and brother Willard and many friends. A celebration of Life will be held at K of C Hall 7080 Garling Dr. Dearborn Heights at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday October 12, 2014.

**THOMAS, ANGELA B.**  
 October 6, 2014, Age 92 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Mary (Gordon) Hooper, Diane (Rick) Kelley, Charles, Angela (Tim) Frost, and the late Barbara (Michael) Keith. Dear sister of Orville (Dolores) Fisher and Fay (George) Schomberger. Proud grandmother of 18, and great grandmother of six. Visitation Thursday 2-9 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In State Friday 10 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., (at Beck) Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Special Olympics. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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# Halloween Fun

Instead of carving a pumpkin, paint it instead. You can make it look like anything that you want without all of the messy clean-up.

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## In the Kitchen with Scoop:



Here is a fun easy Halloween treat recipe to share with your friends.

### Items Needed:

- One package semi-sweet chocolate chip morsels
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 6 cups pretzel sticks

Place parchment or waxed paper on a cookie baking sheet. Combine chocolate chips and peanut butter in a large microwave-safe bowl. Melt items in microwave for about 2 minutes. Stir together until smooth while carefully adding pretzel sticks to the mixture. Once cool enough to handle, place pretzel sticks in clusters on the baking sheet to look like spiders. When finished, place your creation in the freezer for 5 to 10 minutes to harden. There you have it! A yummy creepy, crawly treat in time for Halloween.

Source: [foodnetwork.com](http://foodnetwork.com)

## Contest SELFIE Contest Winner:

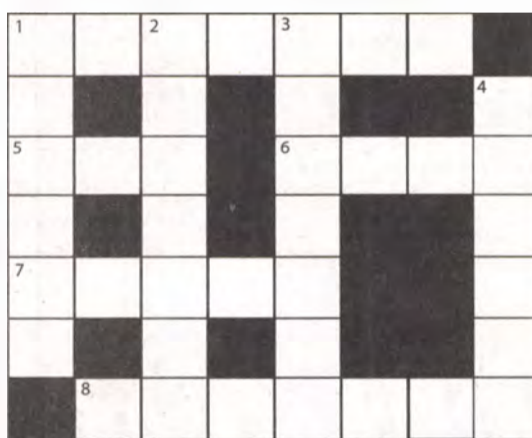
Friends Mark Szetela, 8 (left) and Max Siratskaya, 8 (right) both from Novi. Selfie taken when they took the shaving cream and had a fun shaving cream fight.



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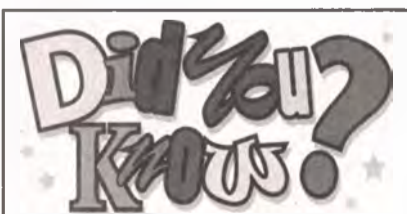
### ACROSS

1. Succeeding
5. Hears sounds
6. Recreation area
7. Go away
8. Thread decorations

### DOWN

1. Circular objects
2. Paradise
3. Gain respect
4. Devices with wheels

Answers:  
Across: 1. Winning 4. Ear 6. Park 7. Leave 8. Tassels  
Down: 1. Wheels 2. Nirvana 3. Impress 4. Skates



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### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Autumn Days

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## Bassist Chris McBride teaches, performs at Schoolcraft College

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Riccardo Selva expects an upcoming jazz concert at Schoolcraft College will be the most significant event he has staged in the past four years. That's saying a lot, considering that Selva, a Ph.D. and director of the college's jazz studies program, has introduced such jazz heavyweights as trumpeter Wayne Bergeron, saxophonist Kirk Whalum and conductor/producer Russell Gloyd to audiences at the college.

"This is going to be the biggest event we've done from the standpoint of prestige, because Rodney Whitaker is an international level artist, Sean Dobbins is incredible and well known, and Christian McBride is off the charts," Selva said. "Christian is one of the most famous jazz musicians on the planet."

McBride, currently an artist-in-residence at Michigan State University, will teach a jazz master class, 3-4:30 p.m. before performing from 8-10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, in the VisTaTech Center on Schoolcraft's main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The class is free and open to the public. Tickets for the concert are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, \$5 for children, 12 and under. They're available at the door or at the Schoolcraft College Bookstore; 734-462-4409.

Whitaker, director of the jazz program at Michigan State University, and his Michigan State University Jazz Orchestra 1, will join McBride on stage. Sean Dobbins, director of the Southeastern Music Academy in Ann Arbor, will perform with the Academy's Louis Smith Jazz Orchestra. Selva will direct the Schoolcraft Jazz Studies Program students in concert.

### Building a following



Christian McBride, a jazz bassist with an international following, will teach a master class and will perform, Sunday, Oct. 12, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Selva said he had hoped to meet McBride during the Detroit Jazz Festival over Labor Day weekend in Detroit. He was unable to make the connection, but got a chance to speak with both Whitaker and Whalum. Whalum had performed at Schoolcraft just two months earlier in a concert Selva described as a "phenomenal success." He said that concert set wheels in motion for the upcoming McBride

appearance. "Sean Dobbins called me right after the Kurt Whalum concert," Selva said. Dobbins suggested that he, Whitaker and McBride perform at Schoolcraft. "Rodney (Whitaker) and Sean are friends. The reason Sean asked me is because of the notoriety of our guest artist programs that stand out. We've built a following." Selva describes McBride as



Rodney Whitaker, bassist and director of the jazz program at Michigan State University, will perform Sunday, Oct. 12, at Schoolcraft College.



Sean Dobbins directs The Louis Smith Jazz Orchestra.



Riccardo Selva, Ph.D., director of the jazz studies program at Schoolcraft College will perform with his students on Oct. 12.

a prodigy, with a "mind-blowing" skill level.

### Music styles

McBride, born in Philadelphia, Pa., moved to New York in 1989 to study at The Juilliard School. Saxophonist Bobby Watson recruited him to play with his band. Since then, McBride, who also plays electric bass, has worked with jazz greats, such as Pat Metheny and Herbie Hancock, R&B

legends, such as Natalie Cole and Chaka Khan, and rock musicians including Sting and Carly Simon.

"He plays with a lot of different music artists," Selva said. "He plays rock, classical, hip hop. He does a lot of funky stuff. Christian does it all. He's also a composer. And one of the things that struck me at the Detroit Jazz Festival was how outspoken he is about his faith. He said 'A lot of jazz musicians will run from the spirit, we (his trio) run to the spirit.'"

McBride composed *The Movement Revisited*, a four-movement suite dedicated to Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali and Martin Luther King Jr. McBride's quartet and a 30-piece gospel choir performed the piece throughout New England. Ten years later, the piece was expanded, rewritten and performed in Los Angeles, Calif. Over the past 15 years, McBride has released several CD recordings including *Christian McBride & Inside Straight*, *Conversations with Christian*, and *The Good Feeling*, which were released on the Detroit-based Mack Avenue Records label.

For more information about the concert, visit schoolcraft.edu/music or call 734-462-4403.

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily  
**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak  
**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

**Animal enrichment:** Watch river otters, tigers, snow monkeys and anteaters devour Halloween treats and see vultures, great apes, polar bears, wolverines and grizzly bears smash pumpkins filled with treats, Wednesday, Oct. 15. Zookeepers place seasonal munchies in a different animal habitat every half hour from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Oct. 10  
**Location:** The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** "Artpack Services Employee Exhibit" includes works by 10 employees of Artpack Services  
**Contact:** 248-473-1859

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Nov. 1  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** "Art Quilts: Then and Now," featuring works by local fiber artists  
**Contact:** 248-344-0497

#### VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 1  
**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** 22nd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes works by 61 artists  
**Contact:** 734-394-5308

### AUDITIONS

#### TLC PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Oct. 13-14; registration at 5:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton  
**Details:** At least 12 roles will be available for Canton's Third Biennial One-Acts Festival, Jan. 16-18, 2015. Each play will run five-15 minutes. Actors may audition for more than one show, but will be cast in no more than two shows. A list of all show synopses, roles, ages, gender and description available online at cantononeacts.com  
**Contact:** info@tlcproductions.org



Tim Majzlik, (left) of Ann Arbor, Lauren Berryman of Farmington, Terry Viviani of Westland, Joy Holloway of Garden City and Beth Duey of Northville rehearse a scene from *The Lights are Warm and Coloured*, which begins a six-performance run Oct. 17 at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

### COMEDY

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 10-11  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** John DeBoer; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday  
**Contact:** joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Oct. 9-11 and 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11  
**Location:** Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak  
**Details:** Jason Dudgey; tickets \$10 Thursday, \$18 Friday-Saturday  
**Special event:** Keith and Kenny Lucas perform, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12; \$18  
**Contact:** 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

### DANCE

#### MILL RACE CONTRA DANCE

**Time/Date:** Beginner workshop, 12:30 p.m., dancing, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, Nov. 23 and Dec. 21  
**Location:** Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold, Northville  
**Details:** Contra dancing is a subset of English country dancing with elements of swing dancing. All experience levels are welcome. Wear clean, smooth-soled shoes and comfortable clothing. General admission is \$10; student, members of Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance (AACTMAD), \$8; families, \$20  
**Contact:** aactmad.org

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 10-11 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12  
**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth  
**Details:** *Magic in the Moonlight*, admission \$3  
**SHOCK-tober Series:** *Abbott & Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Oct. 9, *Ghostbusters*, Oct. 16, *Young Frankenstein*, Oct. 23, *Abbott & Costello Meet the Invisible Man*, Oct. 30; all shows start at 7 p.m.; \$3 admission  
**Contact:** 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11  
**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit  
**Details:** Three Stooges Halloween Festival; \$5  
**Contact:** 313-898-1481

### FUNDRAISER

#### HOWLWEEN BOWL-A-THON

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12  
**Location:** Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road, Novi  
**Details:** Guardian Angel Animal Rescue offers two games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop for \$20; 50/50 raffle, best costume contest, prizes and goodies. Bring a pet food donation and get two free raffle tickets  
**Contact:** 734-788-6857  
**PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**  
**Time/Date:** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11  
**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hills Road, Canton  
**Details:** Your Generation Concert, featuring the band, Fifty Amp Fuse, performs pop, rock, funk and dance music that celebrates over six decades of American and British music hits. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the evening



Laura Rain performs Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325, in Plymouth.

performance and will include appetizers, two complimentary beverages, and a gift from Showroom of Elegance and Indigo Salon & Day Spa. Tickets are \$30 for the matinee and \$75 for the evening performance, available at 734-394-5460 or CantonVillageTheater.org  
**Contact:** partnershipforarts.org

### HISTORY

#### DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 11-Dec. 28  
**Location:** Second floor in the Community Gallery at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Fourteen stained glass windows that were installed at the original St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, built in 1929 and closed in 2005 in Farmington Hills, will be on display. Admission is free  
**Contact:** 313-833-7935

#### KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 15-Dec. 21  
**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor  
**Details:** The exhibit, "Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan," consists of 82 artifacts, including ceramics, glass, metal, textiles, paintings, illuminated manuscripts and wood. Exhibition opening, 6 p.m. Oct. 15, includes a presentation by Ashley Dimmig, exhibition curator  
**Contact:** 734-764-9304  
**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday  
**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** Wheels of Summer, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17  
**Contact:** 734-455-8940

### MUSIC

#### ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12  
**Location:** Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor  
**Details:** "Mozart's Magnificent Voyage," is a theatrical concert that introduces children to the life and music of Mozart; adults, \$12, and children, \$8  
**Contact:** 734-994-4801; a2so.com

#### BLUES@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** Laura Rain and the Caesars perform Oct. 14; \$5 donation  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780

#### CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Oct. 11  
**Location:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile at Lahser, Beverly Hills  
**Details:** The Juilliard String Quartet performs; tickets \$30-\$60 for adults and \$15-\$30 for students with ID  
**Contact:** 248-855-6070; chambermusic-detroit.org

#### FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25  
**Location:** 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Three Men and a Tenor perform a family-oriented musical comedy program; \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students  
**Contact:** recreg.fhgov.com; 248-473-1848

#### JAZZ@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** Barbara Ware makes her first appearance at the Elks series on Oct. 28. The Cliff Monear Trio will accompany her. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

#### LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25  
**Location:** Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** "Symphonie Fantastique and other Classical Treasures," will include *Swan Lake* excerpts, introduction to *Danse Macabre*, and *Symphonie Fantastique*. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students  
**Contact:** livoniasymphony.org



## COOK UP A FRIGHTFULLY FUN HALLOWEEN PARTY

**H** haunted with the thought of a ho-hum Halloween? Never fear — trick-or-treaters will want more than just candy once they see your party table. Throw a fabulous Halloween party fit for little goblins or grown-up monsters with some devilishly good sweets.

Try these easy party ideas from Wilton to make your Halloween spook-tacular:

» Add some “pop” to popcorn: Trick out ordinary popcorn into a sweet-and-salty party pleaser. Drizzle on Candy Melts candy for festive flavors, and then capture the Halloween spirit by adding fun sprinkle mixes.

» Masquerade cookies: Who says you can't play with your food? Create edible masks with decorated shaped cookies and attach them to cookie sticks. Set up a photo station at your party, so guests can take pictures with their cookie mask creations before eating them.

» Jack-o'-lantern cakes: It wouldn't be Halloween without carved pumpkins. Make yours edible by baking a delicious pumpkin spice pound cake shaped like a pumpkin. Increase the fun by adding silly icing facial features.

» Midnight potions: Spice up the night with candy corn drinks served in containers guests can devour, making cleanup easy and delicious. Or, toast the night with the Witch's Brew Mocktail.

For more Halloween ideas and inspiration, visit [wilton.com](http://wilton.com).

Courtesy of Family Features



### MASQUERADE COOKIES

Servings: 2 dozen cookies

2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened  
1 ½ cups granulated sugar  
1 egg  
1 ½ teaspoons imitation clear vanilla extract  
½ teaspoon imitation almond extract

#### Royal icing

Orange, black, green, lemon yellow, brown and violet icing colors, as desired  
Orange, yellow, lavender and black colored sugars, as desired  
Halloween Jimmies, Nonpareils and icing decorations, as desired  
Candy Melts candy  
Cookie sticks

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, mix flour, baking powder and salt. In second large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and extracts. Add flour mixture to butter mixture 1 cup at a time, mixing after each addition. Do not chill dough. Divide dough into 2 balls.

On floured surface, roll each ball into a circle approximately 12 inches in diameter by ¼ inch thick. Dip eyeglasses-shaped cookie cutters in flour before each use. Cut out cookies and arrange on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 8-11 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely on cooling grid. Decorate as desired using tinted royal icing, colored sugars and Halloween icing decorations. Use melted candy to attach sticks to backs of cookies; chill until set.

### PUMPKIN SPICE POPCORN

Servings: 6 cups

6 cups popped kettle corn  
2 cups mini pretzel twists  
1 package (10 ounces) Pumpkin Spice Candy Melts candy  
1 bottle (2.5 ounces) Pumpkin Mix Sprinkles

Spread popcorn and pretzels on parchment paper-lined cookie sheet.

In disposable decorating bag, melt candy in microwave at 50 percent power for 1 minute; remove bag and knead. Continue melting candy for 30-second intervals at 50 percent power until completely melted. Snip off end of bag and drizzle melted candy over popcorn mixture; immediately add sprinkles. Let stand until candy has hardened, about 20 minutes. Break into pieces to serve.

### WITCH'S BREW MOCKTAIL

Servings: 6

3 cups ginger ale, chilled  
1 ½ cups pineapple juice, chilled  
½ cup sweetened lime juice, chilled  
Green gel food color or green icing color (optional)  
Black colored sugar  
Gummy Eyeball skewers

In large pitcher, combine ginger ale, pineapple juice, sweetened lime juice and, if using, gel food color. To prepare glasses, dip rims of martini glasses in water, then in black sugar. Fill with drink mixture; add eyeball skewers.

### CARAMEL APPLE POPCORN

Servings: 6 cups

6 cups popped popcorn, buttered and salted  
¼ cup roasted salted peanuts  
1 package (10 ounces) Caramel Apple Candy Melts candy  
1 bottle (2.5 ounces) Spider Mix Sprinkles

Spread popcorn and peanuts on parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. In disposable decorating bag, melt candy in microwave at 50 percent power for 1 minute; remove bag and knead. Continue melting candy for 30-second intervals at 50 percent power until completely melted. Snip off end of bag and drizzle melted candy over popcorn. Immediately top with sprinkles. Let stand until candy has hardened, about 20 minutes. Break into pieces to serve.

### CANDY CORN DRINKS

Servings: 8

1 cup (half of 12-ounce package) Bright White Candy Melts Candy, melted according to package directions  
1 cup (half of 12-ounce package) Orange Candy Melts Candy, melted according to package directions  
1 package (12 ounces) Yellow Candy Melts Candy, melted according to package directions  
Orange-flavored fruit drink, orange, peach or mango juice or other favorite drink

Fill disposable decorating bag with melted bright white candy. Divide evenly among cavities of 8-cavity silicone shot glass mold, taking care to not get any candy on sides of mold. Repeat process with orange and yellow candy. Refrigerate until candy is set, about 30 minutes. Carefully remove candy glasses from mold and set aside. Fill with orange drink.

### CITY BITES

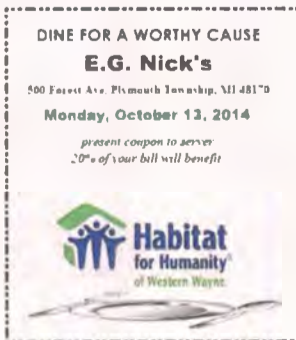
#### Last call

Plymouth — It's time to get in your last licks of the season at Dairy King, 232 Main. The downtown business closes for the season Sunday, Oct. 12, and will reopen in early March 2015. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. daily through Sunday. Kathryn Hurley, who runs the ice cream parlor with her dad, Michael, said the final tubs of “birthday cake,” “Eskimo kisses,” and “cookies and creme” have been opened and may not last through closing day. But if butter pecan, black cherry, and chocolate are among your favorite ice cream flavors, you may have a better chance of savoring a scoop on Dairy King's final day. Hurley said the business generally sells 35 flavors of hard ice cream, but is down to about 27 flavors this week. “When we run out of the

hard ice cream, we still have the soft serve and yogurt,” she said.

#### Chili Night

Livonia — Stepping Up for MS will serve hot dogs, chili, beverages and dessert at its fundraiser “A Chili Night in October,” 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at St. Edith Parish Hall, 15089 Newburgh. The dinner will include raffles and a silent auction. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, 6 and under. Buy them at [steppingupforms.org](http://steppingupforms.org) or mail a check and indicate the number of tickets, to MS Benefit Dinner, 15988 Foch, Livonia, MI 48154. The organization's mission is to help individuals with multiple sclerosis by offering grants to help the cover expenses associated with the disease. This year, it has awarded 12 grants totaling



\$8,000. For more information, call Amy Arsenault at 248-615-1115.

#### Habitat for Humanity

Plymouth — E.G. Nicks will donate 20 percent of the price of your meal on Monday, Oct. 13, to Habitat for Humanity, an organization that helps families in need with interest-free, low-cost housing. Print a coupon for the fundraiser from the website at [habitatwcc.org](http://habitatwcc.org).



Bill Larkin (left), Austin and Alyssa White enjoy A Chili Night in October last year. The chili and hot dog dinner helps raise funds for individuals with multiple sclerosis.

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E.G. Nicks is at 500 Forest. 734-414-6400.