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Wayne-Westland school board hires law firm to review all district policies

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Policies for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be getting a check-up by one of its legal firms.

The school board recently approved a contract for Lusk and Albertson to do systematic review of all district policies. The base price for development of an initial set of bylaws

and policies will be \$5,000, with yearly updates costing \$1,500.

The law firm will focus specifically on policies required by federal and state law and tailor them to the specific needs of the school district.

"It's very difficult to go through a year without updating a policy," attorney Kevin Sutton said. "In developing

policies, we take a much more streamline approach. We shorten the policy. Some services reiterate the law, but it's not necessary to include a restatement. The law changes or the interpretation of the law changes, but not necessarily the policy.

"If you ask to be shown the board policies, it's usually a three-ring binder," he said. "If you ask what's in it, most peo-

ple don't know. Often there are policies in it from 1992, 1993 that no one has looked at since then."

Sutton assured the board that the law firm's focus will be "district specific." It will review what is currently in place and work with the school board to see where trustees want to "exercise their discretion." The end product will be a streamlined pack-

et for the Wayne-Westland.

"You're not necessarily reviewing the policies we currently have and giving us new ones or are you comparing what we have and filling in the gaps?" board member Cindy Schofield said.

"We won't walk in with a booklet and say this is the one you have to have and not tailor

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The scenario is that a car has smashed into a home, causing a partial collapse.

Firefighters get crucial training at area home

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

James Prieskorn looked Tuesday morning onto his former home at 20446 Hubbard just south of Eight Mile and noticed fire crews had torn up some of his handiwork from years past.

"Now they're breaking my cement," he said with a laugh. "I just poured that."

Prieskorn was at the home he and his family lived at for more than 25 years Tuesday to observe the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue team complete some training.

Comprised of firefighters from several western Wayne County communities, the home was the site of a mock disaster Tuesday that saw a car drive into the front living room with the floors collapsing into the basement, leaving potential victims at risk.

Shadd Whitehead, the Livonia fire chief and a special operations chief for USAR, said the opportunity to train at a home such as that one does not come very often. Using a home that is still in



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See TRAINING, Page A2 Braces are moved into place and secured to the home and the ground.

Westland City Hall dedication, tours set for Oct. 27

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland's city staff has moved into the new city hall and the first council meeting has been held in the new council chambers.

Now, everyone is invited to an open house Monday, Oct. 27, at the building on Warren Road east of Central City Parkway.

There will be a dedication program at 5:30 p.m. and tours of the building from 6-7:30 p.m. There also will be indoor trick-or-treating for youngsters.

"I would like to welcome you to the new council chambers," said Westland Council President James Godbout as the first council meeting in the

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Joint effort saves runner who collapsed at Red October

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Heading toward the finish line during Oakwood Hospital's annual Red October Run in Wayne on Oct. 4, a 69-year-old runner collapsed near Howe and Annapolis.

The man, who wasn't identified, survived a heart attack thanks to bystanders who started CPR and Wayne-Westland firefighters who used a defibrillator.

"He is a runner who collapsed from cardiac arrest. Three ladies were providing CPR when our guys arrived," Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said. "We never got their names. We'd like to show our appreciation. If they would identify themselves, we

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would like to thank them.”

The efforts of the women ultimately helped save the man, keeping him going until firefighters arrived, Eggers said.

Firefighters twice used an Automated External Defibrillator on the man once they took over his care, re-activating him.

“He was talking to the paramedics on the way to the hospital.

That’s not typically what happens,” Eggers said. “I attribute some of that to the CPR and a quick response from our guys.”

Eggers asked that the women who provided CPR to the runner call him at 734-467-3260 to identify themselves.

The Red October Run, held annually at Oakwood Wayne Hospital in Wayne, offers a 10K run, a 5K run, a 5K walk and a one-mile junior walk.

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REVIEW

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it to your needs,” Sutton said. “We don’t have a one size fits all; every district is different. We’re going to review the policies you have in place and talk with the board about what works and what doesn’t work.”

The review will be done over an extended period of time and require multiple contacts with the board’s policy committee, he added.

“It’s a fairly extensive process,” Sutton said.

Sutton also indicated that the firm would be amenable to an opt-out clause in response to board member Sally Madison’s question as to an end date on the contract.

“We always need a review,” Trustee Charles “Trav” Griffin said. “I feel we can narrow down some of these policies down to something workable. It’s a good idea and it will be a better operating procedure for the district.”

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Westland woman faces sentencing in VFW theft

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland woman has pleaded guilty to embezzling several thousand dollars from the local veterans organization that employed her as treasurer.

Pamela Ann McMichael, 57, is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 22 by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David Groner. She entered a guilty plea to a charge of embezzling over \$1,000 but not more than \$20,000

from the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post.

McMichael is accused of stealing several thousand dollars from VFW-sponsored fundraisers and events, including a poker room from September 2013 through June 20, 2014. Money went missing after being skimmed from cash generated at



McMichael

the events or full bank deposits that were not being made, according to police.

At the time of this offense, she was on probation in Washtenaw County for embezzling more than \$10,000 from Eastern Michigan University.

In that case, McMichael entered a guilty plea to stealing from the university while employed as a budget analyst in the Extended Programs and Educational Outreach Department.

Sentenced to three years probation in August 2013, McMichael isn’t scheduled to complete that probation until August 2016. She was also ordered to repay the university, from which she is reported to have retired and is collecting a pension.

At the time of her guilty plea, McMichael was referred for pre-sentence screening.

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TRAINING

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good shape for training exercises does not come often, he said, something that the Livonia Fire Department and the Western Wayne USAR crew had taken advantage of.

Sold to McLaren

The home was sold earlier this year to McLaren Performance Technologies as a part of a new development at the facility on Eight Mile, a decision that came with several area residents protesting the development and asking the city to deny the expansion.

“It was really great of McLaren to offer up the house for training for the fire department the last two weeks ... we were doing firefighter survival training and rapid intervention training,” Whitehead said.

“This week, right before the house is ready to come down, McLaren has been open and offered us the house to the Western Wayne USAR team.”

Some setup for the



A member of the Urban Search And Rescue team carries adjustable metal struts that will help stabilize the home.

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scenario began earlier in the week, with crews spending the day Tuesday at the site. The home was expected to be demolished by Wednesday.

Redford Township Fire Department Lt. Dennis Lappin said he was impressed with the setup constructed for the 36 individuals training Tuesday.

He said there was quite a bit of prep work needed to be done to secure entry into the home to search for potential victims, which includes shoring up the roof to make sure it does not collapse on rescue crews, sawing and installing wooden supports along the home.

It’s a process many in the general public may typically picture as something firefighters do, Lappin said.

“You’ve got to take care of all the potential hazards before we go in,” he said. “This is a lot going on, so this is quite the scenario they built for us.”

Home of former officer, firefighter

Prieskorn, a former auxiliary police officer for Wayne and former part-time firefighter in Farmington Hills who now lives in Pinckney, said he approached the department about trying to offer the home as a training location for the

department after he decided to sell the home to McLaren.

Garden City Fire Department Capt. Derek LaPerriere said using a home like the one used Tuesday is great practice for future applications. USAR has responded to calls that require shoring, such as the 2010 Frank’s Furniture explosion in Wayne, and any extra practice, especially on a wide range of materials, is useful.

“That was multifaceted,” he said. “There were a lot of different building materials.”

While the home does contain a lot of memories of raising his family, Prieskorn said with his perspective from public safety, asking McLaren to have the home be available for training was crucial to him.

“I’ve been in both services, police and fire, and I know the importance of this for the public to have, to have these guys prepared and aware,” he said. “Without this, they could actually get hurt.”

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CITY HALL

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new chambers began before a full house. “I’m

sure you all agree that we needed an upgrade. This is more conducive to doing our business.”

Announcing the open house, Westland Mayor William Wild thanked the

residents who supported the move.

“A lot of history was made on Ford Road (in the previous city hall) and a lot more will be made here (in the new building),” he said.

Old city hall

The former building on Ford west of Carlson was originally opened as Nankin Township Hall and transitioned into city hall after Westland incorporated. That site is expected to be cleared at a future date — it includes the closed Bailey Recreation Center and Fire Station One, which will move to a new location later this year.

“It’s not our city hall, it’s your city hall. There are a lot of community rooms,” Wild said. “You can do a lot of the things you used to do at the Bailey Center. We want you to be proud of the building and to use it.”

With an address of 36300 Warren Road, the new 64,000-square-foot city hall that was retrofitted into the former Circuit City store. It was a \$10 million project moving city hall into the

Westland Shop and Dine District.

“For the first time in almost 50 years, municipal services will be conducted in a new, state-of-the-art, welcoming and ADA-compliant facility,” Wild said.

The city hall project is funded with tax revenue generated by the city’s Tax Increment Finance Authority. With five-times the space of the previous building, the new city hall allows the Department of Public Service Administration, the Building and Planning Departments, the Youth Assistance Program and the city’s Cable Department (WLND) to join the current city hall departments under one roof.

“We have already received a great positive response on the new building,” Wild said. “I am excited for the community to come together for this special evening and see the improvements in the new city hall for themselves.”

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Fundraiser in Garden City planned for woman fighting cancer

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Olivia Hawley started her chemotherapy treatments the same week she walked across the stage to receive her South Lyon East High school diploma two years ago.

One month earlier, during a time that should have been filled with college plans and starting a new chapter in her life, Olivia was diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma. She had to miss her first semester in college during four cycles of chemotherapy treatment.

Finally, she had good news in October 2012. Olivia's doctors said she was in remission. So, she began piece her life back together — she got a new job, started a new relationship and was in college. Everything seemed to be running smoothly until earlier this year when the cancer roller coaster ride kicked into full gear.

Olivia started having pain in her side, her mother Julie said. In May doctors mistakenly thought Olivia merely had scar tissue and they told her family not to worry. A couple of weeks later, however, Olivia started having severe back pain.

Bad news

"The oncologist called and was concerned," Julie said.

A few weeks ago Olivia, now 20, had three biopsies and a tumor in her thigh removed. Doctors said the cancer is back and that she has stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma. It was also confirmed the cancer was in her bone marrow and a transplant is needed.

This time around, Olivia's treatment is



Olivia Hawley (left) has stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma. Friends of mom Julie Hawley have jumped in to help out, including starting a GoFundMe campaign and a Nov. 1 fundraiser in Garden City.

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aggressive with a regimen of five days of chemotherapy, followed by rest at home for two weeks and then returning for another five-day hospital admission and therapy. This will continue until Olivia is in remission and strong enough to undergo the bone marrow transplant.

"She's very emotional, but very strong," Julie said. "She helps the rest of us. But this time is more difficult, it's a lot scarier."

Julie, who worked at Pediatric Associates in Plymouth, had to quit her job to care for Olivia and her other three children, Savannah, 18, Craig, 14, and Joshua, 10. Olivia also had to quit her job.

During these toughest times, a legion of friends and some strangers are trying to make life a little easier for the family. Julie's friend since third grade, Amy Wess, started a GoFundMe account about two weeks ago and more than \$6,100 was raised.

"I feel so bad there is nothing I can do," said Wess, a Canton resident who has been by Julie's side during life's good

and bad times. Olivia's illness, however, has made her feel helpless.

Desperate to help

"I was looking for something to make it easier for them during the process," Wess said. "I thought if I could find a way to make money she won't have to worry about the little things — anything that can help make things easier so she doesn't have other stresses besides Olivia right now."

Wess isn't alone. Even a friend Julie hasn't seen since high school rallied to the cause and launched a fundraiser that she dubbed, Love for Olivia. KellyAnn Castrodale, a marketing specialist who connected with Julie on Facebook a couple of years ago decided to raise money in the way she knows best — staging events.

Love for Olivia is scheduled for 4 p.m. to midnight Nov. 1 at Rockstarz, Karaoke Bar and Grill in Garden City (33729 Ford Road). Tickets are \$7 at the door. Six bands are booked, T-shirts will be sold and raffles will run

throughout the evening. Julie's sister, Jodi Hull, is also hosting the event.

Castrodale said she wanted to help, because Julie is "a beautiful, giving woman and always has been." Julie graduated in 1989 from John Glenn High School in Westland, and the response from alumni has been overwhelming, said Castrodale who moved to Canton before she could graduate with her friends at John Glenn.

"The whole 1989 class of John Glenn just jumped on it," Castrodale said. "But, I want to make sure everyone knows the benefit is open to everyone."

The Hawley family has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity.

"I honestly don't have words to even convey the gratitude and thanks," Julie said. "It's extremely overwhelming to see that so many good people are out there with big hearts, who are kind and caring. It's left all of us speechless. I wish there was a way to show how thankful we are. The prayers are amazing and it's exactly what we need to get through this."

While supporting Olivia through all the tests and rounds of treatment, Julie cares for her three other children. Julie also suffers from systemic lupus, which causes fatigue, joint swelling and aches.

"I just push past it," Julie said. "I have kept that under control. Stress usually brings it out, but right now she's the most important."

Donations can be sent at www.gofundme.com/JulieOliviaHawley.

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Wayne pastor receives statewide honor

The Rev. Andrew Gruenhagen, pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School in Wayne, was named one of three recipients of the 2014 Father John B. Zwiers Award by the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools Board of Trustees.

Gruenhagen was nominated for the award by Jayne Braun, a St. Michael Lutheran School teacher.

According to Braun, Gruenhagen "is a wonderful role model with a servant's heart." She added that Gruenhagen "views our church and school as parts of a total ministry. His belief in the unity between church and school is demonstrated through his actions and his words. His enthusiasm for the church and school knows no bounds."

The Rev. John B. Zwiers was a founding member of MANS and served on the MANS Board of Trustees from 1972 until his death in 2004.

Recognizing the critical importance that a pastor plays in successful faith-based education, the MANS Board instituted the Fr. Zwiers award to recognize members of the

clergy with a strong history of support for faith-based schools.

"These individuals are able to articulate the importance of a faith-based education, have ongoing connections to the school community, parents, teachers and students, and demonstrate support in leading the school community," MANS Executive Director Brian Broderick said.

Together with Gruenhagen, the Rev. Mark Brauer, pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Parish in Farmington Hills and James K. A. Smith, professor of Philosophy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, received their awards at the opening ceremony of the MANS Administrators' Conference in Thompsonville on Oct. 8.

MANS represents more than 400 faith-based schools in Michigan, including Catholic schools within the seven dioceses of Michigan, the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Schools, Michigan Region of Christian Schools International and the Association of Christian Schools International.

Livonia restaurants participate in Pizza for Polio during October

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New Wayne Police Officer Julie Jasinski is congratulated by Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright after being sworn in recently.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny from vehicle

A woman who parked her car at R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford, reported that someone entered the vehicle at about 3 p.m. Oct. 13 without her permission.

She heard her car alarm go off, and when she went to check, she discovered that someone stole her prescription for Hydrocodone.

Theft

A resident in the 33000 block of Brown reported Oct. 13 that someone stole a motorcycle parked in his driveway.

The owner said that he owes no money on the vehicle. The motorcycle had skulls and a coffin painted on it.

» A resident in the 2000 block of Gilman reported Oct. 13 that someone entered

his unlocked Ford Focus, which was parked in the driveway, and stole \$40 from the center console.

There are no suspects and there was no sign of forced entry.

» A Garden City woman who lives in the 7100 block of Burnley was worried Oct. 9 when she learned that someone entered her unlocked 2012 Ford Escort and stole her \$300 Coach wallet. The wallet contained her Social Security card.

Fraud

A Garden City resident in the 30000 block of Elmwood reported Oct. 12 that someone fraudulently used his credit card and racked up an unauthorized \$223 charge. The fraudulent charge was traced back to the Meijer store located on Ford in Canton Township.

By Sue Buck

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

A Westland woman told police Oct. 11 that had lost her wallet the previous day at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road.

When she called mall security, the wallet had been recovered but her debit/credit card, driver's license and assorted medical insurance cards were missing.

Vandalism

On Oct. 11, a resident in the 35000 block of Canyon told police that her car had been egged twice in the previous two weeks.

She washed the car after the egging but said that the paint around the driver's side door has started to chip away and there is a streak that won't come off.

Vandalism

A Livonia resident told police Oct. 10 that he had left his pickup truck parked in the

34000 block of Arrowhead Oct. 7-8 and returned to find its mirror had been knocked off. The officer noted the truck didn't appear to have been struck by another vehicle.

» On Oct. 12, a Westland resident told police that she was working at a group home in the 36000 block of Glenwood and parked her car in the street. When she later returned from errands in the business van, she said she noticed her driver's side tail light had been smashed.

Larceny from a vehicle

A PlayStation 4, remote control and a video game valued at \$440 were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 34000 block of Birchwood overnight Oct. 13. The owner told police he had locked the vehicle but the officer noted no sign of forced entry.

Larceny

A door handle and lock box were reported missing from a

home in the 31000 block of Shiawassee Court on Oct. 13. The owner said the items disappeared Oct. 9-11. The owner, a Dearborn resident, told police that the home is a rental property that's currently vacant.

Vandalism

On Oct. 12, a resident in the 100 block of South Crown told police that he and his family were in the living room about 9:40 p.m. when they heard a loud crash.

He said he checked and found a rock in his son's crib. The window had been broken and there was also glass in the crib, which wasn't occupied.

Larceny

Gutters were reported stolen from a vacant home in the 31000 block of Arenac Court Sept. 30-Oct. 2. An employee for a maintenance company reported the theft from the bank-owned home.

By LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Larceny

Assorted power tools, including a 12-inch miter saw with a stand, cordless circular saw, roofing gun, hammer drill and cable jig saw, valued at over \$5,000, were reported stolen Oct. 13 from a home in the 3700 block of Mildred.

The owner said he came out in the morning and noticed his garage door was open, along with the rear cap on his truck. The truck cap hadn't been locked. The tools were reported missing from the garage and truck.

Vandalism

Police were called to J&J Used Car Lot, 32150 Michigan Ave., just before 10 p.m. Oct. 7 when a witness reported seeing a man breaking into a GMC Envoy on the lot.

The witness told police he was in bed and heard a loud noise. He said he awoke, looked out the window and saw

a suspect break the driver's side window on the vehicle and set off the alarm.

The suspect then reportedly went to his vehicle, took unknown tools from the trunk and returned to the Envoy. The witness told police he couldn't see what the suspect was doing near the Envoy console.

Officers didn't initially see anyone but the witness flagged them down and reported a suspect hiding behind a van.

The suspect, a Westland man, was located and arrested. He reportedly had what was identified as a cordless drill in his hand. Officers reportedly confiscated tools. The Envoy, owned by a Taylor man, was reported to have the driver's side window and rear vent window smashed.

Larceny

A resident in the 4400 block of Second told police Oct. 10 that someone stole her laptop computer. She said she rents a

bedroom at the home and all of the tenants have free access to the interior.

The resident told police the computer was in a gift bag near the foot of her bed when she left in the morning but was gone when she returned in the evening.

Break-in

A resident of an apartment at 35449 E. Michigan Ave. told police Oct. 11 that overnight someone had broken into his apartment, stealing his \$320 rent money, a radio and headphones.

The resident seemed very nervous about the rent money, the officer noted. The landlord told police that the tenant was two weeks behind in his rent. The landlord said he was already in the process of evicting the man and told police that he believed the tenant was making up a story to cover not having his rent.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Anderson delivers food to Garden City pantry

State Sen. Glenn Anderson made a special delivery to the Maplewood Community Center — more than 400 cans of food, donated by guests at his fifth annual Senior Appreciation Dinner.

The more than 470 seniors, who attended the Sept. 26 dinner at Burton Manor in Livonia, responded to Anderson's call to bring the canned food donations for the Our H.O.M.E. Food Pantry located in the Maplewood Center.

"Every year the success of the canned food drive surpasses the previous year because of the great generosity of our local seniors that attend," the Westland Democrat said.

"They have already given so much to our community, and I am honored to host this event every year and partner with them to give to those in need through the gift of canned food."

Seniors were treated to a free dinner with cake, entertainment by Elvis impersonator Matt King and a chance to win door prizes.

Each year, in conjunction with the dinner, Anderson asks seniors to donate to his canned food drive. The dinner is always free to those that attend, and most attendees donate to the food drive.

Anderson selected Garden City's Our H.O.M.E. Food Pantry based on a suggestion by a senior who attended the dinner. The food supply at the pantry, which had been located at St. Dunstan Church until it closed earlier this year, provides food to families in need in Garden City, Westland and Dearborn Heights. Currently, its food supply is extremely low — the donation basically doubled the stock.



State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, delivers a food donation to Community Resource Assistant Kelly Maciejewski for the H.O.M.E. Food Pantry in Garden City's Maplewood Center.

"Community is about paying acts of kindness forward," Anderson said. "The seniors who attended the appreciation dinner enjoyed a night of free food and entertainment and their kindness will help to feed families in need — definitely an arrangement we can all feel good about."

The mission of Our H.O.M.E. Pantry is to not only feed the community, but to offer other needed resources, understanding that each individual and family that comes for food has unique needs. Each person in the household receives 10 pounds of food, with a 50-pound maximum per household.

The pantry falls under the Garden City's Community Resources Department, which also offers pantry clients

no-cost state benefits application assistance in an effort to get them enrolled in health insurance and/or other assistance programs.

Anderson's donations come at a critical time. Since the pantry's opening at the community center, the number of residents served monthly has skyrocketed. In August, the pantry served 350 individuals; 484 individuals were served in September.

The pantry is open three mornings a week for three-four hours by appointment only. But those are overbooked, and volunteers are barely able to keep the shelves stocked.

People can find out more about helping on the Our H.O.M.E. Food Pantry Facebook page.

County ushers in Halloween with family friendly events

The countdown to Halloween is in full swing, and Wayne County Parks is offering a double dose of spook-tastic fun, sure to delight the whole family.

"As a father and now a grandfather, I know how memorable and fun Halloween is for families," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "I invite the public to participate in our Halloween Forest Fun Hike and Halloween Festival and create their own special memories."

Halloween Forest Fun Hike will be Friday, Oct. 17. Wayne County Parks is offering an hour-long guided hike. Bring children dressed

in costumes to enjoy the unique outdoor Halloween event.

"Not-so-scary" funny forest dwellers have surprises in store for the night hikers. Hikes begin on the grounds of Nankin Mills on Hines Drive south of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Afterward, guests will meet intriguing live creatures from around the world during an indoor presentation.

Space is limited and participants must pre-register. Pick a starting time of 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per child, \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents. For out-of-county residents, the costs is \$7 per child

and \$3 per adult. Call 734-261-1990 to register.

Bring the whole family to enjoy an afternoon of free games and activities at the Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Children dressed in costumes are welcome. The event includes hayrides, inflatables, a costume parade, games, trick-or-treating, entertainment and more.

The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area also is on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

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The 2014 Garden City High School Homecoming court included Kennedy Lang, Abigail Briscoe, Queen Lauren Risner, Rikki Keene, Ally Slater, Abby Joseph and Emily Hoffman.



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The Homecoming Court escorts pose during halftime festivities Friday night.



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The Garden City High School football team charged onto the field to start the Homecoming game Friday night.



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The Garden City High School pom squad entertains the packed stadium.

Lauren Risner reigns over Garden City High's annual Homecoming

It wasn't quite the Homecoming game finish that Garden City High School football fans were hoping for when the Romulus Eagles swooped in with a surprise pass instead of a punt, which led to a touchdown and victory Friday evening.

But the loss didn't take away from the week-long fun and festivities. From painting the windows of O'Leary Auditorium with Homecoming-themed scenes from Robin Williams films to the pep assembly, parade and Homecoming dance, it was a time to remember, especially for Lauren Risner who was crowned Homecoming queen at halftime.

Members of the Homecoming Court included Kennedy Lang, Abigail Briscoe, Rikki Keene, Ally Slater, Abby Joseph and Emily Hoffman.



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Members of the Sophomore Class march in the Homecoming parade.



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Garden City High School Homecoming queen for 2014, Lauren Risner, is joined by her escort, Cody Johnson.

Gorman seeks change in 13th Congressional District

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: Republican Jeff Gorman of Garden City is challenging longtime incumbent U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr. in the 13th Congressional District. Conyers did not respond to our request for information.

In his campaign, Congressional candidate Jeff Gorman likes to use a variation on the kind of shorthand he employed during his military career.

"It was K.I.S.S. — Keep It Simple Stupid. Let's K.I.C.K. in Washington, D.C. — Keep It Constitutional Knuckleheads," Gorman said. "If it's not in the Constitution, you don't do it. The Founding Fathers were smarter than the average bear. Anything not in the Constitution or prohibited for states, goes to states."

A Garden City resident, Gorman is running

as the Republican challenger to incumbent 13th District U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit. A 1973 graduate of Garden City East High School, Gorman went on to the U.S. Naval Academy and spent 24 years as a naval aviator, retiring as a captain in 2001. He also served in the Navy Reserves and two years as a federal flight deck officer.

"I don't think anyone should run unopposed. The more I saw of the incumbent, I saw there was no service," Gorman said. "His (Conyers') website only has nine topics, including jazz and reparations."

Decision to run
After approaching the Michigan Republican



Gorman

Party and finding no one was running against Conyers, Gorman said he decided to run.

"I said I'd like to do it. I felt the need to slow it down, turn it around," Gorman said. "Personally, I'd always keep in mind what something will do for people in the district, the state and the country."

Working in committee, Gorman said he would get the best bill possible and compromise where he can, making allies with other legislators who have similar views.

"There are some areas where you can't compromise, the deals have to be able to stand the light of day," he said. "There 2,000-page bills. I would make them a reasonable size. Michigan has a rule that a bill has to be read three times before it is adopted. I would want a sunset clause on all bills. No bill should be there forever."

Gorman is concerned that the military levels have been drawn down to World War II levels.

"The bad guys are still out there — China, (Vladimir) Putin. We need to provide smart technology," he said. "Not what vendors want to sell, proven technology. The U.S. didn't become what it is with nice ideas. We had to fight for those things."

Having met with tea party Republicans, Gorman said he didn't find them to be as extreme as people say.

"I'd say I'm a conservative. That's what the Constitution is about. It's not part of the established Republicans. I don't see a difference with Democrats," Gorman said. "I call them regressives, not progressives."

14th Amendment
Returning to Michigan after eight years in Cali-

ifornia, Gorman said he saw firsthand what damage happens when a blind eye is turned to illegal immigration.

"The 14th Amendment was never meant to be that you are born here and automatically are a citizen. One of the parents needs to be an American," Gorman said. "I don't agree with the Dream Act; it's pandering. The process probably needs to be streamlined when people are going through the system."

While accepting civil unions between gay couples, Gorman said it is unconstitutional to try to make religious groups perform gay marriages.

Describing himself as pro life, Gorman said he supports court rulings that allow companies to not provide medical coverage for employees if they have religious objections.

"I would try to clean

up the mess caused by the Affordable Care Act. If you want something really messed up, get the federal government into it," he said. "They spent \$660 million on the website with security and operating issues. They could have bought policies for all of the uninsured."

Stretching from the western Wayne County suburbs across Detroit, the 13th District is heavily Democratic.

"We're in the state we are in because we've been complacent. Republicans and Democrats have both done damage," Gorman said. "If you just pull Republican or Democrat, you're not doing your due diligence. It has hurt our country. We rely on citizens to help us. I want to hear all their voices."

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Healing Hearts hosts 'Carving Out Your Life'

A retired firefighter will talk about "cutting through the fog" of difficult times in a workshop presented Monday, Oct. 27, by Hope 4 Healing Hearts in Westland.

Coping with a family member in trouble is something that hits every home sooner or later. Knowing that you are not the first, you won't be the last and it is probably not your fault helps to make the trouble less daunting. However, a family must cut through the fog of guilt, fear and embarrassment to find the path to normalcy.

Cutting through that fog is what Steve Rudolph will help do at "Carving out Your Life."

As a 14-year Toastmaster ACG, a fundraiser, a Scout leader, a church vestry member and a public educator for the fire department, Rudolph has spoken to hundreds of audiences from all walks of life. It "is something I enjoy and am good at," Rudolph said.

However, his passion is history and his current vocation is prison history with an emphasis on the history within and surrounding Jackson Prison.



Rudolph

His research includes interviews of past inmates, families of inmates, correction officers and past wardens.

"I combine this information, along with my personal perspective, to provide my audience thought provoking details," he said. "My objective is to inform the audience to the point that they at least know what questions they should be asking themselves, the government and the people who would make life harder for them."

Rudolph will help workshop participants plot their next move with confidence because they

will know that move is leading toward the outcome of their own design. They will learn how to see where and what they want to be; plan the steps toward getting there; collect the tools needed to get there; use the tools effectively; and take the proper steps at the proper time.

"I have found that a prison sentence is not just punishment for the convict, but for his or her family, too," he said. "Although I do not know the answers, I am beginning to know the enormous complexity of the problem. From that point, I suggest some constructive ways to face those problems."

Rudolph's presentation will be at 7 p.m. at the Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. The workshop is free, however, donations will be accepted. Light refreshments also will be served.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts is an adult support group for those with incarcerated loved ones. For more information, call Bonnie at 734-646-2237.

Wish You Were Here



Natalie Thurmond and her friends enjoyed a week in beautiful Long Beach, Calif., in August, and attended the Shaklee Global Conference. "We enjoyed the sights of the city and lunch on the Queen Mary," Thurmond said. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

'Detroit Shuffle' author to visit Livonia library

D.E. Johnson, author of *Detroit Shuffle*, *Detroit Breakdown*, *Motor City Shakedown* and the *Detroit Electric Scheme*, will be at the Livonia Civic Center Library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, as part of the Western Wayne Community Reads program.

The Livonia Library has teamed with four

other area libraries for the event — Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Romulus. Residents in each community are encouraged to read and attend the event with the author.

Johnson of Schoolcraft, Mich., is a history buff who has been writing fiction since childhood. He got serious

about writing in mid life.

The Community Reads program was initiated to bring neighboring communities together through the reading and discussion of a common book and to share a love of reading for pleasure.

Copies of Johnson's book are available to check out at the library.



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For starters, it was based on a bad premise. Republicans essentially claimed that the tax cut would cause businesses to hire people they didn't need. This, of course, didn't happen.

But did it actually hurt our state's economy? I think so. My theory is that it took a significant amount of money out of Michigan's economy.


Had there been no tax cuts, the money in question would have been mostly spent by the state government here in Michigan. With the tax cuts, much of this money was either sent out of state or put into savings. For corporations, the tax cuts would often end up as profits distributed to shareholders worldwide. Local business owners had increased profits from tax savings. While some of the money would be spent locally, they would also save some of it, taking it out of circulation in our state.

Over all, so much of the tax cut was taken out of circulation in Michigan that it hurt our recovery and helped keep our unemployment rate among the worst in the nation.

We should be careful not to let right wing ideology drive our tax policy because it can often foul things up.

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Brothers Brandon, left, and Jonathan Boos purchased d.vine Fine Wines at 17386 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Brothers purchase d.vine Fine Wines

Brothers Brandon Boos of Royal Oak and Jonathan Boos of Northville grew up in a home with entrepreneurial parents and knew from a young age they would one day have a business of their own, either separately or together. In March, an opportunity presented itself and the brothers knew that it was not only the right time, but the right business.

They purchased d.vine Fine Wines at 17386 Haggerty Road in Livonia, an upscale yet relaxed-atmosphere wine bar, or "tasting

room" as they like to call it.

The 1,300-square-foot location seats 26 people and has four employees, one of which is a certified wine specialist, or CWS. d.vine had been open for six years prior to the purchase in March. The brothers have made improvements and expanded the selections. Revenue is expected to be up 15-20 percent in 2014. If business continues to grow, the two will look at expanding into other markets.

"We heard about the business being for sale

and knew we had to have it," Jonathan said. "We really had no formal training in wine, although we have learned a tremendous amount over the last few months. Being around industry experts has helped tremendously. It's a fun business to own, especially the diversity of people we meet."

"Our goal in this was to create a casual yet elegant wine bar — a place where patrons would feel comfortable coming to for social visits before or after meals or movies, or just

to purchase wine to take home. We have no TVs in d.vine because we want a place that's different than just your everyday bar. d.vine is a place to go when you want to share a conversation and a laugh with friends, and taste some great wines."

d.vine offers dozens of wines from the U.S., France, Italy, Spain, etc. When patrons visit, they can consume a glass of wine that they might not have heard of or one by a certain winery — this allows them to try before they buy.

"d.vine is very much a friendly atmosphere," Brandon said. "We're non-pretentious and non-intimidating. People who are just getting into wines can come in and feel comfortable, almost like a Cheers quality. After coming into d.vine a few times, chances are great that we'll remember your name from then on. We really don't have a 'typical client,' although the majority of our clientele is between the ages of 30 and 60. Some have a high-level knowledge of wine and

some are just starting to drink wine."

"We have wines at all sorts of price points from \$12.95 all the way up to over \$200 and offer a six for \$60 deal with wines that can be mixed and matched. We have a walk-in temperature-controlled wine cellar where we keep our higher end wines, most of which sell in the \$50 to \$150 range. We also have four different monthly wine clubs."

Jonathan says that one of the more popular programs d.vine has is a wine club "pick-up party" for members. "We invite them to come in and pick up their monthly wines, and while there, they can enjoy complimentary cheese, crackers, pizza, etc. People love it!"

d.vine is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information about d.vine Fine Wines, call 734-432-3800 or visit d.vinefinewines.com or facebook.com/d.vineFineWines.

Scams hit home for columnist

I've written many times about scams targeting grandparents. The other day, one of these scam artists targeted my parents. Thankfully, they did not fall for it. However, many seniors do. That is why it is so important for seniors to keep their guard up.

The scam that my parents were subject to went like this. My mom received a call supposedly from one of her grandchildren. The grandchild's name showed up on the caller ID and basically sounded like their granddaughter. She said that there was an emergency and that she needed \$3,000 immediately and wanted my mom to wire transfer her the money.



Rick Bloom

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The caller also said that it was important that my mother not tell anyone about the situation, particularly her parents. My mom started to question the caller and as soon as my mother said that she thinks something didn't sound right, the caller hung up. Unfortunately, too many grandparents in their willingness to help a grandchild fall for this type of scam and transfer the money. In fact, this scam has been growing in popularity and more grandparents are falling for it.

You would think that this type of scam would be easy to unravel because most grandparents would be able to recognize their grandchild's voice on the phone. However, with technology it's not unusual for voices sometimes to be garbled leading to some confusion.

My mom, who talks to her grandchild all the time, was fooled and did think it was her grandchild. The bottom line is, when a grandchild calls you claiming it's an emergency and asking for money without talking to their parents, a red flag ought to go up.

The reason scam artists target seniors is because they know that they're easy prey. After all, what grandparent doesn't want to help their grandchild? Grandparents and, in fact, all seniors have to recognize that these scam artists are after them and before they transfer money they have to proceed with caution.

Also, if you discover that you have been subject to a scam report it to the police. Most seniors do nothing because they are embarrassed. However, don't be silent and don't be embarrassed. The people perpetuating these scams are professionals. They are good at what they do and unfortunately, they are successful.

The crooks may not be caught — unfortunately, too many of them are doing this from abroad. However, by reporting the crime there is a chance the authorities can shut the scam down and the more it is publicized fewer people will fall for it.

Scams have always been part of life. However, that doesn't mean that we have to accept it. By keeping our guard up and being proactive, we can protect ourselves. I hope all seniors would follow my mom's lesson and if something doesn't sound right, it requires further investigation.

Good luck.

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Pitch invention ideas in Bright House contest

Local high school students with a cool idea for an invention can pitch their concept in a multiple-state competition where a grand-prize winner will be given a chance to turn that pitch into reality.

Bright House Networks is coordinating this month's Bright Ideas STEM contest, which challenges high school students to use what they learned in science, technology, engineering and math classes to dream up the coolest invention to make their own life, community or even the world, more awesome.

"Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives are critical for student success today, and we are dedicated to working together with businesses in the communities we serve to raise awareness about its critical role in educating our youth for tomorrow," said Kimberly Maki, corporate vice president with Bright House Networks.

Bright Ideas STEM from Today's Youth is open to all high school students who are at least 14 years old as of the date of entry and who attend any high school within a Bright House Networks service area, which locally includes Livonia, Novi, Redford, Farmington and Farmington Hills. Students

will be able to compete as individuals or as part of a team. Teams who enter will be required to assign an ownership stake (from 1 to 100 percent) to each team member for the entry submitted.

One Michigan student will join five other finalists to travel to Orlando, where they will compete head-to-head on TV, in front of a studio audience. The program will be recorded and available via Video on Demand (VOD) on Bright House Networks.

At the Finalist Pitch Event, the six finalists will have up to six minutes to pitch their ideas to a panel of experts who will select the grand-prize winner. The winner will have the chance to work with lead innovation firm Fahrenheit 212 in New York to build a virtual prototype and business plan.

Students interested in participating in the contest have until Oct. 31 to submit their invention to: www.brighthouse.com/brightideas.

Bright House Networks is welcoming the help of local businesses, nonprofits or individuals who have an education, entrepreneurship or innovation background for the new program. For more information, email BHN@BrightIdeas.com or mybrighthouse.com.

Garden City loses its cowboy with the passing of Buck Buchanan

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Richard Buchanan wasn't one to let a fact get in the way of good story.

Known as Buck, he liked to say he was from Sweetwater, Texas, although he was born in Sheridan, Ark.

The 525-mile difference can be attributed to his love for guns, the Old West and being a cowboy.

"He was also a showman who worked in western movies with The Lone Ranger and Roy Rogers," said his daughter Stephanie Buchanan.

"He was filmed doing the fast draw and other shooting aspects for the movies. When Roy Rogers was in Michigan promoting a restaurant chain, my dad was there promoting with him, both dressed in their cowboy outfits. All of his western wear was created through Nudie, the infamous Hollywood, Calif., designer to the stars."

A Garden City resident, Mr. Buchanan passed away Sept. 17 after a brief illness.

In his younger years, Mr. Buchanan was a busy cowboy performer, having come to Michigan after a stint trying to make it in movies.

'Frustrated cowboy'

In a 2008 interview with the *Observer*, he described himself as "a frustrated cowboy."

"I'm only 5-foot-8. I went to California and all those big guys were cowboys — James Arness, Chuck Connors and



In 2008 Richard "Buck" Buchanan's 80th birthday present was a one-day lease of a Jaguar. He drove one for the first time in 1955.

Clint Walker," he had said. "I showed them how to do it (be a cowboy). I never made it, most people don't. I thought I was God's gift."

Later, he worked in circuses but eventually settled in a job with the Ford Motor Co.

He married his childhood sweetheart and they moved to Garden City, bought a house and started a family. He worked in the advertising department at Ford for 34 years before retiring early in 1978 to care for his wife who was ill.

Mr. Buchanan was a member of the Screen Actors Guild and a model through the Gale and

Rice Modeling Agency in Detroit. He appeared in several locally shot television commercials in the 1960s. He also dressed in his western gear and demonstrated the fast draw and reenactments of Old West shootouts with other cowboys in the 1950s, '60s and '70s for church groups, Boy Scouts, schools, store openings, amusement parks and private parties.

When Mr. Buchanan retired from Ford, he also stopped doing his western shows. Long after, he was still recognized by people who had been at one of his performances, his daughter



When he was younger, Richard Buchanan was known as known as Buck Buchanan, El Pistolero.



The Lone Ranger was one of the characters Richard Buchanan worked with during his movie days.

said. "He took great pride in those performances, not only for entertainment, but to instill safety of using and handling firearms," she said. "He advised people to respect firearms, learn how to use them properly and always practice safety."

For Mr. Buchanan, safety was of the utmost importance. His demonstrations started and ended with, "Never try this at home. Never look into a barrel or point a gun at someone else. Always assume they are loaded, even if you know they are not. Guns are not toys," his daughter said.

He enjoyed doing these western shows and teaching others how to shoot properly. In the 1960s and early 1970s, he taught Garden City and Westland police officers how to shoot and handle firearms. He was also a gun representative for firearm companies that

he used to represent like Intercontinental Arms, Colt and Remington, through the years. He would promote the companies at his shows and was given complimentary firearms, his daughter said. He was known as Buck Buchanan, El Pistolero.

Knowledge of guns

"He had a great knowledge of guns and their history," Stephanie Buchanan said. "We went to Greenfield Village a few years ago during their Civil War reenactment. He noticed some written gun facts in a display case were inaccurate and discussed it with one of the reenactors. He let them know when black powder was still being used with which type of gun and when other gun companies began using other ammunition. The reenactor was very surprised, but admitted my dad was correct. Green-

field Village historians were notified."

Stephanie Buchanan and her sister Jude Leonard surprised their father on his 80th birthday by leasing a Jaguar for the day for him to drive. Mr. Buchanan had taken his first ride in Jaguar more than 50 years earlier. Over the years he had expressed his desire to own one.

Mr. Buchanan was a member of the First Baptist Church of Garden City for 60 years. He walked several miles a day all around Garden City, calling it "taking exercise."

"On his walks he stopped and talked to everyone he passed and made friends easily," Stephanie Buchanan said.

Mr. Buchanan is survived by his two daughters. Preceding him in death was his wife Willa and three children, Sandra, Richard, and Steven. There were no services locally for Mr. Buchanan who was buried in the historic family cemetery, founded in 1867, in Sheridan, Ark.

"So many people in Garden City knew him," said his daughter. "He was known to all the cashiers (ladies) at the Middle belt Kroger store, to everyone at the Maplewood Center. He knew all the past mayors, police chiefs and Cathy Harmon, the current fire chief. He called everyone friend."

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Local organization unites piano teachers, their students

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum (LAPTF) is a professional organization that acts as a resource for piano teachers looking to enhance their skills as well as piano students looking for the right teacher.

Founded in 1970, the LAPTF members are teachers from all over the metro Detroit area — not just Livonia. Its members have a variety of backgrounds and experience. The LAPTF meets monthly from

September to May. This year's features include "How To Use Theory to Teach Interpretation" with Linette Popoff-Parks from Madonna University. The year concludes with a recital by several

of the members' students who have received awards for piano performance excellence. Meetings are held at the Steinway Gallery in Commerce Township and Evola Music in Canton. Students of LAPTF

have the opportunity to participate in community outreach recitals, judged performance events for students at all levels, collaborative concerts and testing events. Teachers interested in joining or

visiting a meeting are encouraged to contact Vice President Alicia Operti at amoperti@gmail.com or membership chair Irina Semenova at i33002003@yahoo.com.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the November 4, 2014 General Election on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY
AND DISABLED VOTERS
CITY OF WESTLAND
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan for those persons that are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot.

There will be ADA compliant equipment for use at every polling place.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING**

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1872J, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Expansion of Malarkey's Irish Pub, 35750 Warren Road, Parcel #020-03-0006-000, Northwest Corner of Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard, Dominic Policiccho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 5, 2014.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On October 21, 2014 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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| 1998 CHEVROLET | MONTE CARLO | 2D | TAN | 2G1WW12M0W9155010 |
| 1999 NISSAN | ALTIMA | 4D | GOLD | 1N4DL01D4XC173433 |
| 2000 CHEVROLET | IMPALA | 4 | GRAY | 2G1WH55K8Y9314404 |
| 1995 INFINITI | Q45 | 4D | WHITE | JNKN01D9SM304604 |
| 2003 FORD | TAURUS | 4 | SILVER | 1FAFP53U13A113137 |
| 1992 CHEVROLET | SUBURBAN | SW | BLUE | 1GNFK16K6NJ357355 |
| 1997 DODGE | RAM | PU | RED | 1B7HC16Y8VJ616284 |
| 2005 CHEVROLET | COBALT | 4D | GRAY | 1G1AL52F357611206 |
| 2003 MERCURY | MOUNTAINEER | 4D | BLACK | 4M2ZU86W43UJ04522 |
| 2003 CHRYSLER | SEBRING | 2D | SILVER | 4c3ag42g73e088928 |
| 2004 PONTIAC | GRAND PRIX | 4D | SILVER | 2G2WFP522441287956 |
| 2006 FORD | FUSION | 4D | BLACK | 3FAFP07156R241555 |
| 1994 BUICK | LESABRE | 4D | GREEN | 1G4HP52L2RH546117 |
| 1986 AERO | MOPED | MOPED | RED | AF0901GS103133 |
| 2008 CHRYSLER | SEBRING | 4D | GRAY | 1C3LC56K38N288139 |
| 2003 CHEVROLET | IMPALA | 4D | BLUE | 2G1WF52E639373772 |
| 1994 FORD | ECONOLINE VAN | SW | BLUE | 1FDEE14H7RHA98144 |
| 1995 CHEVROLET | CORSICA | 4D | BURG | 1G1LD55MXSY256346 |
| 2003 CHEVROLET | CAVALIER | 4D | BLACK | 1G1JF52FX37217156 |
| 2002 HYUNDAI | ELANTRA | 4D | GRAY | KMHDN45D12U253714 |
| 2000 DODGE | DAKOTA | PU | BLACK | 1B7GL22X6Y3739272 |
| 2001 PONTIAC | GRAND PRIX | 4D | RED | 1G2WP52K81F203934 |
| 2001 CHEVROLET | MALIBU | 4D | GOLD | 1G1ND52JX16203188 |
| 2002 JAGUAR | XTYPE | 4D | BLACK | SAJEA53D92XC11615 |
| 1995 CHEVROLET | S10 | PU | RED | 1GCCS19Z6S8208872 |
| 2011 AMERSPORTWR | MOPED | MOPED | BLUE | LL8WZB4F980H00689 |
| 2004 BUICK | LESABRE | 4D | RED | 1G4HR54K64U256199 |

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after November 16, 2014 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

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| 2001 MITSUBISHI | ECLIPSE | SILVER | 4A3AC84H61E017297 |
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OUR VIEWS

Vote yes on charter changes, sinking fund

While there is no election of city officials this November, Garden City voters are being asked to approve six charter amendments as well as renew a 2-mill sinking fund tax levy for the Garden City Public Schools on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

In Garden City, the actions of government are determined by the charter, which was written in 1975. A lot has changed in 39 years, and the proposed amendments are meant to bring those sections of the charter into the 21st century.

One amendment addresses when the mayor and council take office. The longstanding practice has been that it is the first meeting after the election, and the amendment will make that practice a part of the charter. Another addresses the filling of a council vacancy by stipulating that a person appointed or elected will hold office until the next regular general city election when the vacancy will be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any.

With the amendment, there will be no dispute like the one that arose last year when Michael Jones was appoint-

ed to fill the vacancy created with the resignation of George Kordie. There were three years remaining in the term and some council members bristled at Jones getting a longer term as an appointee than elected members who received two-year terms. It was resolved when Jones agreed to serve until the city election last fall.

Other amendments would approve the publishing of meeting minutes on the city's website in lieu of a newspaper; letting affected property owners know about a public hearing by first-class mail rather than registered mail; allow for the adoption of a proposed ordinance after holding a public hearing rather than waiting until the next regular meeting, and replacing the city attorney with the city manager as a member of the election commission.

More and more people getting their news and information via the Internet, most of these amendments will provide them with the information they seek. The City Charter is a living document that needs to be kept healthy. These six amendments are needed to accomplish that.

We urge Garden City residents to

vote YES on the proposed City Charter amendment 1 through 6.

We also believe voters should vote yes on renewing the Garden City Public Schools 2-mill sinking fund tax request. It is not a new tax, but an existing one. It would be levied for five years, beginning in 2015.

The sinking fund is completely separate from the district's general fund and can't be used for such things as employee salaries. The money it generates is sorely needed by the district to repair school buildings. The district doesn't have the money in its general fund to repair a bad roof, upgrade heating and cooling systems or resurface parking lots. A sinking fund lets the district do that.

The district has struggled for years with declining enrollment and a loss of state school aid. There is little, if any, wiggle room in its general operating budget to fund repairs needed to keep school buildings in good shape. A good example came this past summer when the hours at the district's administrative offices had to be changed because of a major air conditioning break. The district used a \$24,000 plus

Band-Aid repair en lieu of a \$274,000 overhaul of the system because of limited funds.

The sinking fund was approved by voters in 2010, and the money it has raised has been used to replace a boiler at Douglas Elementary 3-4 Campus and the entire roof, gym floor and windows at Garden City High School, to name a few things. The district's wish list for the next five years includes resurfacing the Garden City High School and Garden City Middle School parking lots and the high school track and replacing boilers at the middle school, Cambridge High School and Farmington Elementary 5-6 Campus.

We supported the initial sinking fund request in 2010 and we're doing so again. Caring for students is more than providing them with books and pencils. It's also about having buildings that are dry when it rains and warm when it's cold.

We urge Garden City residents to vote YES on the request for a 2-mill sinking fund renewal. The health and safety of students are paramount and a sinking fund allows the district to make sure that happens.

Vote Johnson, Burton, Jarvis for Livonia school board

Livonia Public Schools voters will choose among eight candidates Nov. 4 to fill three seats on the board. The seats are for four years each.

We recommend they re-elect incumbent president **Mark Johnson**, incumbent vice president **Colleen Burton** and **Liz Jarvis**, who has volunteered in the district for 16 years, and is a member of the LPS District School Improvement Team and LPS Educational Foundation.



Burton

Jarvis

Johnson

offer quality programming and improve test scores as enrollment and state funding steadily

voters showed their confidence in the district's leadership by approving a \$195 million construction bond in August 2013 to renovate schools, purchase new buses and install the newest technology.

In preserving programming and services, the district spent down its fund balance and the board may face some tough choices in the near future unless the state overhauls the way it funds public schools. Going forward,

the board also needs to oversee implementation of the bond as it just finished its first year of a five-year plan.

We believe the board needs experienced, knowledgeable members who are passionate about public education in general and LPS in particular to make those tough decisions and continue the bond oversight.

Johnson and Burton have proven track records on the board, and Jarvis has the most experience as a district

volunteer of all of the challengers. In particular, Johnson as president has helped the board work toward compromise on divisive issues like the ethics policy. Burton guided the board through bringing 600 pages of policy up to date — a thankless job. All three work as non-stop ambassadors for the district.

We believe Johnson, Burton and Jarvis deserve LPS voters' support on Nov. 4.

Donate pennies to make a difference

Last year, the Garden City Goodfellows received an envelope that said it was from a big-hearted boy. He had gotten \$10 for his birthday and was giving half to the Goodfellows.

The donation was part of more than curbside \$3,715 students donated to the first-ever Pennies from Heaven event in Garden City last year. School children showered the Goodfellows in coins, with the classroom at each school that collected the most will be treated to a pizza party.

Pennies from Heaven is a partnership between O&E Media Inc. and local Goodfellows organizations, held annually on Make a Difference Day — the largest day of volunteering in the United States.

This year's event will take place Saturday, Oct. 25, and again the Goodfellows are reaching out to the community and school children for donations to make sure there is No Child

without a Christmas.

Representatives of the Garden City Goodfellows and *Garden City Observer* will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, to accept donations of pennies, other spare change or additional donations. We encourage residents to stop by, have a doughnut and some cider and make a donation.

Last year, the Garden City Goodfellows donated food and gifts to about 250 needy Garden City families, including approximately 350 children.

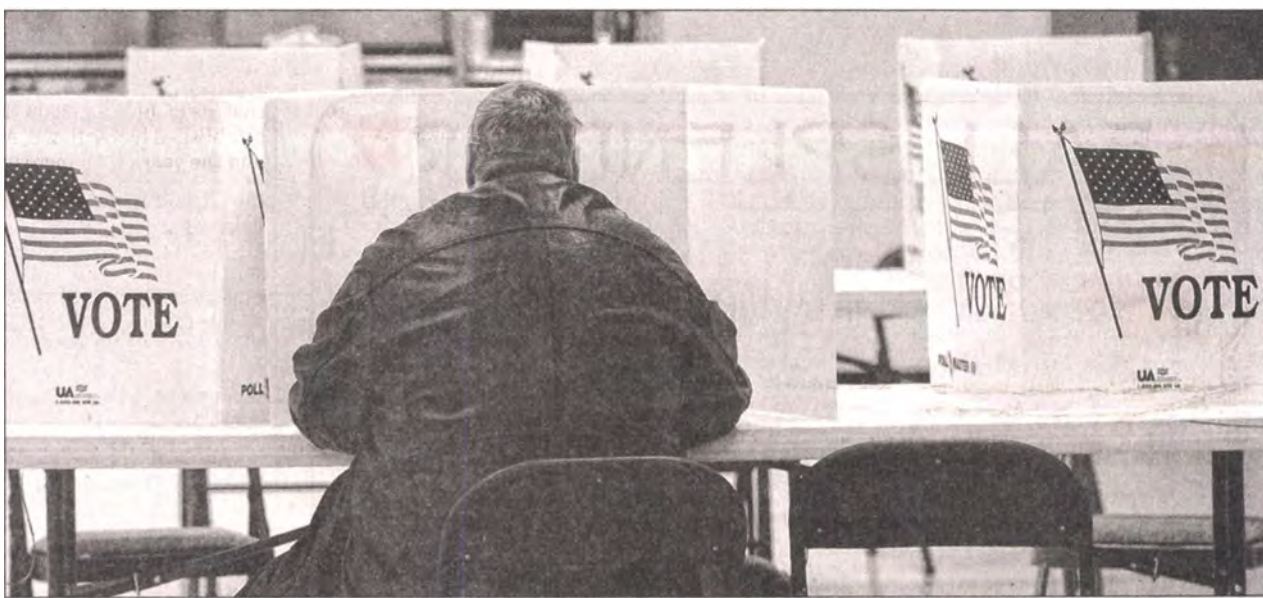
O&E Media is also partnering with the Goodfellows in Redford, Canton, Livonia, Farmington, Novi and Plymouth on Oct. 25. The goal is to top last year's total collection of about \$9,000.

Help Make a Difference by donating to Pennies from Heaven. Your contribution may provide a little girl with her first and only doll.



Rylee Pankow, 6, of Canton brought in a jar of change for the Canton Goodfellows at last year's Pennies from Heaven fundraiser.

Voters' choice



In the Nov. 4 general election, voters will decide who will represent their interests at the federal and state levels and weigh in on state and local ballot proposals.

Renew Wayne police-fire tax, say no to charter changes

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, Wayne Voters will be asked to approve three charter amendments. Two deal with the election of council members and limiting their terms in office, while the third is the continuation of a 1-mill tax levy for police and fire services.

The renewal of the 1-mill levy to support police and fire services for five years — it is by far the most important one on the ballot.

This isn't a new tax, and residents shouldn't confuse the tax request with last year's ballot proposal to create an Act 345 police and fire retirement fund and levy 7 mills to fund it. This 1 mill generates about \$372,000 annually for police and fire operations. It keeps police officers and firefighters on the road, responding to calls for assistance.

Wayne is already struggling with addressing a budget deficit. The loss of this millage will only exacerbate the situ-

ation. There would have to be additional layoffs in the already understaffed departments.

The police and fire millage is needed, and Wayne residents need to step up and say YES once again. No one likes taxes, but then no one likes being a victim of crime or watching their home burn because of a lack of police and fire protection.

The other two charter questions were petition initiated with resident Ron Roberts filing the paperwork. The first proposal, if approved, would divide the city into six districts from which a council member would be elected. The second proposal would cap the number of years an elected official could serve as a council member and/or as mayor to 16 years.

In the case of creating districts, the three council members whose terms expire in 2015 would be elected to represent districts 1, 2 and 3 for four years. Council

members with terms expiring in 2017 would represent districts 4, 5 and 6. The elections would be staggered with half elected every four years.

Roberts has said "the whole intent (of the proposed charter amendments) was to end 22- and 24-year politicians (as mayor and council)." He also has said he wants "to put an end to all of the council living in one area."

We disagree with his idea of creating districts. Elective office shouldn't be about where a person lives within a community, but about the willingness of the person to serve the community. Representation should be a determined by a vote of all residents, not just a few.

If having elected officials come from the same area of the city is such an issue, we believe the best way to remedy it is through the existing elective process. Find a candidate, support him

or her, and work to get them elected.

Roberts' proposal for term limits seems reasonable. Sixteen years are more than the term limits voters approved in 1992 for state representatives, senators and the governor. However, the power to change representation is clearly in the hands of the people and shouldn't be locked into how many years they serve.

Wayne already has term limits. It's called elections. Elected officials serve at the will of the people. Their approval rating is the ballot box. If the majority of residents like them, they get re-elected. If the majority dislikes them, they're voted out of office. Term limits shouldn't be used as a babysitter for civic responsibilities.

We believe residents would be better served by voting NO on the creation of council districts and establishing term limits for council members and the mayor.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A taxing question

I just read Joan Gebhardt's letter to the editor. The contents would suggest that she is paying the Michigan income tax on her pension. Two things come to mind. She is 65 years old, as am I, effective today.

I retired from Ford Motor Company after almost 39 years in the trades. I do not pay a dime in income tax on my pension. That would change, if my Ford pension exceeded \$40,000 a year. Then I would pay a tax on any amount over \$40,000. But Ford Motor would have to give me an additional \$1,500 a month to reach that level. I won't hold my breath.

Secondly, because Joan Gebhardt was a teacher, I can only assume that she paid no Social Security tax. If that is the case, the State of Michigan says Joan can receive a pension of \$55,000 a year before she would have to pay a dime in income taxes, but only on the amount exceeding \$55,000. Now that would be a pension of about \$4,580 a month, tax free.

So I really don't know what she has to complain about. If she is married, and if her husband also receives an exempt pension, then they would be able to have pensions equaling \$70,000 a year before a tax would have to be paid on the excess amount. That is a combined \$5,830 a month.

I think it was around 2006 when they added private sector pensions to those that were tax free. Before that, the chump who retired from the auto company, with a pension of \$1,500, had to pay taxes on it. But the elected official who gave all of 12 years in so-called public service, got a \$54,000 annual pension, tax free. Same applied to all government workers.

I think the people in Lansing added the private sector pensions to the gravy train to keep from getting shot by all the little people getting

SEND US YOUR VIEWS

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats: **Web:** www.hometownlife.com

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You may also let your opinions be heard at hometownlife.com.

Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

screwed over by their policies. Just a guess. A long time ago, public employees did not make high wages. But that has changed drastically over the years.

So with this new law, public employees, who earn just as much as those in the private sector, will be taxed just like the little people. That is called fairness. But I can understand a person who was born after 1952 to be a bit riled. But then you get a Benny Napoleon or Warren Evans with pensions exceeding \$100,000 a year, tax free, and it brings things back into focus. So Joan, quiter-bellyachin'.

Mark Czajka
Garden City

Another drug meeting

There was a meeting held a few days ago by the Wayne-Westland school system that was focused on synthetic drugs that are falling into the hands of our children.

Reportedly not many people showed up. It may be apathy, or perhaps the warning that there were only 250 seats available produced the opposite effect and kept everyone

away expecting that they would not get a seat. Personally, I did not see any announcements so maybe the message got lost.

Certainly it could have been taped and rebroadcast on the local, educational or government channels — but our local governments are exceedingly bad at sharing information.

It must be said that these synthetic drugs and those who sell them are a scourge. The increased availability of heroin and cocaine is disturbing.

A bomb blew up at a Boston Marathon and killed three and wounded 264. Every day, 113 people die from drug overdoses in our country. The lives of hundreds of thousands of children are ruined by drugs each year. You can call it an epidemic but try these words: Chemical Attack.

Your children are the target of people who not only want to get rich but who hate them and you with a viciousness you do not appreciate.

I understand through news reports that our President has declared illegal drug trafficking to be a low legal priority. What this means to us are more dead bodies. More attacks.

To whoever held that drug meeting, can we have another one, please?
Alfred Brock
Wayne

Look at WWFA ramifications

To Mayor Haidous, members of Wayne City Council:

The City Council has been given a presentation on the suggested WWFA or Fire Authority. In this presentation, certain "facts" were exaggerated as presented. In my opinion, the presenters misstated the amount Wayne receives on one mil of taxes as well as the amount Wayne pays annually for its existing fire service intentionally.

By doing this, it looks as if Wayne would save more money than it real-

ly would, if the City Council elects to proceed with incorporating the fire authority. A thank you to Councilman Damito for questioning these "facts" as given. For this reason alone, this authority should not be incorporated by our city leaders.

The presenters came into this meeting prepared to not allow the citizens of Wayne any possible way to follow along with the presentation, knowing full well, we the citizens, refuse to be duped by their misrepresented statements. To allow a presenter to not have enough copies of important documents that were given as evidence that we need this authority is in itself reason to postpone/cancel the meeting until they were ready to present properly. It is not like they aren't being paid for their work. For this reason alone, this authority should not be incorporated by our city leaders.

The Fire Authority would be "run" by an appointed Authority Board of which Wayne

would only be 20 percent of any given vote, as would Inkster, while Westland would hold a commanding 60 percent of the vote majority in the decisions made by this board. How can we justify that? These are three equal cities, even if one has a higher population. There is absolutely no way that any one city should be able to out vote the other two in this way. It was stated that several exclusive decisions would take a super majority for passage. Why would any decision not require a majority of the cities? It is only common sense, people. For this reason alone, this authority should not be incorporated by our city leaders.

The authority will have the right to ask for a vote on any tax assessment they wish, up to 20 mills. This vote would include all the authority voters living in Wayne, Inkster and Westland. Surely you can see if we give power to this authority, we citizens of Wayne will not be able to have

any influence on any millage vote by the authority. For this reason alone, this authority should not be incorporated by our city leaders.

If this authority is incorporated, are you, City Council, willing to cut our present taxes the 6.25 mills the authority will be asking as "start-up" millage? I am sure you will not, and challenge you to prove me wrong. Our taxes are high enough already and they are starting to drive citizens who have been here for years and years from our city. For this reason alone, this authority should not be incorporated by our city leaders.

Before you, the City Council of Wayne, give in to this planned authority you better sit back take a deep breath and look at the possible ramifications of incorporating this authority, at least with the outline given by these presenters.

This plan has more holes in it than the proverbial Swiss cheese.

Tom Porter
Wayne

CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION November 4, 2014

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates from the Republican and Democratic parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices will be voted upon: Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, U.S. Senator, Congressman (13th District), State Senator (6th District), State Representative (11th and 16th District), State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, County Executive, County Commissioner (11th and 12th District), Supreme Court Justices, Judges of Court of Appeals, Judges of 3rd Circuit Court, Judges of Probate Court, Judge of 18th District Court, Wayne County Community College and Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustee Members, School Board Members (Wayne-Westland, Livonia, Romulus, Taylor and Garden City) and ballot questions including the following: State Proposal 14-1 A Referendum of Public Act 520 of 2012, Establishing an Open Season for Wolves and Authorizing Annual Wolf Hunting Seasons - Should this law be approved? **YES OR NO**; State Proposal 14-2 A Referendum of Public Act 21 of 2013 Granting the Natural Resources Commission the Power to Designate Wolves and Other Animals As Game without Legislative Action - Should this law be approved? **YES OR NO**; County Proposal The Wayne County Retirement Commission - Shall Section 6.112 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to authorize the Chairperson of the Wayne County Commission to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the Retirement Commission? **YES OR NO** and Local School District - Garden City Schools - Millage Renewal Proposal Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy - Shall the currently authorized millage rate of 2 mills (\$2.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Garden City Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2016 to 2020, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2016 is approximately \$974,101 this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2015 tax levy)? **YES OR NO**

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTCOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 23, 2008 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

| WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan | | Years |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Taxing Authorities | Date of Election | Increase Effective |
| County of Wayne | November 3, 2009 | 1 mill 2019 |
| Wayne County Jail | August 7, 2012 | 1 mill 2021 |
| Wayne County Parks | November 2, 2010 | 0.25 mills 2015 |
| Wayne County | November 6, 2008 | 1.25 mills 2020 |
| Community College | November 6, 2012 | 1 mill 2022 |
| Garden City Public Schools | August, 2012 | 18 mills 2018 (non-homestead only) |
| Inkster School District | August, 2011 | 2 mills 2015 |
| | May, 2006 | 21 mills 2015 (non homestead only) |
| | May, 2006 | 6 mills 2015 |
| Livonia Public School District | August 5, 2014 | 18.4568 mills 2020 (non homestead only) |
| Taylor School District | August 5, 2014 | 1.12 mills 2019 |
| Wayne - Westland | November, 2012 | 18 mills 2018 (non homestead only) |
| Community Schools | May, 2010 | 18 mills 2025 (non homestead only) |
| Detroit Zoological Park | February, 2012 | 1 mill 2022 |
| City of Westland | Operating | 0.1 mills 2017 |
| | Operating | 6.4834 mills |
| | Police & Fire Ret. Act 359 | 3.35 mills |
| | Sanitation | 0.0216 mills |
| | Other | 2.0 mills |
| | General Fund | 5.3716 mills |
| | Library | 11.8550 mills |
| Wayne County | August 5, 2014 | 0.9477 mills |
| Wayne County | August 5, 2014 | 1 mill 2017 |
| Wayne County | August 5, 2014 | 2 mills 2018 |
| RESA | | |

Dated June 23, 2008

Raymond Wojtcowicz /s/
Treasurer

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, will be as follows:

| Precincts | Locations |
|----------------|---|
| 1, 13, 18 & 19 | Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell |
| 2, 11, 23 & 32 | Elliott School, 30800 Bennington |
| 3 & 7 | Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette |
| 4 & 8 | Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road |
| 5, 24 & 29 | Edison School, 34505 Hunter |
| 6, 9 & 10 | Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer |
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| 22 | Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born |
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| 27 & 36 | Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz |
| 28 | Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis |
| 30 & 31 | Hayes School, 30600 Louise St. |
| 34 & 38 | Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette |
| 39 | Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview |
| 40 & 41 | Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy |

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Westland City Clerk's Office or on the internet at Michigan.gov/vote

Registrations to vote will be accepted in the following locations:
• City or County Clerk's offices during normal business hours
• Secretary of State Offices located throughout the state during normal business hours

Eileen DeHart, CMC, CMMC
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Redford Catholic football

The Redford Catholic CYO freshmen football team registered a 24-6 victory on Saturday. Anthony Blouin, Lyle Massey, Jaden Broxton and Donovan Lemon each recorded touchdowns for the Lancers. Defensively, Arnold Ebiware had 12 tackles while Dominic Lemon recovered a fumble to help set the stage for one of the scoring drives.

The junior-varsity Lancers posted an emphatic 26-0 triumph as Aaron Brintley rushed for over 200 yards and two touchdowns. Brintley also hauled in a TD pass from Jerry Shananaquet. Adonis Marsh tacked on a six-pointer for the victors. Cartier Whitaker punched in an extra-point run and Skyler Bowens caught a one-point pass.

Jimmie Broxton III and Daniel Moore were the defensive standouts for the JV Lancers.

The varsity Lancers continued to roll as they recorded a 44-21 victory. Matthew McCarty notched a hat-trick, of sorts, scoring offensive, defensive and special-teams touchdowns.

Brintley, Dunning, JJ Cantrell, Sean Rankin, Sebastian Laponsa and Paul Wagner turned in brilliant efforts for the Redford Catholic defense.

The JV and varsity Lancers will host the Ann Arbor Saints on Saturday at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church in Redford. Gametimes are 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.

The freshmen Lancers will travel to Warren to play St. Anne's.

The RC varsity contingent will cap the season with a game at Ford Field on Oct. 25th as part of the Prep Bowl festivities.

Clarenceville coaching vacancies

The Livonia Clarenceville athletic department is seeking a junior varsity boys basketball coach and a varsity boys and girls head bowling coach.

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

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 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.

For more information, contact GCYAA basketball coordinator Shearard Westbrook at GCYAA-Basketball@yahoo.com.

PREP TENNIS

Garden City netters ace dual-meet season

The Garden City boys tennis team recently put the finishing touches on one of the most successful seasons in the program's history.

The Cougars finished their Western Wayne Athletic Conference dual-meet schedule with an unblemished 10-0 record and league championship.

Garden City also excelled at the Division 1 regional meet hosted by North Farmington, where it accumulated 12 points to forge a third-place tie with Dearborn Divine Child.

"We enjoyed a tremendous season this year. The boys showed a great determination throughout the year to play their best tennis every time out. It was a pleasure to watch these guys play great tennis this

year," Garden City head coach Ron Pummill said.

Senior Joe Pummill won the gold medal at No. 1 singles for the third straight year, defeating Luke Hebner of Redford Union 6-0, 6-0; Austin Watson of Dearborn 6-4, 6-2; and Evan Siemasz, 6-1, 6-0.

GC's Robbie Moyers won the gold medal at No. 2 singles by defeating Robichaud 6-0, 6-1; Fordson's Mohammed Hamid, 6-2, 6-4; and Ali Beydoun of Dearborn, 6-1, 6-2.

Cougar senior Travis Kidd followed suit by striking gold at No. 3 singles with victories over Justin Franz of Edsel Ford (6-0, 6-0), Tractor Shebir Hameedi (6-0, 6-0) and Aaron Mei of Dear-



Members of the Garden City tennis team are pictured with their 2014 Western Wayne Athletic Conference championship trophy.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

A SPARTAN EFFORT

Stevenson battles hard on 'Senior Night', but can't overtake Northville

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's volleyball team unleashed flashes of quick-strike brilliance Tuesday night against visiting Northville, but the Mustangs countered with three sets of sustained thunder.

In a KLAACentral division match that marked "Senior Night" at Stevenson, the Mustangs repelled several dangerous Spartan runs to rack up a 25-20, 25-17, 25-16 victory.

The triumph improved Northville's Central Division record to 5-5 (the Mustangs are 18-11-1 overall) while Stevenson slipped to 1-9.

The opening set typified the match – and perhaps the season so far – for Stevenson as it bounced back from an early 8-2 deficit to seize a somewhat-comfortable 17-12 lead.

However, the taller, more-experienced Mustangs closed out the stanza with a 13-3 streak – powered mostly by sophomore kill artist Emily Martin – to take the set, 25-20.

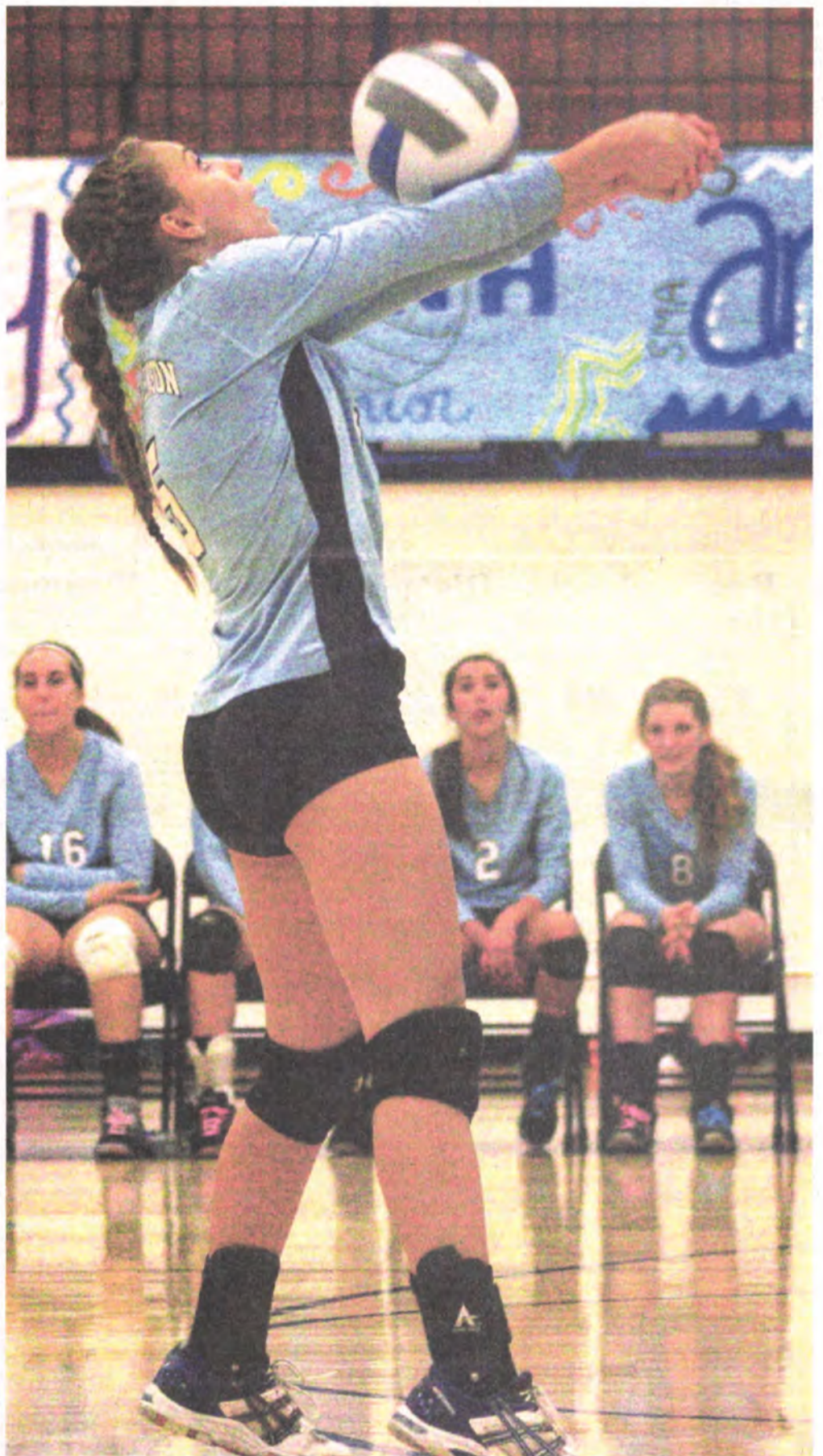
"We've had moments of greatness," explained first-year Stevenson head coach Lindsey Grillo, "followed by moments that aren't so great. We're working hard on creating more moments of greatness. When we do get the momentum, like we had in the opening game, we need to do a better job of keeping it because volleyball is such a game of momentum."

In observance of the team's six seniors on their special night – Anna Lectka, Maura Wassermann, Arryn Dochenetz, Haley Knochel, Laura Coleman and Allie Strautz were recognized before the match – Grillo installed a revamped starting line-up, which worked well at the outset.

"It was nice to be able to get the seniors some quality time," Grillo said.

"Even though our starting line up was different tonight, I thought we played just as well as we did with our normal line-up, which is nice to see in terms of showing that we play well together as a team, no matter who is out there."

"There are definitely aspects of the game we need to improve in, but overall I feel we are making a lot of progress, especially considering we've had some



Livonia Stevenson senior Arryn Dochenetz puts a free ball over the net Tuesday night against Northville.

ED WRIGHT

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DIVISION 1 DISTRICT SOCCER

PATRIOTS ARE GOOD FOR 40

Plymouth overtakes Livonia Franklin in second half to sideline Pats, 3-1

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With the exception of a couple unfinished scoring chances, the first half of Monday afternoon's Division 1 district soccer opener against Plymouth went pretty much according to plan for Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team.

But the second 40-minute stanza proved to be a completely different story for the Patriots – a season-ending horror story, to put it bluntly – as they were ambushed by the revved-up Wildcats, 3-1.

The victory propelled Plymouth into Wednesday's district semifinal against Livonia Churchill, which drew a first-round bye.

Franklin's season ended with a 5-11-1 record.

"Plymouth came out in the second half playing at a higher level than it did in the first half,

and we stayed the same," lamented Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos. "We didn't match their intensity in the second half."

Based on the results of the two KLAACentral South Division foes' two regular-season encounters, Monday game figured to be tight. Plymouth won the first meeting, 4-3, and used a late-game penalty kick to draw even with the Patriots in the rematch.

"They had a better record

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Livonia Franklin's Nathan Iacoban pushes the ball to a teammate during Monday afternoon's 3-1 loss to Plymouth.

ED WRIGHT

Rockets come out firing on 'Senior Night'

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Westland John Glenn volleyball team honored its seven seniors during the Oct. 9 home match against Wayne Memorial.

The Rockets not only won the match in three sets, but the seniors led the way by registering 21 aces and only seven service errors.

Following are brief capsules on the Rockets' seven seniors.

Four-year varsity player Valerie Ernat, who has committed to play collegiate volleyball for Radford University in Virginia, said her most memorable John Glenn volleyball moment was playing her first varsity game as a freshman against Wayne Memorial. She also noted the three-



Pictured with members of their family are Westland John Glenn senior volleyball players (from left) Diamond Jordan, Hannah Udell, Rachel Shollack, Penelope Stolicker, Valerie Ernat, Kelly Epperson and Erin Parrinello.

set victory over Plymouth last season as among her most exciting moments.

Ernat said she is grateful for the positive influences of past coaches Jeffrey Stark and Krista DePoy, and her mother, Mary. She plans to study

psychology at Radford before working toward an advanced degree in criminal psychology.

Outside-hitter Kelly Emerson's favorite volleyball memory at John Glenn was the victory over Plymouth last fall. She listed her role mod-

els are her parents because "they push me every day and support me no matter what".

Erin Parrinello's favorite high school volleyball memory was when the team beat Plymouth for the first time in 2013, and then beat Churchill

earlier this month.

Her role model is her mother, Holli Parrinello, for always showing up to all her games and tournaments and for always being there for her outside of volleyball, and her dad.

The most memorable experiences for Hannah was the team-bonding trip her junior year and winning the Division 1 district tournament. Udell's role models are her parents, Angie and Steve, who have taught her to keep pushing when she has wanted to quit and to always keep her head up.

Udell's future plans include earning a degree in nursing at either Kent State University or Wayne State University.

Rachel Shollack's favorite prep volleyball moment was beating

Livonia Churchill. Her role model is her mother, Marsha. Shollack's plans after high school are to attend Madonna University or Wayne State University and study to become a physical therapist or medical assistant.

Penelope Stolicker's favorite volleyball memory was coming back from a nine-point deficit in a 15-point game to beat Churchill for the first time in school history.

Her role models are her mom and dad, Becky and Patrick.

Stolicker's post-high school plans include attending college to study early childhood development and psychology.

First-year player Diamond Jordan, a middle blocker, excels in basketball as well as volleyball.

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Madonna volleyball team goes 3-1 in Crusader Classic

The Madonna University women's volleyball team held its own in the BLT Sportswear Crusader Classic going 3-1 in a tournament which included four ranked teams in the latest NAIA poll.

The Crusaders, ranked No. 18, improved to 25-5 overall Saturday at home with a 25-21, 25-19, 27-29, 26-24 win over Bellevue (Neb.) as Kitchener, Ontario native Hannah Poole led

the way with 13 kills, while Casey Gates and Emily Johnson added 10 apiece.

Setter Spencer Stokes racked up 48 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Obrycki and Payton Maxheimer paced the defense with 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

Bellevue (16-16) got 11 kills apiece from LaJaida Even and Symone Faulkner, while setter Beth Walker collected 38 assist-to-kills. Taylor Holz

had a match-high 22 digs.

Earlier in the day, Madonna earned a thrilling 25-15, 25-22, 19-25, 22-25, 16-14 victory against No. 22 Grand View (Ia.) as Gates and Johnson finished with 17 and 16 kills, respectively, while Kayla Vogel added 12.

Stokes racked up 51 assists and 13 digs, while libero Roxy Duzey had a match-high 23 digs. Obrycki and Maxheimer

added 22 and 21 digs, respectively.

Grand View (16-11) got 14 kills and 17 digs from Taylor Wells, while setter Chrissy Daggett had 46 assists.

On Friday, Grand View upset No. 2-ranked University of Texas-Brownsville, 22-25, 25-21, 25-15 victory. Meanwhile, MU took its tourney opener against the University of Windsor, 25-18, 25-20, 25-22, but fell to UT-Brownsville in the featured match Friday night in three sets,

25-18, 25-17, 25-22.

Vanja Joksic and Bojana Mitrovic, both natives of Serbia, led UT-Brownsville (19-2) against the Crusaders with 13 kills apiece, while fellow Serbian setter Tina Sekulic had 38 assist-to-kills as the Ocelots hit at a .343 clip.

Defensively, Heather Meeuwssen led the way for the Ocelots with 17 digs, while Annelies Dokter (The Netherlands) added 10.

Gates paced MU with 16 kills, while Samantha

Geile added 10. Stokes added 34 assists, while Amanda Obrycki had 12 digs.

Against Windsor, Maxheimer recorded a game-best 22 digs, while Stokes dished out 37 assists. Gates added 12 kills, while freshman Amanda Hawkins (Livonia Stevenson) had 10 kills.

MU will play two more WHAC matches beginning Saturday at Siena Heights against UM-Dearborn and Lourdes (Ohio).

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-29 OCTOBER 7, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at WABC, 35000 Sims Ave. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Moment of silence for John Colligan, Matt Cipriani & Henry Coe. APPROVED: minutes reg. mtg. of Sept. 16 & spec. mtgs. of Sept. 16 & 29; bid to United Resource for \$92,488 for snow removal; resignation of Gayle Rediske & Kenneth York from LOCC, Harold Rediske II from Cem. Bd.; appointment of Merle Baum to LOCC until Oct. 2021; Christine Garcia to LOCC until Oct. 2017 and Cynthia Adams to Cem. Bd. until July 2016; transfer of \$38,000 for police vehicle; payments on emergency basis to Danboise Mech. for \$4,724 and KONE Elevator for \$6,495; payment to CWW for \$4,699 for annual dues; calling a special meeting for Nov. 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.; TCO #608-no parking Nyman Ave.; resignation of Police Chief Jason Wright; David Murphy as Interim City Manager; WABC conf. rm. as temp. office to Mainstreet Pgm.; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 20 10/6/14

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrre, Reeves
192: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 9/15/14.
- Appr. "Relay for Life" event 6/6-7, 2015 Central City Park.
-Traffic Control Order 2014-06; Removal of "No Parking Here to Driveway" sign in front of 2596 Treadwell.
- Bid for wall partition repair at Senior Ctr. to Urban's Partition & Remodeling Co., amt. \$5,000.
- Bid for automatic door operators at Senior Ctr. To KVM Door Systems; amt. \$4,280.
- Bid for 6 thermal imagers for FD; amt. \$47,358.
- Purchase of 5 multi-purpose dump trucks for DPS from North Bros. Ford; amt. \$150,820.
- Outfitting of multi-purpose dump trucks for DPS from North Bros. Ford; amt. \$150,820.
- 1 yr. contract w/Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.
193: Appr. immediate Closed Study Session re. litigation settlement.
196: Appr. litigation settlement up to \$45,000.
197: Appr. checklist: \$25,676,517.76.
Mtg. adj. at 8:25 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC
City Clerk

James Godbout
Council President
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INVITATION TO BID Entrance System Replacement Marshall School Livonia Public Schools

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the Entrance System replacement work at the above referenced schools located in the Livonia Public Schools.

Plans and specifications may be obtained electronically via Plan Well through George W. Auch and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after **October 10, 2014**. The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by Mielock Associates, Inc. Complete sets of printed documents may be purchased from DunnBlue/ARC, 1009 W. Maple St., Clawson, Michigan 248-288-5600 email Jeff Perhogan at michigan.troy@e-arc.com.

Your bid marked "SEALED BID: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Marshall Entrance Replacement" will be accepted no later than **12:00 noon, Tuesday October 28, 2014** to: **LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, Attn: Lisa Abbey, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154**. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud beginning at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday October 28, 2014 at the Livonia Public Schools administrative office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

A pre-bid meeting and walk-through will start at 11:00AM Thursday October 16, 2014, beginning at Marshall School 33901 Curtis Road, Livonia, MI. 48152, meeting at the main front office entrance. **This meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended.**

All contracts to be entered into by the Livonia Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws and prevailing wage rates of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL § 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public School Board or the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent. All bids must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,126 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Lisa Abbey
Director of Business Services
Livonia Public Schools

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CITY OF LIVONIA: MEETING MINUTES OF 9/15/14 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7 PM

PRESENT: SCHEEL, NASH, KRITZMAN, PASTOR, TOY, BROSNAN
ABSENT: MEAKIN

#276-14 Approving meeting minutes of 9/3/14. Numerous items received and filed.

#277-14 Approving the Clarenceville HS Homecoming Parade to be held on Friday, 10/10/14 and approving the parade route, while requesting that Wayne County Public Services allow the City to close the approved roads between 5-7 pm.

#278-14 Approving the bid of Douglass Safety for supplying the Fire Department with up to (50) replacement sets of structural firefighting protective clothing for an estimated cost of \$106,078.50. #279-14 Approving the salary and fringe benefits for the classification of Fire Chief for the period of 12/1/12-11/30/15.

#280-14 Authorizing the purchase of (1) 2015 Ford E450, 21.5 ft Shuttle van for \$67,277.00 and (1) 2015 Ford E450, 23 ft shuttle van for \$67,912.00 from Gorno Ford.

#281-14 Authorizing the City to execute the Fiscal Yr. 2015 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the City for the period of 7/1/14-6/30/15 with all the Credits being used for the Livonia Community Transit Program.

#282-14 Approving participation in the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) and for payment for ARC, of \$29,013.00

#283-14 Accepting the unit price of Michigan Joint Sealing for completing the work required for the 2014 Pavement Crack and Joint Sealing Program for a cost of \$105,000.00.

#284-14 Approving a change order to Contract 14-A (resurfacing parking lot @ LPD) in an amount not to exceed \$1000,000.00 with Nagle Paving.

Second Reading and Approval of the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3. _____ THERETO.

#285-14 Approving a revised Special Assessment District for Levan Rd. Sanitary Sewer Project, determining Necessity or a public 10-inch sanitary sewer on east side of 15160, 15200, 15230 Levan Rd.

#286-14 Approving a block party on Grandon St between Harrison and Brentwood on Sat, 9/27/14 from 4-10 pm.

#287-14 Directing a closed COW meeting to discuss litigation in Robert Domino, et al. v. City of Livonia.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:26 pm.

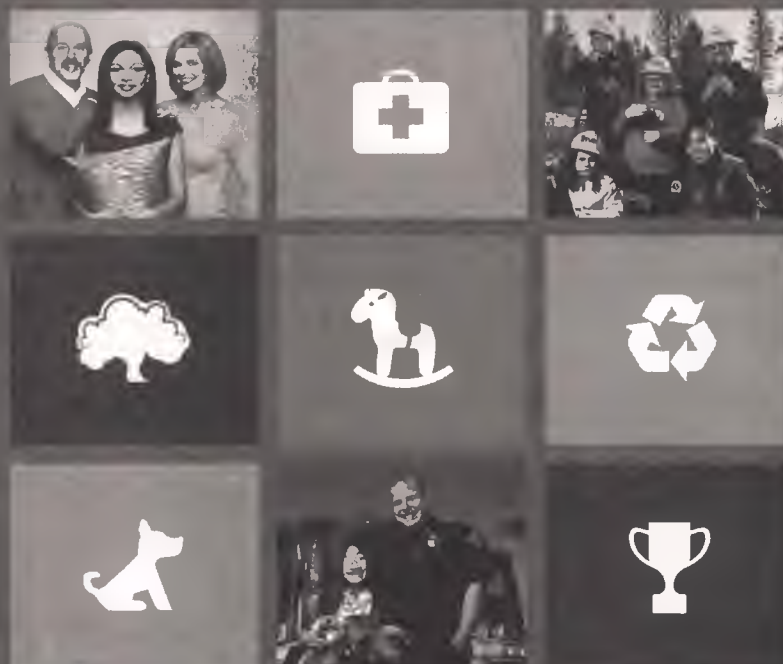
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PREP FOOTBALL

Short-handed Warriors fall to Liggett, 26-6

Olson a bright spot in Lutheran Westland's setback

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Like any machine missing two crucial components, Lutheran Westland's football team sputtered during the second half of Saturday afternoon's 26-6 setback to visiting University Liggett.

The Warriors, who slipped to 5-2, were playing without seniors Jacob Davenport, who was lost for the season during last week's victory over Southfield Christian, and Nick Garber, who could miss two to four weeks with an injury.

Davenport was a standout two-way player who played running back and linebacker. Garber was the team's starting center and a key member of the linebacking unit.

"We missed their on-field leadership as much as anything," said Lutheran Westland head coach Paul Guse', speaking of the absences of Davenport and Garber. "Jacob was the heart of our defense and people never realize how underrated centers are until you have to replace them. We probably lost 55 yards because of high snaps, but it's not an easy thing for the back-up to come in and do."

Liggett jumped ahead 6-0 on the third play of the game when it reeled off a 48-yard touchdown pass.

Undaunted, the Warriors answered quickly, deadlock-

ing the game on their first drive of the second quarter when senior running back Austin Olson took a jet sweep 67 yards to the house.

"They were playing a seven-man front and we had trouble blocking them most of the day, but that run was all Austin," said Guse'.

The game was tied at the half thanks to a "titanic" defensive effort, said Guse', whose team held Liggett to just 3 yards on 12 carries over the first 24 minutes.

"Andy Faith played great, with six tackles and an interception, and Cleveland Tarp also had six tackles," the veteran coach praised. "We lost the momentum on the second-half kick-off when we muffed their pooch kick and they scored. We had 12 penalties, too, which didn't help."

Lutheran Westland stayed within two scores - 18-6 - until Liggett tallied its final points with just over six minutes left in the game.

Olson finished with 147 yards on 18 carries, which pushed him over the 1,000-yard mark (1,003) for the season. With two games left in the regular season, Olson is currently No. 5 on the Warriors' all-time yards rushing list.

LW struggled through the air, completing just 3 of 14 passes for 26 yards.

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Lutheran Westland senior running back Austin Olson scored the Warriors' lone touchdown in their 26-6 loss to University Liggett Saturday afternoon.

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Oct. 17

Red. Thurston (4-3) at Garden City (3-4)
Clarenceville (1-6) at D.H. Annapolis (3-4)
Red. Union (1-6) at D.H. Crestwood (1-6)
Harrison (6-1, 5-1) at N. Farmington (3-4, 2-4)
Farmington (6-1, 6-0) at Birm. Groves (6-1, 5-1)
Lutheran West. (5-2) at Westside Christian (1-5)
Canton (6-1) at South Lyon (6-1)
Plymouth (5-2) at Northville (5-2)
Liv. Franklin (1-6) at Salem (1-6)
Liv. Churchill (6-1) at Liv. Stevenson (5-2)
Westland John Glenn (4-3) at Novi (3-4)
Wayne Memorial (0-7) at S.L. East (0-7)

Last week's record

Overall record

Ed Wright Dan O'Meara Tim Smith

Thurston Thurston Garden City

Annapolis Clarenceville Annapolis

Crestwood Crestwood Red. Union

Harrison Harrison Harrison

Groves Farmington Groves

Lutheran W. Lutheran W. Lutheran W.

Canton Canton Canton

Northville Northville Plymouth

Salem Salem Salem

Churchill Churchill Churchill

John Glenn John Glenn John Glenn

S.L. East S.L. East S.L. East

10-1 11-0 8-3

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DISTRICT SOCCER THRILLER

Novi nips Stevenson in PKs, 2-1

Hanley ends game in dramatic fashion

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's like rolling the dice, but the dreaded shootout worked in Novi's favor Tuesday night during a first-round Division 1 district boys soccer elimination match against Livonia Stevenson.

The Wildcats tallied their only goal during 80 minutes of regulation time, followed a pair of 10-minute overtimes, thanks to a penalty kick. Then they drilled home eight-of-nine PKs during the shootout to stay alive in the state tournament with a 2-1 victory over the visiting Spartans at rain soaked Novi's Meadows Stadium.

The victory moved the Wildcats, 13-3-3 overall, into a 7 p.m. Thursday's semifinal matchup at Meadows Stadium against Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which improved to 14-4-4 overall with a 3-0 victory Monday at home over Walled Lake Western.

In the ninth round of the shootout, Novi's Ian Hanley ended the suspense by beating Stevenson goalkeeper for the game-winner after the Wildcats' Tommy McMaster went low on the previous attempt to stop Spartan shooter Austin Rynicki.

Ironically, Novi coach Brian O'Leary switched keepers for the shootout as McMaster, the senior, came on for junior Sam Sheeran, who had excelled during the first 100 minutes of action with seven saves, including a key stop on Stevenson's Max Hoover late in the second OT.

"In general, Tommy (McMaster) is a bigger kid," O'Leary said. "Sam's probably 5-9, 145 pounds where Tommy is 6-2, 185. Just the fact that he eats up more space in there and has a little bit longer of a reach ... The two goalies, when you ask them, they say Tommy is better at it so it was a no-brainer."

Stevenson, the KLAA Central Division champs, bowed out with a 13-3-3 overall record.

"It's tough, it just keeps happening, the PK losses," said Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team went 0-1-2 against the Wildcats this season "It was great game and one of the craziest I've been a part of. The PK taking made the goalkeepers not look great, but PKs were fantastic from both sides. It's hard. The surface is tough. I thought both teams executed in the PKs very, very well."

After a scoreless first half, the Spartans got on the board with 31:07 left when senior forward Hunter Mullett made a great individual one-on-one effort



Eduardo DeOliveira (right) of Novi converges on the ball with Stevenson's Brandon Eklund.



Novi's Amissi Kajinake breaks in on Stevenson net-minder Austin Kaczmarek, who barely prevents a goal with a punch save early on in Tuesday night's Division 1 district soccer match.

down the left wing and scored unassisted.

Novi, however, continued to apply offensive pressure and got the break they needed with 15:01 left in regulation when Tony Asimadu was fouled in the box. Teammate Ryan Kobakof came on to convert the PK to even the count at 1-1.

"I think Tony (Asimadu) made

a great play," O'Leary said. "He beat a couple of people getting himself in the box there."

In the first round of PKs, Stevenson and Novi both went 5-for-5.

Philip Vrzovski, Tyler Gregory, Sam Landefeld, Brandon Eklund and Brady Brown converted for the Spartans, while Kent Maidens, Amissi Kajinake,

Kobakof, Connor O'Leary and Asimadu did likewise for the Wildcats.

In the second round, Stevenson keeper Austin Kaczmarek went high to deny Nick Harder on the first shot, but McMaster matched him by going low to rob Dominic Rea.

Trevor Furkas and Alex De-Florino then scored for Stevenson, while Novi's Spencer Roy and Nate Giese found the back of the net as well to set up the fateful ninth round of shooters.

"There was a lot of energy put out on that field," O'Leary said. "Great game by both teams, just like a lot of these state tournament games. You get about three or four chances to score. If you can score more than other other team great, but it you don't you go to overtime. That happens a lot. It was a great high school soccer game."

Novi took a total of 19 shots, but only had seven on target. The Wildcats had seven corner kicks to Stevenson's three.

The Spartans launched eight shots on goal, but their best shot came with less than 30 seconds to go in the second OT when Hoover's header just grazed over the Novi crossbar.

"They pressed us after we scored and we were fine from there on out," Shingledecker said. "We generated some good chances, just didn't finish."

COLLEGE SOCCER

MU women post 5-0 victory over Marygrove

Ashley Parent scored a pair of goals, while Jennifer Jurcak contributed a goal and assist Saturday as the Madonna University women's soccer team rolled to a 5-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win at Marygrove College.

Parent tallied her fourth and fifth goals of the season as the Crusaders improved to 7-5 overall and 2-3 in the WHAC.

MU's Jessica Witt scored what proved to be the game-winner, her fourth of the season, at 6:27 of the first half.

Katlyn Krysiak also notched her team-leading eighth goal of the season to go along with an assist as the Crusaders led 2-0 at intermission. Morgan Himanek also chipped in with an assist in the win.

MU goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg made two saves for her second straight shutout and third of the season, while Bianca Barron had 13 saves for the Cardinals (2-10-1, 1-3-1).

The Crusaders will be in action at 4 p.m. Thursday at home against non-conference foe Cleary College and at noon Saturday in Grand Rapids for a WHAC match against No. 14-ranked Davenport University.

MADONNA (MEN) 1, CONCORDIA 0: Ryan Williams notched his 10th goal of the season Friday as the Madonna University (9-3, 4-1) pulled out a WHAC victory over Concordia University (3-8, 2-3) in Ann Arbor.

Williams' game-winning goal came at the 78:03 mark off an assist from Amadou Cisse.

Both goalkeepers were busy, as Michael Erickson made 11 saves for the Cardinals.

Meanwhile, Marcel Schmid (Stuttgart, Germany), who was named WHAC Defensive Player of the Week, had six stops for the Crusaders, who were scheduled Wednesday to face WHAC opponent and No. 19-ranked University of Northwestern Ohio on the road.

PREP FOOTBALL

Churchill-Stevenson clash headlines compelling slate

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Given the number of compelling match-ups, week eight of the Observerland high school football slate could be labeled "Frenetic Friday."

Topping the marquee of huge local contests will be the Livonia Churchill-at-Livonia Stevenson KLAA cross-over clash – the first of rare back-to-back encounters for the two longtime rivals.

Fueled by a high-octane offense and much-improved defense, the 6-1 Chargers clinched a post-season playoff berth with last week's 49-27 victory over Livonia Franklin. Stevenson (5-2), on the other hand, is still one victory short

of qualifying for the post-season, making the outcome of Friday night's game – and next week's, as well – huge.

The Spartans have been playing as well as any team in Observerland recently as they've posted convincing back-to-back triumphs over KLAA Central Division foes Northville and Salem to earn the No. 2 seed in the cross-over round of games.

Canton will visit South Lyon Friday night to determine the KLAA Kensington Conference champion.

Another incredibly important KLAA cross-over match-up features Westland John Glenn visiting Novi. The 4-3 Rockets will need victories over the Wildcats and South-

field Lathrup in week nine to earn an automatic berth in the post-season.

John Glenn is just a couple of plays away from being 6-1 as they suffered close, down-to-the-wire setbacks against Canton and Plymouth prior to last week's 52-12 win over Wayne Memorial.

Emotions will be running high for the Zebras, who will travel to South Lyon East to take on the Cougars in a game pitting winless programs.

In another contest that should be entertaining despite the two teams' identical 1-6 records, Livonia Franklin will travel to Salem.

Attempting to repeat the remarkable task of starting the season 1-3 yet still qualify-

ing for the playoffs, Redford Thurston (4-3) will take on Garden City (3-4), whose playoff aspirations took a turn for the worst last week when the Cougars suffered a last-minute 18-16 loss to Romulus.

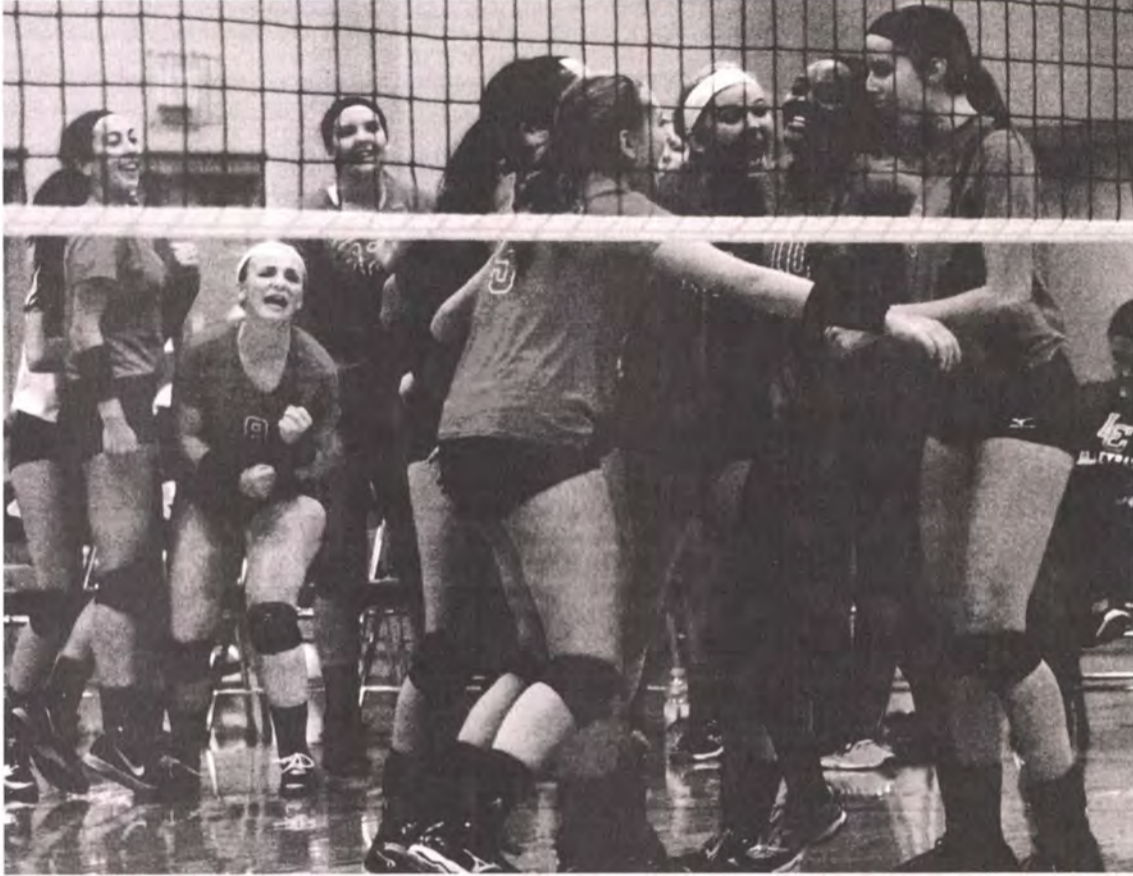
A victory over the Cougars and a week-nine triumph over Redford Union will give Thurston their second-straight 6-3 regular season after losing three of their first four games.

Lutheran Westland (5-2) can earn a post-season berth by upending host Detroit Westside Christian in a game to be played at Dearborn Fordson.



A Livonia Stevenson football player does a tight-rope walk while stopping a punt dead inside the 1-yard line during last week's victory over Salem.

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Members of Livonia Churchill's volleyball team celebrate a big point during a match earlier this season.

ED WRIGHT

PREP VOLLEYBALL

First-place Clarenceville outlasts RU in three

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division front-runner Livonia Clarenceville captured a decisive straight-sets victory at Redford Union Tuesday night, 25-21, 25-18, 25-21.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 2-5 in the division, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm RU head coach Rob Reese has for his team of big-hearted battlers.

"I thought the girls played fantastic tonight," Reese beamed. "I'm very proud of them. Clarenceville has a very good team. They're tall and they can really hit. But our girls blocked with them, hit well and played good defense."

The victory enhanced Clarenceville's record to 6-1, which earns them a tie atop the Red with Dearborn Fordson.

Senior all-around standout Renee Reed paced the Panthers with 12 kills. Sophomore setter Shae Smith contributed 17 assists while libero Logan Kraft led the Panthers in digs, Reese revealed.

"I liked the way our girls battled tonight; they never gave up," said Reese. "In the third game, for instance, we were down eight and we cut it to two before losing by four."

Eagles clipped

Visiting Dearborn Fordson handed Redford Thurston a 25-16, 25-16, 25-14 setback Tuesday night.

The Eagles' lethargic attack was led by Maya McKinney's three kills. Kaitlyn McClendon put up a team-high three blocks while Lauren Garchar distributed five assists.

Dasia Johnson paced the Thurston defense with six digs and an ace.

Cougars dominate

Garden City improved to 17-5 overall and 7-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division Tuesday night by sinking host Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 25-19, 25-17, 25-13.

The only adversity the Cougars faced all night was a 7-5 deficit in game two, but they quickly righted the ship and won comfortably.

The winners' attack was

engineered by senior setter Hanna Vera-Burgos, who distributed 20 assists. Vera-Burgos also tied Heather Pennington with four aces. Holly Sayger had nine kills.

"This was a solid day," said GC head coach John Pace. "We did not make many mistakes. We knew going in there could be some extended points and that's what we saw. Crestwood's defense was quick from the start. Hanna and Alex [Roffi] did a good job of distributing the ball."

Churchill stymies Pats

The Chargers swept the host Patriots, 25-18, 25-20, 25-14, Tuesday night to improve to 22-14-4 overall and 7-3 in the KLAA South Division. Alyssa Facione and Lauren St. Pierre paced the winners' defense with 10 digs a piece. Rayna Yetts and Rosie Rae combined for 17 assists.

Natalie Panek knocked down nine kills while Annie Yost had eight. Sam Zonca and Yetts registered five kills a piece.

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Livonia Stevenson senior libero Allie Strautz goes low to dig up a Northville serve Tuesday night.

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SPARTANS

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injuries and some girls are playing out of position."

Although pleased with the impressive road victory, Northville head coach Amanda Yaklin would like to see a little more mid-game intensity from her team.

"It's easy to get pumped up when you have 24 points and you're down two sets, but I tell the girls that it's more important how hard you play in the middle than at the end," she said. "We're looking for that consistency all the way through the match."

Martin was a spot-on missile launcher for most of the night, turning soft feeds from setters Rachel Holmes (15 assists) and Emily Hogan (14 assists) into floor-denting points.

Bryce Quick (five kills) and Olivia Boisineau (four kills) also did their share of front-row damage for the

winners.

"We struggled to get up early in the match, so I let the bench have a go of it," said Yaklin. "I thought Mercedes Hein provided us with some good energy and Allison Lang played really well in the back. Emily stepped up big-time on the outside."

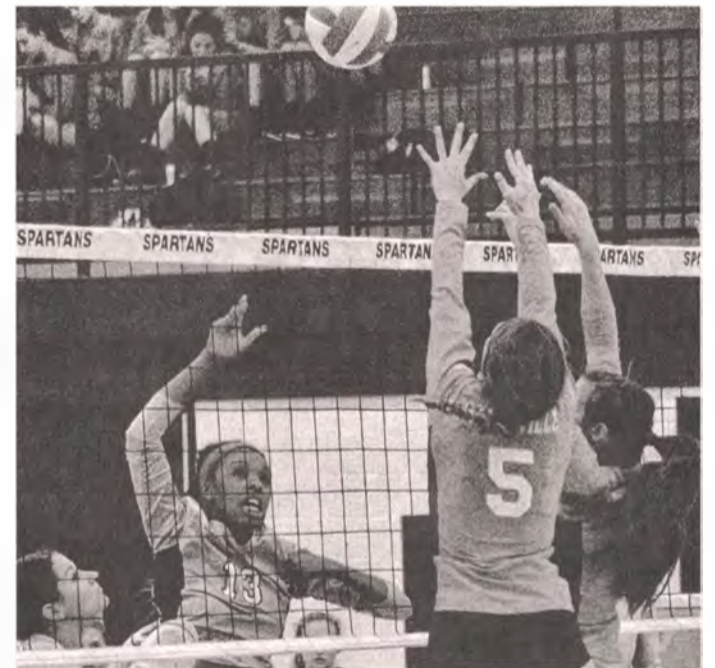
Lang contributed a team-high 10 digs while Kiera Borthwick chipped in with eight.

Holmes led the Mustangs with four aces.

After rebounding to take the opening stanza, Northville never trailed in game two. The Spartans sliced an 8-2 deficit in the final set to 15-13 thanks in part to back-to-back aces by Meghan Knorp followed by an emphatic kill by Wassermann.

Sensing the swing, Yaklin called a quick time-out. Whatever she told the Mustangs in the huddle worked as they reeled off five quick points and never looked back.

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Livonia Stevenson middle hitter Zakia Hunt attempts to hit the ball over the block of Northville's Makenna Strunk during the first game of Tuesday night's match at Stevenson.

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TENNIS

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born, 6-1, 6-0.

Junior Tyler Kelly earned the No. 4 singles crown by defeating Jeff Boykin of Belleville, Mohamad Bazzi of Fordson and Dylan Smith of Dearborn.

Zack Quartz and Aaron Wilson won the Bronze medal at No. 1 doubles while Jake Beasley and Trent Wallace won the gold medal at No. 2 doubles.

Nick Bennett and Jassen Matuscak won the gold medal at No. 3 doubles, defeating Redford Union by default, Belleville (6-0, 6-2) and Dearborn, 6-3, 6-4.

Closing out the Cougars' conquest, Tony Van Dooren and Derrick Van Dooren won the gold medal at No. 44 doubles by losing just two games in six sets while defeating foes from Edsel Ford, Crestwood and Fordson.

Highlighting the spectacular showing at the regional meet were runner-up finishes by Moyers and Kidd at No. 2 and 3 singles, respectively.

PATRIOTS

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than us going into the game, but we didn't feel like we were the underdog at all," said Rodopoulos.

Nor did they play like an underdog.

Junior Ryan Bieth staked Franklin to a 1-0 lead in the game's 11th minute when he controlled a slick pass off a header from teammate Jordan Whitt, got behind the deepest Wildcat defender and slid a shot past Plymouth goal-keeper, James Gibbs.

Moments later, the Patriots threatened to pad their lead to 2-0 when Whitt's header got behind Gibbs, but was cleaned off the goal line by hyper-alert defender Matt Weiner.

Bieth made another dan-



Livonia Franklin's Robert Jiga rises above the fray following a Plymouth corner kick Monday afternoon.

ED WRIGHT

gerous run up the right sideline before cutting toward the goal with just over 15 minutes left in the first half, but his poor-angled shot sailed just wide of the right

post.

"I stressed to the guys at halftime that we still had 40 minutes to close the deal," said Rodopoulos. "But give Plymouth credit; they

brought it the second half."

Junior Jayden Huxtable scored twice in the second half for Plymouth while Mike Blake added one goal.

Trailing 2-1 with close to 20 minutes left in the second half, the Patriots appeared to knot the game up when Bieth volleyed a shot into the top shelf.

However, the on-field official erased the goal, claiming high leg action was a "dangerous play".

"Having that goal taken away seemed to suck some of the life out of us," Rodopoulos said.

Rodopoulos said the 2014 season was like riding a roller-coaster at times.

"We definitely had our ups and downs," he sighed. "The guys played hard, though, and I think we took a big step toward turning the program around."

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GET INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WITH MUSIC, STORIES, TREATS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Forget about wearing your Sunday best. Don a costume and head to Pipes Spooktacular! the Halloween concert Oct. 26 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township. Music minister Julie Ford will play the organ and direct her youth choir. Guest organist Matthew Moore will perform and there will be piano and hand bell music to help set the mood. The church will be decked out in Halloween decorations and audience members will wear costumes.

The concert will start at 8:30 p.m. The church is located at 574 S. Sheldon. A "trunk or treat" will be held in the church parking lot after the 45-minute performance. Youngsters will trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk. Admission to the concert is a suggested donation of \$5 for individuals and \$15 for families.

The concert, an annual tradition started by Ford's predecessor before she became music minister five years ago, is "special and unique."

"I do try to play some spooky music and I try to play some silly music," Ford said. "I don't want it to be too scary or inappropriate for children."

And although church concerts can be a "soft" form of evangelism, a gentle way to reach out to the public, Ford said Pipes Spooktacular! is just "all in good fun."

"The event was shared on the Plymouth Rocks! Facebook page and someone said, 'oh, this is probably one of those places that scare you into believing in God.' It's nothing like that. It's goofy and fun. It just happens to be in a church."

The Youth Choir, consisting of singers in grades three-seven, will sing a spoof on a popular song. They're calling their version "Zombie Style." The audience may even notice a few of the "living dead" rocking out to the song.

Ford will play the theme song from the television show, *Dr. Who*, and she'll include video game music in the program.

"I always try to include something special for my son. He is a video game fanatic," Ford said, adding that her son, Anthony, 7, will be in the audience with her husband and youngest son, who is 5 months old.



Julie Ford plays spooky, silly organ music at the annual Pipes Spooktacular! in Plymouth Township.

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Ford said she hasn't repeated any music from previous Halloween concerts, although they always include an audience sing-along of popular Christmas carols with new, twisted lyrics.

"We have done *Oh Christmas Tree* as *Oh Skeletons*. One year we did the 13 Days of Halloween. The songs are printed in the program. It is a lot of fun."

For more information about the concert, call 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Here's a sampling of other Halloween and seasonal happenings:

» Take a walk through the 10-acre corn maze at Maybury Farm, 6-10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, through Nov. 2. The maze is \$7 per person and includes a hayride and admission to Maybury Farm, 50165 Eight Mile, Northville. Children, 2 and under, free. All proceeds are used to buy food for the farm animals during the winter. 248-374-0200.

» Meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past at Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery during the Plymouth Historical Museum's Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery



One of many vehicles decorated for "trunk or treat" at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township.

Walk, Saturday, Oct. 25. Hear the tales of Plymouth's ghosts during walks that begin at 4 p.m., departing every 15 minutes from near the mausoleum in Riverside Cemetery, located south of Plymouth Road, west of Haggerty, in Plymouth. The last three tour times, 7:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m. are sold out. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance at plymouthhistory.org or from the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. Tickets are \$15 at the cemetery. 734-455-8940

» Wayne County Parks offers a Halloween Forest Fun hike, Friday, Oct. 17, and a Halloween Festival, Saturday, Oct. 18, in Westland. The hour-long Friday night hike begins every half hour from 6-7:30 p.m. on the Nankin Mills grounds, located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$6 per child, \$2 for adults for Wayne County residents. Nonresidents pay \$1 more. Children may wear costumes for the not-so-scary event. Participants must pre-

register at 734-261-1990. The Halloween Festival is set from 1-3 p.m. in the Hines Park-Nankin Mills picnic area. Children dressed in costumes are welcome. Includes hayrides, inflatables, a costume parade, games, trick or treating, and entertainment.

» The Tri-County Celiac Support Group offers Halloween "trunk or treat" for gluten-free candy, 7-7:30 p.m. Oct. 17, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Games, cider and gluten-free doughnuts will be served from 7:30-9 p.m. inside the church. A costume contest is set for 8:30 p.m. Admission is free for members, \$10 per family for nonmembers. To register children for the event, email Laura Budweg at bellabraun@ameritech.net.

» Hear ghost stories 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Cady-Boyer Barn at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton. Tickets are \$10 per family and \$4 for an individual. Event is for age 8 and over. Cider and doughnuts will be served. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society. Buy tickets at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, or during the Canton Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 19.

» Youngsters can "trunk or treat" from 2-5 p.m. Oct. 18 on the campus of the Methodist Children's Home Society, 26645 W. Six Mile, Redford and from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Redford event will include trick or treating, hayrides, a petting farm, face painting, cider and doughnuts. Children and adults are welcome to come in costume for the Livonia event, where children will trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk in the church parking lot.

» Michigan Philharmonic celebrates Halloween with scary classics and pops, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 at Steppingstone School, 30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. "Twilight of a Dark Knight," will include such works as Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, *Bella's Lullaby* from *Twilight*, *Danse Macabre* and more. Tickets are \$30 general admission; \$25 for seniors, 62 and over, with ID; \$10 for students with ID

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: 1-696 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.
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS 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

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



Dynamic Resonance Brass Quintet performs Oct. 19 at First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills.

SUBMITTED

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19
Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: *The Giver*, admission \$3
SHOCK-tober Series: *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. 17 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: *Phantom of the Opera*; \$5
Contact: 313-898-1481

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, through 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 BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18; sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Ten open mic performances and a featured artist, Judy Inasley & Almost Perfect, with vocals, guitar, banjo and mandolin & upright bass. \$5 at the door
Contact: sctluddwig@aol.com or 734-453-0869

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FARMINGTON

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19
Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: The Dynamic Resonance Brass Quintet performs; a donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per family is suggested
Contact: 248-474-6170, Ext. 208, for additional information

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

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25
Location: Steppingstone School, 30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills
Details: "Twilight of a Dark Knight," a Halloween pops concert, will include such works as *Star Wars Cantina Band* song, Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, *Bella's Lullaby* from *Twilight*, *Danse Macabre* and more. The orchestra and conductor will be in costume. The audience also is encouraged to wear costume. Tickets are \$30 general admission; \$25 for seniors, 62 and over, with ID; \$10 for students with ID
Contact: michiganphil.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Gavin Mee, Oct. 16, Jason Harrod with Brad Cole, Oct. 17; Michael on Fire, Oct. 18. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.
Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information



FUSS-FREE FESTIVE APPETIZERS

Whether you're planning a gathering with loved ones, or friends and family drop by for some impromptu celebrating, having a ready supply of snacks and finger foods will let you spend more time enjoying your guests and less time fussing in the kitchen.

One simple way to ensure you have plenty of crowd-pleasing appetizers on hand is to stock up on versatile basics that you can serve in a variety of ways.

» Pickles and olives — Few appetizers are as easy to prepare as a simple relish tray. Use a divided serving platter and mix and match flavors for a snack that is as pleasing to the eye as it is the palate. The same ingredients can help transform a ho-hum sandwich into something special.

» Hummus — Set out a dish of hummus and pita wedges or crackers for an instant treat. Or use hummus in simple rec-

ipes for quick, tasty finger foods.

» Cheese — Keep a selection of cheeses on hand, including chunks, shreds and cream cheese in a variety of flavors that can be served alone, as part of a finger food tray or in countless cold and warm appetizer recipes.

» Salsa — Served simply with chips or crackers, or blended with cheeses or other ingredients for a more elaborate dish, salsa is a staple for entertaining. Sabra salsas are available in a range of flavors, each with a crisp, chunky flavor that works well alone or as an ingredient.

Beyond a well-stocked refrigerator, you need a few go-to recipes that will earn rave reviews and can be prepared quickly for those drop-in guests. These recipes are served savory and take just minutes to make.

Find more easy appetizers for your holiday entertaining at www.sabra.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

HUMMUS PINWHEELS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 10 minutes
Servings: 2 wraps

1 cup Sabra Hummus, any flavor
3 large soft tortillas
½ cup thinly sliced red pepper
½ cup thinly sliced cucumber
½ cup thinly sliced cantaloupe
4 leaves lettuce

Spread thin layer of hummus on both tortillas. Divide remaining ingredients between tortillas. Roll tightly and secure with toothpicks. Slice into pinwheels and serve.



HUMMUS CROSTINI APPETIZER

Serves: 6-8

1 french baguette
1-2 7-ounce tubs hummus
1 cup olives, chopped or sliced (Kalamata and green olives make a tasty combination)
¾ cup Feta cheese
Extra virgin olive oil
Sea salt and black pepper

Preheat your oven to 350F. Slice your french baguette on a slight diagonal angle. Brush the tops with olive oil and place on a large cookie sheet. Sprinkle each slice with a little coarse sea salt and freshly ground pepper. Place baking sheet in the oven and bake for 12-15 minutes, carefully watching your crostinis around minute 12, since oven temperatures vary. Remove from oven when golden brown and let them cool. Spread hummus on each crostini, garnish with Feta and olives, drizzle with olive oil.



HUMMUS OASIS RECIPE

Serves: 4

½ cup Sabra Supremely Spicy Hummus, divided
½ cup lump crab meat, divided
¼ cup Sabra Spicy Guacamole, divided
½ cup microgreens
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons olive oil
Pinch of salt
½ cup Bloody Mary mix or spicy tomato juice
4 shots vodka, very chilled (optional)
Special equipment: 4 Martini glasses

Place 2 tablespoons of hummus in the bottom of each martini glass. Top with 2 tablespoons of lump crab meat. Place guacamole on top of crab. Toss microgreens, lemon juice and olive oil together. Place on top of guacamole. Pour Bloody Mary mix around salad, creating a moat. Pour float of optional vodka over Bloody Mary mix. Serve immediately.



RAVIOLI AND RED PEPPER COULIS

Recipe provided by Colombe Jacobsen
Servings: 4 (3-piece) appetizer portions

Ravioli:

12 wonton wrappers
4 tablespoons Sabra Hummus
¼ cup water
2 tablespoons olive oil
Zaatar spice and sea salt to taste

Red pepper coulis:

4 medium red bell peppers
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon balsamic or red wine vinegar
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

To make ravioli, place wontons on large baking sheet with parchment paper and drop 1 teaspoon of hummus in center of each square.

Fill bowl with water. Wet finger with water and trace half the edge of wonton square. Fold in half and seal, pressing both sides firmly together.

In nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, warm olive oil. Saute raviolis on both sides until crisp. Cool on drying rack. Sprinkle Zaatar spice and sea salt on both sides.

To make red pepper coulis, roast whole peppers over an open flame or under broiler, turning occasionally, until blackened all over.

Transfer to bowl and let cool. Peel and discard skins, seeds and cores. Chop and add to food processor along with olive oil and vinegar. Puree and season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside. Serve as dip for ravioli.

INDIAN STYLE POTATO SKINS

Yield: 8 skins (depending on size of potatoes)

4 small to medium-sized russet potatoes, scrubbed clean and thoroughly dried
4 Tablespoons coconut oil, melted
1 Tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

1 cup chopped cauliflower bits — on the smaller side
1 teaspoon Garam Masala
1 teaspoon curry
¼ cup frozen peas
1 cup Sabra Jalapeno Hummus, warmed

Kosher salt/pepper to taste
Finely chopped chives for garnish

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with tin foil; pierce each potato several times with a fork or sharp knife and brush with some of the coconut oil to lightly coat each potato; bake for 45-50 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack until cool about 10 minutes or until cool enough to handle.

In the meantime, heat olive oil in a cast-iron skillet over medium heat; add cauliflower pieces and saute until pieces are light brown and some have crispy edges, about 5 minutes.

Add Garam Masala and curry, toss to coat cauliflower and heat the spices; add frozen peas, stir to blend and cook for about 2 minutes; remove from heat and cover. Warm hummus.

Slice each potato in half lengthwise and using a small spoon, scoop out the flesh leaving a ½-inch rim of potato; reserve the flesh for another use.

Brush the insides of the skins with coconut oil, season with salt and pepper; flip over and brush outside skin again with a bit more coconut oil.

Place the halves, skin-side up on the baking sheet and broil until the skins start to crisp, 2 to 3 minutes; flip and broil another 2-3 minutes.

Divide warm hummus evenly among each skin; add cauliflower/pea mixture and place under broiler for about 3-4 minutes; remove and sprinkle with chives. Serve immediately.



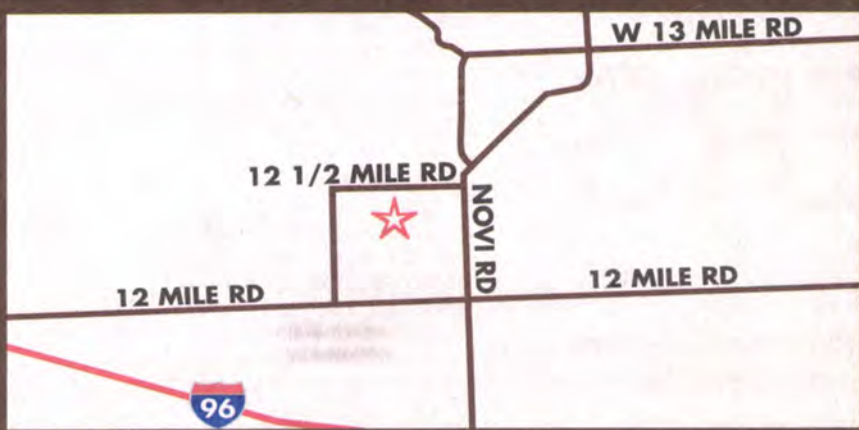


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