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Wayne City Hall to reopen Oct. 6

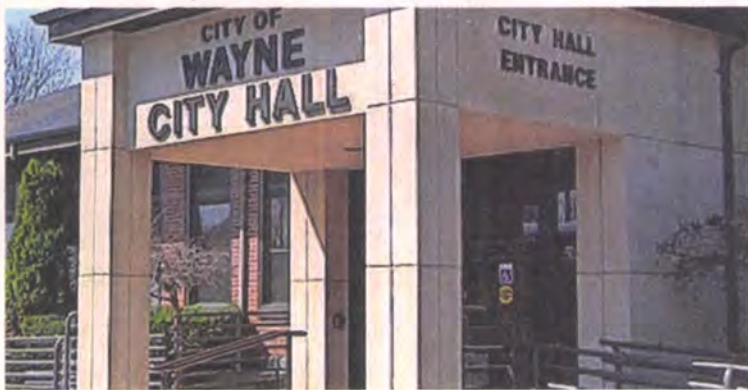
LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne City Hall will be closed for a few days as the staff moves back into their offices on Wayne Road.

"The building is about ready to go. We will be open for business 10 a.m. (Tuesday) Oct. 6," Interim City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "Most of the staff will work through the weekend, but I closed the building Monday so we can get it done right."

Since March, city hall offices were housed at the former Vandenberg Elementary School while extensive repairs to the city hall roof were completed.

"We had to be out of the school. They are scheduled to start demolishing it Oct. 14," Nocerini said. "We need to get



CITY OF WAYNE

It will be business as usual, except for council meetings, when the Wayne City Hall reopens for business on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

city hall open for business."

The exception in the move back to city hall will be city council meetings, she said. Those meetings will still be held at the Wayne Activities

and Banquet Center until some upgrades in the council chambers are completed.

"The activities and banquet center is underutilized. Some work will be done in the coun-

cil chambers while we are in the building," Nocerini said.

Those upgrades to the council chamber will include technology upgrades like replacing portable screen moved out during presentations.

"We need to update to make presentations more user-friendly. We'll upgrade some capabilities like plug-ins at the council table for iPads," said Nocerini, looking ahead to a time when the council will use that technology instead of receiving information on paper.

The upgrades will also be aimed at improving telecasts of the city council meetings. "We need to do a better job to make sure we are televising meetings without a problem on our end," Nocerini said. "We can't control what happens with the cable company."

When smoke from a motor was investigated at city hall, it was found that the steel trusses in the roof were found to be heaved and broken, creating unsafe conditions in the council chambers. Further inspection found problems with the entire roof.

City Hall was constructed in the 1940s as a recreation building. The council chamber was part of a gymnasium/roller rink. The building was remodeled in 1988.

The cost for replacing the roof is about \$350,000 and will largely be paid by the city's insurer, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

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LilyAnn Newby, 8, leans in close as Teen Librarian Jody Wolak shows how to attach the pager motor to the toothbrush head.

Kids turn toothbrushes into miniature robots

Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It's not quite what dentists imagine when they tell kids to use their toothbrushes, but a group of youngsters went beyond brushing their teeth with the help of a small motor, a battery and pipe cleaners.

Enter Bristlebots — miniature robots that zip around on vibrating toothbrush heads.

"There's a lot of great science that goes into this," said Jody Wolak, teen librarian at the William P. Faust Public Library. "There's a great amount of science and fun in these kits."

It was a light crowd for the one-hour activity, but Wolak was thrilled. It was only the second day for the library to be open in the evening after being closed at 5 p.m. weekends and all weekend during September to repair pipes.

A Bristlebot is a small robot made by combining a



SUE MASON

Sean Hartmeyer, 12, of Wayne show off his Bristlebot creature which did well in competition.

toothbrush head and a vibrating pager motor. The vibrations from the pager motor travel down the bristles and cause the brush to scoot and spin on flat surfaces. Building one teaches

basic engineering, motors, circuits and balance principles.

Each child that walked into the children's room was given a kit to make the Bristlebot. A piece of double-

sided tape helped hold the main pieces — the small motor and battery — in place. Red and blue wire connected to two pieces and a trial run was done to make sure the bristles vibrated before pipe cleaners and eyes were added to give it stability.

"The battery makes it go; you've got to make sure the red wire is attached to the battery," said Sean Hartmeyer, 12, of Wayne. "The red one is positive, the blue one negative. When you have them connected, it'll shake."

Sean tried to make his Bristlebot look like "a weird looking creature," but discovered he needed to add more weight to the back of the bot so it would go straight.

Eight-year-old LilyAnn Newby of Westland received a kit with pipe cleaners in her favorite colors, pink and purple.

"They're cool," she said,

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Exam is Thursday for man accused in Plymouth Road fire

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Wayne man accused of setting fire to a building on Plymouth Road in Livonia that injured two people will return to court Thursday morning.

Jonathan Darlington, 45, was in 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann's courtroom this past Thursday morning for a probable cause conference. Darlington is charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of first-degree arson, two counts of placing offensive substance with intent to cause physical injury, one count of arson-preparation to burn a dwelling and habitual offender fourth offense.

Given the nature of the crime, an official with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said a special unit is assigned to handle exams of these kinds. The preliminary examination is scheduled for 9 a.m. next Thursday in the Livonia courthouse.

Darlington was arrested and charged after police say he set fire to the front of a building on Plymouth Road at the intersection of Deering in the early morning hours of Sept. 19. Two individuals were inside the building at the time of the fire and both suffered non-life-threatening burns and injuries from the incident. Both were treated at an area hospital and have since been released.

The building where the fire took place is owned, though is not regularly used. Fire officials closed part of Plymouth Road during the blaze and were able to contain it in about 10 minutes.

If convicted, Darlington faces up to life in prison. Wayne County Circuit Court online records indicate Darlington was charged and found guilty in several other criminal cases in 1992 and 2001. Those charges included breaking-and-entering, possession of burglar's tools, receiving and concealing stolen property and unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle.



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showing off her creation. She was there with her twin brother William who was more engrossed in playing Minecraft on an iPad, and caregiver Loraine Stanton of Plymouth.

"We come to the Westland library a lot," Stanton said. "The Faust Library has the most amazing programs for kids. I'm glad they're open later again. I bring the kids here so they can do their homework and then they get to play games."

Joining in the program was Megan Coscia of Westland and daughters Giana, 4, and Ruby, 2.

"We needed some new books and decided to stop in when we heard the announcement," Coscia said.

When kids were finished making their bots, they were able to test their creations in the Bristlebot arena.

"No one really won, but mine did pretty good," Sean said.

Wolak found the kits on the Brown Dog Gadgets website. It's the same place she ordered the solar-powered bugs kids made last summer.



Megan Coscia works with daughters Ruby, 2, and Giana, 4, in making their miniature robots.



Kiara Moorehead, 11, of Inkster attaches the small pager motor to her toothbrush head.

The next science-based program comes Tuesday, Oct. 20, when kids will create art that lights up by using conductive paints.

"These things get a lot

of people interested," Wolak said. "We try to create a variety of programs to attract kids and teens. All the programs are free and we try to make them fun and edu-

cational."

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- » Writing Workshop for tweens, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7 – Explore different genres, play writing games and write. Bring your writing journal. Light refreshments will be provided.
- » SAT Practice Test for teens, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 – Experience the SAT before you take it for real. One lucky test taker will also win a full test prep course from Kaplan. Register in advance.
- » Mini pumpkin decorating for grades 5 and up, 6-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12 – Design and decorate a pumpkin with paints, feathers sequins and more. No registration necessary.
- » Meet Johnny Appleseed for ages 4-8, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 – Johnny Appleseed is coming to the library. Is he man or myth? Listen to a story, make a craft and learn about how apples grown. Enjoy some apple refreshments. Registration required.
- » Electric art for grades 5 and up, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 – use conductive paint (paint that conducts electricity) to make

art projects that light up.

- » Murder Mystery Night (for teens ages 12-18), 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 – It's the 1980s and the guests at a totally tubular party are grossed to the max when somebody is murdered. Come dressed in a 1980s outfit (if possible) and prepare to solve the mystery.
 - » SAT Tips and Tricks for teens, 3-4:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 24 – Learn more about the SAT, how it differs from the ACT and how to get your best score possible in a seminar presented by Kaplan. Those who took the test at the Oct. 10 program will get their scores and feedback.
 - » Halloween Costume Contest 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 – Drop my meeting room B on Halloween and have your picture taken. It'll be posted on the library's Facebook page. The picture that gets the most likes by 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, will win. The contest is open to all ages and the winner will be contacted on Monday, Nov. 8.
 - » Veterans Day Craft – Stop by the Youth Desk anytime during October to make a card for a veteran. Cards will be donated to local veterans. All materials will be provided.
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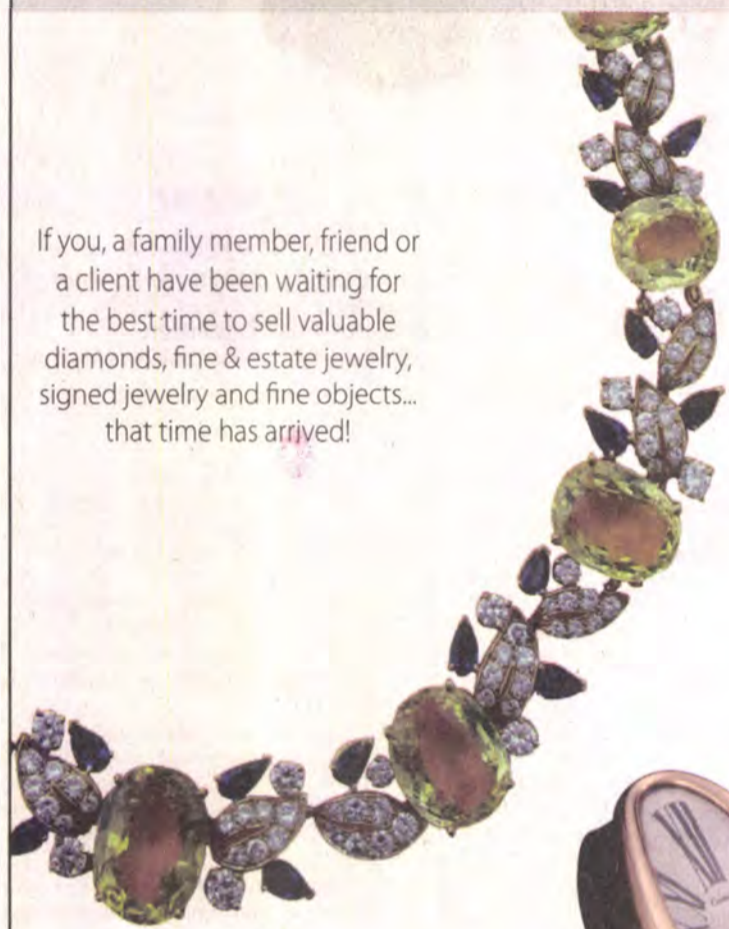
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Schoolcraft officials talk tax at informational meetings

Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Glenn Cerny has a message for voters in Garden City: Students get the best bang for their buck at Schoolcraft College, but if that is to continue the college needs approval of a .6 mill tax request in the November general election.

"It's not a significant set of dollars, but it's significant dollars for the college," said Cerny, the college's vice-president and chief financial officer. "Usually a college asks for 1 mill. We looked at what we need and the significant issue we will have without it."

Cerny was in Garden City last week to do a presentation on the millage request - .6 mill for 10 years - the first tax hike the college has asked for since 1986. It will help replace millions of dollars in lost revenue lost due to the economic downturn and the massive drop in property values that started in 2008 and less funding from the state of Michigan.

According to Cerny, since



SUE MASON
Vice-president and chief financial officer Glenn Cerny has been doing informational meetings about Schoolcraft College's millage request.

2008, the college lost more than \$29 million in property tax revenue, roughly \$6-\$7 million per year. State funding dropped from 26 percent in 2002 to 15 percent in 2014.

"In 1980, 35 percent of our funding came from the state,

it's now at 15 percent and it's projected to remain stagnant or significantly decline," said Cerny.

Addressing problem

The college has been proactive in addressing the issue by cutting \$5 million out of its budget through such things as two employee buyouts, a reduction in administrative positions and a four-year wage freeze. But it estimates that the revenue problem will continue for another five years under the current tax structure.

The Schoolcraft College District includes five K-12 districts - Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth-Canton, Northville and Clarenceville - and includes portions of Westland and Redford Township within its boundaries. It has the lowest population at 279,960 residents and the lowest property tax revenue when compared to Oakland Community College with 1.2 million residents and \$75.7 million in property tax revenue. But its graduation

rate of 61 percent is far more than OCC's 44 percent.

"We're doing what we're supposed to do, getting these kids through to graduation," said Cerny. "Schoolcraft College is fifth in the state in graduation rate. Sixty-one percent is extremely high, but we don't want to stay at 61 percent. The college president has made a goal to move that to 70 percent in the next five years."

The millage request, which Cerny called "precise," would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$30 per year or \$2.50 per month and generate \$8 million in property taxes. It would help the college continue to offer a topnotch education at a lower cost than other community colleges; extend opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and vocational education to so students can be competitive in the workplace, and avoid tuition increases, allowing students to leave school with little or no debt.

Add partnerships

Cerny added that the tax increase will allow Schoolcraft to continue to develop more university and K-12 partnerships and allow it to remain relevant and a leader in higher education. It also will continue to impact the local economy.

"Eighty-five percent of our students graduate and stay in Michigan. Local businesses have accessed \$1.5 billion in government contracts through our Business Development Center," Cerny said. "We are an economic driver, the annual net contribution to the regional income is \$511.4 million. For every dollar spent, our communities see \$2.80 return."

The college will continue to stage informational meetings about the tax request throughout the district, but residents can get more information about it online at www.schoolcraft.edu/millage2015.

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ASK YOUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Helping your children at home, in school

Sharon Dusney
Guest Columnist

Q: My child is struggling in school and spending hours doing homework. How much is too much homework? How do I get my child to do his homework without a battle?

A: Teachers have been assigning homework since the pioneer days of one-room school houses. The purpose of homework is to give children practice with material they learned that day and to promote moving what was learned into their long-term memory.

It is generally agreed that the younger the child, the less time the child is expected to devote to homework. A general rule of thumb is that children

should do 10 minutes of homework for each grade level. For example, a first-grader would do 10 minutes, a fourth-grader 40 minutes, and a ninth-grader would do about 1½ hours per night. This is in addition to leisure reading, which is also encouraged on a daily basis.

If your child is spending more time that that on homework, you should have a conversation with his or her teacher to get a better picture of what is expected and find out if your child is also struggling within the classroom setting. This is an important first step.

Struggling students have access to a variety of resources to give them the supports they need to be successful in school. All Garden City

Schools have a committee called the HELP Team. The HELP Team meets to discuss struggling learners and develop strategies and need for services to support them and remediate skill deficits. Your child's teacher can set up such a meeting.

You along with the teacher, special education and general education teachers, school psychologists, social workers and speech pathologists will meet and develop an individual plan to meet your child's needs. The plan could involve a range of programs and services from classroom interventions, Title 1 and/or At Risk Services, or even a special education evaluation to investigate possible learning disabilities.

The next step is to work on strategies to make homework go more smoothly for you and your child. It is important that you find a location within your home away from distractions, such as the television or siblings, where homework will be done.

Make sure you have all the materials and supplies needed for your child to complete the task. You may wish to consider creating a box or tub with standard supplies, especially if the kitchen table is the location. This allows the child to stay organized, reduces hunting for materials and provides for easy cleanup when you have to get dinner ready.

Establish a routine and stick to it. That means doing home-

work the same time every day. Allow your child to decide which assignments to do first. Allow for breaks. Use an if-then system. If you work hard for 15 minutes, then you can take a five-minute break to do X (child's preferred activity).

Many children are not motivated by the high grade they receive by doing quality homework or by grades in general. If this is the case, you can build in incentives or behavior contracts for completing work. School staff can help you build a plan or contract that is reasonable with rewards that don't involve high finance.

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Madonna online learning program helps rebuild Haiti, one leader at a time

Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

Metro Detroiters live just a short drive from many accredited universities offering a wide range of degrees. And despite complaints about Detroit roads, at least they're passable.

In the Caribbean country of Haiti, which was struck by a massive earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010, there are few universities and none with U.S.-comparable accreditations. Haiti also has many impassable roads, problems with electricity, climate challenges, widespread poverty and political challenges standing in the way of students seeking degrees.

Enter Madonna University's Haiti Education Leadership Program, or HELP — a three-year online bachelor's administration program with a community leadership certificate for Haiti citizens. Founded in 2011 by Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, the former president of Madonna University who retired earlier this year, the program boasts two graduating classes of about 25 Haitian graduates each, plus about 15 or more students are expected to graduate this May.

The program ties into the Felician Sisters of North America's mission of providing assistance in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, with the aim of creating Haitian leaders who will ultimately improve their country. "It sounds cliché, but you help one person at a time," said Donald Conrad, associate professor of Business Law & Economics at Madonna, who helped found the program.

HELP is open to English-speaking Haitians who have Internet access and who are high achievers, Conrad explained. The candidates apply and are screened by a Madonna University liaison, and are then interviewed in Haiti by Conrad and other HELP committee members. Some 50 people may come from all over Haiti to Port-au-Prince, the nation's capital, where interviews take place. It can be a challenge in itself just to travel across the country, Conrad noted.

Merging two cultures

Haiti couldn't be more different from the United States. The climate is hot, there's widespread poverty and corruption in government, electricity is not reliable and the roads are narrow and sometimes impassable. The average annual wage is \$300 to \$600, said Paul DeNapoli, Madonna's director of Fire Science, Emergency Management and Occupational Safety & Environmental Health. DeNapoli a retired Livonia firefighter, attended Livonia Franklin High School with Conrad and now works with him on Madonna's HELP committee.

"The poverty is oppressive, the heat is oppressive, everything's oppressive," Conrad said. "But the people are as friendly and as positive as can be. Nobody complains."

"The challenges to these students are extremely high," said Conrad, explaining that students have family crises and work commitments that sometimes get in the way of their school work.

The upshot of these challenges is that many Haitians have a hard time fitting into structured, deadline-driven American academics. Many of them lose contact with professors while dealing with medical issues or family problems, and it can be difficult to keep them on track to graduate, DeNapoli said.



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The future of HELP

The HELP program is now in its fifth year, and Madonna University is committed to continuing it. Many organizations go to Haiti, provide some assistance and leave, said DeNapoli, but Madonna wants to build a sustainable program.

Madonna is looking for benefactors to assist with tuition costs — students are asked to pay about \$200 per semester, but that's nowhere near the cost of administering the program — as well as program alumni to donate their time and talents. The goal is to form an alumni association Madonna can tap for program recruiting and possibly financial sponsorship, so that the university can break even on administration costs.

"The goal would be that the program would

take off on its own," DeNapoli said. There may even come a time when alumni can teach some of the courses, he said.

Madonna also has its eye on hospitality and tourism in Haiti — a budding industry for the Caribbean nation as it rebuilds after the earthquake. The university would like to begin a hospitality and tourism degree program, and has had discussions with the Port-au-Prince Marriott Hotel about a partnership.

In the meantime, Conrad and DeNapoli continue to travel to Haiti a couple times a year to interview candidates and look into opportunities for expanding the program. They also look forward to May, when the Haitian students travel to the United States for graduation.

Conrad enjoys getting

the group together for a barbecue at his house, but as the program continues and graduating classes become larger, he may need to find another venue, he said. Either way, he enjoys getting the students together, hearing their stories and wondering what they'll do next.

Community leadership

Because the HELP program is designed to foster Haitian leaders who will build a stronger nation, the students' final community leadership course includes a community service internship.

Haitian students have chosen everything from working on chicken farms to teaching kids how to play basketball to working on gender equality and human rights. Most students report that the experience made them want to do more community service and to encourage more of it among fellow students.

"It was an opportunity for us to see how we can help our country moving forward, and we will encourage other people to start doing community service," one student said in a report.

"Regardless of their field of studies, I believe all students at the university should perform a service learning project," said another. "It is a culture that I want to teach as well in my community, as schools in Haiti do not really encourage community work."

Conrad is impressed with the students' resilience in the face of challenges and foresees them changing Haiti for the better. "I always say that I wouldn't be surprised if a (HELP) graduate is president of Haiti one day," he said.

Angela Hospice marks 30th anniversary

This October marks 30 years since Angela Hospice first began providing care to terminally ill individuals. What began through the determination and vision of one nurse is now a well-respected fixture in the community, serving more than 1,700 patients a year in addition to providing grief support to thousands more.

Angela Hospice will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 7, and is inviting the community to join them for an open house luncheon to commemorate its years of service in southeast Michigan.

"This is a special day for us to honor all of the people who have had a hand in making Angela Hospice what it is today," said Angela Hospice President and CEO Margot Parr, who em-

phasized the important role community support has played in the non-profit organization's history.

Parr noted there would also be a brief presentation highlighting the contributions of the Felician Sisters to Angela Hospice.

"We will recognize not only the continuous support of the Felician Sisters of North America, but that of our foundress, Sister Mary Giovanni, who started the organization in a one-room office back in 1985," Parr said.

The celebration will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 7, at the Angela Hospice Care Center at 14100 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Lunch will be served. RSVP with number attending is requested to Hbalmforth@angelahospice.us or 734-953-6049.



The staff at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Federal Judge Patrick Duggan retires

Among his last acts as a federal judge, U.S. District Judge Patrick J. Duggan administered the lawyer's oath of commitment at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law's 103rd annual Red Mass on Tuesday, one day before he is set to retire from a job he's held for nearly four decades. The judge's family, including son, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan,

attended the event at Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church. Renewal of the oath is a voluntary means of reaffirming the pledge made at the onset of a lawyer's career. Duggan earned his law degree from UDM in 1958.



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Redford Union Schools Custodial Services Contract Maintenance/Grounds Services Contract Request for Proposal

Redford Union Schools is accepting bid proposals for Custodial, Maintenance/Grounds Services Operations. Proposals must be delivered to Redford Union Schools, Board of Education Administrative Offices, Attention: Greg R. McIntyre at 17715 Brady, Redford, MI 48240 by 2:00 p.m. on Friday October 23, 2015 EST at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. **Bids must be sealed and clearly labeled "RFP CUSTODIAL, MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS SERVICES CONTRACT"**. No telephone, e-mail, facsimile, or verbal quotations will be accepted. Redford Union Schools is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, illegible or postage-due mail. The Owner reserves the right to waive bid irregularities and to reject any or all bids. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, October 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at 17715 Brady, Redford, MI 48240. The meeting will include a guided tour of the facilities. RFP specifications may be obtained by contacting Terry Arriola at arriolt@redfordu.k12.mi.us
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING October 12, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm.** regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE # _____**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND § 154.142 CHILD CARE CENTERS OF CHAPTER 154 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on September 10, 2015 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend Section 154.142, Child Care Centers; and

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

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

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That § 154.142 Child Care Centers, of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended as follows:

(D) **Setbacks.** Child Care Centers located in or adjacent to a residential zoning district shall provide a minimum side yard setback of 25 feet for all side yards. The Planning Commission, after review and consideration of the site layout and adjacent land uses, may permit a side yard setback of less than 25 feet for Child Care Centers located in a non-residential district.

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

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

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

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Lennon Sisters open Livonia Town Hall series Oct. 14

The Lennon Sisters, a legendary vocal group known as "America's Sweethearts of Song," will be featured at the Livonia Town Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Glamorous, sophisticated and yet down to earth, the Lennon Sisters captivated the nation with their sweetheart harmonies by appearing on the Lawrence Welk Show for 13 years, by being merchandised as paper dolls, story books, coloring books and TV trays, by singing for seven United States presidents, by performing on many

television variety shows, and eventually earning their own television show on ABC network *Jimmy Durante Presents The Lennon Sisters Hour*.

Despite all the attention and praise that they received they remained unaffected and continued to maintain their family's principles of integrity.

Diane and Peggy retired from the show so the sisters now performing are Mimi, Kathy and Janet.

This program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriman Road,

Livonia. Tickets are available for the Lecture and Lunch Series and can be purchased at \$150 or you may purchase the Lecture and Lunch series with priority seating for \$180 by calling 734-420-0383.

Other speakers for the 2015-16 Livonia Town Hall season are Robert Wittman, an FBI special agent, Nov. 18; Jan McInnis, an established comedy writer and comedienne, Jan. 20; and Robert John Scanlon, the assistant chief florist at the White House, March 16.



The Lennon sisters now performing are Mimi, Kathy and Janet. They will be in Livonia Oct. 14.

Hush opens for 3rd season of haunting

Following another award-winning season, Westland's Hush Haunted Attraction is back for a hell-raising run, with even more special events.

The team at Hush has partnered with Paramount Pictures to host weekly film screenings. It also will bring Channel 955 out twice, including a live broadcast on Devil's Night. And Hush is working with the Westland Jaycees on hosting a free, friendly monster trick-or-treat event.



Hush Haunted Attraction in Westland is open weekends for a third season.

Hush Haunted Attraction started in 2013 when founders Cody Bailey and Scott Gunaca, both of Canton, fulfilled a lifelong dream and journey of launching a professional full-scale haunted attraction. Hush Haunted Attraction has since gone from 3,000 square feet and 25 actors to more than 10,000 square feet with 40-50 live actors.

Hush Haunted Attraction has consistently been ranked in the top tier of Haunted Houses in Michigan since its first season, earning a Top 5 ranking on Channel Four's "Four the Best," named "Haunt of the Year" and awarded "Best Cast" by independent reviewer Horrorlust. It was recently called one of Michigan's Top 9 Haunted Attractions.

"Our goal is to offer a high-end, high-quality attraction at an affordable price in the Metro-Detroit area," CEO Cody Bailey said. "Everyone deserves the opportunity to experience that type of attraction within a reasonable distance

and price."

Hush partnered in late summer with Focus Features for a special outdoor screening to promote the upcoming release of *Sinister 2*. Now they've expanded their partnerships to work with Paramount Pictures and host weekly screenings — every Friday and Saturday night — to promote the upcoming release of *Paranormal Activity* and *Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse*.

Hush has also partnered with the Westland Jaycees to put on a "Friendly Monster" event from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 25. The attraction will be open with the lights on, for a trick-or-treat walk-through.

Hush Haunted Attraction is at 34043 Ford Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. General admission is \$17 and \$27 for a VIP Skip the Line Pass.

The box office opens at 8 p.m. Hush is open Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11, 16-18 and 23-25, and Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 29-Nov. 1.

For more information, visit www.hush-detroit.com or call 734-502-6026.

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

GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS
Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, Dec. 6 and 13.
Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.
Details: All tours start at the Gift Shop, the building closest to the stop sign, about in the middle of the park. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students.
Contact: 248-477-7375.

USED BOOK SALE
Time/date: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.
Location: Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library is having a used book sale featuring romances, mysteries, biographies and much more. A bag of books can be purchased for \$5.
Contact: 734-466-2495.

2015 COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION
Time/date: 4:30-10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.
Location: Italian American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile Road.
Details: The Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation presents its 38th annual Columbus Day Celebration. Full-course dinner and entertainment with live music by Eclipse and presentation of 2015 Columbus Queens. Public invited. Cost is \$55 per ticket. Cocktail attire.
Contact: Anna Skowronski at 734-437-9067.

SEEDLINGS OPEN HOUSE
Time/date: 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7.
Location: Seedlings Braille Books for Children, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia.
Details: Meet the staff and volunteers. See how braille books were made in 1984 and how much faster it is now. Rolling tours will take you through the process of transcribing, printing and binding the braille books. You will also see how this nonprofit organization helps blind children around the world.
Contact: info@seedlings.org; 734-427-8552.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE
Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. first three Tuesdays September through May.
Location: St. Mary Mercy, North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: Substance abuse — what you need to know and what you can do — is the topic of a free educational series for teens, parents, grandparents, teachers and health care professionals.
Contact: 734-338-9580; kbonan-no@livoniasaveouryouth.org.

CRAFT SHOW
Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.
Details: There will be free admission to the St. Theodore of Canterbury Confraternity of Christian Women craft show. Seventy-two crafters will be featured along with baked goods, food and beverages. There also will be an hourly 50/50 raffle and a big raffle with prizes like restaurant gift cards,

wine basket, cookware set, luggage and more. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

FARMERS MARKET
Time/date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 10.
Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia.
Details: Locally grown produce, honey, home-baked items and American-made crafts.
Contact: wilsonbarn.com.

FARMERS MARKET
Time/date: 3-7 p.m. each Thursday, through Oct. 8.
Location: 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford in Central City Park, Westland.
Details: A variety of food, craft vendors, special events and music is featured at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market. EBT accepted.
Contact: 734-326-7222; westlandchamber@gmail.com.

FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE
Time/date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.
Location: Livonia Fire Station No. 3, Seven Mile and Wayne, Livonia.
Details: Events include fire hose practice for the kids, vehicle extrication demonstrations, firefighter dress-up for the kids, cooking and fire demonstrations.
Contact: 734-466-2444.

MOM2MOM SALE
Time/date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.
Location: St. Valentine School, 25875 Hope St., Redford.
Details: Bake sale and refreshments. Entrance fee is \$1, \$2 for early bird. For table rental and contract, visit stvalentineschool.com.
Contact: Renee Williams at 313-931-2549 or renee3471@aatt.net; Jessica Wimmer at 734-223-3390 or jessicawimmer@hotmail.com.

GANDHI'S GIFT
Time/date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13.
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.
Details: Previews of the new film *Gandhi's Gift* will be shown and discussed at the Citizens for Peace meeting. Producer-Writer Cynthia Lukas will answer questions, and speak about the inspiring four-year filmmaking journey she and Co-Producer-Director Kell Kearns have traveled in creating *Gandhi's Gift*. She will highlight what it was like walking in the Mahatma's footsteps in India, South Africa and London, at all of the important sites in Gandhi's life.
Contact: 734-425-0079; www.citizens4peace.com.

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.
Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites those who are widowed for dinner, games and friendship. Starts with social at 5 p.m., then dinner at 6 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 11. Cost is \$15 cash payable at the door. Walk-ins and late comers cannot be accommodated.
Contact: Cookie at 248-367-2183 or Chet at 734-459-4316.

ST. GENEVIEVE RUMMAGE SALE
Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17.
Location: St. Genevieve School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia.
Details: Bag yourself bargains at the 21st annual Parent School Association Rummage Sale. Bag Sale at 1 p.m. Saturday.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GOODFELLOWS FUNDRAISER
Time/date: 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 17.
Location: George Murphy's, 36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: George Murphy's restaurant will donate 20 percent of guest checks to the Livonia Goodfellows' "No Child without a Christmas" program. No flier is necessary; just tell the server you want to donate to the Goodfellows. Watch the MSU vs. U-M football game while helping provide needy Livonia families with clothing and other necessities.
Contact: 248-473-1300; georgemurphys.com.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR
Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.
Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia.
Details: Hosted by the Women's Guild, this Holiday Bazaar will feature crafters' tables with new handmade craft items. Home-made baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. All profits donated to local charities.
Contact: 734-464-0476.

LIVE AUCTION
Time/date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.
Location: Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia.
Details: The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is having a live auction as a fundraiser. Preview of items begins at 11 a.m.; the auction starts at 11:30 a.m. Items include holiday gifts, event tickets, guided tours, homemade goods and much more. Light refreshments will be served.
Contact: Lena Packer, LWV fundraising chairperson, 248-536-2583.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIM SHOW
Time/date: 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.
Location: Schoolcraft College Physical Education Building Pool, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.
Details: Synchronized Swim Show by the Michigan Synchrono-Masters. "Swimming in the Fast Lane" includes team, combo, trio, duet and solo routines. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Children 12 and under are free.
Contact: 734-522-7749.

TRUNK OR TREAT
Time/date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.
Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.
Details: Mt. Hope Church's 8th annual Trunk or Treat for costumed kids and their parents features food, candy and a bounce house. Everything is provided free as a service to the community.
Contact: mthope.com

FINE ARTS EXHIBITION
Time/date: Through Oct. 18.
Location: Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard Road, Livonia.
Details: Juried exhibition of work by members of the Visual Arts Association of Livonia features art works in watercolor, acrylic, pastel and mixed media. The exhibit may be seen from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
Contact: 734-838-1204.

SCRAP BOOKING CLASS
Time/date: 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 21.
Location: Clarenceville United

Methodist Church, 20300 Middle Belt Road, Livonia.
Details: Beginning and expert scrap bookers alike are invited to a six-week Scrap Booking Class. Cost is \$3 a night. Bring six photos you want to scrap book. They can be from a birthday, vacation, wedding, prom or of your children, grandparents, your childhood, etc. In addition, the children's choir will be practicing at 6:30 p.m. and children and youth classes for age 4 through 12th grade meet from 7-8 p.m. Nursery care is provided for newborn through age 3.
Contact: 248-474-3444; clarencvillechurch@gmail.com.

MOM2MOM SALE
Time/date: 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24.
Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.
Details: Seventy-four tables of gently used maternity, baby and children's items. Cost is \$2 for admission by 9 a.m.; \$1for admission after 9 a.m.
Contact: m2msale@stecmops.org.

LADIES' TEA AND FASHION SHOW
Time/date: 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1.
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile Road., Livonia.
Details: Seventh Annual Ladies' Tea and Fashion Show with fashions by Christopher & Banks, and luncheon by Thomas' Catering. The theme this year is "A Holly, Jolly Christmas!" Gift basket preview opens at noon. Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased at www.shbyzantane.com or 734-522-3166.
Contact: Rev. Joseph Marquis, 734-522-3166.

DINNER DANCE
Time/date: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.
Location: Italian-American Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia.
Details: 48th annual Irish Pallottine Fathers Dinner Dance to benefit East African missions. Cocktails, dinner and dancing to the Joe McShane Band. Tickets are \$65 each.
Contact: 734-285-2966; 586-242-5013.

DAY OF REFLECTION
Time/date: 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8.
Location: Manressa Jesuit Center, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills.
Details: All widowed men and women can benefit from this Widowed Friends bereavement support seminar which will offer speakers, breakout sessions, free time, beautiful grounds, mass, dinner and an opportunity to meet new friends. Cost is \$35, payable by Oct. 18.
Contact: To RSVP and for mailing address information, call Kathy K. at 248-918-1622 ASAP.

TRAIN SHOW
Time/date: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.
Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer, Westland.
Details: The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club is sponsoring a buy and swap Railroadiana Train Show. There will be approximately 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer set up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and complimentary coffee and donuts will be available for dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free.
Contact: Bob at 734-728-1247; Norm at 734-595-8327.

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OSTEOARTHRITIS-WHERE WE STAND TODAY

I don't mean the title of this article as a pun. People with Osteoarthritis of the hip or knee can vouch that standing is difficult, painful and dangerous—a precipitous fall is possible at any time.

With the advances in medication for rheumatoid arthritis, gout, psoriatic and lupus arthritis, one would think that the momentum of change would encompass Osteoarthritis. Such is not the case. To date no research has brought a medication that can retard or repair the wear and tear damage on a joint that Osteoarthritis imposes.

There are few preventive measures one can bring to bear on Osteoarthritis. One is to avoid overweight, a second is to lead a charmed life and never experience an injury to your shoulders, wrists, hands, hips knees or ankles. The third measure is to remain sufficiently active so your muscles can bear strain and keep nimble in the face of the slips and near falls that is common experience.

No medicine to date retards the march of Osteoarthritis. Worse, the medications commonly used, on close inspection, may cause more harm than help. The ibuprofens, naproxens, diclofenacs and celecoxibs given the elderly, turn out to create risk for stroke, heart attack, bleeding ulcers and kidney failure. What physicians are left with are physical therapy, joint injection with steroids, acetaminophen and aspirin.

New concepts as to the cause of osteoarthritis such as the role of crystals and of inflammation will likely lead to therapies that can stop progression of Osteoarthritis or repair of joint damage that has already occurred. For now the public needs to remain patient.

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2806-J. Hall-36827 Joy Rd.
Req. for a 2' hgt. variance from Sec. 7.4.3(h) of Ord. 248 as a result of the construction of a detached accessory structure at the rear of the home at a hgt. of 16'; whereas Sec. 7.4.3(h) states that detached accessory structures cannot exceed 14' in hgt.; however, the hgt. of an accessory structure may exceed 14' provided that: 1) the size of the lot exceeds 1/3 of an acre (14,520 sq. ft.), 2) the accessory structure does not exceed the maximum hgt. requirement for the principal structure, and 3) approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals is first obtained for any such hgt. variance.

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Ceremony to dedicate TEARS Angel of Hope memorial

Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Parents who have lost infant children can find a place to honor and remember them in Wayne.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Michigan Chapter of The TEARS Foundation will dedicate its Angel of Hope Monument at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, Michigan. The monument, which features a centerpiece of an angel holding a baby and an Angel of Hope written by a parent and two butterfly wing-shaped side pieces engraved with the names of 65 children.

"Michigan is the 10th or 11th TEARS chapter; we're only three years old, so it's very honorable and prestigious to get this monument," said Allen "Buddy" Shuh who heads up the Michigan Chapter. "The community and people statewide have rallied around this cause."

The Angel of Hope monument will be unveiled during a 1 p.m. ceremony that will feature TEARS founder Sarah Slack who will talk about her journey through infant loss and the founding of the organization, as well as a reading of the Angel of Hope poem.

About 23 TEARS representatives from around the country also will be on hand, along with the families of the infants whose names are on the wings. Shuh's wife Shelby will read the name of each child and their parents will be called forward and given a flower to place at the memorial.

Following the ceremony, guests will be invited to an appetizer reception, provide by the funeral home. There also will be an opportunity for families to take pictures at the monument and paper and crayons will be provided to do rubbings of their child's name, Shuh said.

Wayne was chosen as the site of the monument because of its close proximity to I-275 and Michigan Avenue, making it user friendly to people coming from out of state. The memorial will be situated on the eastern most portion of funeral home's property at the point where Michigan Avenue splits off into two separate thoroughfares.

The monument was donated by Dignity Memorial which worked with the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on the project.

According to Shuh, the memorial will be visible to people eastbound on Michigan Avenue and westbound drivers will see the backdrop. It also



BUDDY SHUH
Shelby and Buddy Shuh point out the name of their daughter Bella which is inscribed on the TEARS Foundation Angel of Hope monument in Florida.

Shuh said there already is a list for next year, some because they missed the deadline. Families can have a name added for a onetime fee of \$250 or \$20 per month.

People can be a sponsor and give a gift of a name for a family. In the case of miscarriages when the gender of the child isn't known, families can identify their child as the family name, such as the Smith baby, Shuh said.

For more information about the Michigan Chapter of The TEARS Foundation, Find us on Facebook at Michigan Chapter of The TEARS Foundation and Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support Group - Tears Foundation

For more information about the Michigan Chapter of The TEARS Foundation, contact Buddy and Shelby Shuh at 734-765-7430 or MichiganWalk@thetearsfoundation.org.

will be an enhancement for downtown Wayne.

"My wife and I love doing this to remember our daughter," he said. "We can walk up there and see her name."

Shuh became involved with The TEARS Foundation in 2012 when Slack asked him to be a spokesman for the organization after seeing his tearful story about the loss of his daughter Bella during the 13th season of NBC's *The Biggest Loser*. A year later, he accepted the job of heading up the Michigan Chapter and for three years he and his wife have been working on getting the word out about the organization and fundraising to provide assistance to families.

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The premier TEARS event is the Rock and Walk in which families organize teams and fund raise. More than 200 people participated and 24 babies were remembered at this year's event, which raised \$28,000.

"We work with people

who have lost an infant and we donate \$500; that's pretty much all they need to take care of a funeral," Shuh said.

Names will be added to the monument, and a ceremony will be held each October which is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

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Kosowski to serve on House Military and Veterans Affairs panel

House Democratic Whip Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, has been appointed to the House Military and Veterans Committee.

Kosowski, now in his second term, served on the committee during his first term in the House.

"I am very excited to be back on the Military and Veterans Affairs



Kosowski

forward to working on legislation that could help veterans. We owe our

Committee," Kosowski said. "I am all for helping veterans in any way I can, and I look forward to working on legisla-

tion that could help veterans for making sure we have our freedom."

Kosowski represents the 16th District, which includes Wayne and a portion of Westland. In addition to his position as House Democratic whip, Kosowski also serves on the House Insurance Committee and the House Energy Policy Committee.

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2015 Nissan Altima

Check out 2015 Altima at Nissan of Canton

The Nissan Altima midsize sedan comes with a choice of four-cylinder or V-6 power and is available at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave. Competitors to the five-seat, front-drive Altima include the Toyota Camry, Honda Accord and Ford Fusion.

The 2015 Altima has had success as the third-best-selling midsize sedan in the U.S., in one of the most competitive classes in the car market.

Our Altima test car was a 2.5 SV with the standard 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine. Trim levels include base, S, SV and SL, the higher three of which are offered with an optional 3.5-liter V-6 that changes the trim name to 3.5. All Altimas have front-wheel drive.

Interior

Nissan has added a tilt adjustment on the SV and higher trim level, which is an improvement. The Altima's comfort was rated pretty well thanks to good headroom and a

reasonable split between front and backseat legroom. The interior volume is about average for the group, but it feels nice and airy, aided in part by our car's light color scheme.

Our SV's leather steering wheel is a quality touch worth having. The car's bright, rich-looking gauges are a high point.

Ergonomics and electronics

The Altima proved blissfully simple to operate. The 5.0-inch color display is a decent size for general purposes, though a bit small and low in the dashboard for displaying the backup camera's image. The feature becomes optional on the Altima 2.5 S and is standard on higher trims.

The same is true of a USB port, though Bluetooth streaming audio and hands-free telephone support are standard on all trim levels.

Cargo and storage

With 15.4 cubic feet of trunk volume, the Altima is in the middle of a group that ranges from 14.8 (Mazda6) to 16.3 cubic feet (Chevrolet Malibu and Hyundai Sonata). The trunk lid's hinges drop into the storage space, but the aperture between the trunk and cabin when the 60/40-split rear seats are folded is nice and tall.

Cabin storage is good, with highlights including larger door pockets than many competitors, a very deep glove compartment and a generous storage console underneath the center armrest. In addition to the front seat's two cupholders and a bottleholder in each door, backseat passengers get door bottleholders and a flip-down center armrest that looks like it could take either a large or a small drink, but not both at the same time.

Safety

In Insurance Institute for Highway Safety crash tests, the 2015 Altima

earned the top score of good in all but the small-overlap frontal test, where it earned a rating of acceptable. This result matches six competitors in the institute's classification of moderately priced midsize cars. Seven other models scored good in the small overlap.

New for 2015

The available 3.5-liter V-6 engine is more efficient thanks to less internal friction and new technology like variable timing for the exhaust valves. Beige interior color schemes now have black carpeting.

Below is a list of highlighted features and not an exhaustive list. Features are standard unless otherwise noted.

Exterior highlights

- » 16-inch steel wheels with covers; 16-, 17- or 18-inch aluminum wheels available
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- » Cloth or leather upholstery
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Garden City's O'Dwyer inducted into Irish-American Hall of Fame

Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Phil O'Dwyer, director of the Brookfield Clinic in Garden City and the mayor of Berkley, has landed a spot in the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame.

O'Dwyer was honored in the category of public service and named to the Hall of Fame in Muskegon where it was founded in 2012. Previous honorees include Henry Ford and former state Attorney General Frank Kelley.

Besides being the mayor of the City of Berkley for four years, he also has worked as director of the counseling department of Brookfield Clinic at Garden City Hospital for 30 years. It provides outpatient mental health services dealing with substance abuse and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Berkley Mayor Phil O'Dwyer, director of the Brookfield Clinic in Garden City, has landed a spot in the Irish American Hall of Fame for public service.

mental health with a staff of eight clinicians.

O'Dwyer has been a Berkley resident since 1980. He teaches at the the graduate school of Oakland University.

"I was very honored and fortunate to be inducted," O'Dwyer said.

Friend Nora Cassidy nominated O'Dwyer for

the honor.

"He is a very humanitarian-type of person," Cassidy said. "He is forever helping others very quietly and never comes out in the open to say I did this or I did that. I know from his background that he is there for everybody."

"He connects with

people, pulls them in the right direction and help them along the way," she added. "He doesn't look for a pat on the back. He is always laughing and always upbeat. He doesn't throw his education at you or his knowledge. He is humble with you at the same time that he is on a professional level. He is a giving caring person."

Cassidy based her nomination on listening to O'Dwyer give speeches, talk to people and seeing the fun side to him. O'Dwyer has "rapport with people and opens you up so that he can sit down and talk to you. He comes down to any level and up to any level," she said.

O'Dwyer was born in Holycross, County Tipperary, Ireland. In 1973, at age 24, he immigrated to the United States to attend graduate school at

the University of Notre Dame. Six years later he became an American citizen and moved to Berkley. He later earned his doctorate from Wayne State University.

With a doctorate in psychology, O'Dwyer served as chairman of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Substance Abuse Services under former state Gov. James Blanchard.

Although has lived in the U.S. for more than four decades, O'Dwyer still speaks with an Irish accent. O'Dwyer has a son who is an attorney in California. He has a brother and sister.

The Hall of Fame was started by the Muskegon Irish American Society in order to recognize Irish men and women in the state who have had an impact in public service, philanthropy, arts and entertainment, busi-

ness, religion and sports. O'Dwyer rose early to be interviewed at 5 a.m. Sept. 21 by Tipperary FM radio in Ireland. The host was interested in O'Dwyer's induction, his professional practice and political career.

The final question was about Donald Trump, a Republican candidate for U.S. president.

"You wouldn't believe it," O'Dwyer said.

The host was stunned and asked: "What is wrong with the people in America?"

"My answer to that question was that it is very early and people haven't taken the election seriously enough yet," O'Dwyer said. "People will change as we get closer to the election."

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Plawecki introduces bill for automatic voter registration

State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights is among three lawmakers who introduced bills that would make voter registration automatic when a resident receives a driver's license or a Michigan state identification card, if that person meets the necessary qualifications to vote in Michigan.

Plawecki, whose 11th District includes Garden City, Inkster and portions of Livonia, Westland and Dearborn Heights, State Reps. Derek Miller D-Warren, and John Chirkun, D-Roseville, introduced the package of bills on Wednesday.

"Our plan would make voter registration simple and secure through an existing process through the Michigan Secretary

of State (SOS)," Miller said. "Too many people don't vote because they haven't registered.

Many others find out too late that they aren't registered to vote at their current address. Our plan makes it simple and knocks down at least one barrier that keeps people from exercising their right to vote."

The bill package does not change who can vote or how a person votes. It simply registers people to vote automatically when they receive a driver's license or state ID card. If a person does not want to register to vote, they can sign a



Plawecki

form opting out.

The bill package also registers people to vote who are updating their address. Automatic registration would only apply to people who already meet voter registration qualifications.

"People need either a driver's license or a state ID, so why not use that application process to take care of voter registration," Chirkun said.

"As citizens of the great state of Michigan and the United States, voting is one of our most important tasks. Automatic voter registration for qualified residents means that more people will have the chance to exercise their constitutional right to vote."

Oregon enacted automatic voter registration earlier this year.

Ask Dr. Stewart



Dr. James Stewart offers treatment for sleep apnea and snoring at his dental sleep medicine practice in Livonia, MI. Today he looks at the possible dangers of snoring.

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Dr. Stewart: Actually, your wife might be onto something. People often don't realize that snoring isn't always benign. In fact, this may be one of the first and most noticeable symptoms of sleep apnea.

We snore when our airways become restricted during the night. Air is forced through and vibrates the relaxed soft tissues that are partially blocking the airway, creating the lovely sound we associate with snoring.

Sleep apnea happens when those soft tissues limit or completely stop the ability to breathe and get oxygen, kicking off a cycle of waking up and returning to sleep that you probably won't remember.

But you'll feel it the next day, along with daytime exhaustion, fatigue and a host of other symptoms. Eventually, you may increase your risk of high blood pressure and stroke. I would talk to a physician near you who diagnoses and treats sleep disorders. Often, the issue can be treated with something as simple as an oral appliance or possibly losing weight.

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Two-Day Stand Down event aids homeless veterans

A retired U.S. Marine Reserve gunnery sergeant, Norm Wilcox has put out the call for a few good men and women to volunteer at this month's Veterans Stand Down in Detroit.

Wilcox, president of Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down, is seeking volunteers to help with this year's two-day event for homeless veterans. It will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7-8, at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries.

Sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down and with the support of the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, the event is a one-stop program that brings in homeless veterans and provides them with a variety of services and rest and relaxation.

"Instead of going all over, we bring them to one place and help them," Wilcox said. "The motto of Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down is Giving a 'hand up' not a 'hand out.'"



More than 600 homeless veterans take advantage of the annual two-day Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down in Detroit.

The organization has been holding stand downs since 1997. It requires almost 200 volunteers.

Last year, the event helped 692 veterans who were homeless or at risk of being homeless.

According to Wilcox, the stand down provides a secure place where homeless veterans can be

with other homeless veterans to rest from the stresses of life on the streets. Like a soldier in combat, the homeless veteran must continue to "do battle." It is an opportunity to step away from the struggles, fears and anxieties of living on the streets long enough to reconnect with other people and with themselves.

At each Stand Down event, veterans are provided with a hot lunch, a bag lunch to go, haircuts, health care, dental and eye care, VA benefits counseling, information on general benefits like Social Security, Secretary of State, substance abuse and mental health counseling, picture ID services and housing assistance.

Also, the 36th District Court holds court on Wednesday, handling minor infractions in Wayne County.

Volunteers come from throughout southeast Michigan, especially western Wayne County. They're asked to choose

from a number of different volunteer opportunities and shifts. The stand down is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and volunteers are asked to be at the mission at 7 a.m. each day.

Volunteer are needed for setup 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6; 7 a.m. to noon and noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 7-8; and 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8. Volunteer positions include clothing, escorts, kitchen, security and barbers.

People can sign up to volunteer at the Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down Inc. website at www.4vets.org.

"There are plenty of people who never served who feel it's a way to serve their country by serving those who served," Wilcox said.

The Detroit Rescue Mission is at 3606 E. Forest Ave. in Detroit. For more information, call Wilcox at 248-808-0929 or visit www.4vets.org.

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Angela Hospice offers discussion group on death and dying at Livonia Civic Center Library

Have you ever wanted to talk about a funeral or a friend's passing but couldn't find anyone to listen? How about planning ahead and letting people know about your own wishes for end-of-life care?

These and other topics are encouraged at Livonia's new "Death, Dying, and Dessert" discussion group starting Monday, Oct. 12, and continuing the second Monday of each month through March 2016. The group will meet in the Michigan Room of the Civic Center Library from 7-8:30 p.m.



Merylynne Rush, RN, is a retired hospice nurse and home birth midwife.

All are welcome. Tea, coffee, and cake are provided, and there is no charge.

Across the country, similar groups have sprung up that promote open conversation about

death and dying, including the very popular "Death Café" and the less well-known "Death and Dying Dinner Parties." Church and community groups have begun offering advance directives workshops and adult education classes about planning ahead.

"These groups recognize that death, once accepted as a part of life, has become a taboo topic. They aim to change that by normalizing the conversation," said Merylynne Rush, RN, an experienced death educator, and facilitator of "Death, Dying, and Dessert." "After all, death is the

one thing everyone has in common."

The "Death, Dying, and Dessert" discussion group, hosted by Angela Hospice, is not a grief support group. Neither is it an opportunity to give or receive advice. But those who want a chance to share their story and listen openly to others are encouraged to attend.

"There is no presentation. The participants lead the conversation," Rush said.

All adults are welcome. For more information, contact Merylynne Rush at 734-395-9660 or visit www.AskForAngela.com.



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Council OKs Beaumont's \$160M expansion at Botsford

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills City Councilman Richard Lerner remembers a conversation with Paul LaCasse, the president/CEO of Botsford Health Care, in which LaCasse worried whether he could keep the hospital, then one of the last few independent hospitals in Michigan, in the city without finding a partner.

Speaking of the affiliation created last year between Botsford, Oakwood and Beaumont, Lerner said: "Well, he went out and found that merger."

Now that merger is paying off for the city. LaCasse was at the Farmington Hills City Council meeting seeking final approval of a \$160-million expansion project on the 24-acre campus that will increase beds, add a new pavilion for rooms and build a new parking structure.



FILE PHOTO

Beaumont Health got the go-ahead for a \$160-million renovation of its Farmington Hills Botsford campus.

The planned-unit-development project was approved 6-0 by the City Council Monday. Mayor

Pro tem Kenneth Massey recused himself from the discussion because he serves as chairman of the board of Botsford Hospital.

The City Council was following the recommendation of the city's Planning Commission, which recommended approval of the plan in

August. LaCasse pointed out the hospital handles some 15,000 admissions a year, sees some 65,000 patients and is a Level II trauma center.

"(The project) allows us to upgrade our physical plant, which we've needed to do for the last several years," said LaCasse, Botsford's CEO since 2005. "We can continue serving the community with the best health care possible. This is a milestone for us. It allows us to be in Farmington Hills for years to come."

Michael Thompson of HKS Architects of Northville, which is handling the project for Beaumont Health, said the project includes:

- » A renovated, five-story bed tower with 80 private beds. Thompson said they're also renovating the existing tower, turning existing bed spaces currently doubled and tripled up into private rooms. When it's all done, the hospital will still have 330 beds.

- » A new pavilion that will add nine state-of-the-art operating rooms. Other, smaller operating rooms currently in place will be turned into other spaces.

- » A new four-level parking structure with 470 spaces.

- » Other site improvements, such as enhanced energy usage and storm-water collection.

"We're going to start with the parking struc-

ture this year, before the snow flies," said Thompson, who said he hopes the project will be done by spring 2019.

According to Ed Gardiner, the city's director of planning and community development, the PUD designation benefits both parties in some ways.

For instance, Gardiner said, Beaumont got several variations to zoning issues, including variations for height and setback. The city, in turn, got concessions such as, among others, regarding buffers between the hospital and nearby residential areas.

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How to speak up if you suspect elder abuse

Q: Dear Rick: I have a friend who I socialize with who is a widow. We go out together, but we each pay our own way. Recently, I've noticed that she has become very frugal with her money. When I tried to discuss it with her, she immediately changed the subject. When I was at her house recently I noticed a number of bills of hers that were overdue. When I asked her about that she became very defensive. Other friends of ours have noticed the same thing. She has three daughters, two live out of town and one lives in the area. The one who lives locally helps in handling my friend's financial affairs. I believe there's some hanky-panky going on, but I'm not sure. Should I just ignore the situation?



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

want to get to the bottom of the problem.

However, in many situations, as unfortunate as it is, many adult children don't want to get involved. If that is the case, contact the State of Michigan Department of Health. The toll-free number to report elder abuse is 1-855-444-3911.

Unfortunately, because of all sorts of factors, including embarrassment and denial, it is a crime that goes unreported. That is why when you see something that you think is elder abuse, whether it is physical or financial, you can't just turn a blind eye.

Remember, when you report something to the state, that doesn't mean that you can prove elder abuse. It means that you have a reasonable suspicion that there is a problem.

As friends we have responsibilities for each other and sometimes in order to protect a friend we are put in uncomfortable positions. However, always remember it is better to be safe than sorry.

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

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Jordan Taylor's interest in history began when she was a young child, watching classic movies like *The Women*, *Mildred Pierce* and *Meet Me in St. Louis* with her mother.

Taylor looked beyond the plots on Turner Classic Movies to observe the period costumes the characters wore and the way they decorated their homes.

"That's still my favorite channel," she said.

Taylor, only 22 years old, is now putting her own historical ideas on display as the new director of the Canton Historical Museum, a former one-room schoolhouse built in 1884 on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill.

She's the youngest person ever to have the job, a strictly volunteer, unpaid position.

"She's pretty special. I can't really think of anyone who would bring to the job what she can," said Liz Carlson, the previous museum director who groomed Taylor for the post. "I expect she can go beyond what I did. It can't just be us old retired folks anymore. It's got to be young people just starting out in the field."

Taylor grew up in Canton and knows of its history, its settlers, what they wore and how they lived. She has a passion for history — mostly from a social perspective, rather than topics such

At 22, Westland woman is new face of Canton Historical Museum



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jordan Taylor, 22, is the new Canton Historical Museum director.

as wars — and she wants to preserve it, share it.

Taylor's first exhibit as museum director involved a display showing undergarments, vanity sets and other items Canton residents wore and used as the 1900s arrived. Next up is "Toys! Batteries Not Included," a historical perspective of toys that

runs through Nov. 21.

"She's doing a great job," said Bill Tesen, president of the Canton Historical Society. "She has the education and the background. We were looking for someone who could grow with us — and Jordan fit the bill."

Taylor, one of three daughters born to Rhonda and Jim Taylor of

Canton, graduated from Westland John Glenn High School in 2010 and earned her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with a minor in women's and gender studies. She then received a graduate certificate in cultural museum studies from Eastern Michigan University.

She works part time as a historical presenter for The Henry Ford-Greenfield Village, where she dresses in period clothing and educates visitors at the village. She also works part time as program specialist for the Monroe County Historical Museum.

For more, go to www.cantonhistorical.org or call 734-397-0088.

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TAX ABATEMENT FOR WILLIAMS-BAYER INDUSTRIES LOCATED AT 39109 WEBB DR. CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

The Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd. Westland, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Tax Abatement for the property located at 39109 Webb Dr., Westland, Michigan, pursuant and in accordance with P.A.198, as amended.

All maps, plats and a copy of the proposed Tax Abatement Plan are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City of Westland Clerk's Office, Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd., Westland, Michigan.

All aspects of the Tax Abatement Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Tax Abatement Plan.

This communication serves as notice of the City's intent to consider approval of the Tax Abatement Plan for the Property.

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CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2015-09-01-08 submitted by Ashley Capital, L.L.C., pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone part of the property at 28101 Schoolcraft Road, located on the south side of Schoolcraft Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Road in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, from M-2 (General Manufacturing) to C-4 I (High Rise Commercial — maximum 6 stories).

Petition 2015-09-02-19 submitted by Motor City Peaks, L.L.C., on behalf of **Twin Peaks Restaurant**, requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 19.06 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to expand the food service and Class C liquor operations by constructing an outdoor dining patio and remodel the exterior of the restaurant at 20120 Haggerty Road, located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Seven Mile and Eight Mile Roads in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8.

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

R. Lee Morrow
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Livonia Churchill marching band membership nearly doubles in 5 years

Football fans at Churchill High School are being treated to more than just exciting games this season. The Churchill High School Marching Band is celebrating its all-time highest membership of 172 this year, the largest marching band in school history, and possibly the largest ever in Livonia Public Schools.

Just five years ago, band enrollment had dropped to a low of 89 students, and concern grew over the number declining even further. Band director Elizabeth Hering knew she had to do something to prevent that from happening, so she worked to adjust her teaching schedule in a way that allowed her to partner with Frost Middle School band director Michael Rais to build a stronger connection between the programs at the two schools.

"It's exciting to see the growth and enthusiasm for music," Hering said. "There is a fresh sense of community and school pride when the marching band performs together."

Last spring, faced with the unprecedented growth, Hering realized there would be a shortage of uniforms. At \$475

each, the prospect of purchasing an additional 50 uniforms soon became a monumental task. Banded together, students and their families, along with staff, coordinated a major fundraiser to reach their goal of more than \$23,000 to purchase the uniforms. An online silent auction brought in the results they had hoped for. Several businesses donated goods and services, which were then bid upon and purchased by community members.

"We can't express how grateful we are for the generosity of the Livonia community," Hering said. "Their support has allowed us to provide a uniform to every band member we have. Now, our group can focus on looking forward to a season of games, outreach performances, and local competitions."

The Churchill Marching Band performs at football games, at LPS elementary school events as an outreach to younger students and at competitions through the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. The band will perform at a 7 p.m. home game on Oct. 16 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road.



Watching the game from the stands are some of the CHS Marching Band members.

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The Churchill Marching Band looks better than ever.

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Color Guard member Missy Denstaedt smiles during a recent performance.



Adam Wilk, on the trumpet, during a recent CHS Marching Band performance.

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Organic farming: Grads answer call of the land

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Megan DeLeeuw is passionate about the land. It is this passion that led DeLeeuw, 32, who grew up in Canton, to start organic farming in 2010. It is also what led her back to the area in which she grew up — along with flowers, fruits and vegetables harvested on her 10-acre Hand Sown Farm located in Washtenaw County's Sharon Township.

DeLeeuw, who owns the farm along with her husband Andrew, is a frequent vendor at local farmers markets in Plymouth and Northville, selling seasonal organic crops ranging from spinach and kohlrabi to raspberries and sun chokes. In addition to local farmers markets, produce and flowers from DeLeeuw's farm can be found in a variety of area markets such as Busch's Fresh Food Markets, Pure Pastures and Vanessa's Flowers — all in Plymouth Township.

For DeLeeuw, it is both a lifestyle and labor of love.

"Growing good food — and feeding people — is a way for me to contribute positively to the world around me," said DeLeeuw, a 2001 graduate of Salem High School.

Farming is hard, time-consuming work, she said, adding that she is grateful for the support the farm receives from interns learning how to run a farm, as well as volunteers.

In addition to working four acres of crops from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily during harvest season, there are countless hours of paperwork to keep the farm running efficiently, as well as the typical



Megan and Andrew DeLeeuw own the Hand Sown Farm in Washtenaw County. Megan grew up in Canton Township. Andrew is a native of Holland, Mich.

challenges that most small businesses face in their first five years

However, "I often ask myself what else I could do in life that is so fulfilling," she said.

DeLeeuw's path to farming was fairly direct. She headed to France after graduating from Central Michigan University with a degree in political science and philosophy, taking a position with an organization that links volunteers with organic farms and growers.

It was there that she honed her skills in the field, learning about the care and nurturing necessary to yield healthy crops.

After a few years in France, she returned to the United States, working for a nonprofit in Boston and finally returning to metro Detroit, where she met her husband, a co-worker at a city farming organization and a native of Holland, Mich.

Their shared passion for building healthy communities — DeLeeuw's

husband works in finance for Washtenaw County — led them to purchase Hand Sown Farm.

The farm has grown exponentially since its establishment, with business increasing 50 percent every year, DeLeeuw said.

She attributes consumer recognition of the benefits of eating locally grown foods to the farm's success.

Another factor of its success is the farm's CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program, which offers participants an opportunity to purchase an annual share of the farm's products for a set price.

CSA provides a direct link between local farmers and consumers by letting members purchase a share of a farmer's crop before it's produced each season, allowing the farmer to pay for seed and other necessary equipment during the slow season, DeLeeuw explained. In return, CSA members or "shareholders" receive boxes of the



Richard Andres has owned the 40-acre award-winning organic Tantre Farm with his wife, Deb Lentz, for more than 20 years. Located in Chelsea, Tantre Farms produces close to 100 varieties of fruits and vegetables, as well as a small variety of herbs and flowers.

farm's bounty throughout the growing season.

According to a 2012 report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, participation in CSA programs has been steadily increasing.

Participation in Hand Sown Farm's CSA has been increasing as well, according to DeLeeuw.

The farm's CSA program, which is offered during both spring/summer and fall/winter seasons, allows for the purchase of seasonal produce and has been wildly popular, she said.

"We offer a CSA in both the spring and fall; they both often sell out," she said.

The fall CSA program includes a box of fruits and vegetables for seven weeks at a cost of \$300. The autumn boxes include seasonal produce such as mixed greens, sweet potatoes, radishes, sun chokes and a variety of root vegetables, among other offerings, and can be picked up locally or at the farm.

"It's about \$35 to \$45 worth of fresh produce every week. There are not many opportunities like this for people to access fresh, locally grown food," De Leeuw said. "People are growing savvy. They care about where their food came from and knowing what they are putting into their bodies. They want their food to be healthier; fresher. It doesn't get much fresher than being picked the very morning that you purchase it."

Another native of both the Plymouth and Canton communities agrees wholeheartedly.

Richard Andres, a 1981 Salem High School grad, has owned his 40-acre award-winning organic farm with his wife, Deb Lentz, for more than 20 years.

Tantre Farm, located in Chelsea, produces close to 100 varieties of fruits and vegetables, as well as a small variety of herbs and flowers. In addition to winning awards from local publi-

cations and food magazines, he was featured in a 2010 *New York Times* magazine story on the growing interest in local farms.

His connection to the land took root as a child growing up in Plymouth, where his father, a now-retired biology teacher at Salem High School, and mother, a preschool teacher in Detroit, owned a 13-acre parcel of land.

"We grew strawberries, had some horses on the land ... it was our playground," Andres said. It was on this playground that he developed a natural affinity and respect for the land, as well as recognition of Earth's finite resources, he said.

Andres said the farm's mission of producing and distributing fresh, organic produce while serving as an educational, sustainable and social network for the surrounding community supports that recognition.

"Eating locally grown foods is something you can do yourself without having to rely on big institutions and corporations. The food is direct. It hasn't traveled thousands of miles to get to your table — and it tastes better," he said.

In addition to selling crops at the Chelsea and Ann Arbor farm markets and local stores and restaurants, Tantre Farms offers a CSA program.

The Tantre Farms CSA program boasts close to 350 members and offers three options: a summer share; a three-week fall share; and a Thanksgiving share, which features three to four bushels of storage crops, as well as locally fermented and canned produce. Prices begin at \$32 per week.

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Pro Football Hall of Famer Winslow to speak in Livonia

Madonna University has added another event to the inauguration week of its President Michael A. Grandillo, Ph. D., with the addition of an Inauguration Celebration Luncheon featuring Pro Football Hall of Fame member Kellen Winslow Sr., J.D., on Friday, Oct. 16.

The 11:30 a.m. luncheon will take place at the Italian American Banquet Center on Five Mile Road in Livonia. Tickets for the event are \$25 with table sponsorships starting at \$500. Proceeds from the event benefit Madonna University Athletics.

Winslow, a tight end for the San Diego Chargers from 1979-87, is an accomplished scholar and business leader. His story is one of faith, perseverance and teamwork. The luncheon is one of a host of events surrounding the inauguration of Dr. Grandillo as Madonna's seventh president. A full schedule of inaugural events can be found at www.madonna.edu/inauguration.

Seating for the event is limited and tickets are on sale until Oct. 9 and can be purchased online at www.madonna.edu/Kellen or by calling 734-432-5602 or by sending email to jmdixon@madonna.edu.



Kellen Winslow Sr. played for the NFL's San Diego Chargers from 1979-87. SUBMITTED

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Citizens for Peace present previews of film 'Gandhi's Gift'

Previews of the new film *Gandhi's Gift* will be shown and discussed at the Oct. 13 Citizens for Peace meeting at Unity of Livonia at 7 pm. Producer-Writer Cynthia Lukas will answer questions, and speak about the inspiring four-year filmmaking journey she and Co-Producer-Director Kell Kearns have traveled in creating *Gandhi's Gift*. She will highlight what it was like walking in the Mahatma's footsteps in India, South Africa and London, at all of the important sites in Gandhi's life. Lukas is a film producer and writer of six acclaimed documenta-



ries that educate and inspire. Her experience as a journalist and college educator for 25 years allowed her to present at numerous universities and forums all over the world.

The premise of *Gandhi's Gift* is that his life message of *ahimsa* (non-violence), equality, interfaith harmony and sustainability is more important now than ever when he walked the earth. This is the first major documentary about Gandhi made in the U.S. It includes archival material and interviews with many people who were close to Gandhi. The film will be released in 2016. Unity of Livonia is at 28660 Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster. All are welcome. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

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Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday October 20th, 2015 at which time the RFP's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened. Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info. All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Proposals must be submitted on the Forms section found on the MITN website. Each response to the proposal must be provided to the City of Livonia in triplicate and electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed proposals in response to this request will not be accepted. All proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN UNIFORM ITEMS FOR THE LIVONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, name of bidder and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154. No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any proposal does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties. Shadd A. Whitehead Fire Chief Jack E. Kirksey Mayor

George Murphy's restaurant holds fundraiser for Livonia Goodfellows

George Murphy's restaurant will hold a "No Child without a Christmas" fundraiser for the Livonia Goodfellows on Saturday, Oct. 17. Twenty percent of each guest check will go toward vouchers for

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"With the popularity of some of the challenge races, whether it's the Tough Mudder or the Spartan Race, that's where we got the idea," said Novi Police Sgt. Kevin Rhea, who helped organize the event. "Our race will take place not only on pavement, but also on a trail and have



some obstacles. It's basically a Tough Mudder without the mud."

The city had held a more traditional 5K run each Mother's Day weekend for the past several years, but Rhea said the decision was made to give the race a new twist.

"We hope to draw at least 500 participants," he said. "We hope to showcase not only St. John Providence Park, but also some of the woodland and wetland features that still exist in the city of Novi. We want everyone to have fun and talk about the event afterward and come back

next year."

The Emergency Challenge Run starts at 9 a.m. The cost is \$35 for those registering before Oct. 1 and \$40 up until race day. All participants will receive a T-shirt with their completed registration. Runners must be at least 14 years old. An inflatable obstacle course for younger children will also be on-site.

The course will start at the entrance of Providence Park Hospital. Participants will run along the facility's ring road then exit onto Beck Road. The first obstacle will be the "tire shuffle," said Novi Police Crime Analyst Jason Porter, another event organizer. "We will have 30-40 tires laid out on the road. The participants will have to run through them as quickly as possible."

Runners will then continue south on Beck before turning west on a limestone trail. The trail leads to woods where six- and eight-foot walls will be waiting for them.

"We are calling these the 'Walls of Honor,'" Porter said.

Once over the walls, participants will have to pull 50-pound tractor tires before winding down 11 Mile Road to the soccer fields at Novi Middle School. Once at the school, runners will have to complete a K-9 or commando-style crawl, then jump over three-foot high barriers.

The last leg of the course features a run through Wildlife Woods Park. A pair of walls with ladder rungs, a sledgehammer smash and a hop over police and fire cruiser hoods com-

plete the Emergency Challenge Run.

Porter said the event will not be timed, but expects top athletes will be able to complete the course in about 40 minutes.

"Times will also depend on how many runners participate in the event. We will release runners in waves of 20-30 people at a time. There could be areas in the route where people are waiting a few minutes because others are trying to complete that obstacle," Porter said.

Funds raised from the Emergency Challenge Run will be used for fire and crime prevention programs. Rhea said a fire prevention trailer or "smokehouse" is tops on the list.

"All of the money taken in from the event

will stay right here in the community," he said.

Besides Rhea and Porter, the event organizing team includes Fire Lt. Remo Oliverio and fire protection officers Patrick Deneau and Joe Carpenter.

"It's a completely employee-driven event," Rhea said. "We want our employees to be engaged with things that are going on in our community. This is another opportunity for our employees to give back to the community."

Partnerships with the Novi Community School District, Providence Park Hospital and ITC Holdings were also critical to launching the Emergency Challenge Run, Rhea said.

For more information, go to www.cityofnovi.org/5Kchallenge.

Creative hive? Gaming firm CEO also a beekeeper

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

His company's games take players to fantasy worlds, but Brad Wardell stays grounded with a life-sustaining real civilization — a bee colony, just outside his Plymouth Township office.

Wardell, founder, president and chief executive officer of Stardock Corp., has been a beekeeper for about 10 years and has about 300,000 honeybees between the hive at company headquarters and four more at his home in Canton Township, where he has 15 acres and a small apple orchard.

"I wanted a hobby that didn't involve computers," Wardell said Monday in his office. "I spend way too much time in front of computers."

But Wardell, who founded Stardock in the early 1990s while in col-



Christopher Kowal smokes the bees to calm them.

lege, is also concerned about honeybees and the important role they play in pollinating fruits and vegetables.

The bee population has been in rapid decline in recent years — some 33 percent a year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture — and the affect of bee

die-off on crops worldwide could be catastrophic. Some 71 percent of the world's fruit and vegetable crops are pollinated by bees, according to the United Nations.

The hive at Stardock is about 200 yards from the company's building off of Beck Road. Stardock is keeping the prop-



Bees gather near the hive entrance.

erty for possible future expansion, but for now has let nature take over and the tall grasses and greenery seem a perfect place for bees.

"This is his passion. They're very important to him," Chris Kowal, Stardock's vice president for business development, said Monday during a visit to the hive.

The hive is made up of several wooden boxes stacked vertically. Inside each box are a number of frames on which the honeycomb — the bees'

nests — and honey are deposited.

Kowal used smoke to calm the bees and slide out a screen and reveal the honeycomb. Wardell said that one box of frames — one layer of the hive, that is — can weigh 60 pounds when loaded with honey.

Wardell harvests the honey — late summer and early fall are harvest times — to give as gifts to employees, partners and business connections.

"It's that personal

relationship kind of thing that sets us apart," Kowal said.

Wardell said he also began keeping bees to overcome his fear of them, but that hasn't entirely worked. Still, he said, stings are rare, because the bees know they will die when they use their stingers.

"Unless you go and kick the hive, they're not going to sting you," he said.

Stardock, which also has facilities in Austin, Texas, and Baltimore, Md., is a developer and publisher of computer games and software. Its games include Sins of a Solar Empire and the Galactic Civilizations series; its software, designed to work with Windows systems, includes Fences, WindowBlinds and Multiplicity.

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Westland man dazzles in Lions' den

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Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Watch your back, Detroit Lions punt returners.

If Westland's Chad Tuisku can return booming punts as well as he catches them, well, who knows?

While the 26-year-old Livonia Franklin alum isn't about to quit his day job at a Livonia lumber company, he certainly proved that he can handle the pressure of doing something pretty remarkable in front of over 60,000 rowdy people, including his girlfriend, Shelby Dixon, who was actually quite calm during his 15-minutes-of-

fame experience, Tuisku revealed.

On Friday morning, Sept. 25, Tuisku was the 95th (and winning) caller who responded to a contest coordinated by the ultra-popular Mojo In the Morning on Channel 955 and sponsored by Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men.

To put it mildly, Tuisku's prize was unique: front-row tickets to Sunday night's Denver-at-Detroit NFL game that was broadcast around the world on NBC – and an opportunity to walk onto the Ford Field turf during a first-half time-out and attempt to catch three footballs launched separately up to 10 stories high and 60 yards deep by a punt simulator.

Risky business? Not for

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Westland resident Chad Tuiska is pictured with his girlfriend, Shelby Dixon during Sunday night's Denver-Detroit NFL game.

Churchill scholar-athlete nominees

Twelve Livonia Churchill student-athletes have been nominated to be named Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athletes for the 2015-16 school year.

The 12 seniors were selected among many deserving candidates and will continue on with the application process that culminates with the naming of the MHSAA scholarship winners in March.

The scholar-athlete nominees are: Triveni Arvikar, Emily Benedict, Karli Siefman, Grace Tolten, Madison White, Angelica Zhou, Kyle Benedict, Ethan Burke, Dylan Clark, Andrew Ferguson, Conner McCarthy and Jack Schiefelbein.

Hall-of-Famer Winslow to speak

Madonna University has added another event to the week of the inauguration of President Dr. Michael Grandillo with the addition of an Inauguration Celebration Luncheon featuring Pro Football Hall of Fame member Kellen Winslow, Sr., J.D., on Friday, Oct. 16.

The 11:30 a.m. luncheon will take place at the Italian American Banquet Center on Five Mile Road in Livonia. Tickets for the event are \$25 with table sponsorships starting at \$500. Proceeds from the event benefit Madonna University athletics.

Winslow, a tight end who played for the NFL's San Diego Chargers from 1979-87, is an accomplished scholar and business leader.

Seating for the event is limited and tickets are on sale until Oct. 9 and can be purchased by calling 734-432-5602 or by emailing jmdixon@madonna.edu.

MU spikers prevail

Behind a career-high 16 kills from both Karlie Kelly and Nicole Oestrike, the No. 15-ranked Madonna University volleyball team wrapped up a four-match road swing with a 3-1 (25-20, 25-12, 21-25, 25-21) win at Davenport on Wednesday night at the DU Student Center.

In addition to the career-best marks from Kelly and Oestrike, Katie Breault added 15 kills while Amanda Hawkins and Emily Johnson added nine each. Breanna Geile posted a career-best 31 digs to lead the Madonna defense while Deanna Krumholz tallied 15 digs of her own in the win. Spencer Stokes posted 55 assists on MU's 66 kills to go along with five blocks from Hawkins. Madonna hit .307 as a team in the match.

Madonna broke a 3-all tie in the opening set with an 11-4 run to double up Davenport, 14-7. DU got back within two on a trio of occasions, the final at 21-19 but two kills from Breault and one from Johnson down the stretch gave MU the 25-20 win.

Stevenson suffers first loss

50-yard FG kick-starts 24-14 Northville win

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It wasn't one play Friday night that turned around Northville's football fortunes against host Livonia Stevenson.

Instead, it may have been one kick that may have swayed the outcome of the game in a battle of unbeaten.

Jake Moody's 50-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter proved to be pivotal as the Mustangs went on a 24-point run to erase a 14-0 deficit and earn their 12th playoff berth in school history with a 24-14 victory over the Spartans.

Moody's boot, believed to be close to a school-record, was a no-doubter as a strong wind toward the south end of the field helped push his attempt well beyond the crossbar and through the uprights.

And there was no hesitation on Northville coach Matt Lach's part to send Moody out for the attempt.

"I was very confident because he was making them from 60 in practice," said Lach, whose team improved to 4-0 KLAAs Central Division while taking over sole possession of first place. "One of the kids came up to me and said, 'Coach, Moody is making them from 60,' so we had the wind at our back and it was 50 yards, so there was no decision there."

The kick literally kick-started the Mustangs, who went on to score the next 21 while locking up their sixth playoff berth



Stevenson's Gino D'Agostino fights for extra yardage Friday night against Northville's Gary Wu (right).

in the past seven years.

"Normal conditions it's 50 yards and in, but that wind it helped a ton," Moody said of his range. "Everybody was down. It was 14-0. It looked like they were having all the momentum for them, but then I went out there and kicked that

50-yarder, and everybody was excited."

Stevenson (5-1, 3-1) came out of the gate like world-beaters, taking just three plays to score on the game's opening possession as senior Austin Petrie, who ran wild in last year's 46-21 win over Northville,

knifed his way up the middle for 34 yards and a touchdown with 10:42 left.

On the Spartans' next series, they took less than two minutes to score going 58 yards in eight plays capped by

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Churchill's Jamal Allen (7) helps bring down Canto's Reid McDonnell.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Churchill stonewalls Canton

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The secret recipe to containing Canton junior running back Markus Sanders has been about as mysterious as the ingredients in Colonel Sanders' Kentucky Fried Chicken fixings.

Thanks to some extra-crunching interior defense and a large side order of discipline, Livonia Churchill's football team not only stymied Sanders – at least for one night – but

also the Chiefs' normally steamroller wing-T offense in an eye-opening 33-14 homecoming victory played on a night – windy and cold – that should have aided the run-oriented Chiefs more than the air-it-out Chargers.

In terms of qualifying for the post-season, the triumph was pivotal for the Chargers, who improved to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAAs South Division standings – with chal-

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SOCCER ROUNDUP

Churchill edges Patriots in 'Pink Out' showdown

Stevenson earns second 1-1 draw of week against state-ranked foe

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Franklin boys soccer program's inaugural "Pink Out" game Thursday night against visiting Livonia Churchill was flat out entertaining for 80 minutes.

On a chilly, wind-swept night, the Chargers ultimately escaped with a 2-1 victory thanks in large part to some impeccable black-out defense.

Ironically, Churchill played its best soccer when the chips – and the momentum – were stacked against it.

Leading 1-0 on Riles Dobar's first-half goal, the Chargers were beset by hard times during the first 12 minutes of the second half.

With 34:11 remaining in the game, Franklin's Ryan Bieth launched a high, hard penalty kick just under the cross-bar to knot the game at 1-1 moments after Churchill was whistled for a hand-ball violation in the 18-yard box.

Six minutes after the equalizing goal, a Charger was issued a red card, forcing the visitors to play the final 28:22 down one man.

They responded brilliantly, scoring the game-winner at the 26:34 mark when Uthman Babatunde ripped a rebound shot into the net following a corner kick.

The Patriots threatened down the stretch – particularly with seven minutes to play when Bieth slid a turf-burner just wide of the left post – but they couldn't find the net, which was protected admirably all night by senior goal-keeper Brandon Dix.



The ball bounces dangerously around the goal's door-step following a corner kick.

ED WRIGHT

Churchill's defensive back wall was outstanding all night, keeping the Patriots' side of the scoreboard bare except for the penalty-kick goal.

Among the defenders who repeatedly defused Franklin threats were Conner Rash, Michael Hudock, Conner McCarthy and Devon Noble.

In addition to scoring the lone goal in the first half, Dobar helped preserve the lead when he cleared a ball off the goal line in the 68th minute.

Franklin's absolute last gasp at tying the game came with 51 seconds left when Bieth torpedoed a free kick

from 22 yards out that sailed a bit high before banging off the football goal post.

During pre-game player introductions, many of the Patriot players honored or remembered a family member or friend who has been affected by cancer.

Spartans deadlock Mustangs

Livonia Stevenson capped a brutally difficult week Thursday night against state-ranked competition by earning a 1-1 draw against host Northville.

Forty-eight hours earlier, the Spartans

battled Novi to the same result.

Stevenson is now 7-4-2 overall and 3-3-2 in the KLA Central Division. The Mustangs suffered their first division blemish and are now 7-0-1 (and 12-1-1 overall).

The Mustangs trotted into the locker room at half-time with a 1-0 lead thanks to a Johnny Rodriguez goal in the 37th minutes.

Undaunted, the Spartans drew even in the 49th minute when Ian Henzi scored from Val Qejvani.

Both teams came close to scoring twice on the blustery night. Stevenson

had a goal called back on a questionable call 15 minutes in. Northville

kicked the ball in the Spartans' goal just after the final buzzer sounded.

Goal-keepers Austin Kaczmarek and Turner Miller combined for two saves.

"I'm really proud of our guys tonight," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "They kept it together after the goal was called back and after Northville scored. That was a character-exposing moment for us and the boys passed the test."

Tigers top Trojans

After playing Belleville to a scoreless stalemate in the first half Wednesday, Clarenceville ended up on the short end of a 3-1 final score in boys soccer.

The visiting Tigers capitalized on two early second-half mistakes to take a 2-0 lead.

The Trojans cut the deficit in half with a Nick Snage goal. After a few close opportunities, the Tigers sealed the win with a third goal.

Elijah Spens and Joe Sanchez played well defensively in the loss, Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said.

Goalie Jon Murphy had 15 saves for the Trojans, who are 1-5 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and 4-7-1 overall.

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Churchill's Riles Dobar (left) battles Franklin's Trevor Hayes for the ball.

ED WRIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Warriors spike Parkway in four sets

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland's volleyball team evened its overall record at 7-7-1 Tuesday night with a clutch 22-25, 25-23, 25-13, 25-19 victory over Parkway Christian.

The Warriors improved to 4-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"Parkway Christian came out playing great," said Lutheran Westland head coach Tom Lange. "We were in trouble until Abby Shaffer served us from 19-22 to 24-22 in the second set. That lifted the whole team, and we played some of our best volleyball of the season from that point on."

Emily Fairbairn extended her season-long streak of stellar play as she knocked down 14 kills against just two hitting errors.

Setter Bethany Hoehnne was more than efficient while engineering the Warriors' attack, contributing three kills in addition to a boat-load of set assists.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Thurston's Dasia Johnson passes the ball during Thursday's match against Redford Union.

Thurston bumps RU in 4

Several Redford Thurston volleyball players had a hand in Thursday's 3-1 victory over host Redford Union.

Among the front-row standouts were Jordan Cook (seven kills, 15 blocks), K'lynn Rollins (five blocks, five kills and aces) and Maya McKinney (six kills and nine aces).

Ronay Peguies dished out 17 assists, three digs and three aces, Kris Hollis had 11 assists and five aces, Megan Abela chipped in three kills, five digs and four assists, and Dasia Johnson had seven

digs and one ace for the winners.

Cougars crush

Garden City left little doubt as to which team was the superior one during Thursday night's victory over host Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Cougars steam-rolled the Chargers 25-6, 25-11 and 25-14 to ramped their record up to 16-5 overall and 5-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division.

"This was a great team effort," raved Garden City head coach John Pace. "We were very consistent and efficient with our play."

"The first two sets we sided-out at 83 percent and 72 percent for the match."

The Cougars exploded to leads of 13-2 in the first two sets and 20-8 in the finale.

Serving-wise, Jacey Law was on fire, notching 11 aces.

Setter Alex Roffi handled her responsibilities like a hall-of-famer, dishing out 22 assists while Heather Pennington was tough to block at the net, registering 12 kills.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 9
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10
Parkway at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 6
Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Greenhills at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8
Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Fordson at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Roeper at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10
U-M Dearborn Invite, 8 a.m.
East Kentwood Invite, 8 a.m.

Skyline Invite, 8:30 a.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Oct. 6
Garden City at Robichaud, 4:30 p.m.
RU vs. Belleville, Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Parkway at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
South Lyon at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10
Wayne Co. Championships, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Oct. 6
Churchill at Farmington, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8
Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Dearborn at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10
Wayne Invite, noon
MISCA Meet, TBA
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Oct. 5
Dearborn at Redford Union, 5:30 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Parkway at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 7
Redford Union at Belleville, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Thurston, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
HVL at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9
Harrison at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10
Redford Union at John Glenn, noon
GIRLS GOLF
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Franklin cages Wayne Memorial on homecoming

Thurston's defense brilliant in 9-0 loss

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Senior quarterback Denzel Adams ran 12 times for 78 yards and two touchdowns to lead Livonia Franklin to a 30-6 victory over Wayne Memorial on the Patriots' homecoming night.

Nate Binkiewicz rushed 13 times for 107 yards while Jake Giacobbi hauled in two passes for 52 yards and two touchdowns.

Belleville edges Thurston

Redford Thurston's defense didn't allow a point Friday night against red-hot Belleville, but the Tigers still prowled out of the Eagles' stadium with an unorthodox 9-0 victory.

The loss dropped the Eagles' record to 3-3 and forces them to win their final three contests - against Redford Union, Romulus and University of Detroit Jesuit - to keep their string of post-season appearances intact.

The Tigers' lone points came on a second-quarter safety that was created by an errant snap on a punt that was recovered by Thurston in the end zone, and an intercep-

tion return for a touchdown on the final play of the first half.

"Our defense was fantastic," said Thurston head coach Bob Snell. "I'm not sure I've ever coached in a game where my defense didn't give up a point and we still lost."

Thurston yielded just 94 total yards to the Tigers prior to the game's final drive when Belleville picked up 36.

"The Eagles' churned out 197 total yards in the game in which both offenses were limited by a gusting wind.

Senior Alonzo McCoy sparked on both sides of the ball for Thurston, picking up 61 yards on 11 carries and serving as a defensive catalyst from his safety position.

"We had our opportunities to score," Snell said. "We got inside their 30 and 20 a few times, but we just couldn't make a play. Either our protection would break down or our quarterback would throw a ball into the wind."

Among the defensive standouts Snell mentioned were Jacob Jenkins and Kobe Williams.

Short-handed GC falls

By the time the final horn sounded during Garden City's

38-0 loss to Dearborn Heights Robichaud Friday night, the Cougars were down to their fourth-string quarterback.

"Honestly, there were only three plays we could run at the end because of all the injuries," said GC head coach Scott Murray, whose first three quarterbacks (Kyle Becker, Denzel Tinsley and Eian Castonguay) all suffered game-ending injuries, forcing Logan McGraw into action.

"Our performance wasn't nearly as bad as the final score would indicate," said Murray, whose team was deadlocked in a scoreless tie after one quarter. "I'm very proud of our guys. They kept battling even when things were working against us."

John Giangrande continued to run over opponents - to the tune of 128 yards on 24 carries.

Fumbles on back-to-back possessions in the second quarter are what ultimately doomed the Cougars, Murray said.

The most-severe of the Cougars' injuries was a broken finger suffered by Tinsley that required a trip to the emergency room.

"Our offensive line did a great job tonight; they really did," Murray emphasized.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Blazers race to third in CHSL Jamboree

Powerhouse Northville rolls over Stevenson

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood placed third in the highly-competitive Catholic High School League Jamboree, which included schools representing Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

The Blazers were powered by Sarah Wilson, Ally Hill and Catherine McLaurin.

"Those three ran a great race, as did the rest of the team," said head coach Dennis Murray. "Almost the entire team ran personal-best times."

Blazes Conner Huggins and Madelyn Bastin raced practically stride-for-stride over the 5-kilometer course and finished with significant personal-best clockings - Huggins eclipsed her former best time by 30 seconds while Bastin ran 45 seconds faster than she has in the past.

Among the biggest movers on the team's PR-climbing chart was Alexis Vlader-



Pictured from left are Ladywood cross country runners Catherine McLaurin, Ally Hill and Sarah Wilson.

mar, who chopped three minutes off her previous fastest time.

"It's great to have Alexis back on the course and racing with the team," Murray noted.

"I was glad to see the team actually racing as a team and excited to see them realize their potential," Murray concluded.

Mustangs stampede Spartans

State powerhouse Northville raced to a 15-50 victory over Livonia Stevenson in a KLA Central Division dual meet held Tuesday at Cass Benton Park.

Led by first-place runner Lexa Barrott's time of 18:20.81, the Mustangs swept the top five spots. Barrott followed across the finish line by teammates Emma Herrmann (19:52.29), Olivia Harp (19:57.88), Emma Smith (20:04.75) and Paige Zimmer, who posted a time of 20:16.8.

Junior Grace Lamerson paced the Spartans with a time of 23:21.79. Also scoring for Stevenson were Kennedy Thurlow (23:22.47), Abigail Zwicker (23:24.22), Colleen Fitzgerald (23:58.13) and Erin Fitzgerald (24:01.32).

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

QUIET FORCE

Schoolcraft's van Gassen racking up goals and national honors

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Whether beating a defender on a rush into the box, elevating for the perfect header or being on the right end of a perfect through ball, Shae van Gassen always finds a way.

Since childhood, the Netherlands native has always loved scoring goals and nothing has changed in her two seasons with Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team.

In fact, the 19-year-old van Gassen - yes, with a lower-case "v" - is scoring at such a prolific pace (16 goals and 41 points) for the Lady Ocelots that she won National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Player of the Week honors twice this season.

On Sept. 20 against Jackson she had three goals and five helpers to propel her to honors for the week of Sept. 14-20. She also won the honor in late August.

"I was told after the (Sept. 23) Delta game, that was the second time I won it," said van Gassen, following a recent practice. "I think it was just the stats, I had six goals and six assists that week."

When van Gassen talked about her soccer success, she smiled almost sheepishly. She's not in it for the attention. She just wants to put the ball into the goal and help her team win.

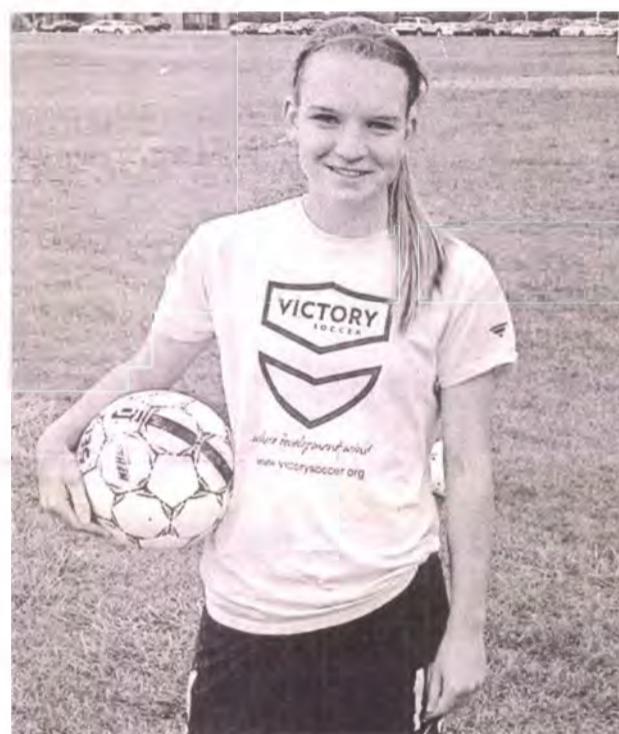
"I just like winning the ball wherever I can get it, setting my team up for good opportunities," van Gassen explained. "I don't always need to be the goal scorer, I love setting my team up, running down the line, just sending it up to the top of the box."

"Just the easy goals make the game so simple."

She's got it all

The all-for-one mindset is one reason why she is such a favorite of Schoolcraft teammates and first-year head coach Dave Carver.

"Fantastic girl, great personality, great playing personality, always willing to do extra in training, just a great attitude toward coaching as well,"



Schoolcraft standout Shae van Gassen has won NJCAA honors twice this season.

Carver said. "She never puts herself in a spot where she gets comfortable, she's always challenging herself and asking for more information, which is great."

"She's just super coachable, takes the information we give her and tries to apply it to her game."

Carver noted van Gassen's leadership skills, too, even though she is soft-spoken by nature.

During the Sept. 27 game against Muskegon Community College, he talked to his team after a scoreless first half about coming out stronger and getting on the board first.

"Within five minutes Shae had scored two goals and she actually got taken out on her second goal, so bad that we had to bring her out for the remainder of the game," Carver recalled. "Just the effort she was willing to put in to score our second goal, and get hurt in the process ... kind of summed up what she's given to the team so far."

Tough to stop

Schoolcraft is looking strong in its quest to not only capture the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, but go for a national title.

As of Wednesday, the Lady Ocelots were 8-0-0 overall and 6-0-0 in the MCCA and moved up to No. 15 in the NJCAA DI women's soccer poll.

The team is one of the very best in the country

and there's no denying who the best player is.

"She's got excellent goal-scoring ability, she's just got a natural talent to find the right spots inside the attacking third, and score and create goals," Carver said. "She's got a lot of pace. She's got a lot of ideas how to undo defenses, and I just think because she's got a lot of variety to her game and she can score multiple ways. It just makes her a very hard player to defend."

That is particularly true when a ball floats into the 18-yard box. When that occurs, van Gassen often is the first one there to do the rest of the job.

"Headers is one of the things I love to do," van Gassen said, smiling again. "We did the vertical jump at our training and I think I jumped 11 1/2 inches. I'm always the one running in the box trying to get there."

Finding a small school with an exemplary soccer program was another feather in her cap. Since age 6, van Gassen has lived in Sarnia, Ontario, growing as a player to the point where she led her high school team (Northern Collegiate) in scoring all four seasons.

"Every team I've been on, except for one year when I played on a guys team, I've always been the top goal scorer," she noted. "I started kicking the ball around when I was 2 at my brother's practices."

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Synchronized swimmers show off their dance, gymnastics moves

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Robin Wagner dances without touching toes to the floor. She gracefully extends her legs, turns, bends, and flips, sometimes floating through choreographed moves.

"It's like being in ballet, but some of it is under water," said Wagner, 50, of Novi, a synchronized swimmer. "My background is in art. I'm a printmaker. So to me, it's not just that it's a sport and there are some mechanics. There is a lot of beauty to our sport. It's a performance."

Wagner and other members of the Michigan Synchro Masters, a women's synchronized swim team, have been practicing three times a week since May preparing for their show on Sunday, Oct. 18, at Schoolcraft College and the U.S. Masters Synchronized Swimming Championship Oct. 22-25 in Grand Rapids.

The team is based at the college, where synchronized swimming is offered as a non-instructional club through Continuing Education and

Professional Development. It's for adults with synchronized swimming experience who want to practice their skills and learn new moves. Members also can perform and compete, although that's not a requirement. Fifteen members will participate in the upcoming show and competition. Another approximately 10 swimmers drop in occasionally to practice and support the team.

Water dancing

"If you compete, you have to be at practice. We train year-around. It's pretty intense and the people are dedicated," said Fran Saenz of Livonia. At 71, Saenz is the oldest active member of the team. She plans to swim a "combo" routine with nine other swimmers and a duet at both upcoming events.

"It's like dancing in water. We keep our heads above water and try to present to the audience. You scull and extend your leg in a 90-degree angle. I enjoy doing that. We do front and back somersaults," Saenz said. "You have to have stamina."



The float pattern mimics the opening of a fan.

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Saenz learned synchronized swimming moves while in junior high during the late 1950s in Dearborn. She taught swimming and worked as a lifeguard during her college years and after raising a family, decided to get back into the pool. Saenz, who teaches water exercise at the Livonia YMCA, heard about the club in 2007 and decided to brush up on her synchronized swimming skills.

"I hadn't done it in so long. The sport had changed a lot. I'm still learning," she said. "It's a wonderful group of women and our coach is amazing."

Difficult sport

Joyce Lindeman of Ypsilanti is a retired University of Michigan coach and former Redford high school teacher who was recruited by the team to keep them on track. Members also informally coach each other, sometimes using iPads to record routines, and create their own choreography. "Because it's a difficult sport and the very degree of



Coach Joyce Lindeman talks with swimmers before practice.

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difficulty is high in comparison to other sports, you need breath control," said Lindeman, explaining what it takes to swim on a synchronized team. "You need to know who to be vertical in the water and how to swim."

"The sport as a whole has not grown a lot. Most of the

growth has been in the master's area. Of course every time there is the Olympics, the year following you get another surge of people who are interested in the sport."

Lindeman said she loves synchronized swimming and

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The team watches a lift performed by Robin Wagner and Bridget Deska.

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Show off your dog in costume and help homeless animals

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Detroit Lions punter Sam Martin wants to see your dog in Halloween costume. He's asking dog owners to post pictures of their costumed pooches on social media in an effort to benefit the Michigan Humane Society.

Martin plans to donate \$6 to MHS for every photo of a dog in costume uploaded to social media outlets — such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram — with the hashtag #KickOrTreatfor6. At the same time, Premier Pet Supplies in Beverly Hills will donate six pounds of food to MHS for each post.

Martin will announce winners of the online dog costume contest on Oct. 26. The first-place winner will get four tickets to a Lions game and free dog food for a year. Second place will win two tickets to a Lions game and a Premier Pet Supply gift card. Third place also will receive a Premier Pet Supply gift card.

"We're very excited," said Ryan McTigue, MHS public relations coordinator.



Leo, a labradoodle, is owned by Detroit Lions punter Sam Martin.

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Premier Pet Supplies, said the campaign is "great for the pet population" in Michigan because so many animals are in need.

Martin, who owns Leo, a labradoodle, said he's always been interested in helping animals. He's eager to see how fans dress their dogs.

The MHS Mega March for Animals, Sunday, Oct. 4, may offer some inspiration for creative costuming.

"We see dogs in costume in the Mega March," McTigue said. "The only suggestion we have is to make sure it's something the pet enjoys — or ease them into it."

McTigue has seen dogs dressed as fairies and butterflies, lions and more at the Mega March. One returning favorite is a dog with a saddle, topped by a tiny jockey.

"It's great. People get into it and the dogs seem not to mind."

The Mega March runs 9 a.m. to noon Sunday at Kensington Metropark, in Milford and at Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township. Registration fee is \$20. Visit michiganhumane.org for more information.

at the Detroit Zoo.

"He's very social media conscious. He gets the word out about events," McTigue said, adding "Premier Pet Supplies is fantastic. They've worked with us on a number of things."

The food will be donated to MHS' pet food bank, which helps low-income individuals feed their pets.

Mike Palmer, owner of

dinator. "This contest is cool. It's an easy way to help out animals while showing off love for your pet."

McTigue said Martin frequently helps MHS with awareness and fundraising campaigns. Last year, he appeared in a MHS public service announcement about micro-chipping pets and has visited the organization's biannual adoption event

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR



SHARON DARGAY

Take a nature walk 2-4 p.m. Oct. 18 and 25 at Miller Woods in Plymouth Twp.

Annuals, perennials

Farmington Garden Club will feature George Papadelis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse, 1-2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at the Vagnozzi Visitor's Center, Spicer House, in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Papadelis, who travels the world looking for new plants and hybrids, will talk about the newest plants available for next year's garden. Email fgc1932@gmail.com or call 248-477-3854 for more information. Guests are welcome.

Miller Woods

Take a guided tour Sunday, Oct. 18 and 25, at Miller Woods nature preserve, located on Powell, east of Ridge Road and west of Beck, in Plymouth Township. Tours are free and leave every half hour from 2-4 p.m. Tour guides will discuss the unique trees and ecosystem found in the woods and the history of the Miller family. Dogs and strollers are not allowed in the nature preserve. Visit millerwoods.com for more details or call Cheryl Bor at 734-459-7666.

Rouge erosion

Friends of the Rouge and the Alliance of Rouge Communities offer a class on protecting the Rouge River and reducing localized erosion in yards along the river, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile, Novi. The class will include information on permit requirements from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and examples of stream bank stabilization. For more information, call 313-792-9621.

Bees

Chris Lapinski, Master Gardener and an environmental consultant, will talk about raising Mason bees for pollination and which native plants to use to attract them, 7 p.m. Oct. 6 at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, Farmington Road at Five Mile, Livonia. Three Livonia Garden Club members also will demonstrate what to do and what to avoid when designing a creative or traditional entry into a flower show. livoniagardenclub.org or email lgcpresident@yahoo.com.

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also enjoys being with its athletes.

"It's kind of like a family. They've been to each other's weddings and showers. They're all helpful to each other. It's a wonderful support group besides the swimming. Last Sunday after practice, two girls turned 60, so 20 went out to brunch," Lindeman said.

Doreen Durandetto of

Commerce Township swam as a Weeki Wachee Mermaid in a water show in Florida after college. She decided to "get back into shape" when she turned 60.

"I'm back here to freshen my skills," Durandetto said. "I like camaraderie, the exercise and being able to try new things."

See the Michigan Synchro Masters at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 in the pool at Schoolcraft, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Admission is \$5.



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At 71, Fran Saenz of Livonia is the oldest swimmer in the pool.

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Curtain goes up on new Emagine Palladium

When the Emagine Palladium in Birmingham opened to the general public on Friday, Oct. 2, nearly 1,000 well-wishers and children supporters had already gone through the new glistening glass doors and shiny stainless steel elevator to the fourth floor.

Emagine owners and ultra-philanthropic couple, Mary and Paul Glantz, threw three charity celebrations on Sunday, Sept. 27, Tuesday, Sept. 29, and the final strolling gala on Thursday, Oct. 1. Dinner was served at the new Ironwood Grill followed by a movie of choice in one of the new five theaters. And, of course, unlimited popcorn and pour-your-own Coke. Money raised during those three evenings are being divided among four special charities: Beaumont Chil-



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dren's Hospital, The Community House, Kids Kicking Cancer and Variety the Children's Charity. Glantz projected \$100,000 would be raised.

Lights, Camera, Auction

Next up is Variety's annual Lights, Camera, Auction event, beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Emagine Theatre Novi.

Guests will have the opportunity to sample cuisine from more than 30 of metro Detroit's most popular restaurants, bid on fabulous auction items and have chance to view a "sneak preview" of a major motion picture or may select



Julie Yolles
Variety the Children's Charity Board members Jon Goldstein, left, and Nathan Mersereau of Livonia and his wife, Michele.

a movie of their choice. Tickets range from \$50-

\$100 and can be purchased by calling 248-

258-5511. Contact Julie Yolles at



Julie Yolles
Farmington Hills residents Ron and Linda Hatfield are one of the first patrons to enjoy the new Emagine Palladium and Ironwood Grill in Birmingham.

socialscenelie@gmail.com.

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BARTUSH, JOSEPH ADDISON

1922-2014 J. Addison Bartush, 92, a philanthropist, decorated aviator, businessman, husband and loving father and grandfather, passed away peacefully at his Grosse Pointe home on November 7 after a series of illnesses. A native Detroit, he was the son of the late Stephen J. and Mary A. Bartush. He attended Gesu Catholic School, University of Detroit (Jesuit) High School and University of Detroit College. He entered military service, serving with distinction and piloting 31 bombing missions over Germany and Eastern Europe during the darkest days of the Second World War. 1st Lt. Bartush was awarded the United States Army Air Forces Air Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters for his wartime service. His military service was the subject of a recently published book. He was close to his flight crew through out his life. Following his discharge, he joined Shedd-Bartush Foods working alongside company founder and his beloved father, Stephen J. Bartush. After a distinguished 30 year career, Mr. Bartush retired to pursue other interests including world travel alongside his late wife, Marion, and his three children. For many years, Mr. Bartush served as Board Member and Trustee of the Michigan Opera Theater, one of his passions. He was a supporter of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Institute of Arts, St. John's Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, Angel's Place, The Jesuits, the Society of Jesus, the Capuchin's and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. He was also a major supporter of the National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force, the Yankee Air Museum in Great Britain and the Michigan Aerospace Foundation. At his death, Mr. Bartush was the oldest active member of the Detroit Athletic Club, as well as a member of the Country Club of Detroit and Bayview Yacht Club. A longtime Florida resident, Mr. Bartush generously supported the Vero Beach Art Museum, Vero Beach Opera Guild, Indian River Medical Center, and Holy Cross Catholic Church. He was a member of the Moorings Yacht and Country Club, Vero Beach FL and the exclusive P & Q Auxiliary, a service organization. Mr. Bartush is survived by his son, Joseph "Jay" Bartush of Studio City and Rancho Mirage, California and daughter Susan Bartush Cugliari and grandson, Stephen Cugliari both of Southport, Connecticut. His loving sister, Mary Catherine Bartush Jones (Harbor Springs, Beverly Hills, MI and Vero Beach, FL) survive him. He was predeceased by his wife, Marion (Maxwell) Bartush and daughter, Margaret "Pegi" Bartush. Funeral arrangements are being handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods. (ahpeters.com). A Memorial visitation will be held Thursday, October 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Funeral Home. A Memorial Mass will be held Friday, October 9, 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the U of D Jesuit High School, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI 48221 (uofdjhsuit.org/tribute). St. John Hospital Foundation, Box 6723271, Detroit 48267, (stjohnprovidence.org), Indian River Medical Center Foundation, 1000 36th, Vero Beach, FL 32960 (irhf.org/give).



DAVENPORT, WILLIAM KIRK ("BILL")

Died peacefully at his home in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan on September 29, 2015. He was 86. The cause was lung cancer. Bill was born in Jackson, Michigan on December 22, 1928. He graduated from Cranbrook School in 1946, Harvard College in 1950 and the University of Michigan Law School in 1953. After law school, he worked as an associate lawyer at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, a law firm in New York City, until 1962. His time at Cravath was interrupted for three and a half years when he served at the Pentagon in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps as a 1st Lieutenant. In 1962, he moved from New York back to Michigan to work as a lawyer for Ford Motor Company. He retired from Ford as Assistant General Counsel in 1990. Bill was fortunate to have married Gertrude Baldwin Perkins ("Kitty"), one of the fabulous identical Perkins Twins of Wilkes-Barre, PA. He was married to Kitty for 47 years until her death in 2006. He also outlived his younger sister, Jean Davenport Crawford, who died in 2002. Bill had a wonderful life. Those who knew him will remember his intelligence, charm, sense of humor and strong moral character, all of which are captured in his daughter Nina Davenport's HBO documentary "First Comes Love" (premiering on Netflix in November). Bill loved his time at Cranbrook, Harvard, and Michigan Law School. He spent his summers at his cottage in the Chicago Club of Charlevoix, Michigan where he had a close community of friends. After retirement, he and Kitty also rented a house every spring in Provence. Bill's favorite sports were cooking, 19th century English literature, vegetable gardening and the New York Times. After his wife Kitty died, he became an avid bridge player. He will be missed by his many bridge partners. Above all, he was a loving and devoted husband and father. Bill is survived by his three children, Kirk, Tim and Nina Davenport, and seven grandchildren: Lydia, Addison, Alexander, Eliza, Jackson, Lucas and Jasper. A memorial service in Bloomfield Hills is being planned for the weekend of November 14, 2015. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a gift to The Davenport Family Scholarship Fund at the University of Michigan Law School, 701 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI, 48109-3091. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com



GEORGE, RAYMOND E.

Age 86, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Died September 24, 2015. Beloved husband for 58 years of Carol Jean, nee Boatright. Loving father of Mindy (Robert D.D.S.) Stewart D.D.S., Jill (James) McNichols and Christian (Kathryn Paige) George M.D. Dearest grandfather of Ellen, Anna and Robert Stewart Jr. "R.J.", Sally, Austin and Lillian McNichols, William and Kathryn George. Preceded in death by two brothers, Donald George MD and Nevin George. President and owner of Crestlake Energy. Former Vice-President of National Bank of Detroit, Trust Department. Began his career with Phillips Petroleum. Esteemed professional in the oil and gas industry for over 60 years. A graduate of Johnstown H.S., Johnstown PA. Eamed a Petroleum Engineering degree from Penn State University. Served in the US Army during the Korean War. Loved bridge, scuba diving, fishing, golf and any and all Penn State sports. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 11:00 am at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. A private family visitation was held with entombment at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorials to the Henry Ford Health System Nephrology Education and Research Fund, Attn: Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place, Suite 5A, Detroit, MI 48202-3450; the Walloon Lake Trust & Conservancy, P.O. Box 621, Petoskey MI 49770, or the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham would be appreciated. Share memories through the funeral home at: www.temrowski.com



McBEE, WAYNE ROY

Age 97, passed away peacefully September 28, 2015, surrounded by his loved ones. The youngest of Homer and Mary McBee's 13 children, Wayne was born July 29, 1918, in Elberta, Michigan. He served in the Pacific during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart. Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby (nee Wells), great-grandson Ediberto, and daughter-in-law Susan. He is survived by his son Bruce, his daughter Pamela (Jose) Orozco, six grandchildren, Consuelo, Samantha, Dolores, Rebecca, Melissa, and Juan, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, October 2, 2015 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

ROUNISTO, DIANE G.

Age 67, September 30, 2015. Loving mother of Tracey (Jay) Levino and Adam (Amanda) Rounisto. Dear grandmother of Andrew Levino. She was preceded in death by her parents; Paul and Dorothy Kulow. Diane owned and operated "The Buzz", a Bingo and gift store located in Redford. She also enjoyed crafting. Her family requests donations to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory of Diane at www.rggharris.com

WILSON, JoANN W.

Of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan passed away on September 24, 2015, at age 72 after a valiant long-term struggle with Multiple Sclerosis. JoAnn, who claimed the "W" stood for "Wonderful," was born JoAnn Keough in Jacksonville, FL. She grew up in Grosse Pointe and was a 1961 graduate of Grosse Pointe High. JoAnn attended the University of Michigan and the Kendall school of design in Grand Rapids. She was a member of the Rotary and Republican Women's Clubs, Preservation Bloomfield, and enjoyed dining with friends at the Heathers. JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband, Donald E. Borden, and her brother Jeff, and is survived by brothers, John (Potomac, MD) and Steve (Palm Desert, CA), a sister, Sue Jansen (Roscommon, MI), nine nieces and nephews, and numerous grand-nieces and nephews. Internment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Those who knew JoAnn admired her determination to lead a normal and independent life despite her illness. She had a sense of style and enjoyed greeting acquaintances at Breurger's, Little Daddy's, Bill's, and the Deli at the Kingsley Inn. JoAnn's family thanks the Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham communities for their many kindnesses to her over the years. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Multiple Sclerosis Society.



JARZYNA-BRAMMER, TAMARA

Born April 12, 1947 to the late Fred Brammer and Elsie (Turner), died October 1, 2015 after a long illness. She, her parents and many relatives worked for the Free Press. She also was a beautician. Her passion was for miniatures. She grew up downriver and graduated from Lincoln Park High School. She then resided in Livonia and currently Oakland Township. Tami leaves behind husband Pete; ex Tod Gonzales; sons, Dan (Sarah), Jay (Jamie), and Jeff (Joanne); and grandkids, Mannie, Cruz, Jonathan, and Jayda; as well as many relatives, dear and close friends. No service or wake. tami.brammer.jarzyna@gmail.com

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'Celebrity Wait' dinner Oct. 16 helps Rotary's Ghana school

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. invites the community to "A Halloween Celebrity Wait" 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Clubs of Plymouth, Michigan Elementary School in Guo, Ghana.

The evening will feature: a "Not So Scary"

Dinner by Jeff Zak Catering, an auction and raffles, a costume contest, music, and fun for a good cause. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Price is \$40 per person, \$300 for a table of eight. To reserve your seat, visit www.plymouthamrotaryfoundation.org or call Jeanne at 734-455-4343.

RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

ANIMAL BLESSING

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11

Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Dogs, cats, hamsters, goldfish, ferrets, snakes, spiders, rats and other pets may attend this outdoor blessing, on leash or carried in appropriate containers for their species.

Contact: 248-478-7272

FAMILY DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 5:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

Location: St. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under and include dinner, live entertainment, a raffle of cash prizes from \$100-\$3,000, a gift basket raffle and 50/50 raffle

Contact: www.stsimonandjude.com; stsimonandjude@gmail.com

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The documentary, A Chorus in Miracles by James Twyman, was created as a homage to the book A Course in Miracles. Admission is \$10

Contact: 734-421-1760; of-

rice@unityoflivonia.org

FOSTER CARE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Oct. 5

Location: Faith Community Presbyterian, 44400 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Kwanzell Howerton, founder of Chosen Kingdom Builder, is guest speaker at the next meeting of the Western Wayne-Oakland Counties Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care

Contact: 248-349-2345; office@faithcommunity-novi.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Grand opening with 20% mark-up on items, 5-8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 8; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9; and bag sale, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 10

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Includes specialty boutique, housewares, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults. Cash only

Contact: 248-477-1410

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington

Details: Bag sale, \$4, will be Friday

Contact: 248-474-6573

REUNIONS

CANTON AND SALEM

CLASS OF 2005

Classes from the two high schools combine for a 10-year reunion Nov. 6 at the Detroit Beer Company. Get tickets at pcep2005reunion@gmail.com.

DETROIT COOLEY

CLASS OF 1966

50-year reunion is scheduled for Sept. 10, 2016, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, visit cody-class1966@groups.facebook.com or call Joe Evans at 313-421-5448 or Barbara (Doherty) Kalinski at 734-320-6545.

GARDEN CITY EAST AND WEST

CLASS OF 1966

The reunion is set for Sept. 10, 2016. RSVP to 1966reunioncommittee@gmail.com or call Dennis Russell at 734-658-2288.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

CLASS OF 1965

50th class reunion is Oct. 10 at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Members of the first graduating class in 1964 also may attend the event. Interested alumni and teachers from 1964-65 may write to Pat Yankovich Wagner, 2616 Courgette Way, Henderson, NV 89044 or email patwhit-

man@aol.com.

NORTH FARMINGTON

CLASS OF 1970

Registration is 6 p.m.; food and beverages served 6-9 p.m.; cake and raffle at 9:30 p.m., Oct. 24, at Embassy Suites Detroit-Livonia/Novi Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. Other classes may attend. Tickets are \$40. Send a check payable to NFHS '70 Reunion to Eliza Callow at 2778 Page Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. For more information, visit the North Farmington High School. Class of '70 reunion on Facebook.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1967

50-year reunion planned. Visit Class Creator - Plymouth-mi67.com for information, or call Lynette Thayer at 419-726-2088.

WAYNE MEMORIAL

CLASS OF 1985

30-year reunion set for Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Livonia Marriott. Tickets in advance are \$45. Call Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at 734-223-5558, tanyadolour@tripointis.com, or Steven Johnson at 734-635-0369.

Step by step: Bariatric patients walk to raise awareness of obesity



Teri Aldini, right, of Plymouth, 2009 Michigan Bariatric Institute patient, and Paul Steinmayer of Ypsilanti, 2014 bariatric patient, participate in Michigan Bariatric Institute's Walk from Obesity event in celebration of its 10th anniversary.

The Michigan Bariatric Institute, a surgical weight-loss services offered through Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, celebrated its 10th anniversary recently with a Walk from Obesity event.

Past and current bariatric patients gathered at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and walked to raise awareness of obesity. Most participants walked the mile loop around the hospital twice.

"Missing this event was not an option," said Lori Ward of Westland, a 2008 bariatric patient. "I am proud of the 140 pounds I lost and that I've kept it off for seven years. This event is a celebration of that success, the success of every bariatric patient and an opportunity to honor the MBI team who helped us with our weight loss goals"

"I walked in this event for anyone who has considered bariatric surgery and hasn't made the decision to do it yet," added Teri Aldini of Plymouth,

a 2009 bariatric patient who lost 130 pounds. "For most of my life I was defined by my weight. Bariatric surgery isn't a destination, it's a journey and one I am grateful to be on."

Since its first surgery at St. Mary Mercy on Sept. 26, 2005, MBI has helped more than 2,800 individuals throughout Michigan, neighboring states, Canada and even China lose weight. Combined, these individuals have lost more than 200,000 pounds and are living healthier lifestyles.

"Over and over again, our patients amaze us with their dedication to a healthier lifestyle and the results they achieve," said Tallal Zeni, M.D., MBI medical director. "At the same time, we look forward to helping thousands more meet their personal health goals."

One MBI patient, Tohnya McCall of Ypsilanti, is taking what she learned to a new level. McCall is attending Mercy College of Ohio and plans to

become a bariatric nurse practitioner.

"My husband and I had bariatric surgery weeks apart," McCall said. "We have each lost more than 150 pounds and lead healthier, happier lives. We have a renewed sense of self-confidence because of the support we received from MBI. I've learned so much about myself and how to lead a healthy lifestyle. I want to pay it forward by helping others who struggle with their weight."

MBI offers a multi-disciplinary team approach to weight loss surgery, that includes surgeons, registered dietitians, registered nurses, psychologists, exercise physiologists and client service representatives.

MBI has surgery centers and clinics at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland and St. Joseph Mercy Brighton. For more information, visit stjoeshealth.org or call 877-949-9344.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Back pain 101

A panel of orthopedic spine specialists will explain the causes of back pain and the treatments available, from medical treatment and physical therapy to surgery, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Oakwood Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive in Dearborn. Register by calling 800-543-9355.

Candle lighting

"Wave of Light," a ceremony to honor and remember babies that have died, is set for 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, in the main lobby at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Pastor Bob McDonald will offer a short mes-

sage and the Fairhaven Baptist Church Choir of Westland will sing. For more information, call 734-458-3300.

Celiac support

Tri County Celiac Support Group presents Nanci Nanney from the National Foundation for Celiac Awareness, 7 p.m. Oct. 12, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Her presentation will be "Is your favorite restaurant certified gluten free?" tccsg.net

Flu shot clinic

Canton Leisure Services offers this clinic for adults, 18 and older, 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the Chestnut

Room at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Most forms of insurance will be accepted. Participants should bring their insurance cards to the clinic. Patients without insurance can buy a pneumonia shot for \$95, a flu shot for \$33 or flu mist for \$35. Appointments are required. Call 734-394-5485, or visit cantonfun.org.

Food cravings

The Livonia YMCA offers a class in taming food cravings with the author of *Control Food Cravings*, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Stevenson High School in Livonia. The class will teach lifestyle strategies that help break cravings for


foods that cause weight gain. To register call 734-261-2161 before Oct. 12. YMCA membership is not required.

Guest speaker

The University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy presents James House, author of *Beyond Obamacare: Life, Death, and Social Policy* at 4 p.m. Oct. 7, in Weill Hall, 735 S. State St., Ann Arbor. This event is free and open to the public with a reception to follow. For more information, visit fordschool.umich.edu/events/2015/beyond-obamacare-life-death-and-social-policy.



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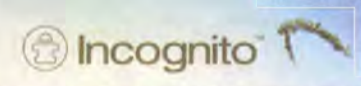
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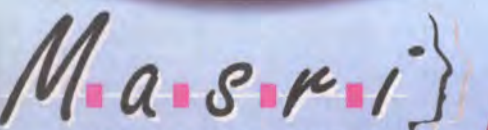
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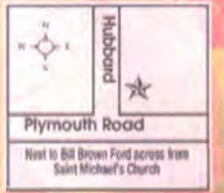
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