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## Three candidates for Wayne mayor discuss priorities at public forum

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

In a well-attended and largely polite forum Wednesday, Wayne voters got a chance to hear from mayoral and council candidates appearing on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The Northwest Wayne County League of Women Voters hosted the forum at the Wayne Public Library. Questions were submitted in writing, and each candidate was allowed opening and closing statements in addition to answering questions.

The topics included priorities for candidates if elected, city finances and how council meetings could be run more professionally.

» Seeking a two-year term as mayor are: Susan Rowe, currently midway through a four-year term on council; challenger Bob Boertje; and Len Fisher, a write-in candidate. Wayne has a city manager form of government and a part-time mayor.

One of the questions for mayoral candidates asked what would be their top two goals to accomplish, if elected.

"I would work on the budget. It has not been balanced in a few years. I want to look into the high water rates," Boertje said. "A lot of citizens complain about that. I would work with the city manager on that."

Fisher responded that the city's tax base had to be increased, noting the many vacant buildings in Wayne.

"We need to recruit businesses. We need new new neighbors, more residents," he said.

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## Wayne council candidates make their cases to voters

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Wayne voters will fill four council seats on Nov. 3 — the first time council candidates will be selected using the ward voting system.

However, after being nominated from individual wards the council is elected

citywide in November.

Christopher Sanders, running in Ward 1, is being challenged by write-in candidates Alfred Brock and Allen "Buddy" Shuh.

Brock commented that communication needs to be improved between the city and

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## 'My face was getting burned:' Wayne man bound over in arson case

**David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

It was an argument that led Wayne resident Jonathan Darlington to set a building on Plymouth Road in Livonia on fire Sept. 19, according to one of the people injured in the blaze.

Kwame Dowdell, 19, took the witness stand Thursday morning in Livonia's 16th District Court during Darlington's preliminary examination. She said Darlington had struck her with a wrench earlier that night, asking her to leave the building that she, her boyfriend and Darlington were residing in in the 27800 block of Plymouth.

After the argument, she and her boyfriend, Keshawn Fletcher, went to a back room in the vacant commercial building they were living in as squatters and went to sleep. It was later that night she woke up to a burning sensation on her face.

"He had told me a few times before (he wanted me to leave), but it never resulted in anything like this," she said. "I woke up to smoke."

"My face was getting burned."

Darlington is charged with several criminal counts involved in the incident, as police say he's the one who set the fire in the building. He faces the following charges: 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.

District Judge Sean Kavanaugh bound over Darlington on all charges Thursday after the examination took place.

Dowdell said she and Fletcher got up and went out a window she smashed using a chair from the building and went across the street to the Royal Motor Inn, where they called police. Darlington also went across the street, though he had brought his belongings from



Defense attorney Kim Lewis takes notes during the preliminary examination of Jonathan Darlington.

inside the burned building with him and reiterated the fact that he wanted her and Fletcher to leave. Dowdell said she believed that he was the one who caused the fire.

"I just felt something was odd about it," she said. "I was just putting two and two together."

She said she had stayed in the building since the middle of the summer.

Dowdell suffered first-degree burns on her face and arm, while Fletcher suffered burns across his arms, legs and back. The arm burns re-

quired some skin grafts be taken from his legs, he said.

### Accelerant found in building

Edward Knox, who worked as a night desk clerk at the Royal Motor Inn that night, said he knew Darlington from when they worked at Mastroiardi Produce in the past and knew Dowdell previously as well. He said Darlington came to check into a room that night before the fire took place. Knox said he saw him walk

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Keshawn Fletcher shows the evidence of burn injuries, which required skin grafts.



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away from the motel via the security cameras, but didn't see him return. He later saw the fire break out from the motel.

"I just see flames and smoke coming out," he

said.

Later, after the fire, he said he knocked on the room door he was staying in, and Darlington was in there and did not appear shaken.

Kavanagh also read the report on the fire from the Livonia Fire Department, which was admitted into evidence.

He said the report notes an accelerant was used to begin the fire, though it did not say what specific material was used.

"It was apparently poured on a pile of papers and books," Kavanagh said.

Darlington's arraignment in Wayne County Circuit Court will take

place at 9 a.m. Thursday. He's currently being held in the Wayne County Jail without bond, according to online jail records. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

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## COUNCIL

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residents, adding the methods need to be expanded through television, radio, email and the Internet.

"I intend to work very hard on your behalf. I would represent everyone in the city. I have two small children I am raising here," he said.

Citing his community involvement, Sanders paraphrased President Ronald Reagan asking if Wayne was better now than it was 50 years ago. "We need new leader-

ship, a fresh approach. If you like the way things are going, I'm not your candidate," Sanders said.

With the city's financial problems, Shuh cited his degree in math and economics along with his work experience as a retail operations manager, teacher and minister.

"I'm a family guy. I have 300 volunteer hours just this year," said Shuh, who also established the Buddy Up fitness program. "I bring a certain skill set that is vital at this time in our history. If you think I can help, it's time to get a Shuh in the door."

In Ward 2, incumbent John Rhaesa is unopposed in seeking a second four-year term.

"The change had already happened. We have \$500,000 in healthcare savings, a new city manager, the community center is leased," said Rhaesa, noting he had voted against all four city budgets during his tenure since the budget used fund balance or other funds. "We need to live within our means. We have \$14.5 million revenues and had a \$22 million budget."

Rhaesa and some oth-

er candidates objected to a question about council members doing contractual work for the city — it was directed solely at Rhaesa. Owner of The Wayne Dispatch, Rhaesa said he did business with the city prior to being elected — about \$2,800 annually.

Despite the arrangement having been ruled legal by the city attorney, Rhaesa said he continues to be attacked over it.

Incumbent Lorne "Skip" Monit is seeking reelection for a four-year term and is challenged by Tom Porter.

"I hope as all of you leave here, you will have the same vision I have. I hope you realize that business as usual will not work," Porter said. "We have to embrace change. I listen to neighbors, friends and those around me. I take their suggestions and work with them."

Citing his leadership and experience, including terms on the Wayne-Westland school board, Monit said he had been part of the council making hard decisions in response to the economic downturn the city has suffered since 2008. "We made the hard

decisions — selling the State Wayne Theater, leasing the recreation center and cutting legacy costs," Monit said.

Appointed to fill a vacancy, Councilman Anthony Miller is running for a two-year at-large seat. He is being challenged by Lucietta Miles, the only candidate who didn't participate in the forum.

"This election is a turning point. The feedback from residents is that they want change," Miller said. "They want more city engagement. They want us to be more proactive."

The city needs to find a way to provide and enhance services, he said, citing the lease of the recreation center. Miller said that Plante Moran has been able to give the city a clear picture of its finances and hiring a \$4,000-per-month grant writer has reaped \$200,000 in grants.

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The city needs to increase its revenue, Rowe said, along with establishing some type of fire authority, although not with Westland. She noted there were different

ways of funding public safety, including authorities, discussed at a recent Michigan Municipal League conference she attended.

"There has been a lack of trust in city government by citizens. I would hold more meetings, coffee sessions. I would (also) have the depart-

ment heads there to talk to people," Rowe said. Visit LWVnorthwest-wayne.org for voter guides and videos of the candidate forums.

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# Symphony to honor late mayor at concert

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will honor former Livonia Mayor Bob Bennett as it opens its 43rd season with a concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Clarenceville High School.

Bennett, who died Sept. 7, served on the Oakway Symphony Board, which later was renamed the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, for more than 35 years, eight as president.

The opening concert, *Dance Around the World*, is being sponsored by the Livonia Community Foundation, which Bennett founded.

A visionary, Bennett began the "Music Under the Stars" series now known as "Music From the Heart" under the auspices of the Livonia Arts Commission. The Livonia Symphony has performed a free concert since the beginning of the series. The arts and cultural organizations were high on Bennett's list of importance while he served as a city councilman and mayor.

For 24 years he co-chaired the annual "Chip in for the Arts" Golf Outing sponsored by the Livonia Symphony. At a recent board meeting it

was voted to change the name of the outing to the Bob Bennett Classic Golf Outing, Chip in for the Arts. The outing will be held June 10 at Fox Creek Golf Course.

The opening concert will feature *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Offenbach; *Molly on the Shore* by Grainger and *Adagio* from "Swan Lake" by Tchaikovsky, featuring soloists David Ormai, concertmaster on violin, Jui-Chao Wang, cello and Laurel Federbush, harp. Other works being performed are the *Emperor Waltz* by Strauss, *Hungarian Danse-No.6* by

Brahms and *Symphony No. 7 in A Major, op. 92* "Symphony of the Dance" by Beethoven.

Tickets are available at the Livonia Civic Center Library, [www.livonia-symphony.org](http://www.livonia-symphony.org), at the door or by calling Ron Laing at 313-538-2536. Individual tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students of all ages with identification. Group tickets for 10 or more are available at a reduced rate.

The 2015-16 season continues with "A Yuletide Tapestry" on Dec. 5, sponsored by the Ford Fund featuring excerpts from the Nutcracker

Ballet with Angie Hahn's Dance Academy along with seasonal favorites; "No Greater Love" sponsored by Livonia Town Hall on Feb. 27, and concludes with "Too Beautiful for Words" sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission on May 7.

Fundraising events include "Shamrocks & Tea" on Sunday, March 13, at the Livonia Marriott; "An Evening of Jazz" on Friday, April 22, at One Under Banquet Center and the annual Garden Party Luncheon on Saturday, May 14, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center.



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## Lakes Urgent Care holds open house for new Livonia office

Lakes Urgent Care P.C., located in the Mendelson Professional Building at 36622 Five Mile Road in Livonia, is holding an open house from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Residents are invited to meet with the doctors, get their blood pressure checked for free and have a tour of the facility. There will also be

free giveaways, such as hand sanitizer.

The Mendelson Professional Building is on the site of the old Frank's nursery, familiar to many in the community. The purpose-built medical office houses Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic and Spine Specialists. It will also be home to a surgical center on the second

floor, operated by St. Mary Hospital, and an MRI center. Lakes Urgent Care Livonia will be able to work in conjunction with other services available in the building.

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## State senator to meet with constituents in Livonia

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and District Manager Penny Crider will hold monthly office hours from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 16, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have.

All are welcome, and no appointment is necessary.

"I encourage anyone who needs help or wants to express a viewpoint to stop by," said Colbeck, R-Canton. "I'm looking forward to continuing a regular series of office hours throughout the district and hearing directly from constituents about state and

pocketbook issues." Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit [www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com](http://www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com) or call 517-373-5713.

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## Westland OKs extension of police liaison at John Glenn High School

There will continue to be a police officer liaison at John Glenn High School, following the approval of an extension of the annual agreement between the City of Westland and Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The Westland City Council approved the agreement, which provides match funding for the Police Officer Liaison position at the high school for the 2015-2016 school year.

"Our partnership with the Police Department supports our students, school district and the city," Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Michele Harmala said. "Relationships help people to understand one another. The students have the opportunity to get to know the liaison officer and likewise for the officer getting to know the students." "Communities are created

and held together through the strength of relationships. The Liaison Officer program is an example of this," she added.

The agreement, which splits the cost of the officer between the city and the school district, was first implemented in 2007. Westland Police Sgt. Joe Bobby will fill the position.

Bobby is a graduate of John Glenn High School, a lifelong resident of Westland, and has served as a Westland Police officer for more than 15 years.

"As a former Wayne-Westland School student and a graduate from John Glenn High School for me to have a chance to work as a liaison officer and helping students in our community is very rewarding" Bobby said. "Liaison officers have many responsibilities other than enforcing the law. Liaison officers are

responsible for ensuring the safety of students and staff both during school hours and at special events."

"One of the most important duties of a liaison officer is to help build a trust between students and law enforcement. Once a trust is built students feel comfortable sharing information with law enforcement, which allows law enforcement to intercept many of the problems before the problems escalate to the point where an arrest has to be made," he added.

"Sgt. Bobby has built a lasting trust with the students at John Glenn High School. This relationship between our schools and the police department has been found to be extremely beneficial even outside of the school district itself," Mayor William Wild said.



Westland Police Sgt. Joe Bobby was on the field during recent Homecoming festivities at John Glenn High School.

## Brickey named Hamilton Elementary principal

An 11-year employee of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools has been tapped to be principal of Hamilton Elementary School in Westland.

The Wayne-Westland school board approved the appointment of Kristen Brickey to the position at its recent meeting. She replaces Katie Booth who left the district to become principal at Northville's Silver Springs Elementary School.

"Thank you for this amazing opportunity," Brickey said. "I'm so proud to be part of the Wayne-Westland Schools and my next experience will be exciting."

Brickey joined the school district in 2004. She has been an interventionist/special

reading recovery teacher at Lincoln and Wildwood elementaries and a first-grade teacher and intervention specialist at Schweitzer Elementary.

She has a bachelor of science degree in organizational communications/psychology and elementary teaching certification in English language arts from Eastern Michigan University and a master of science degree in educational leadership from Concordia University.

She was a first-grade teacher at Warrendale Academy for two years before joining Wayne-Westland.

## College Factual gives Madonna high marks

Madonna University has been ranked number 23 among 522 colleges nationwide in Best Value for Health Professions by College Factual ([www.collegefactual.com](http://www.collegefactual.com)), a resource that uses customizable tools and outcomes-based rankings systems to guide students through the college selection process.

A number of factors were used to determine the rankings, including how well the institution retains and graduates students, the average loan debt per student, the boost in expected earnings, the percentage of full-time teachers and the average student loan default rate.

In addition to Madonna University's placement in Best Value for Health Professions, the institution also

scored well in Best Value for Homeland Security, Law Enforcement and Firefighting, earning a number 27 spot out of 352.

Both of the rankings reflect the institution's high-quality of education as compared to other schools on the list, which includes both research universities and liberal arts colleges, according to College Factual.

All of Madonna University's rankings can be found at [www.collegefactual.com/colleges/madonna-university/rankings/badges/](http://www.collegefactual.com/colleges/madonna-university/rankings/badges/).

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# Wayne County hosts family friendly Halloween events

The countdown to Halloween is in full swing and Wayne County Parks is offering a double dose of fun sure to delight the entire family.

Kicking off the fun will be the Halloween Forest Fun Hike on Friday, Oct. 16. Wayne County Parks is offering an hour-long guided hike with its "not-so-scary" funny forest dwellers full of surprises for the children.

Hikes begin on the grounds of Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. Afterward, guests will meet intriguing live creatures from

around the world during an indoor presentation by Wildlife Safari.

Participants must preregister for a starting time of 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents. The fee for residents living outside Wayne County is \$7 per child and \$3 per adult. Call 734-261-1990 to register. Space is limited.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Wayne County Parks also is holding a Halloween

Festival from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Bring the whole family to enjoy an afternoon of free games and activities at Nankin Mills Park.

Costumes are optional for this event. Activities include hayrides, moonwalks, games, a costume parade, trick-or-treating, entertainment and more.

Nankin Mills Park is located at 33275 Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

For more information on these and other events, call 734-261-1990 or visit [www.parks.waynecounty.com](http://www.parks.waynecounty.com).



Youngsters will meet "not-so-scary" funny forest dwellers during a Halloween Forest Fun Hike on Friday, Oct. 16.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

# Couple charged with armed robberies at Westland home

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

An Inkster couple has been charged with breaking into a Westland home and robbing a family of four at gunpoint.

It is one of several home invasions reported to have taken place in Westland, Garden City and Inkster on Sept. 28, according to Westland Police.

The alleged crime spree began when a couple forced entry into an elderly man's home in the 27400 block of Beechwood in Garden City, stole his pistol and then drove away in the man's vehicle, police said. This incident was reported just after midnight.

With that stolen pistol, police said the suspects eventually entered an



Binyard

Crawford

woman in the 28500 block of Somerset in Inkster at 6:39 a.m., police said, but the woman was able to shut the door on the pair before they could enter her home.

The suspects were identified after the pair eventually ran out of gas in the vehicle stolen from the Garden City man, leaving behind evidence that led to their identity and arrest by the Westland Police Department, police said.

Duan Crawford, 26, and Darlene Binyard, 25, were arraigned in Westland 18th District Court on charges of first-degree home invasion, four counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm.

A parole absconder, Crawford is also charged with being a felon in

possession of a firearm and being a fourth-degree habitual offender. Not guilty charges were entered for both defendants who are being held in lieu of \$750,000 bond. A probable cause hearing is set for Oct. 15 with a preliminary examination scheduled for Oct. 22.

Westland Police are also investigating a breaking and entering at unoccupied home in the 33600 block of Avondale that occurred during the same time period as the other incidents. Police said additional charges are expected to be filed against the couple in other communities.

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# Plawecki bill would require insurers cover for cancer screening

State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, has introduced legislation that would require health insurers to provide coverage for colorectal exams.

House Bill 4968 would amend the Insurance Code (Public Act 218 of 1956) to require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings, laboratory tests and certain procedures. The bill was drafted with input from and support of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

Under the Affordable Care Act, new insurance plans, dated Sept. 23, 2010, or later, are required to provide for screenings, while plans in place before that are not required to provide for these screenings unless there is a state

law. Michigan is one of about 20 states that does not require coverage.

"Cancer Plawecki has impacted the lives of numerous Michigan residents," Plawecki said. "The purpose of this legislation is to address this extremely important topic by ensuring that all residents covered under an insurance policy have access to screenings in our state."

"This is a proposal that could increase prevention and ultimately save lives. Many states have passed similar laws, and I encourage the Michigan Legislature to act on this very important issue," she added.



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# Library's Coffee Shop Storytime puts emphasis on books, songs, fun

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Nash Duncan of Westland marked his third birthday in style on Thursday.

Nash was among children at a Coffee Shop Storytime at Biggby Coffee on Ford Road in Westland.

"We love storytime," said mom Sara Duncan of Westland. "We have a great time. It's something different. It gets the kids in a different atmosphere."

Their family also enjoys activities at the William P. Faust Public Library down the street on Central City Parkway. The Westland library has offered the coffee shop storytimes for about a year now, said Laura Flaherty, youth services librarian.

"We like to do outreach in the community," said Flaherty, noting good rapport with Biggby Coffee, 36640 Ford, in Westland. The Coffee Shop Storytime is offered at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Biggby.

The library also offers a Coffee Shop Storytime at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Westland Starbucks, 36545 Warren Road. Advance registration isn't required.

Mar Romero of Westland brought son Oliver Tudor, 13 months, to Thursday's storytime at Biggby Coffee. She first

learned of the program at the library.

"I want him to meet with other kids," she said as Oliver scampered around the coffee shop. "I wanted him to be with other kids of his age."

Some 15 children enjoyed the storytime with Flaherty.

"Today we get to meet at the coffee shop and have fun," the librarian said in introducing the day's pumpkin theme.

She read stories and led the children in song. "Let's sing about being happy," said Flaherty, as the children began "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands."

That was followed by an "angry face pumpkin," with "stomp your feet"; a silly pumpkin with "make a face," and a sad pumpkin, with "rub your eyes, boo hoo." Children also displayed their reaction to a surprised pumpkin, of "say, oh my."

The youngsters took home stickers and small pumpkins cut from construction paper.

Flaherty, while in library science school, worked as a nanny and took those children to a similar coffee shop fun time.

"It was always just a fun thing for us to do together," she recalled.

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Children enjoy their time at Coffee Shop Storytime at Biggby Coffee, offered by the Westland library.

JULIE BROWN



At right, youth services librarian Laura Flaherty shares a story with the attentive youngsters.

JULIE BROWN

JULIE BROWN  
The pumpkin theme of Coffee Shop Storytime was appropriate for Oct. 8.



## CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received a request for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate from Haithem K. Sarafa, Manager, SREP Haggerty Road, LLC, for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the properties located at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty Road within City of Livonia Commercial Rehabilitation District No. 2;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

1. The City Clerk shall provide copies of the Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 210, P.A. 2005, as amended.
2. The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Monday, October 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
3. The Council has set **Monday, October 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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## CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

**AGENDA**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
**October 27, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)**  
**33000 Civic Center Drive**  
**Livonia, MI**  
**(734) 466 2259**

**APPEAL CASE 2015-08-40 (Tabled on September 29, 2015):** Septimiu and Maria Puscas, west side of Merriman, (20121) between Norfolk and Fairfax, seeking to erect a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages, garage area and garage height.

**APPEAL CASE 2015-09-49 (Tabled on September 29, 2015):** Jerone and Rosalie Stenrose, 30410 Puritan, Livonia, MI 48154, seeking to erect a single family dwelling with attached garage upon property located on the west side of Henry Ruff (16135) between Puritan and Greenland, resulting in deficient lot area and front yard setback.

**APPEAL CASE 2015-10-56:** MKO Real Estate, LLC, 27472 Schoenherr, Ste. 140, Warren, MI 48088, on behalf of Lessee St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48154, seeking to erect two wall signs upon property located on the north side of Five Mile (36622) between Levan and Williams, resulting in excess number of signs and sign area.

**APPEAL CASE 2015-10-57:** Douglas Rogalla, east side of Cavour (14944) between Elsie and Jamison, seeking to erect a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages.

**APPEAL CASE 2015-10-58:** Joseph and Cindy Rivet, west side of Ellen (15619) between Edgewood and Roycroft, seeking to erect a four (4) foot tall open picket style fence upon a corner lot, resulting in the fence not aligning with any other fence on adjoining property and the fence being located in the front yard, which is not allowed.

**APPEAL CASE 2015-10-59:** David and Bonnie Kiselewski Rev. Trust, east side of Farmington (16572) between Bloomfield Drive and Bell Creek Lane, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall privacy fence in the side yard, which is not allowed. Privacy fences cannot extend beyond the rear line of the home toward the street.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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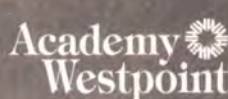


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Mom and son Sara and Noah Duncan of Westland at the Thursday, Coffee Shop Storytime at Biggby Coffee, offered by the Westland library. Oct. 8 was Noah's third birthday.

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# MotorCities honors volunteers for their work

As the MotorCities team wrapped up a busy summer season of Autopalooza events, it paused to recognize the great work accomplished by its volunteers at an appreciation luncheon held at the Roman Village Cucina Italiana restaurant in Dearborn.

Volunteers and staff this past summer engaged with hundreds of auto and history enthusiasts during the 16-event Autopalooza season, featuring events such as the Woodward Dream Cruise, the Concours D'elegance, the Belle Isle Grand Prix, Cruisin' Hines and Ypsilanti Orphan Car Show.

Top volunteers received exclusive MotorCities SWAG, including

embroidered canvas bags, a die-cast Indy model racecar, a commemorative Belle Isle Grand Prix helmet, hats and T-shirts and special proclamations.

Volunteering for the MotorCities National Heritage Area plugs people into the fascinating world of auto and labor history and allows them behind-the-scenes access to the area's premier car shows and cruises.

People interested in learning more about the MotorCities Ambassadors program, contact Volunteer Coordinator Tiffany McFarland at 313-259-3425 or email her at [tmcfarland@motorcities.org](mailto:tmcfarland@motorcities.org).



MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA  
Volunteer Don Nicholson of Westland receives a proclamation from MotorCities Executive Director Shawn Pomaville for his work with the organization.



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## Veterans service dogs bill headed to governor's desk

With unanimous approval from the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate, legislation authored by Sen. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, to protect Michigan veterans who use service dogs is on its way to Gov. Snyder's desk to be signed into law.

Knezek's legislation is part of a bipartisan, bicameral package of legislation introduced in April 2015 that would protect Michigan veterans who use service dogs to better manage the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury. Current state law does not protect veterans who use service dogs.

"In the aftermath of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's important to remember that not all wounds are visible," Knezek said. "We've all heard the stories of veterans being asked to leave businesses because it didn't appear that they suffered from any physical condition. This opened the door to conversations about the need for education and protection under the law."



Knezek

Knezek and Sen. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage, each sponsored a bill in the Senate. Reps. Tom Barrett, R-Pottersville, and David Rutledge,

D-Superior Township, sponsored a bill in the House of Representatives.

"The therapy these dogs provide a veteran is incredible," Barrett said. "Transitioning home from Iraq and Afghanistan isn't always an easy process. We need to understand that, respect it and do everything we can do to help welcome our veterans home. The bond between a veteran with post-traumatic stress or traumatic brain injury and their service dog gives them both a new lease on life. They're more than just a dog. They're family."

Three of the bills would expand current statute to include protections for veterans with

PTS or TBI, as well as others with psychological disorders that can use services dogs under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The fourth bill would create a voluntary application process with the state's Department of Civil Rights to obtain state-issued identification, dog tags and a patch for service dogs to be displayed on their vest.

Additional language in the bills seeks to bring state statute in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"This is a great example of what can happen when we set aside partisan politics and work across the aisle to get things done for Michigan veterans," Knezek said.

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# Man found incompetent, hearing delayed

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A Detroit man has been found incompetent to face charges that he assaulted and severely beat a Westland woman after forcing his way into her apartment.

Shadonn Jenkins, 21, appeared in Westland 18th District Court on Thursday for a competency hearing and preliminary examination. The report from the state forensic center found Jenkins mentally incompetent — that is unable to understand the proceedings in court and assist his attorney in his defense — but also that he could become competent with treatment.

As a result, Jenkins

was returned to the Wayne County Jail until a bed was available for him to undergo inpatient treatment at the forensic center. The preliminary examination was adjourned until Jan. 7 to allow time for the treatment.



Jenkins

“I talked with the doctor. It is a very complex case and she doesn’t expect him to be competent anytime soon,” defense lawyer David Lankford said. “Sometimes they get them in (admitted to the forensic center) in a couple of weeks; other times it takes three or four months.”

Jailed in lieu of \$75,000 cash bond, Jenkins is charged with assault with intent to com-

mit murder, home invasion first degree, assault by strangulation and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

The incident happened the afternoon of Aug. 20 at the Westwood Apartments located south of Joy, west of Newburgh. Westland police reported a resident, 64, was home alone when she heard a knock on her apartment door. She answered it and

a man, a stranger, asked her for a ride. She closed the door and called the office to report a stranger in the building.

The woman ended her phone call with the officer and then saw the man entering her apartment through the door-wall. The man reportedly assaulted the woman and then fled after two maintenance men saw him in the victim’s doorway. While one of the men

tended to the woman, the other man called 911 and followed the suspect keeping him in sight until the Westland Police arrived and took the suspect into custody. The victim had been severely beaten, according to police.

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## POLICE REPORTS

### Woman robbed at gunpoint

A man armed with a handgun held up a woman as she exited Subway in the 9300 block of Telegraph at about 7 p.m. Oct. 4.

The woman told police she felt like someone was following her as she walked to her vehicle. As she turned around, two suspects ran up to her and stood on either side of her. The suspect holding the black semiautomatic handgun told her to give him her purse and phone, which she did.

The suspects ran westbound across Telegraph through the Kroger parking lot, and the woman ran inside Subway to tell the employees she had just been robbed and to call 911.

### Victim shot with paintball gun

A suspect who allegedly shot somebody at the Redford Union football game with a paintball gun while driving by was arrested at about 9:40 p.m. Oct. 2.

An officer on patrol pulled over the suspect for not using his turn signal in the area of Puritan and Centralia after being notified of the incident and being given a description of the car. The officer observed the butt of a CO2 tank sticking out from under a sweater on the suspect’s lap. The suspect stated he had just left the football game and had shot a tree, but denied shooting anybody.

The officer confiscated a New Amsterdam bottle containing a clear liquid.

The suspect was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and possession of alcohol in a vehicle under age 21.

### Work gloves taken

A man was arrested after stealing 12 pairs of work gloves from the Speedway gas station at Six Mile and Beech Daly at about 2:33 p.m. Oct. 3, police said.

An employee called police after observing the man placing multiple pairs of gloves inside his jacket and leaving out the front door without making any attempt to pay for the gloves, valued at \$6.35 to \$8.47 a pair. He left on foot, walking across Six Mile and then heading east.

An officer on patrol sitting across from the gas station approached the suspect in a fully marked car with the spotlight activated and ordered him to stop. The man ignored the officer’s orders. The officer ordered him several more times to stop, getting out of his patrol car, but the suspect kept looking back and continuing to walk at a faster pace east on Six Mile. Two more officers arrived and were able to handcuff the suspect. When he was rolled on his side, 12 pairs of work gloves fell out of his jacket, police said.

— Compiled by Karen Smith from reports filed with the Redford Police Department.



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# Angela Hospice fundraiser features auctions, entertainment

Dueling pianos will take the stage at Livonia's Laurel Manor this month to raise funds for Angela Hospice's charitable work. The annual Light Up a Life Gala is Angela Hospice's longest-running and most prestigious event. Guests can expect a fun and sophisticated evening, taking place 6-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23.

The evening will have a little something for everyone, and the dueling pianos show is sure to please. The entertainers will perform an all-request comedy piano show, with wits to match their piano-playing skills. For those who enjoy dancing you'll be able to do that as well.

"This annual event is always a fabulous night out, but this year's event is extraordinarily superior as it marks our 30th anniversary of serving the community," said

Helen Balmforth, Angela Hospice Events Coordinator. "This elegant evening out is an opportunity to gather your friends and family, while having a great time and supporting the good work of Angela Hospice."

The event will also have appetizers and dinner, an open bar, raffles and live and silent auctions. Featured auction packages include a Mackinac Island getaway with a stay at the Grand Hotel; a trip to New York with accommodations and tickets for *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, STOMP and Carnegie Hall; a diamond necklace from Orin Jewelers; autographed sports memorabilia; and more.

"Our Light Up a Life Gala will be honoring the past, present and future of Angela Hospice as we celebrate our 30th anniversary," said Margot Parr, Angela Hospice

President and CEO. "We are excited to mark the occasion at this fun event, which does so much to support Angela Hospice's programs."

The Riley Foundation is the main sponsor for the event. All proceeds from this special evening will benefit Angela Hospice's compassionate programs for patients and their families, including the Good Samaritan program, My Nest is Best Pediatric Program, and grief support services.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available too and donations are still being accepted for the silent auction. Raffle tickets are also available for just \$1 each and you don't have to be present to win.

For more information, visit AskForAngela.com or contact Balmforth at 734-953-6045.



Angela Hospice Events Coordinator Helen Balmforth shows off a diamond necklace Orin Jewelers donated to the Light Up a Life Gala. Live and silent auctions plus a dueling pianos performance will be among the event's highlights on Oct. 23.

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## Kosowski bill would monitor youth in corrections system

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, has sponsored legislation as part of a 20-bill package to improve the way Michigan treats youth offenders.

Kosowski is one of 13 sponsors from both parties that want to help rehabilitate juveniles that commit a crime, rather than simply locking them away.

"Many young people have made mistakes, got a second chance and went on to become productive, law-abiding members of society. Others never got that chance," Kosowski said. "We can reduce prison



State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, speaks at a press conference about legislation to help youth offenders.

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costs and give young people the help they need at the same time. These bills are a win-win scenario."

Kosowski's bill would require the State Court Administrative Office to report the number of youth offenders charged as adults, along with their demographic information, offense committed, sentence received and recidivism rate. Using this information, lawmakers and criminal justice stake-

holders can make informed decisions and better target resources toward prevention.

"We suspect that with the proper rehabilitation, juvenile offenders can get back on the right track. In too many cases, however, we put them in prison with hardened adult criminals," Kosowski said. "My bill will allow us to look at the effects of putting youth into adult prisons so we can give them the right help before it's too late."

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# Showing that holiday spirit: Many honored at St. Nicholas banquet

**David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

Christmas may still be more than two months away, but there was no place more festive with holiday spirit Wednesday than the Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia.

Hosting the annual St. Nicholas Institute, the church, along with the institute's founder, the Rev. Joseph Marquis of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, gathered Wednesday for the annual banquet honoring those who travel across the country to learn how to be a Santa, as well as several award winners from Metro Detroit and across the United States.

Two such recipients were Livonia residents Inger and Matt Griffin, who established the Emily Ann Griffin Foundation in 2002 after the death of their daughter several years ago.

The foundation helps support other special needs children with specialized items that may not necessarily be covered by their insurance.

"It is an honor for the Emily Ann Griffin Foundation's work to be recognized by this very prestigious award in the company of such awe-inspiring recipients," Inger Griffin said. "It is truly ironic that 24 years ago, Matt and I held our wedding reception in this

hall. Little did we know then what in good times and in bad times really was about."

The couple, who both work in the medical field, knew there were challenges associated with raising special-needs children, but didn't get a sense of the gravity of the challenge until their daughter was born.

"We had both cared for special-needs patients and their families," she said. "Even so, we had no idea of the day-to-day challenges a special-needs child brings upon a family."

The institute also recognized the many Santas and Mrs. Clauses who came for the occasion Wednesday, and even had a chance to enjoy some dancing to modified tunes around the banquet hall.

Others recognized included former Detroit Tigers players Willie Horton and Jim Price and the "Berlin Candy Bomber" Col. Gail "Hal" Halvorsen. Also recognized was actor and playwright Leonardo DeFillippis and a posthumous award was given to Charles M. Schulz, creator of the Peanuts cartoon strip.

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A Santa Claus conga line winds through the banquet hall.

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Brigadier General (ret.) Carol Ann Fausone, representing Congressman Dave Trott, presents an award to Brad Halvorsen, accepting the award for his father, Col Gail "Hal" Halvorsen. Halvorsen dropped candy to German children trapped behind Soviet lines in post-war Germany.

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Inger and Matt Griffin, with Father Joe Marquis.

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Darrell Horton

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Santa Jim Youker, of Garner, N.C., dances with Lili Kaufmann of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Father Joe Marquis leads the Santas in a few dance steps, to help make room for dessert.

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**PETITION 2015-08-01-07** submitted by Kucyk Soave & Fernandes, P.L.L.C., to rezone the properties located on the southwest corner of Hix and Ann Arbor Roads (9449, 9447, 9445, 9443, 9441 and 9439 Hix Road) in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, from PL (Public Land) to R-1 (One Family Residential - 60' x120' Lots).  
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# Current tax laws on minimum distributions and charitable donations

**Q: Dear Rick: Last year was the first time I was required to take a distribution from my IRA. As opposed to taking the distribution, I was told that I could donate the amount to charity, which I did. I wanted to do the same thing this year, however, my IRA custodian told me that the law that allowed this was not extended for 2015. My custodian said that there is a strong possibility that it will be extended for this year but he can make no promises. What would happen if I had my distribution paid to the charity and the law is not extended? Would I be penalized? Do you think it makes sense or**



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**should I just write a check to the charity?**

**A:** Your custodian is correct. The provision of the law that allows someone to donate their required minimum distribution to a charity has not yet been authorized for 2015.

What seems to happen year after year is that some time in mid to late December, the President and Congress reauthorize this provision. You would think that because required minimum distributions must be completed by the end of the

calendar year, they would want to give taxpayers more time to complete the transaction. Unfortunately, the President and Congress don't think that way.

I believe that they will authorize this transaction, however, considering how dysfunctional Washington is, I can't be sure.

The first issue is the consequence if you do the transaction and Congress does not authorize the transfer. In that situation, you would be taxed on your minimum required distribution that went to the charity. At the same time, you would then be able to write your charitable contribution off your tax return.

For example, if your

required minimum distribution (RMD) was \$10,000 a year and you transferred that to a charity, if the law was authorized for 2015, you would not have to include it as ordinary income. Furthermore, because you're not taxed on the distribution, there would be no charitable contribution for you.

On the other hand, if the law was not authorized, you would be taxed on the \$10,000, but you would be able to write it off as a charitable contribution on your tax return.

For many people, being able to donate their required minimum distribution directly to charity is potentially a great tax saver.

In addition, for people who itemize their deductions, this can also save money in a number of different ways from a tax standpoint, including such things as how much your Medicare premium is and how much of your Social Security is subject to income tax.

If the tax provision is reauthorized, the key to the transaction is to make sure the money from your IRA goes directly to the charity. If the distribution is paid to you and then you take that money and pay it to the charity, you don't get the benefit.

Most IRA custodians are very familiar with this transaction, and it's relatively easy to complete. The downside is

that it must be completed by Dec. 31.

Sometimes, with the delay from Washington in reauthorizing this provision, it may be too late to complete the transaction. That is why many people are doing the transaction ahead of time, hoping that the legislation will be authorized. At the same time, they are willing to accept the consequences if it is not.

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

# Western Wayne Genealogy Group repeats workshop series

Are you a novice, just wanting to learn a little more about your ancestors, but don't really know how to start? Do you already have piles of records and papers, but no idea what to do with them? Are you already a seasoned genealogist, wanting to learn more about research techniques and how to maximize new software benefits? Do you just want to be able to give your relatives family tree charts and reports to help them understand just why you spend so much time digging up all these old family records?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society invites you to attend a repeat of last year's successful workshops, which introduced a new concept in genealogy society meetings.

The sessions, which begin Monday, Nov. 2, will consist of a workshop/lecture format, providing attendees with entertaining and informative new insights into research, evaluation and recording of family tree data to make sense out of all the records they have or soon will have

collected. Records used will include, census, birth, death, marriage and military records, obituaries, property deeds, wills and more.

The group will focus on doing an actual research case study of the Henry Ford family, providing detailed information on how and where to find records, evaluate them and properly enter them into reliable genealogical software programs. Concentrating on a well-known local family such as the Fords allows members to work as a group with a large pool of readily available

historical data, evaluating research techniques and methodologies that can be easily utilized to research any other family.

The group will be using Legacy Family Tree software, but assistance will be available for those using other programs such as Family Tree Maker and Roots Magic. WWCGRS members will receive a special discount on the Legacy Family Tree Deluxe software of \$25 on all orders received no later than Oct. 12. All of the Legacy packages must be picked up at the

workshop or the society's regular meeting Oct. 19. Handouts and complete PowerPoint presentations for each meeting will also be available for download to all members at no charge.

"It's exciting to see how quickly our society has progressed from a social club to a group of avid genealogy researchers," WWCGRS president Al Wakenhut said.

Reservations are required as attendance is limited to 40 persons. The workshops will be held in Classroom "A" of the Livonia Civic Center

Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 25, March 7, April 4 and May 2.

For more information about membership and software ordering details, see the society's website at [www.wwcgrs.org](http://www.wwcgrs.org) or email [info@wwcgrs.org](mailto:info@wwcgrs.org).

The society's regular monthly membership meetings, featuring a variety of genealogy speakers and recognized experts, will be held on the third Monday of each month, beginning Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Livonia Civic Senior Center.

## CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by City of Westland - Jefferson Barns Community Center, located at 32150 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186, on **October 22nd, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

JEFFERSON BARN COMMUNITY CENTER - EMERGENCY GENERATOR RELOCATION AND INSTALLATION

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at [www.CityofWestland.com](http://www.CityofWestland.com). The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.

## Find the appealing 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the available models at the Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Ave. just west of I-275.

### Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the midlevel SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the topline SL trim. New

LED running lights up front and angular taillights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

### How It Drives

The Rogue's powertrain is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option.

Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

### Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety

of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable.

The second row of seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

### Ergonomics & Electronics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a 5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information.

A full complement of information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming

audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue features not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

### Cargo & Storage

Pop the rear hatch (a power liftgate is optional) to reveal a spacious cargo area with low bumper liftover. The second-row seats fold flat in a 40/20/40 split, and the levers are accessible with a stretch from the cargo area to unlatch the seatbacks. Fold the front passenger seat flat as well to get a cargo area able to accommodate an 8-foot ladder. For models without the third-row seat, under-floor storage is presented with two reconfigurable dividers that can also act as package shelves.

The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available

behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include the following:

### Exterior Highlights

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# Being Tom Petty — sort of

**Aileen Wingblad**  
Staff Writer

As far back as the 1980s — and maybe earlier — Ted VanDermaas thought he resembled rock star/musician Tom Petty of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers fame.

He wore the mirrored sunglasses, the leather jacket, the V-neck red sweater. He had the hair.

But it was a 7-year-old girl who gave him the push he needed to make a major leap forward with it all.

"I was in Washington, D.C., for Thanksgiving dinner with my wife's relatives when this little girl walks up to me and said, 'You look like Tom

Petty,'" said VanDermaas, a Farmington Hills resident who's played in various bands for decades. "I asked her how do you know about Tom Petty — you're 7 years old? And she said 'Everybody knows Tom Petty.'"

VanDermaas, whose repertoire at the time included plenty of Petty tunes, admits he had considered building a tribute band for awhile.

"It was a no-brainer. I look like him, I have his verbal sound, I play guitar and sing like him..."

Thus, Teddy Petty & the Refugees was born, in early 2013.

"It's like the stars aligned," VanDermaas said during a recent

phone interview with the *Farmington Observer*, easily rattling off title after title of Petty hits — and belting out a few lines when the spirit moved him.

Petty's music is timeless, VanDermaas said. "Yeah, and user-friendly too. There's no negativity, no vulgarity. You can't have anything but a good feeling when you walk away after hearing it."

To get the sound — and the visuals — "right," VanDermaas has matched his musical equipment with Petty's, including a 12-string guitar for some songs, a Rickenbacker for others. "You gotta have the



Farmington Hills resident Ted VanDermaas heads the tribute band, Teddy Petty & the Refugees. SUBMITTED

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# Annual race reunites runner with physician who helped save his life

The Red October Run had a much happier ending this year for Raymond Dreher.

Dreher, a Taylor resident, finished the 5K race in 34:38, good for second place in the 70-74 age group. Last year, the race nearly killed him.

A regular runner, the 70-year-old Dreher was nearing the corner of Howe and Annapolis — just a few blocks from Beaumont Hospital-Wayne, where the race begins and ends — when he felt an overwhelming sense of dizziness. He stopped running, walked for a few yards, and fell flat on his face.

"The world was spinning and then I just dropped," Dreher said. "I don't recall much of anything after that."

Dreher had suffered a major heart attack, caused by blockages in several prime arteries. He flat-lined in the street and required immediate care to save his life. Fortunately for him, fate intervened.

## Hectic scene

A nurse running behind him noticed the fall and rushed to his aid. Dr. Karen Weaver, a family medicine physician who heads the medical education program at Beaumont Hospital-Wayne, was also nearby. Normally, she volunteers at a water station along the race route but she had momentarily left her post and was escorting her 6-year-old daughter back toward the hospital for a pit stop. By happenstance, she came upon the hectic scene.

"When I went around the corner, I saw people

standing over him," Dr. Weaver said. "I started running toward him. When I got there, the nurse was starting compressions and I started to help, as well."

EMS soon arrived, and used a defibrillator to restart Dreher's heart before transporting him to the nearby hospital.

The initial diagnosis was that Dreher required an emergency quadruple bypass. Dreher responded to the initial treatment so well, however, that the operation was scheduled for the following Monday, instead.

He said he had never experienced any symptoms prior to the race. He ran two miles a day, and thought he was in good health.

"Toward the end of my regular workouts I was having to take more walk breaks," Dreher said. "That was probably a red flag right there, but I always attributed it to just being tired. I had no pains, no numbness that typically comes with this condition."

He said he suspects the incident was part of a bigger plan.

"I was pushing it a little, but I think it was a godsend that I did that. Who knows if that had happened where I typically run, back in the woods where there isn't anyone, it could have been a different story," he said.

The day before this year's race, Ray reunited with Dr. Weaver and the team in the cardiac cath lab that saved his life.

Dr. Weaver said she'll always remember that day, and is glad to have a chance to meet him again



Ray Dreher, who survived a heart attack during last year's Red October Run, returned with the support of his family to participate in this year's 5K run. He also met with Dr. Karen Weaver who helped save his life. On hand were Chuck (from left) and Michelle Pfeifer of Taylor, Mark Dreher of Lincoln Park, Ray Dreher of Taylor, Dr. Karen Weaver, Laurie and Billy Walker, of Trenton and Charlie Pfeifer (in front).

under much better circumstances.

"I'm a family doctor and I don't always get to see this kind of miracle," she said. "We do things little by little every day and hope it makes a difference. This is something special."

## 'Beat goes on'

Dreher brought a whole team with him this year, all dressed up in corresponding T-shirts that read: "The beat goes on, since the Red October Run 2014." He said it was a way of thanking the people who saved him, and paying tribute to their efforts.

"I never really had the opportunity to thank all the right people. I want the world to know," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, I'm here because of what these folks did. Without the things they did, I wouldn't have made it. Had they not been where they were at, it would have been a lot different."

The Red October returned to the community for the 25th year on Oct. 3. The event drew 968 people, from ages 2 to 86. It featured a 5K run, a 5K walk a 10K run along with the Kids Jr. Red October, a mile-long race designed for young peo-

ple. "This has been an awesome event, through the years we've catered to everyone from young children and families to "first time" racers to the elite competitors," said Cindy Cook, community benefit coordinator for Beaumont Health who coordinates the event every year. "It's a great mix enjoyed by all and there always seem to be compelling stories that illustrate just what this event means to people."

Lisa Veneziano, 51, of Fenton was the top female finisher in the 10K event with a time of 38:59, which is a pace of

6:17 per mile. Landry Bennett, 23, of East Lansing clocked it at 35:00, good for a 5:39 per mile pace and first place among male finishers.

In the 5K, Kira Garry was the top female finisher with 17:05. The 22-year-old Ann Arbor resident set a 5K course record with a pace of 5:31 per mile. Paul Mayer, 48, of Ann Arbor was the top male finisher in the 5K run, with a time of 17:53, which is a mile every 5:46.

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PREP PROFILE

## Tackling McCoy a real tough chore

Thurston senior excels on both sides of ball

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

When it comes to trying to tackle Redford Thurston's elusive senior Alonzo McCoy in the open field, misery loves company.

On multiple occasions during each of the Eagles' first six

games, the 5-foot-11, 185-pound human highlight reel has delivered a play that drops jaws and opens eyes.

For instance, there was the 65-yard touchdown McCoy unleashed against Dearborn Fordson when even he thought he was doomed.

"I ran into a big group of defensive players, thinking I was going to get tackled," Mc-



McCoy

Coy explained. "As soon as I got hit, one of their players grabbed my leg, but I spun out of it and then I was gone."

McCoy said he doesn't think about the dazzling moves he makes before he makes them.

"I've been playing football so long, it's just instinct," he said.

There was a long scoring run McCoy pulled off during a Western Wayne Athletic Con-

ference victory earlier this fall when he pulled a Houdini-like move that still has Thurston head coach Bob Snell shaking his head with amazement.

"The team we were playing had Alonzo hemmed in along the sidelines with five defenders," Snell remembered. "He ran into the group of players and disappeared, but then somehow he came out the other

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## 'Pink Out' volleyball

The Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin volleyball teams will continue a heartfelt tradition of raising funds and awareness for breast cancer survivors and victims when they host their annual "Dig For A Cure" game on Tuesday at Churchill.

The freshmen and junior-varsity games are set to tip off at 5 p.m. followed by the varsity showdown at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Local businesses are assisting the fund-raising portion of the event with coupon give-aways and Bill Brown Ford will donate \$1 for every person who pays to attend the game.

A website has been set up for people who would like to donate, but can't attend the game: [side-out.org/cb/campaigns/campaign/10559](http://side-out.org/cb/campaigns/campaign/10559).

## 'Pink Out' football

The Livonia Eagles and Blue Jays junior football teams will be hosting a "Pink Out" game Saturday, Oct. 17, to raise money for breast-cancer charities.

The game featuring the young gridiron rivals will kick-off at 3 p.m. at Bentley Field. Both varsity teams are currently unbeaten.

Last year over \$8,000 was raised through gift-basket raffles, 50/50 raffles, a bake sale and other donations.

## MU women's soccer team wins

A pair of goals from Jennifer Jurcak and another from league leader Kelly Capoccia along with a record-tying win in goal by Blaire Schmalenberg carried the Madonna University women's soccer team to a 3-1 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over host Indiana Tech on Wednesday night at the Warrior Athletic Field.

Following up a career-high 15 saves on Tuesday at Detroit, Schmalenberg made seven stops while getting three more from her defense in posting her seventh win of the season and the 40th of her career, tying her with Madonna Hall of Fame inductee Jennifer Barker for the top spot in program history.

With her seven saves against the Warriors, Schmalenberg now has 316 saves and needs just 13 more to pass Barker for the most saves in program history as well.

After the two sides traded 21 shots in the opening 32 minutes, Jurcak finally found the back of the net at the 32:01 mark as she followed up a rebound off of a Capoccia shot to give the Crusaders a 1-0 lead.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SHOWDOWN

# STAYIN' ALIVE!

Franklin still in hunt for playoffs after 43-27 win over Churchill

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

On "Military Appreciation Night" at Livonia Franklin, the host Patriots combined the toughness of a Marine and the precision of an Air Force fighter pilot to earn a 43-27 triumph over Livonia Churchill in a game that surpassed some pretty lofty pre-game hype.

The Patriots and Chargers are now 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the KLAAs South Division with next week's Kensington Conference crossover games must-wins for both teams as it takes six victories to qualify for the post-season.

The winners' "Top Gun" was senior quarterback Denzel Adams, who completed 6 of 10 passes for 80 yards while rushing for a season-low 40 yards on 13 hauls.

Franklin's tank was senior Nate Binkiewicz, who scored two long fourth-quarter touchdowns to seal the victory and finish with 213 yards on 22 attempts.

The game was never dull and often breath-taking, with dazzling plays in abundance from both teams.

Churchill junior quarterback Evan Cummins was brilliant, completing 10 of 18 passes for 216 yards and two



ED WRIGHT  
Livonia Franklin's Chris Nehasil shakes off a would-be tackle by Churchill's Jacob Chantres to pick up additional yardage.

ED WRIGHT  
Franklin quarterback Denzel Adams gets dragged down from behind by Churchill's Sean Stenzel.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

## Surging Chargers turn tables on Canton, 3-0

Churchill triumphs in intense 3-set contest

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

All you need to know about how far Livonia Churchill's volleyball team has come this season was captured in Thursday's post-match team photo following the Chargers' pivotal showdown against visiting Canton.

The Kodak moment's No. 1 revealing sign: The Chargers were smiling, thanks to an emphatic three-set sweep of the

Chiefs, who had delivered a similar fate to Churchill just a couple weeks earlier.

The group photo's other important revelation: The Chargers were surrounding senior setter Rosie Rae, who was lost for the season before the first match due to a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

The team that has overcome the loss of one of its most-important players and its biggest nemesis earned a first-place tie with Canton thanks to an intensity-drenched 25-22, 25-22, 25-22 triumph.



ED WRIGHT  
Churchill volleyball players celebrate the match-ending point Thursday night against Canton.

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

# Ladywood drives to D4 regional title

Blazers win first crown since 2002

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

The only senior on Livonia Ladywood's golf team, Carley Hall, has been instrumental in leading the Blazers to unfamiliar territory.

On Thursday at Huron Meadows Golf Course, Ladywood won its first regional title since 2002 when it fired a team total of 327 to out-distance runner-up Lutheran North by 13 shots at the Division 4 tournament.

North entered Thursday's round ranked No. 3 in D4 while the Blazers were ranked sixth.

Determined to end her high school career in a blaze of glory, Hall fired a personal-best round of 77 that earned her regional medalist honors.

Also rising to the occasion for Ladywood were junior Lydia Cranmer and sophomore Gabriella Scopone, who registered 82s, which tied them for third place.

Other contributors for the titlists were Jordyn Rioux (86) and freshman Evelyn Krueger (106).

The Blazers return to ac-

tion Friday at the two-day D4 state championship tournament at Forest Aikers Golf Course on the Michigan State University campus.

**Livonia regional results**

Plymouth ran away with Thursday's Division 1 regional golf title at Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf Course, but Livonia Churchill turned in an extremely promising performance.

The Wildcats carved out a championship score of 327 to advance to next week's state finals along with runner-up Saline (327) and third-place Ann Arbor Pioneer (340).

The Chargers didn't qualify for the state meet, but they did post some numbers that will go along way toward making next year more successful.

Churchill shot a team score of 397, breaking the 400-stroke barrier for the first time all fall. The Chargers' previous low score was 425.

Sophomore Paige Peterson was phenomenal for coach Paul Worley's squad, firing an 88 to miss qualifying for the state meet as an individual by just two shots.



Members of Livonia Ladywood's golf team pose with their regional championship golf trophy.

Also scoring for Churchill were Kelsie Nowicki (95), Macey Reese (105), Jessi Howard (125) and Jenny Rousseau (109).

"The girls saved their best play for the last tournament of the year," Worley said. "All

five girls shot their career best or tied their career-best score. It was a good day all around."

Franklin was led by season-long No. 1 player Kendall Payne, who fired an 88. Sofia Cueva shot a 96 for the Patri-

ots while Jaime Whitney (114) and Olivia Napier (105) also contributed.

Wayne's two representatives were Olivia Laws (107) and Kayla Thompson (143).

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ED WRIGHT

Franklin senior keeper Ryan Prohaska helped the Patriots blank Plymouth 2-0 Thursday night.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

## Patriot kickers shine on 'Senior Night'

"Senior Night" couldn't have unfolded more smoothly than it did Thursday night for Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team, which earned a third-place finish in the talent-rich KLAA South Division with a 2-0 victory over visiting Plymouth.

Led by its 11-player contingent of final-year players - particularly senior goal-keeper Ryan Prohaska - the Patriots finished with a 6-4 divisional record, which placed them behind only Canton and the Wildcats in the final standings.

"It was an intense game - probably our most exciting game of the season," said Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos. "Ryan Prohaska was a main reason why we won; He must have had 12 saves. I couldn't be more proud of the way he played tonight."

"Everybody played well for us. Plymouth is a very good team and their Michael Blake is an outstanding player. He got by our defense a few times, but

Ryan was there to make the stop."

Contributing the momentum-igniting goal for the winners was senior Nathan Iacoban, who rammed home the rebound off Ryan Bieth's free kick to break a scoreless draw 13 minutes before the intermission.

"Nathan made a strong run up the middle, did a nice job of getting to the ball in the air and getting it past their keeper," Rodopoulos said. "Bieth added an insurance goal in the second half on a rebound shot."

Among the other players Rodopoulos mentioned as game-changers was senior Sean O'Connell.

Franklin will host Novi on Monday in a KLAA Conference cross-over match, which is set to kick off at 7 p.m.

**Rocks edge Stevenson**

In the final KLAA Central Division match of the season

for both teams, host Salem upended Livonia Stevenson, 2-0, Thursday night.

The Spartans, who finished fourth in the division standings, will take an 8-5-2 overall record into Monday's 7 p.m. game at Churchill.

Salem (14-4-1, ranked No. 5 in Division 1) outshot the Spartans 11-10 in an evenly-played contest.

Rock Hunter Gibbons broke the goal drought in the 37th minute. Nick Massey made it 2-0 in the 65th minute.

Senior goal-keeper Austin Kaczmarek registered four saves for the Spartans. Karson Gregory and Andrew Kozan combined for three Salem saves.

"I thought we played well until we got into the attacking third," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "We just couldn't connect on the final pass all game."

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## MCCOY

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side and went the distance.

"The thing that is impressive about Alonzo is that he combines all the elements that make a great back - he can make great cuts, he can spin and he can power through guys. And with his break-away speed, once he gets by you, he's gone."

Although he has stockpiled an arsenal of mind-blowing offensive moves, McCoy's future in college football may be on the other side of the ball.

The three-year varsity starter is being recruited by several Division 1 football programs as a cornerback and hybrid safety, Snell revealed.

"Since we've been relying on him more on offense this season, Alonzo has shown a great deal of offensive talent the colleges haven't seen yet," said Snell. "The bottom line is that he has a great grasp on the game of football. He has the kind of awareness and vision that you can't coach."

"And he's a great kid, too. Even though he's getting Division 1 offers, he's not boastful or cocky. When he makes a great play, he doesn't pound his chest. He's a great player and a great teammate."

McCoy was first introduced to football as a 5-year-old on Detroit's east side when he'd watch the Eastside Falcons practice until he was old enough to play.

"When I turned 7 and I was finally old enough to play, I didn't really like football," McCoy revealed, smiling. "I wasn't a big fan of all the running we had to do. But once I made my first hit, I was like, 'Wow! I love this!'"

"When I was 8 or 9, I got moved to linebacker and we



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Alonzo McCoy accelerates into high gear during the Eagles' win over Crestwood earlier this fall.

blitzed every play. I'd get like 17 or 18 tackles every game and I've loved playing defense ever since."

While watching college and NFL games on TV, McCoy pays extra attention to the defensive backs.

"I'm always trying to learn better techniques, always looking to improve."

"The most important thing about playing cornerback is being confident in yourself. It's just you and the receiver, so you have to play with some swag. You can't be intimidated."

A team-first leader, McCoy said he has thoroughly enjoyed playing a pivotal role in the Eagles' season.

"I love this team," he said. "We're very young, with a lot of sophomores. I've liked watching the young guys go from not knowing a lot to being really good players and helping us have a chance to make the playoffs."

McCoy is a solid student with a 3.0 grade point average. He said his favorite subject is probably pre-calculus.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Stevenson's homecoming and 50th anniversary celebration**

People planning on attending Livonia Stevenson's home football game on Friday, Oct. 23, are advised to pre-purchase their tickets due to the large crowd expected for the game.

In addition to homecoming, the school will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. game can be purchased at Stevenson on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22 and 23, during all three lunch periods by the north cafeteria (10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.).

On game day, the ticket booths at Anders Field will be open at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets for adults and all students in kindergarten through seniors in high schools cost \$5. Children under 5 will be admitted free (with an adult). All seniors aged 62 and over will also be admitted free.

Stevenson family and student passes will be honored as will Stevenson staff ID's and KLAA passes.

The game will not sell out,

however, fans are advised to arrive early as seating is first-come/first-served.

**Garden City searching for coaches**

The Garden City High School athletic department is searching for a new varsity baseball coach to replace Steve Herman, who stepped down after being named an assistant principal at the school.

The Cougars also need a new boys track-and-field coach.

Interested candidates should send their resume to Garden City athletic director Rob Phillips at phillir@gardencityschools.com.

**Reporting results**

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to *Observer* sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Sunday editions of the *Observer* is Friday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**

**Friday, Oct. 16**  
Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
KLAA divisional cross-overs, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Romulus, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Annapolis, 7 p.m.  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
**Monday, Oct. 12**  
Novi at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
S. Lyon East at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Fordson, 7:30 p.m.  
Thurston at RU, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 13**

Macomb Christ. at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
Lincoln at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Clarencville, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 14**  
KLAA association cross-overs, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 13**  
Ypsilanti at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 15**  
John Glenn at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at S. Lyon Unified, 6:30 p.m.  
RU at Fordson, 4 p.m.

**PREP CROSS COUNTRY**

**Tuesday, Oct. 13**  
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
RU at Dearborn, 4:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
Garden City at Belleville, 4:30 p.m.  
Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Oct. 16**  
River Rat Open, 4 p.m.  
**PREP VOLLEYBALL**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 13**  
Belleville at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Southfield Christ. at HVL, 6:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
RU at Fordson, 7 p.m.  
Oakland Christ. at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Clarencville, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 15**  
Macomb Christ. at HVL, 6:30 p.m.  
Annapolis at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Robichaud at RU, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 17**  
Beast of the East, TBA



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**CANTON** 10:00 AM - Noon  
 Summit on the Park  
 Community Center  
 46000 Summit Pkwy

**REDFORD** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
 Redford Marquee  
 25833 Elsinore  
 (Next to the Redford Police Station)

**GARDEN CITY** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
 Garden City High School  
 (in front of school)  
 6500 Middlebelt Rd.

**WAYNE** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
 Empty lot at former  
 Franks Furniture  
 Wayne Rd. between  
 Chestnut and Glenwood

**LIVONIA** 10:00 AM - Noon  
 Livonia Civic Senior Center  
 15218 Farmington Rd.

**WESTLAND** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
 Westland Bowl  
 (parking lot)  
 5940 N. Wayne Rd.  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Lobby

**NOVI** 10:00 AM - Noon  
 Fire Station #1  
 42975 Grand River Ave.

**FARMINGTON** 9:00 AM - Noon  
 Farmington Hills Fire Dept.  
 31455 Eleven Mile Rd.

**PLYMOUTH** 9:00 AM - Noon  
 Farmers Market  
 (in front of Penn Theatre)  
 760 Penniman Ave.



KLAA TENNIS TOURNAMENT

# Stevenson netters claim 'B' championship

Franklin earns silver finish in conference get-together

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Fueled by three first-place flight performances, Livonia Stevenson's boys tennis team secured the championship in the KLAA "B" tournament Oct. 3.

Going 4-0 for the Spartans were No. 2 singles player Andrew Dziobak, the No. 1 dou-

bles team of Jeff Della Mora and Scott Findlay, and the No. 2 doubles tandem of Dalton Rhodes and Jacob Redd, who pulled off the title despite entering the event unseeded.

Stevenson netted 22 points to overtake runner-up Livonia Franklin by five points. South Lyon was third with 16 followed by Hartland and Howell, who tied for fourth with 15.

Howell's Matt Wenzel earned the No. 1 singles title after recording a championship-match victory over Ste-

venson's Cade Bunton, 6-1, 6-2.

Dziobak out-dued Franklin's No. 1-seeded Adam Alger, 6-4, 6-4, in a well-placed finals match at No. 2 singles. Dziobak rallied for a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 triumph over Howell's Mike Zehnder in a tense quarterfinal matchup.

Stevenson's Jack Dunne pieced together a nice run at No. 3 singles, sweeping Milford's Luke Joyner, 6-1, 6-0, in a quarterfinal match before dispatching Franklin's Justin Crawford, 6-1, 6-1, in the semis.

Dunne finally met his match in the final as South Lyon East's Jon McCarthy prevailed, 6-1, 7-6(5) in a showdown between the top two seeds.

Franklin's Jon Montie turned in a brilliant performance while winning the No. 4 singles crown, ousting East's AJ Clark, 6-3, 5-7, 6-0 in the quarters, Lakeland's Jack Koby, 6-7(7), 6-2, 6-1, in the semis and Hartland's Chris Mizuno, 6-3, 6-2, in the championship encounter.

Della Mora and Findlay's

productive day in the No. 1 doubles brackets was sealed with a convincing 6-1, 6-2 win over Howell's Brendan Hauk and Terrance Chandler.

Rhodes and Redd were the day's most-unlikely champions, rising from unseeded underdogs to titleists at No. 2 doubles thanks to a 6-3, 7-5 triumph over Howell's top-seeded pairing of Jeremy Blatt and Justin Klucevek in the gold-medal match.

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WWAC FOOTBALL REPORT

# Thurston rumbles to victory over RU

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

One big drive by Redford Union's football team Friday night couldn't match several big plays by host Redford Thurston in the Eagles' convincing 33-6 Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division battle.

The triumph improved Thurston's record to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the division leaving it in a three-way tie for second place with Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Dearborn Fordson.

Belleville won the division with an unbeaten record.

The Panthers are now 1-6.

"They got some big plays by their seniors and our underclassmen couldn't match them," said RU head coach Miles Tomasaitis. "We had some opportunities that we didn't cash in on."

"Our defense played better than it's been playing, but we gave up three or four big plays that hurt us."

The Panthers took the opening kick-off and drove 65 yards in seven minutes to seize a 6-0 lead on Isaac Grant's 4-yard scoring run.

A fired-up Eagles defense yielded just 36 total yards to their cross-town rivals the rest of the night.

Thurston quickly regained momentum following Grant's TD when Alonzo McCoy took the ensuing kick-off 68 yards to pay dirt to make it 7-6 after Kobe Williams split the up-rights with the extra point.

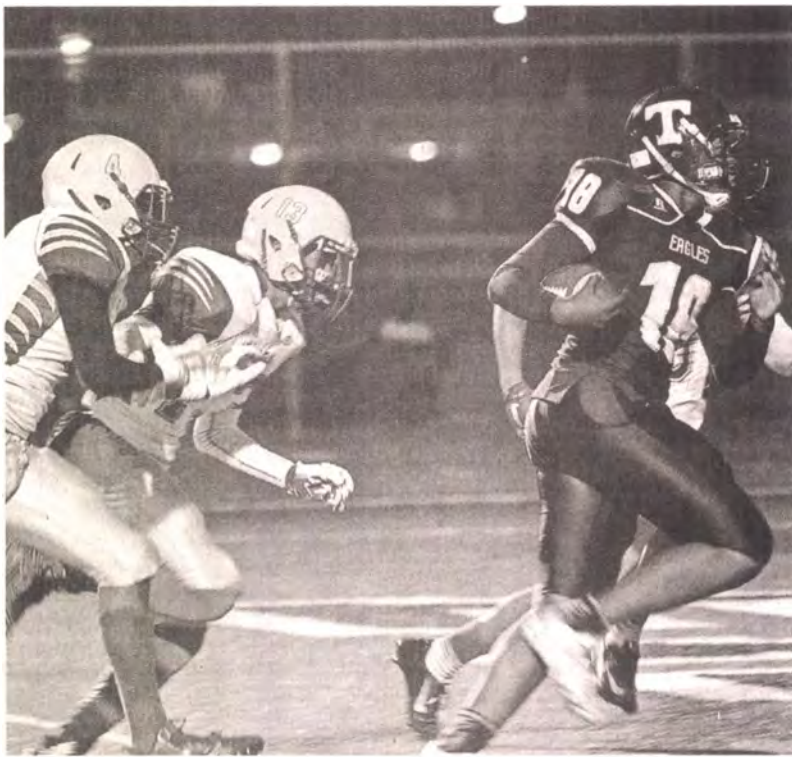
After forcing an RU turnover on the next possession, Thurston upped its lead to 13-6 on an 11-yard keeper by quarterback Zachary Crofford.

The Eagles led 20-6 at the half thanks to a 45-yard TD pass from Crofford to Williams.

The second half was all Thurston, which scored on a 41-yard pass to Darryius King and a 16-yard connection between Crofford and McCoy.

"Our defense played really well after Redford Union's opening drive," said Thurston head coach Bob Snell, who praised the effort of Eric Gibson and defensive tackle Jacob Jenkins, among others.

"Offensively, we made some



Zachary Crofford enters the end zone after scampering 11 yards on a keeper Friday night against Redford Union.

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Redford Union's Isaac Grant is hauled down by Thurston's Dionte Robertson.

CHRIS GUDECK

mistakes that hurt us. We had some big plays called back by penalties, we had a couple bad snaps and dropped passes. We'll have to play better next week if we want to beat Romulus."

Crofford, who is only a sophomore, had a productive night, completing 7 of 11 passes for 163 yards.

Relief quarterback Errol Flynn was also effective, completing both of his aeriels for 41 yards.

David Dudley paced the Eagles' balanced ground attack with 50 yards on six carries.

Thurston outgained RU in total yards, 312-101.

Nathan Hayes registered a key fumble recovery in the third quarter for Thurston, which needs to win its final two games against Romulus and University of Detroit Jesuit to qualify for the post-season playoffs.

## FOOTBALL

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touchdowns. He also ran for 142 yards and a TD on 14 carries.

During one fourth-quarter keeper, Cummins hurdled a would-be Franklin tackler, drawing oohs and aahs from both sides of the field.

The Chargers scored first on their opening possession when Cummins capped a five-play, 50-yard drive with a 6-yard keeper. Matt Pachota's extra-point made it 7-0.

The Patriots were seemingly stymied on their next drive, facing a fourth-and-10 from the Churchill 39.

However, a razzle-dazzle fake punt turned into a 39-yard touchdown run by Brandon Smiley, knotting the game at 7-all with 4:13 left in the opening quarter.

Churchill countered with a 1-yard scoring run by Sean Stenzel with 36 seconds left in the first quarter. A mishandled snap on the extra point left the score at 13-7.

The most exciting play of the night that didn't count occurred on Franklin's next possession when Adams scrambled for what seemed like a half hour, before hitting tight end Rob Erwin in the left flat.

As soon as Erwin headed upfield, he bulldozed a Charger defender before finally getting dragged down in the Chargers' red zone. An illegal-man-downfield infraction against Franklin brought the play back, but Erwin's play seemed to ignite a flame in the Patriots.

The Patriots' grabbed a 14-13 lead (following Jake Giacobbi's second extra point of the night) with 5:20 left in the first half when Jacob Clark scored from five yards out - one play after Chris Nehasil rumbled 67 yards on a jet sweep.

To keep the game's ping-pong theme intact, Churchill then regained the lead, 19-14, when Cummins hit a diving

Mike Hill on a 26-yard scoring pass (the two-point conversion pass was no good).

Franklin cut its half-time deficit to 19-17 13 seconds before halftime when Giacobbi split the uprights on a 37-yard field goal.

The second half, which was more wild than the first, got rolling when Binkiewicz found pay dirt from 15 yards out to give his team a 24-19 lead.

The Chargers responded at the 8:25 mark of the third quarter when Cummins hit a streaking Jamal Allen for a 50-yard TD pass. Allen then ran in the two-point conversion to give the visitors a 27-24 lead.

The way things were going, no one would have guessed the points were Churchill's final ones of the night.

Franklin grabbed the lead for good - 30-27 - with 3:36 remaining in the third quarter on a 1-yard run by Nehasil.

Energized by a 42-yard run by Cummins, Churchill motored to the Franklin 1 on its next possession, but a jarring tackle by Nehasil forced a fumble that was recovered by the Patriots.

Franklin's gutsiest drive of the night started with 7:44 on the fourth-quarter clock and the Patriots still clinging to a 30-27 lead.

With Binkiewicz churning out several modest runs and Adams chipping in with a huge 11-yard gain on a third-and-7, the Patriots advanced the ball into Churchill territory before Binkiewicz turned a basic off-tackle play into a 45-yard touchdown to expand his team's lead to 37-27.

Binkiewicz sealed the deal with a 31-yard TD run with less than two minutes to play.

Along with forcing a fumble, Nehasil also recovered one. Ke-Mauri Heard had a significant sack to thwart another Churchill fourth-quarter threat.

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WWAC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

# Cougar netters keep raking in titles

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Garden City's boys tennis team captured its second consecutive Western Wayne Athletic Conference tournament and overall league title Thursday at Dearborn High School.

The Cougars racked up 18 points, to out-distance the host Pioneers by 7.5 points. Crestwood and Belleville tied for third with nine points a piece while Fordson compiled eight.

Dearborn Edsel Ford notched 3.5 points and Redford Union had two.

GC and Dearborn completed the dual-meet portion of the schedule with identical 6-0-1 records, so the league meet was the deciding factor in the conference championship.

GC senior Robbie Moyers won a bronze medal at No. 1 singles with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Belleville in the third-fourth match.

Tyler Kelly did not lose to a league opponent for the second straight year, winning the gold medal at No. 2 singles

with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Crestwood.

Jassen Matuscak also won every league match this season, including winning the gold medal at No. 3 singles with a convincing 6-2, 6-2 win over Dearborn.

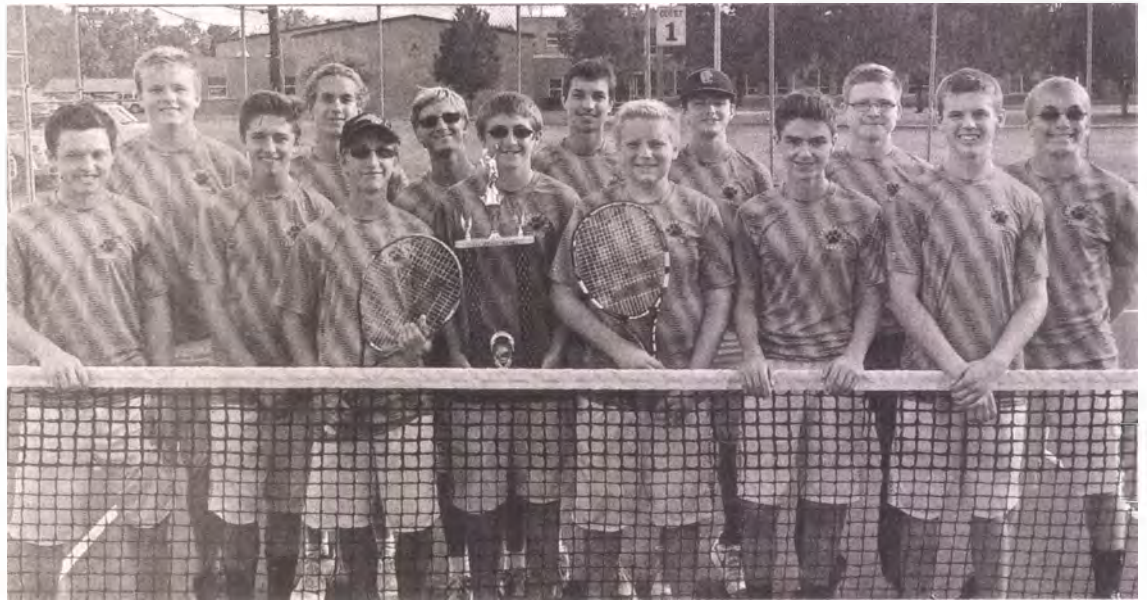
Tony Van Dooren rounded out the Cougars' dominant singles play with an undefeated league season and a gold medal of his own with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Dearborn.

At No. 1 doubles, Avery Emerson and Derek Van Dooren earned a silver medal following a heart-breaking three-set setback in the title match against Crestwood.

Tim Tapper and Justin Perin won bronze at No. 2 doubles with a 6-0, 6-0 triumph over Edsel Ford.

The No. 3 duo of Tanner Davis and Anthony King won silver after dropping a tough 6-3, 6-3 decision to their Belleville foes.

The No. 4 team of Kevin Widmer and Jacob Grant upended Dearborn, 6-3, 6-3, and Crestwood in straight sets



Garden City's tennis team poses with its most-recent WWAC tournament trophy.

before losing in the title tilt to Fordson.

"Today's match was a total-team effort," said Garden City head coach Ron Pummill. "We talked at practice about being ready from the first match to the last match."

"I am so proud of the effort of this year's team. They have been a joy to coach."

### Regional action

The Cougars placed fourth in Thursday's regional tourna-

ment hosted by North Farmington.

Walled Lake Western won the tournament with 27 points, followed by the Raiders (22), Farmington Harrison (17) and the Cougars, who chalked up 13 points.

Kelly earned a regional-championship medal at No. 2 singles by ousting his Farmington opponent in round one before dispatching Harrison and Western in the semifinals and finals, respectively.

Kelly's semifinal victory included a 7-4 second-set tie-breaker that he won with an ace.

Tony Van Dooren had an excellent day at No. 4 singles, as he defeated Milford in round one, Harrison in round two before losing a third-set tie-breaker to his Western opponent in the championship encounter.

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HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING & DIVING

# Wayne upends Franklin in KLAA South meet

John Glenn runner-up in Wayne Invitational

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

In a battle of KLAA South Division girls swimming and diving teams that are trying to gain some traction during their mid-season schedules, Wayne Memorial put the pedal to the metal in Thursday's 100-70 victory over Livonia Franklin.

The members of the Zebras' first-place 200-yard medley relay team — Olivia Hustad, Julia Bryant, Alicia Beeny and Kayla Theus — not only got things rolling by winning the night's debut event in 2 minutes, 8.06 seconds, but they all contributed shining individual-race performances throughout the meet.

Bryant touched first in the 200 individual medley in 2:27.24 and the 100 freestyle (1:02.25), while Hustad was the

victor in the 50 freestyle (28.45 seconds), Beeny won the 100 backstroke (1:13.53) and Theus was second in both the 50 free and 100 free.

Franklin had outstanding performers as well, most notably Paityn Santi, who won the 200 free in 2:21.61 and the 100 butterfly in 1:10.38.

Patriot freshman Caitlin Jodway proved her endurance was sky-high by taking first in the 500 free with a time of 6:05.50.

**WAYNE 100, FRANKLIN 70 Thursday at Franklin**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Wayne (Olivia Hustad, Julia Bryant, Alicia Beeny, Kayla Theus), 2 minutes, 8.06 seconds; 2. Franklin, 2:16.59; 3. Wayne, 2:39.28.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Paityn Santi (LF), 2:21.61; 2. Samantha Wass (WM), 2:34.16; 3. Brenda Lopez (WM), 2:41.12.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Julia Bryant (WM), 2:27.24; 2. Caitlin Jodway (LF), 2:33.64; 3. Amber Rutter (WM), 2:50.48.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Olivia Hustad (WM), 1:02.25; 2. Kayla Theus (WM), 1:04.87; 3. Maria Walters (LF), 1:15.05.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Caitlin Jodway (LF), 6:05.50; 2.

Samantha Wass (WM), 6:51.55; 3. Brenda Lopez (WM), 7:09.35.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Wayne (Amber Rutter, Katie Gutzman, Samantha Wass, Brenda Lopez), 2:12.53; 2. Franklin, 2:30.91; 3. Franklin, 2:34.65.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Alicia Beeny (WM), 1:13.53; 2. Anahi Lopez (WM), 1:25.44; 3. Emily Loder (LF), 1:31.73.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Amber Rutter (WM), 1:27.24; 2. Lauren Niemiec (LF), 1:32.26; 3. McKenna Scherer (LF), 1:43.10.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Wayne (Kayla Theus, Olivia Hustad, Alicia Beeny, Julia Bryant), 4:15.78.

**Wayne Invitational**

Highland-Milford Unified swam away with the top prize at the six-team Wayne Memorial Invitational held Oct. 2 and 3.

The champions accumulated 312 points to out-distance runner-up Westland John Glenn (271). The host Zebras placed third with 237 points followed by Livonia Ladywood (193), Garden City (124) and Dearborn Heights Annapolis (73).

Wayne's 200 IM relay team of Hustad, Bryant, Beeny and Theus won the meet's opening race in 2:05.53 to edge John Glenn's foursome of Sahara

Tomlin, Hannah Cizauskas, Kera Sells and Sidney Aloisi by just .23 of a second.

Sells was dominant in the 200 IM, winning by 15 seconds over Hustad.

Aloisi won a thrilling 50 free in 25.93, out-kicking Bryant down the stretch.

Ladywood's Rachel Williams captured the diving title by compiling 305 points, while Sells swam away with the 100 butterfly race with a time of 1:02.52.

Aloisi doubled-up her win total by touching first in the 100 free (57.93). Ladywood's Monica Rzepka turned in a stellar time of 5:57.50 while winning the 500 free.

The hosts' foursome of Bryant, Beeny, Theus and Hustad won the 200 freestyle relay by four seconds over John Glenn.

Wayne swept the back-to-back specialty events as Hustad took the 100 backstroke before Bryant won the 100 breaststroke by less than a

second over Rzepka.

**WAYNE INVITATIONAL Oct. 2-3 at Wayne Memorial**  
**FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. Highland-Milford, 312 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 271; 3. Wayne Memorial, 237; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 193; 5. Garden City, 124; 6. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 73.  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Wayne (Olivia Hustad, Julia Bryant, Alicia Beeny, Kayla Theus), 2:05.53; 2. John Glenn, 2:05.76; 3. Highland-Milford, 2:11.28.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Emily Costanzo (HM), 2:14.87; 2. Sophie Phillips (HM), 2:15.36; 3. Kayla Theus (WM), 2:22.58.  
**200 IM:** 1. Kera Sells (JG), 2:20.40; 2. Olivia Hustad (WM), 2:35.53; 3. Lauren Tulpa (HM), 2:38.45.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Sidney Aloisi (JG), 25.93; 2. Julia Bryant (WM), 26.29; 3. Claire Crouse (HM), 30.25.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Rachel Williams (LL), 305 points; 2. Gina Dettore (HM), 270.35; 3. Amy McHally (GC), 232.45.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Kera Sells (JG), 1:02.52; 2. Alicia Beeny (WM), 1:13.33; 3. Lauren Tulpa (HM), 1:14.04.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Sidney Aloisi (JG), 57.93; 2. Sophie Phillips (HM), 1:01.05; 3. Natalie Stevenson (LL), 1:04.72.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Monica Rzepka (LL), 5:57.50; 2. Farrah Timmol (HM), 6:03.89; 3. Hannah Cizauskas (JG), 6:30.32.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Wayne (Julia Bryant, Alicia Beeny, Kayla Theus, Olivia Hustad), 1:50.98; 2. John Glenn, 1:54.05; 3. Highland-Milford, 1:57.56.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Olivia Hustad (WM), 1:08.72; 2. Farrah Timmol (HM), 1:08.94; 3. Alicia Beeny (WM), 1:13.08.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Julia Bryant (WM), 1:12.26; 2. Monica Rzepka (LL), 1:13.13; 3. Camryn Niestroy (HM), 1:23.45.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Highland-Milford (Farrah Timmol, Brynne Gustafson, Lauren Tulpa, Sophie Phillips), 4:13.46; 2. Ladywood, 4:27.05; 3. John Glenn, 4:39.65.

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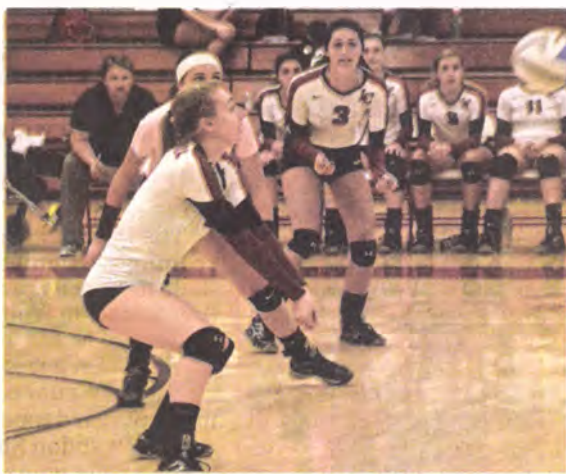
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Both teams are now 8-1 in the KLAA South Division with one match remaining. Churchill, which is 27-16 overall, hosts Franklin on Tuesday in the two teams' annual "Pink Out" fund-raising match. The Chiefs will host Westland John Glenn.

Among the key role players who have bolstered the Chargers throughout their recent stretch of success is junior Brianna Fulton, a first-year varsity player who has helped fill the void at setter created by Rae's absence.

"We were really motivated tonight because we knew if we beat Canton, we had a chance to share the division championship and get our team on that plaque," Fulton said, pointing to the volleyball accolades board hanging in the Churchill gymnasium. "The first time we played Canton, I don't think we realized how good they were. Tonight we were ready for them."

All three of Thursday's sets



**ED WRIGHT**  
Churchill's Megan Gendjar passes the ball as her teammates — including injured Rosie Rae (far left) — look on intently.

were nail-biters heading down the stretch — a scenario that didn't faze the Chargers.

"I think we all get a little nervous when the games are close at the end, but it's a good nervous," Fulton said. "I think it gets us ready to go and more focused."

Junior middle hitter Anne Yost was one of several Chargers who rose to the occasion throughout Thursday's high-light-reel match. Whether it was delivering a key block — like she

did on the final point of set one — or finishing off a kill — like she did 10 times against Canton — Yost was at the center of Churchill's success.

"Anne came up big tonight, just like she did the first time we played Canton," said Churchill head coach Mark Grenier. "As a three-year varsity player, I expect big things from her in big matches, and she has come through."

Churchill mainstays Rayna Yetts, Alyssa Facione and Sam

Zonca also turned in impact performances for the winners, who were energized by a loud and vocal crowd.

"We have a group of young kids whose confidence has really started sky-rocketing the past week and a half," Grenier said. "We're starting to play to our potential and we seem to be peaking at the right time."

Canton jumped out to a 13-8 lead in the opening stanza thanks to strong front-row play from Emma Clark, Hannah Madis and Gina Giacomini.

However, the Chargers seized the game's momentum with a 10-2 run that was powered by Yetts, Zonca and Megan Gendjar, among others.

The Chiefs led the middle set 20-19 thanks to a tie-breaking point that was made possible by Emily Meredith's remarkable dig.

Back-to-back Canton errors followed by a series of textbook attacks by the Chargers helped the hosts secure a three-point win.

Canton appeared poised to extend the match to at least four frames when it soared to a 16-12

lead in set three, but the Chargers composed themselves during a five-point service string by Gendjar and ultimately pulled the set and the match out with a night-ending kill by Zonca.

**Clarenceville subdues Bulldogs**

Clarenceville started strong and finished strong Thursday, sweeping Dearborn Heights Robichaud in a three-set volleyball match, 25-13, 25-18, 25-18.

Josie VanDyke led the host Lady Trojans with 14 aces. She served 13 consecutive points in the third set.

Senior Tiffanie Iuliano also had a strong serving night with five aces. She had five kills, too. Bre Brown and Delanie MacRae each added four kills.

"This was a team effort tonight," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "Everyone played a part in this win."

The Lady Trojans are 2-3 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

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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. The Rev. Leonetta Bugleisi will talk about the importance of animals and Bell, Book and Canto will provide the music  
**Contact:** 248-478-7272  
**BREAKFAST**

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** French toast, ham, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

**Contact:** 734-425-4421  
**CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25  
**Location:** Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township  
**Details:** Detroit Lutheran Singers perform Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and more. \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and older, children under 12 are admitted free  
**Contact:** detroitlutheransingers.com

**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. The event also includes 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; office@unityoflivonia.org

**POMEGRANATE GUILD**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Oct. 18  
**Location:** Prentiss Apartments, 15100 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park, on the Taubman Jewish Community Campus  
**Details:** Nadine Eder will lead a workshop in making a mosaic piece. The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework

**Contact:** Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337; jmg bloom@gmail.com

**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

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Oct. 16, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17  
**Location:** St. Genevieve-St. Maurice, 28933 Jamison, Livonia  
**Details:** \$5 admission Oct. 16 and free admission Oct. 17; \$1 bag sale 2-3 p.m. Oct. 17. Sale items accepted 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 14-15 at the church activity center  
**Contact:** 734-261-5920

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of Farmington Road, north side of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Sale includes clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books, boutique, baked goods and \$3 and \$6 bag sale on Saturday.  
**Contact:** 248-553-3380

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24  
**Location:** Atoneum Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn  
**Details:** Clothes, coats, shoes, purses, linens, and more. Cash sales only. \$2 bag sale Saturday  
**Contact:** 313-581-2525

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

**Faith Community Wesleyan**  
**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one  
**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

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

**EXERCISE**  
**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Location:** Clarencville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba



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through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com  
**Contact:** 313-408-3364

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

**HEALING SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free-will offering in the vestibule of the church.  
**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

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

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

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

**PRAYER**  
**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223

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

**RECYCLING**  
**RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month  
**Location:** 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth  
**Details:** Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.  
**Contact:** Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

**SINGLES**  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

**Steve's Family Restaurant**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

**SONG CIRCLE**  
**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

**Apostolic Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily  
**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia  
**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.  
**Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

**Connection Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday  
**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free  
**Contact:** Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**Fireside Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center  
**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451

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ANGELL, IMOGENE BAKER

Imogene Angell died peacefully on September 19, 2015 at age 91, surrounded by family at her home in Kennett Square, PA. Her husband of sixty plus years, Brad (Richard B.) Angell predeceased her in December 2010. She is survived by her brother Hayden (Ruth); her children, John (Emily Nahat), Paul, Jim (Cathy), David (Monisa) and Kathy Angell; grandchildren, Noah, Dylan, Caitlin, Corina and Olivia Angell, Elias Ketchum (Elizabeth Horpedahl), Craig Gilman (Jessica) and Justin Lunge; and great grandchildren, Blake and Julie Gilman, Noah and Marlee Horpedahl. Imogene was born to Lewis and Emily Baker on February 26, 1924 in Fairhaven, MA. She graduated from Radcliffe College in 1945 and while there, met her husband Brad. They were married in 1946 and lived in Delaware, Ohio and Aurora, NY before coming to Birmingham, MI in 1968. She worked at the Cranbrook Institute of Science and as a teacher's aide worked in several settings, including with children with disabilities and in MI public schools. In 1976, Imogene began two terms on the Birmingham Board of Education. She served as clerk for the Birmingham Friends Meeting and on the Board for the Friend's School in Detroit. In 1994, Imogene and Brad retired to Kendal at Longwood in Kennett Square, PA. Imogene will be remembered for her enduring sense of social justice, love of children and family, strong advocacy and lifetime of service to others. She leaves behind a legacy of love, graciousness and caring which is so needed in the world today. Memorial services will be held at Kendal Auditorium, Kendal at Longwood, 1109 East Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA on January 3, 2016 at 2 PM. No flowers, please. Messages to family may be sent to: John Angell 4337 Valmonte Dr Sacramento, CA 95864. Donations in her memory may be made to: American Friends Service Committee 1501 Cherry St. Philadelphia, PA 19102. View obituary at: http://www.auercremationservices.com/obits/obituary.php?id=659087



ARNOLD, KAY A.

Age 76, passed away October 8, 2015, in Livonia, Michigan. She was born March 26, 1939, in her grandmother's home in Columbus, Ohio, to Edward and Wilma Bradfute. She attended Central Michigan University, and she was an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan. She was the Business Manager at Colonial Collision in Plymouth, where she had worked since 1983. She was also very active in the Plymouth community, having served two terms on the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Board and 12 years on the Community Financial Credit Union Board. She served on the Republican Committee Wayne 11th, and she was currently serving her 5th term as a Plymouth Township Trustee, for a total of 22 years of dedicated service. She also loved tending to her flower garden. She is survived by her beloved husband, Tim; her children, Lee O. Arnold, Jayne A. (Robert) Jarvis, J. Bradley (Sherry Cummins) Arnold, Todd B. (Teresa) Arnold, and Becky K. Krupa; her 11 grandchildren, her eight great-grandchildren, her brother-in-law, Grant Danskine; her sister-in-law, Helen Bradfute; and her nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her sister, Barbara Danskine, and her brother, Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Bradfute. Funeral services will take place at Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, on Wednesday, October 14, at 11 a.m. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10 a.m. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Monday 3-8 p.m. and Tuesday 2-8 p.m. Memorials may be made to First Step of Plymouth, 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI, 48170. To leave a condolence

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BROWN, NITA LORRAINE EVERSON

91, passed away peacefully in Memphis, Tenn., on September 28, 2015. She was born in Highland Park, Michigan in 1923, to parents George and Harriet (Hammelf) Everson, and grew up in Detroit and Grosse Pointe, Mich. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1941 and from the University of Michigan in 1945 with a Bachelor's degree in American History. It was in Ann Arbor that she met her future husband of 57 years, F. Jerry Brown, on a blind date. Nita was a junior high school teacher in Muskegon, Mich. for one year before marrying Jerry at St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church in Detroit in 1947. She spent her married life as a homemaker raising four children while her husband pursued a career in the advertising field. Over the years Nita and Jerry lived in Chicago, Stamford, Connecticut, Noroton Heights, Conn., Glenview, Illinois, Plymouth, Mich., back to Chicago, Venice, Florida, and Sarasota, Fla. Nita loved to socialize with other couples, was involved in a variety of church groups, and was actively involved in her children's schools through the PTA as well as occasional substitute teaching. After her husband passed away, Nita lived in Mt. Dora, Fla. for several years, and then moved to Memphis in 2009 in order to be near her daughter Cindy. Right up to her death, she had interests in reading, playing bridge, and solving both crocetics and jigsaw puzzles. Nita loved old movies, and was deeply interested and knowledgeable about English history and their monarchy. She was also an avid University of Michigan football, Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers baseball, and professional golf fan. Nita is survived by her three sons, Patrick G. Brown (Diane) of Orlando, Fla.; Timothy D. Brown (Sally Larisch) of McLean, Va.; Kevin W. Brown of Neerim South, Victoria, Australia; and Cynthia B. Gore (Sanford) of Memphis; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, F. Jerry Brown, in 2005, her brother, Richard G. Everson, in 2002, and a daughter-in-law, Melissa (Perrin) Brown, in 2008. A memorial service and interment will be conducted at a later date in Ann Arbor, Mich. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Methodist Healthcare Hospice, Memphis, Tenn. or to The Salvation Army.



CRAFTON, WILLIAM JOHN

Passed away peacefully on October 6, 2015 at the age of 68. Beloved husband of Kimberly Ann (nee Cole). Loving father of Vincent and Kaleena. Brother of Suzanne Juntikka (Carl). Preceded in death by father William John Crafton, Jr. and mother Marie. The family will receive friends Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at James H. Cole Home For Funerals (Northwest Chapel) 16100 Schaefer Hwy. Detroit, MI 48235. Memorial Mass Monday, October 12, 2015 at 11:00am Sacred Heart Catholic Church 1000 Eliot Detroit, MI 48207.

OLECHNOWICZ, EDWARD J. AND FRANCES F.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWARD J. OLECHNOWICZ March 22, 1924-November 25, 2008. FRANCES F. OLECHNOWICZ January 16, 1925-October 8, 2015. Married 63 years. Now together once again, but now forever. Survived by a loving family, son, Gregory (Sam) of Highland; daughter, Deborah Carson of Westland (Kirk); five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters that have gone before them; many nieces and nephews; and beloved friends. Private family services at Uht Funeral Home of Westland. Their final resting place will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery.



OSTOIN, GERALD

October 3, 2015, age 71. Dear husband of Janet Loy-Ostoin of 20 years, lovingly remembered by his family; daughter Megan, stepdaughter Nicki Williams D'Onofrio, stepson Mark Williams along with their spouses and his four adored grandchildren: Max, Sam, Lola and Violet. Also survived by his brother Keith. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170 on Saturday, October 17, 1-3 p.m. Memorial Service at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jerry's honor to Educational Excellence Foundation, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 www.eefforkids.org. Obituary and condolences at: www.schrader-howell.com



VARKOLY, ELIZABETH A.

Age 94, October 6, 2015 Loving wife of the late Joseph. Dearest mother of Stephen (Kathy), Barbara (the late Stephen) Smith and the late Charles. Beloved grandmother of Kathryn, Christine and Matthew. Services held Saturday, October 10, 2015. In lieu of flowers memorials suggested to Brain and Behavior Research Foundation and NAMI. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



Wishes of peace to you and yours in this time of sorrow.



May you find loving comfort in your time of loss.





Ron Sweed, as the Ghoul, will emcee Godzilla Fest Oct. 24 at the Redford Theatre.

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## Tippi Hedren, Ron 'The Ghoul' Sweed to visit Redford Theatre

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

See a town plagued by birds, a monster attack a giant praying mantis and a crazed killer menace his hometown. It's all on the big screen this month at the Redford Theatre.

Halloween is a busy season for the Redford Theatre and during October the lineup includes two celebrities and a famous car in addition to sci-fi and scary movies.

"People like Halloween time and we have something every weekend," said Steve Overstreet, vice president of the Motor City Theatre Organ Society, the non-profit organization that runs the theater. "People like going to an old theater at Halloween."

The theater kicked off the month with a silent science fiction film, followed by a drama about a psychotic preacher. Next up is dessert with a celebrity and two Alfred Hitchcock films.

Dessert with Tippi Hedren is at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. The star of Hitchcock's *The Birds* and *Marnie* will talk about the films, her career and working with the famous director. Tickets are \$50 and include an autographed, personalized photo upon request, desserts, a ticket to *The Birds* at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, or 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, and priority seating for *Marnie* at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Tickets are \$7 for each screening without the VIP event.

Overstreet said Hedren, who attended screenings of *The Birds* three years ago at the Redford, asked if she could return this year. The last time she visited the theater she talked about her experiences filming *The Birds*.

"When she hears a noise in the attic and she goes upstairs with a flashlight and the birds attack when the door is closed behind her, all of the birds during the filming were supposed to be robotic," Overstreet said, describing a scene from the movie. "She had no idea that when she went into that room, it would be filled with live crows. She said she was scared."

Overstreet, a retired social worker, is eager to see *Marnie*.

"It was ahead of its time," he said. "It was not well received at the time. The country wasn't ready to talk about child abuse and molestation, so it really was ahead of its time."



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The Redford Theatre screens "The Birds" Oct. 16 and 18.

### OTHER HALLOWEEN FILMS

» The Penn Theatre's SHOCK-tober series continues Thursday, Oct. 15, with *Bride of Frankenstein*, followed by *Young Frankenstein* on Oct. 22, and *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein*, on Oct. 29. Films start at 7 p.m. at the theater, 760 Penniman, Plymouth. Tickets are \$3. 734-453-0870

» The Michigan Rocky Horror Preservation Society's live cast will help the audience participate during screenings of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, 11:30 p.m. Oct. 17, 24 and 30 at the State-Wayne Theater, 35310 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Tickets are \$10. phoenixmovies.net/loc\_statewayne.asp

### Oct. 21, 2015

Looking ahead in time is exactly what *Back to the Future II* asked of its audiences when the film was released in 1989. In the movie, which is set in 1985, a DeLorean sports car-turned-time-machine shuttles Marty McFly, (Michael J. Fox), and Doc Brown, (Christopher Lloyd), 30 years into the future. They land in their home town, Hill Valley, on Oct. 21, 2015. The Redford Theatre will show the film at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Tickets are \$5.

"We contacted the studio a long time ago. Initially, they weren't going to let us show it. And then one of the guys said it will be a first-run, re-release for that one day nationwide. They gave us special permission to show it, because all of the chain theaters will have it," Overstreet said. "But the other cool thing is we're going to have on stage the DeLorean actually used by Universal Pictures in the film."

Patron requests shaped the Redford's program with Ron

Sweed, a horror movie host known as The Ghoul in the 1970s-'80s on local television. He'll emcee Godzilla Fest on Oct. 24, recreating a live version of his television show with sound effects, video clips and live segments. *Son of Godzilla* will screen at 2 p.m. and *Godzilla vs Monster Zero* is set for 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

"Some people asked us if we'd consider (Godzilla) but I had no idea it would be this popular," Overstreet said. He posted the Godzilla Fest information on Facebook and noted that "several thousand" users shared it.

"Last year at Halloween time we were asked if we'd bring in The Ghoul," Overstreet said. "Boy, it really took off. We have two heavily requested and exciting events on one day. It's going to be fun."

### Wear a costume

The theater offers a choice of family-friendly and horror movies on Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31. Kids, 12 and under, can see *ET* for free at 8 p.m. that day. All



Meet actress Tippi Hedren, star of "The Birds" and "Marnie," Oct. 16-18 at the Redford Theatre.

others pay \$5.

John Carpenter's *Halloween*, about an escaped asylum patient who returns to his hometown to kill, screens at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Overstreet said the theater began showing late-night films on Halloween three years ago. "We did *The Shining* last year and had 700 people. It was huge. When we did *Psycho*, I dressed up as the mother and we had a shower booth for a photo op. We try to think outside of the box."

Overstreet said moviegoers are welcome to wear a costume to the Redford "anytime, but especially at Halloween."

The theater is located at 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue, in the "Old Redford" neighborhood, in Detroit. For more information, visit redfordtheatre.com or call 313-537-2560.

## Appliance Doctor recalls fight against repair rip-offs

Let me go back to the year of 1970 when I moved into this area and accepted a job offer from the Amana Corporation as their Service and Customer Relations Manager. The company was destined to build a factory branch in Livonia and I would be responsible for all service on Amana products throughout Michigan and adjoining states.

It was my first big-time job with a company car and expense account and I thought I had died and gone to heaven. I spent a few weeks at the factory in Amana, Iowa, and each day I would patrol the assembly line and watched and learned the whole process of how Amana products were built. This step was very important as I had to teach hundreds of service technicians across the country how to repair Amana refrigerators and freezers. I was about to hold service schools and teach technicians who had spent many years in the field and my motivations guided me to be more knowledgeable on Amana products than they were.

I didn't care about G.E., Whirlpool, Frigidaire or any of the other 25 different brands sold in this country. My total concentration was only the Amana brand and I memorized everything about the product. I remember a few years later when Lou King a vice president at the factory, said to me: "Joe, when I look at your forehead I can see a faint outline just under the skin that says, AMANA." In those days I would have sworn that I would spend the rest of my days working for Amana but how could I know what the future would hold?

### Unethical tactics

During my nine-year stint with Amana, I received quite a lesson about the appliance repair industry. I was quick to determine that many in the business would cheat and rip off consumers when doing service calls and those would be eliminated from touching Amana products. One particular company that is still in business would service a refrigerator and condemn the compressor and tell the consumer it was not worth repairing. The next morning, a representative from the store would call the customer and offer \$100 as a trade-in on their now-condemned refrigerator if they purchased a new



Joe Gagnon

APPLIANCE DOCTOR

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one from their store. It worked very well because they sold a lot of new Amana refrigerators, but they also sold a ton of used refrigerators. You see, the old refrigerators did not have a defective compressor, they all had a minor defect such as a light switch or defrost timer and after some detective work, I canceled this retailer's agreement to sell Amana products.

I can only say that the sales department at the factory was not too happy with me, but I stuck to my convictions and that dealer never sold Amana products again. As time went on and I traveled Michigan, I signed and trained many service companies and I learned many other unethical tricks of the trade. Don't get me wrong, there were many appliance service technicians who were very honest, but others so crooked they seriously hurt the image of the good guys.

In the years ahead, I would be driven to combat those unethical appliance repair companies by attacking with my whole heart those rip-offs that spent years taking advantage of so many unsuspecting consumers. I spent 17 years speaking with committees of the state Legislature about the need for laws in Michigan that would reel in those who took advantage and I was given many lessons on how politics work on a state level.

Finally, in 2002 John Engler signed the Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act and you can check that out on your computer to see how it protects you the next time you have a service technician come out to your house to repair a broken appliance.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twm1.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twm1.rr.com)

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### COOPERATION

The cooperation I am talking about is between patient-physician and physiotherapist. An illustration of what I mean is as follows:

A physician sees a patient who has shoulder pain and loss of ability to put on a coat or dress easily because shoulder motion is so restricted. The physician injects the painful shoulder and at the same time removes excess shoulder joint fluid. The doctor asks the patient to call the next day and report if the injection was successful.

If the next day reveals a delighted patient, then there is more work to do. For a shoulder freed of pain means a shoulder that can be exercised. Instead of telling the patient to undertake usual activities and return for another injection when the pain returns, the physician orders physical therapy. The order would be specific to strengthen the deltoid and trapezius muscles and to increase the patient's present range of motion.

The same principle applies to patients with a painful knee. If aspirating fluid from the knee and injection with cortisone releases the patient from the grip of daily pain, then the opportunity is open to strengthen the knee. A three week regimen of exercises to strengthen quadriceps and hamstring muscles can build on the basis of pain relief that follows successful knee joint aspiration and injection therapy.

Another example of cooperation comes from treatment of neck pain. It is the physician's duty to evaluate the patient's pain to preclude a pinched nerve or arthritis in the neck. When the physician has completed that assessment, then the patient can see a physiatrist for the heat, massage and traction that make up the foundations of neck strain therapy.

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# Annual expo offers resources to family caregivers

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) will present its 16th annual Solutions for Family Caregiver Expo, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi.

The free expo aims to provide caregivers with information, answers, and links to community

resources and services.

Visitors will get a chance to visit with more than 100 exhibitors to learn more about products and services available to assist caregivers.

They'll attend expert presentations throughout the day on a variety of topics, including Medicare, Medicaid and VA benefits, transitioning

from hospital to home, managing dementia behaviors and more.

"Ask The Resource Specialist" will offer answers to questions about Medicare, Medicaid, and prescription assistance. Participants will receive information about specific services and resources available in their communities.

Free respite care will be available. Register for care at 800-852-7795.

The expo also will include door prizes, giveaways and free morning refreshments

Presentations from 9:30-10:30 a.m. will focus on Medicare plans, Medicaid and VA benefits, technology solutions for caregivers and older

motorists.

Discussion topics from 11 a.m. to noon are caregiver burnout, helpful resources, Medicare Advantage vs. Medicare Supplemental, and protecting a loved one's financial interests while dealing with investment professionals.

Sessions from 12:30-1:30 p.m. are managing

dementia behaviors, using online tools to manage Medicare, legal tips for caregivers, and transitioning from hospital to home.

For more information, visit michigancaregiverexpo.com, or call the Area Agency on Aging 1-B at 800-852-7795.

## 30th annual Festival of Quilts shows modern, traditional designs

See Storybook quilts from the Metro Detroit Quilt Guild and scores of quilts from individual artists at the 30th annual Festival of Quilts.

The Festival runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at First United Methodist Church, 22124 Garrison, Dearborn.

Admission is \$5 and includes a show catalog, a ballot slip to vote for Viewer's Choice and a chance to win a door prize. Proceeds from the show go to local and global charities.

Approximately 200 quilts will be displayed. Quilts of Valor, a national organization with a mission to cover service men and veterans with warming quilts, will be represented, along with Remember Me Quilt Project of Michigan, which creates quilts that portray the innocent faces of gun violence.

The exhibit also will include quilts from the 19th and 20th centuries, showing a variety of styles, including the Lazy Daisy, which dates back to the 1880s.

The show also will exhibit modern quilts. These new quilts are inspired by contemporary design and mini-



The church sanctuary during Festival of Quilts 2012.

malism, bringing fresh perspective to traditional patterns.

There will be a number of modern kids' quilts in the show.

The event also will include a crafters market and a boutique, both selling handmade items, and a bake sale. A salad bar will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$8, which includes dessert.

For more information, call 313-563-5200.



Detail of a quilt called "Marseilles Morning" made by Lise Dehlbaek in 2014.

### REUNIONS



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Time to reminisce with classmates at a high school reunion.

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**CLASS OF 1966**

50-year reunion is scheduled for Sept. 10, 2016, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, visit codyclass1966@groups.facebook.com or call Joe Evans at 313-421-5448 or Barbara (Doherty) Kallinski at 734-320-6545.

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**CLASS OF 1966**

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**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.

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## Art therapy can help persons with special needs

Whether targeting medical and/or mental health problems, art therapy has become increasingly available in the public and private sectors.

Most hospitals now include art therapy as part of their milieu. College and advanced academic degrees can be obtained through most universities. Certification for providers can be obtained. It does not seem to matter what the malady is, art therapy including the performance art of music therapy, has been shown to benefit folks from our developmentally disabled population. Adults with traumatic brain injuries, seniors with dementia, including Alzheimer's, cancer patients and others also may find the arts therapeutic.

Some artful treatments can make use of ceramics, pencil sketching, and oil painting, model making, and even face



Len McCulloch

painting can be a tremendous therapeutic benefit for all ages.

Psychologically, colors are notably the visualization of feelings that can't be put into words. Think about rage-filled red, the blues of depression, the black of mourning a loss, the green of envy.

Also, the activity of doing art provides the distraction from suffering. It can be an outlet for pent-up fears and angers. It can be used as a means of communication.

Creating something under one's own power or with the aid of a trained professional often goes quite far in the recovery process for children

and adults recovering from traumas of any kind. The process soothes and helps wounds heal. In certain settings, the objects of the artist's productions can be used diagnostically to provide clues to help in differentiating diagnostic categories and perhaps play a role in mental health treatment.

### Creative process

As it has been shown with the performing art of Choir-Therapy the final production need not be a masterpiece. I recall my own undertaking with abstract paintings. I used the 8-inch-by-11-inch cardboard palette to mix some of the different colors on and was aware of peaceful thoughts as I went about brushing them. And, without much pattern or form or any obvious meaning, I painted all over the canvas. When I had finished the project, I received a call inviting

me to a quickly put together a birthday celebration for a friend. I decided the simply framed palette looked more appealing than the final "picture" I had created. I gave the palette as a gift and the story of its creation was also given. It went over well. The point being, again, production of artistic products need not result in productions of perfection, let alone talent. The therapeutic activity alone can have powerful healing effects.

Upon attending a recent professional conference about the use of art therapy in the field of medical and mental rehabilitation, I discovered an organization called Paint a Miracle. This nonprofit art studio offers people with disabilities and other challenges an opportunity to explore the arts in an atmosphere of hope, growth and encouragement. Paint a Miracle works to recog-

nize the value each person adds to this world. The work of one of the programs "Artists" was done by a person born with cerebral palsy. One needed only to look briefly at the production and hear from the artist to be inspired by his determination and desire to create.

Visit Paint a Miracle at [www.paintamiracle.org](http://www.paintamiracle.org). Learn more about ChoirTherapy at [www.therapychoirs.org](http://www.therapychoirs.org).

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## Protect your ears from loud sounds with plugs, muffs

Not only can noise distract, disturb and interfere with communication and sleep, it can affect your performance, behavior and hearing.

In many cases, hearing loss can be prevented by recognizing sources of damaging noise levels and using appropriate protective equipment. However, excessive noise exposure can cause permanent hearing loss that cannot be treated with medication, or result in constant ringing in your ears called tinnitus. Impaired hearing can reduce your ability to recognize your surroundings and listen for cues of potential danger.

Learn how to protect yourself from future hearing damage with this advice from Guard Your Health, a health education campaign by the Army National Guard:

» Know the safe volume limit to protect yourself from future hearing damage. Noise



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You need more than finger plugs to protect your hearing.

that is 0 to 80 decibels is generally safe, while noise that is 140 to 200 decibels can be dangerous.

» Noise that exceeds safe parameters, even if it's under 140 decibels, can still cause

damage to your hearing over time. A general rule of thumb is the "three feet rule." If you have to shout to someone who is three feet away (about an arm's length), the noise level in that location could be damag-

ing.

» Be aware that a single exposure to a very loud sound can cause permanent hearing loss.

» Using proper hearing protection for the environment can help prevent damage to your eardrum and hearing. There are several types of hearing protection devices available, including foam earplugs, silicone earplugs and earmuffs. For example, when shooting at the gun range, noise-activated earplugs can help you avoid sudden eardrum rupture.

» Foam earplugs should be pinched when inserted, allowing the foam to expand in your ear until you achieve a tight, nonpainful seal. Silicone earplugs should be inserted only until you feel a slight resistance to avoid damaging your inner ear. To wear ear plugs properly, straighten your ear by gripping the cartilage and

stretching it away from your body. Insert the earplug then release your ear. Do a few jumping jacks to test the security of the earplugs; if they fall out, try again or get a smaller size.

» Earmuffs should rest about two finger widths from your jawbone and completely cover your ears for a tight seal on the side of your face.

If you notice signs of hearing problems, ask your doctor to test your hearing. Common symptoms include a muffled sound in your ears after leaving a noisy area or event such as a car race, concert, wood-working or hunting; prolonged ringing or buzzing in your ears after exposure to noise; and difficulty understanding what people are saying although you can hear them talking.

For more health-related tools and information, visit [guardyourhealth.com](http://guardyourhealth.com).

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