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# John Glenn High School launches mentoring program for students

**Sue Mason**  
 Staff Writer

A highly successful mentoring program at Wayne Memorial High School that provides a financial incentive for students to improve academically is being re-created at John Glenn High School.

Glenn Shaw Jr. and his wife Patty have committed \$50,000 to launch the Champions of John Glenn at the Westland

high school this fall. The Westland Community Foundation, which Shaw founded, also is chipping in \$6,000.

More than 90 percent of the staff has signed on to serve as mentors for the more than 400 students who have accepted the challenge of improving their grade-point average this semester.

"We just want them to succeed," Shaw said. "We want them to understand that they

are in charge of their futures, and that if they work, do what they agree to do, they will be rewarded."

The program was started in 2009 by retired school psychologist Bill Gray who partnered with Wayne High alum Richard Helppie to form Champions of Wayne. Gray lined up students and staffers while Helppie a venture capitalist, provided the

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SUE MASON  
 Westland businessman Glenn Shaw Jr. and his wife Patty have provided the seed money to launch the Champions of John Glenn mentoring program.



Instead of a groundbreaking, dignitaries turned over some ice to signify the start of improvements to Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena.

## Ice broken for Modano arena upgrades

**LeAnne Rogers**  
 Staff Writer

When it comes to kicking off improvements to Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena, it only seemed appropriate to have dignitaries turn over some ice instead of the traditional dirt at a groundbreaking.

"We do a lot of ribbon-cuttings but this is our first ice-breaking," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "It seems like as soon as one project ends, we start on another one."

Wild was referring to the recent ribbon-cutting for the new Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in Norwayne. Now, the city is doing improvements at the ice arena, costing an estimated \$1 million.

The expansion and renovation of portions of the ice arena will include:

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Youngsters took to the ice during the ceremonial kickoff of improvements planned at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena.

## Wayne is site for Tea Party on Main

**LeAnne Rogers**  
 Staff Writer

A tea party that includes a tour of historic First United Methodist Church is being held in downtown Wayne.

Wayne Main Street and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network are hosting the Tea Party on Main Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7.

"They (the MHPN) wanted to hold an event at the State Wayne Theater. The interior is not original — the outside is the historic part," Wayne Main Street Executive Director Lindsey Wooten said. "I said I would love to have an event anyway and got creative."

That resulted in a tea party that will showcase the entire downtown, said Wooten, a member of the MHPN development committee.

The event begins at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Town Square. Along with the tour of the First United Methodist Church building, there will be a coffee warm-up, a short walking tour of downtown points of interest, followed by a formal tea luncheon catered by Victoria's Tea Salon and an exclusive sneak peek into Wayne's newest boutique shop, Helium Studio.

"The MHPN holds an annual event they call a house party. It's about connecting the dots and recognizing great projects," Wooten said. "This is a wonderful opportunity on so many levels. The event will draw people. They can see it (downtown Wayne) like I do — an historic place that needs to be saved."

Attracting visitors from other communities like Detroit or Ann Arbor could result in investment in downtown Wayne, she said.

The MHPN provides resources for historic preservation projects throughout the

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## Dearborn Heights man goes to prison for TV thefts

**LeAnne Rogers**  
 Staff Writer

A Dearborn Heights man was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to stealing televisions from senior living complexes in Westland.

Rodney Vansean Thomas, 40, pleaded guilty to three felony counts of breaking and

entering and being a habitual offender.

The Westland incidents happened in June, July and August.

On June 24, a suspect broke into the Westgate Tower Senior Complex, 34567 Elmwood,



MDOC  
 Thomas

and removed an 80-inch television from the wall in the community room, police said.

On July 20, a suspect broke into Greenwood Villa Senior Apartments, 7600 Nankin Blvd., and stole a 60-foot flat screen television, police said. A similar incident had happened at the apartment complex on March 11 and as a result the televisions were

anchored to the walls by cables, police said.

According to police, the suspect left the building and returned with bolt cutters that were used to cut the cables securing the televisions to the walls.

On July 30, a suspect, wearing a security jacket,

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state, such as low-interest loan programs, workshops and advocating for historic preservation at the state and federal levels.

As the annual event for the MHPN, the tea party is also a fundraiser for the group. Tickets are \$40 per person, \$25 for students. Reserve a spot by Nov. 4.

"For the most part, the tea party will draw people from outside the area," Wooten said. "But a lot of people want to see inside the Methodist church. They had a big cleanup and it looks incredible. It has been

empty so long — a couple of decades."

Register for the tea party online or by printing a registration form to mail, fax, or scan-and-email by Nov. 4 at [www.mhpn.org](http://www.mhpn.org). Dress is business casual. Parking is adjacent to the museum. The building is barrier free.

For more information, go to the MHPN website or call 517-371-8080. The MHPN is a 501(c)(3) organization; \$15 of each admission is a gift in support of its statewide programming.

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» a four-locker room addition for men and women with separate showers and bathrooms, something currently shared;

» an activity room for community gatherings, parties and other group uses;

» the repurposing of the existing locker rooms into additional female locker rooms, a referee locker room and a storage room for a second ice resurfacing machine;

» improvements to the lobby restrooms.

"We started work in 2007 and have \$600,000 invested since then," said Wild, noting the city had received grants and also \$130,000 raised by the annual Wild Wings-De-

troit Red Wings alumni hockey game.

Improvements already made to the arena, named for Westland native and Hockey Hall of Fame member Mike Modano, include energy-efficient heating equipment, a new system that keeps the ice colder, improved heating over the bleachers and upgrades to the concession stand.

"We've been working on this for a long time. We're proud of our hockey and figure skating programs," Wild said. "It's a proud day when you can see local youths enjoying themselves on the ice."

With 130 youngsters playing hockey at Modano Arena, Westland Hockey Association President Tracy Posey said she was very excited about the planned im-

provements, especially the larger locker rooms.

"The kids get bigger every year but the locker room stays the same size," she said.

Dave Petzel of the U.S. Figure Skating Club, representing the Westland Figure Skating Club, recalled the arena had originally been an outdoor skating rink during the 1960s and 1970s.

"We have appreciated the support for many years. I skated here for 25 years," Petzel said. "We truly appreciate your commitment to the arena. We have a continuum of 40 years of annual ice shows."

Construction of the project will be bid out and completed over the next 4-6 months. The construction, which will add locker rooms to the east side of the building behind the benches, will

not disrupt activities within the arena.

Funding for this project will come from the city's capital improvement fund and several years of fundraising efforts that also include donations from the Mike Modano Foundation. Modano's parents Mike and Karen attended the ice-breaking ceremony.

"This much-needed improvement will finalize the modernization of the Mike Modano Ice Arena and will play an integral part in building our hockey and figure skating programs," Wild said.

The Mike Modano Ice Arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter.

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financial incentive.

Students received checks for \$200 to spend as they wanted at banquets at the end of the first and second semesters. What started as a small ceremony in Wayne's media center has grown to filling the banquet hall at Wayne Tree Manor.

### 'Wonderful opportunity'

John Glenn staffers like school psychologist Louis Przybyski have been working for several years to get the program up and running at Glenn and, thanks to Shaw, the school has its own ver-

sion.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to help increase students' academic motivation," Przybyski said. "While the substantial external award is what captures students' initial interest, this will get them into better academic performance."

Przybyski and Assistant Principal Kim Ciesynski are coordinating the John Glenn program.

Parents also will be a part of the program. They will also have to sign a contract and agree to help and encourage their students to achieve their goals.

Shaw is putting his own spin on the program at John Glenn. He plans on having Champions T-shirts made and having a guest speaker at the

Feb. 10 banquet at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. He's hoping to have impressive speakers who will further motivate the students.

He also is working with Schoolcraft and the Wayne County Community College District to get scholarships that would be given out at each of the two banquets to the students who achieve the highest percentage of improvement in their GPA.

"It won't necessarily be the students with the highest GPA," Shaw said. "It could be the student who went from a 1.0 to a 2.5. We want to reach all the kids, not just the ones who are already performing. Their goals may be as simple as increasing from a D to a C or a B to a

B-plus."

"Our goal is for each of them to increase a half of a grade point. We just want to show them what they can do and that hard work pays off," he said.

Shaw is grateful for the support the program is receiving from local businesses.

"These are the people who understand that these kids have to grasp the importance of education to their futures," he said. "Many of them will be the business people, the employees, and the real backbone of our community in the decades to come."

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entered Our Savior's Manor, 29495 Annapolis, located two televisions inside the complex — one in the main entryway and another in the communi-

ty room. Police said the suspect ripped these televisions off the wall, tearing drywall out in the process. TV thefts were also reported at the Walton Woods complex in Canton and the National Church Residences in Harper Woods.

Receiving 57 days

credit for time served since his arrest, Thomas was identified by police through tips received by the public through social media after surveillance photos were released.

Thomas was released from prison in August 2013 after serving nearly 20 years for a second-

degree murder and felony firearms convictions, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

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# Stevenson recalls historic event



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The Commemorative Ceremony kicks off a weekend of 50th anniversary celebration.

The morning of Oct. 22, 1965, goes down in the history books of the City of Livonia, the Livonia Public Schools School District and the nation as a memorable day in which U.S. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey delivered a half-hour address that lauded his longtime friend and colleague Adlai E. Stevenson and pledged the United States' full support of the United Nations.

Foggy, rainy weather brought a last-minute relocation of the Adlai E. Stevenson High School dedication ceremony to drier ground, indoors at Franklin High School, but didn't dampen the excitement of the day.

The vice president talked about Adlai E. Stevenson, an Illinois senator and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. His visit marked Livonia's largest observance of United Nations Week and drew local, state and national dignitaries and much attention to the city of Livonia and Livonia Public Schools' third high school.

Fifty years later, on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015, another special gathering took place, but this time to remember that day and to commemorate the half-century anniversary of Adlai

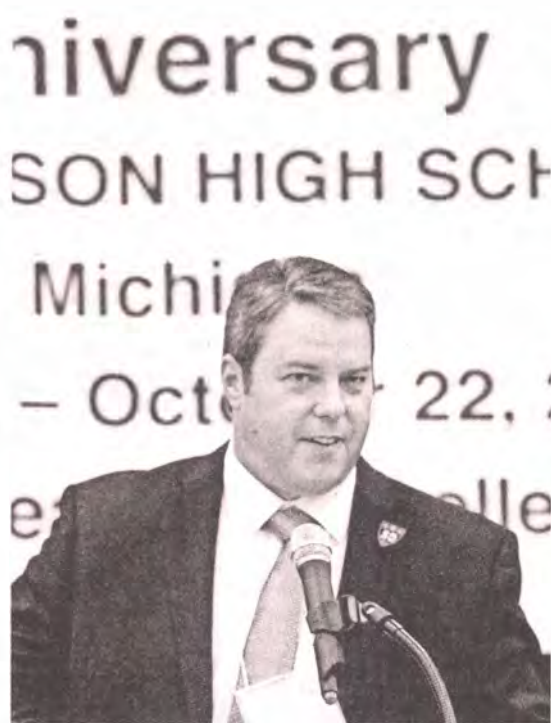
E. Stevenson High School.

The commemorative ceremony took place in the SHS gymnasium and featured alumni speakers that included Livonia Public Schools Interim Superintendent Andrea Oquist, Stevenson Assistant Principal Pete Mazzoni, ESPN Radio and Fox 2 News sportscaster Sean Baligian and Stevenson teacher and 50th anniversary co-chairman Craig Barker.

The 50th anniversary weekend's activities included a Friday night homecoming football game against cross-town rivals Churchill High School. Alumni classes and groups gathered and some participated in an alumni parade around the track, by decade and graduation year.

On Saturday, an all-class reunion was held at the school, inside the field house, where local vendors, alumni and SHS club representatives gathered.

"We would like to thank everyone who came out to help celebrate Stevenson's 50th anniversary, and to the many people who helped organize this weekend of celebratory activities," said Jim Gibbons, former SHS principal and 50th anniversary committee chairman.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Principal Gary Harper welcomes the crowd.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson Symphonic Choir sings the school's alma mater.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

To close the evening, the band marched in and performed the Stevenson fight song.



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Retired Principal Jim Gibbons, chairperson of the anniversary committee, introduced honored guests.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Class of 1977's Jeff Flesher is one of the 50th Anniversary committee members who planned the celebrations.



## Write-in candidate responds to Observer questionnaire

Three candidates are running to be the next mayor of Livonia Nov. 3. Two are on the ballot: Brian Meakin and Dennis Wright. One candidate is running as a write-in candidate, Leo Weber. Meakin's and Wright's responses to an Observer questionnaire were published Oct. 15. Here is Weber's response, which was received late because of a computer error:

### Why should voters elect you?

I received a bachelor's degree from Madonna University with a minor in business management and business marketing. I've lived in Livonia since 1972 so I know the "lay of the land." I've commented on politics for the last 15 years with letters-to-the-editor. I'm intelligent, creative, well organized, an innovative thinker and able to interact with others and with human compassion. We need to stop electing "musical chair" career politicians who do little besides collect a paycheck. We need to put an end to this incestuous form of government and return to a form of the citizen politician which our founders envisioned. We need leaders like Steve King and myself who'll bring a fresh vision, who'll look out for the

### LEO WEBER

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Address: 14048 Levan Road, Livonia  
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Education: B.A. in 1983 from Madonna University in Livonia  
Previous elective offices held: None, ran for Livonia school board in 1993  
Community service: Did volunteer work for Memorial Church Of Christ in Livonia



common man rather than lord government over them!

### What two or three issues most concern you and what do you think should be done about them?

The biggest issue is tax cuts and giving some significant relief to the residents, which hasn't occurred since the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A under Engler. We just keep 'nickel and diming' the taxpayer to death with the give of 10,000 tax raises. I will give each homeowner back a check for \$800 for a four-year term (\$200 each year.) Most homeowners will also save approximately \$200 during my four-year term when I freeze the property assessment hike. I'm

about letting people keep more of their money! I will also remove the tax increase placed on homeowners for home improvements. I also believe we need to get all those empty business buildings occupied. One way to "grease the skids" is to lower the tax rates for small business and perhaps even the big-box stores.

### What is it voters don't know about you but you wish they did?

I took a Marine intelligence test in the late 1980s and scored a 200 point IQ. I have been writing creatively since junior high. I write a variety of things but consider myself primarily a fine-arts poet in the tradition of Poe. I'm currently writing a blistering tell-all book about my campaign tentatively entitled "How To Run For Mayor The Clueless Way," which I expect to be a best-seller! My run for mayor was partly inspired by the death of my mother this February and a 40-mile round trip bike ride to visit her in sub-zero temperatures. I've conducted a door-to-door campaign across Livonia's 36 square miles, having had residents call the cops on me at least 30 times for no good reason!

## Public meeting on I-275 construction to take place Nov. 10 in Livonia

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Got questions on the upcoming Interstate 275 construction project through Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi?

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced Friday it will host a public meeting to inform motorists of more details of the project, scheduled to begin sometime in the spring. The meeting will take place from 4-7 p.m. Nov. 10 at Davenport University, 19499 Victor Parkway, in Livonia.

The open-house meeting will give interested motorists and residents more details on the project and MDOT officials are expected to be available for questions. Those who require special accommodations for the meeting can contact MDOT at 313-375-2400 prior to the meeting date.

The project, which will go from Five Mile to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange, will include more than \$70 million in work. Work will entail replacing 13 miles of concrete pavement on the freeway, including on all the ramps to the mile roads and the inter-

change in Oakland County. Shoulder work and repairs to 16 bridges are also expected to take place, as well as drainage improvements and intelligent transportation systems work.

MDOT recently asked motorists to vote on a traffic pattern they would like to see during the construction. More than 87 percent voted to close and detour one direction of I-275 at a time during the work. This option, the cheapest and shortest of the three proposed by the agency, will take only one construction season.

Traffic costs for closing one stretch of the freeway at a time and detouring the other will be \$1.04 million, while the other two options would have cost \$2.87 million and \$4.85 million, according to MDOT.

The public can still leave feedback on the project if there are concerns or other issues they have regarding the work, including if they are not able to attend the meeting next month. Feedback can be given by going online at [research.net/r/i275feedback](http://research.net/r/i275feedback).

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## Suspects sought in mall perfume theft

Westland Police have released photos of two suspects wanted for the theft of more than \$1,300 of cologne from Westland Shopping Center.

The suspects, a male and female, can be seen on security video entering the Ulta store and selecting multiple bottles of cologne. Both suspects are seen on video using tools to break open the packages that contained security sensors, police said.

The couple is then shown concealing the bottles of cologne in their pockets, pants and inside the female's shirt, police said. The couple was able to make off with 16 bottles of cologne, police said.

Anyone who can identify the suspects is asked to call Westland Police at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Brian Humphrey at 734-467-3179.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Information about this man is being sought by Westland Police.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Westland Police are looking for information on this woman.

## Fire damages vacant Wayne apartments

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Fire damaged a vacant apartment building in Wayne last Thursday morning.

The blaze was reported about 5:30 a.m. at Cadillac Apartments, 32561 Michigan Ave., east of Venoy.

"It's pretty much a total loss. It has been vacant for some time," Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said. "It had been known for having homeless and transient people. We had secured it many times."

The fire was already through the roof when firefighters arrived, he said. Due to the heavy amount of water used to put out the fire, Eggers said the investigation into the cause of the fire wasn't going to start until Friday.

The apartments had been vacant for over a year and were recently purchased after a foreclosure. City Clerk/Planner Matthew Miller recently met with representatives for the property who were seeking to renovate the apartments.

However, Miller said the apartments, which were constructed prior to the city's 1960 incorporation, have been a longstanding non-conforming use located on property zoned for industrial development.

"When they have ceased the use for six months, they lose their land use rights," Miller said. "It's in our ordinance, but it is state law. Some communities give one year."

The city's industrial property is primarily along the railroad tracks from Venoy to Merriman on the south side of Michigan Avenue.

Miller said there were other challenges to renovating the apartments.

"There is no parking, no open space, no landscaping, no lighting. It wouldn't meet the current standards for multiple development," he said.

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

#### Break-in

Residents in the 32000 block of Maplewood told police Oct. 24 that \$990 in money was missing from a dresser drawer in their bedroom.

The couple said an estimated \$1,000 had been hidden under several women's tank tops in the top drawer of a chest of drawers. The drawer had been left open for about a week, and the husband said he had last seen the money a week earlier. However, when he checked on Oct. 24, he found all the money, except two \$5 bills, missing.

There were no signs of forced entry, and the couple had not seen anything unusual. They did tell police that two people who have stayed at the home had keys. One had been moved out two weeks ago and had returned to retrieve items. The other man had moved out eight months ago, but had stayed at the house for several days about two weeks ago.

#### Larceny

A tool box filled with assorted tools, a gas-powered edger/trimmer and Husqvarna chain saw were reported stolen from the garage of a home in the 32000 block of Alvin overnight Oct. 22.

Police reported that someone entered the garage through a rear sliding window. The window had steel bars on it, but bolts were removed from one side of the bars and they were bent into in order to gain entry.

#### Fraud

A 21-year-old Garden City woman told police Oct. 22 that she received a phone call from a collection agency two weeks earlier regarding an outstanding Verizon bill. The woman discovered that someone opened an account in her name and racked up \$1,000 in fees.

By Sue Mason

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

#### Larceny

A Canton man told police Oct. 13 that he was notified by his real estate agent that water was running out of a home he owns in the 30000 block of Steinhauer. Once at the home, the man said he found that all the copper piping was stolen and the water was left running, which caused the flooding.

There was no sign of forced entry, so the homeowner said he suspected someone had the code to the lock box.

#### Larceny

A Canton woman told police Oct. 14 that she purchased a home in the 36000 block of Glenwood but is not yet living there. Over the previous two days, she said someone entered the garage to steal two sets of blinds, a circular saw, a tool belt with roofing tools, a work bench, a leaf blower and a cooler valued at \$685.

It appeared that someone also attempted to enter the house, she said, noting pry

marks on the side door. She told police she has had an ongoing problem with youths trespassing on ATVs from a large vacant field nearby but that this didn't appear to be related.

#### Larceny

On Oct. 18, a resident of the Warrenwoods Apartments, 33205 Warren Road, told police that someone stole a power washer from his basement storage unit. He said he last saw the machine four days earlier.

The resident told police that the lock on a storage unit had been peeled back.

#### Vandalism

A Westland woman told police Oct. 18 that someone vandalized her car while it was parked overnight at the Landings Apartments, 6816 Lakeview. She said someone cut the sidewall of three tires, carved obscenities into the paint and marked the car with paint and markers.

By LeAnne Rogers

# Fall Savings

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# Things get spooky at Yankee Air Museum

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to an aviation museum, officials from the Yankee Air Museum have issued this reminder: "Witches, ghosts, some monkeys, and even the occasional pig, can and do fly, sometimes seeking a day of fame at museums on Halloween."

Officials explained the advisory comes as preparations are made for the first ever Yankee Air Museum Halloween Spooktacular, which is set for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Admission is free.

"We felt it wise to issue the alert, especially after air traffic control recently reported mysterious blips on radar that couldn't be tracked," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum. "I personally don't believe any of this, but our curator and historian says witches, ghosts and assorted flying monsters are known to make reconnaissance flights."

Walsh said the reports first surfaced at a Museum Operations Meeting at which department heads began planning the huge Halloween Spooktacular party. Since then, Walsh personally has been conducting routine patrols, sweeping the museum's exhibit gallery and seeing nothing unusual. He said the personal, heightened security has been reassuring to the party planners.

"Our Spooktacular party will be a blast for kids," said Rachel Krumwiede, museum education director. "We have science experiments and cool educational activities designed for families with children ages 15 and under. With a costume parade, games, prizes and Halloween treats, it's family fun for everyone."

Krumwiede, who provides needed intellectual horsepower to the effort, is not fazed by reports of the sightings, saying science, technology, engineering and math can explain everything. Krumwiede and the Yankee Air Museum are



Executive director Kevin Walsh has been checking the exhibition area of the Yankee Air Museum after reports of haunted happenings.

always exciting and inspiring kids with aviation-based programs.

"This exhibit hall is my domain," said Julie Osborne, museum curator. "Does anyone really think I won't notice when things move around here without explanation?"

The normally mild-mannered Osborne has spent years researching all things that fly. She said there is plenty of literature supporting the museum's cautionary position.

"Halloween continues to exist because it's real," she added. "There's even a lot about it on the Internet."

Walsh said the Yankee Air Museum has unveiled a number of contemporary, hands-on displays this year, including "Fly Zone" and the "Five Simple Machines," all designed to take the mystery out of flight. More than 7,000 kids of all ages have visited the museum thus far in 2015.

He said the exhibits help expose kids to career paths in aviation, and that stimulates their motivation to learn about STEM subjects.

"I know that if we can fill Yankee Air Museum with kids who want to learn and have fun, our future will be safe,"

Walsh said.

The Yankee Air Museum is located on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport, at 47884 D St., Belleville. For more information, call 734-483-4030 or visit [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org).

Yankee Air Museum is a collection of aviation-themed exhibits on the major global conflicts of the 20th century. Many dynamic aircraft that shaped history are featured, as well as a local focus on the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant. The Yankee Air Museum is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization.

# Salvation Army thrift stores holding sale

Winter is around the corner. Gear up for the cooler weather and prepare for the holiday season during the Salvation Army's Fall Savings Spectacular. All 34 metro Detroit Salvation Army thrift store locations will offer 50 percent off clothing Saturday, Nov. 7.



Doors will be open at the nonprofit's 32 thrift stores from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at its two dollar stores in Pontiac and Detroit.

Enjoy great deals on coats, scarves, gloves and hats among other winter essentials. In addition to the clothing sale, hourly bonus deals will be announced in various departments throughout the day, giving guests even more value.

"The last few Michigan winters have been record setting," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "We know that families need warm weather essentials to prepare for the winter season, and they can pick up great deals on those pieces while making a difference in the lives of families benefiting from our adult rehabilitation programs."

Local thrift stores include:

- » 28982 Ford Road, Garden City, 734-261-7175
- » 3600 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573

» 27170 Grand River, Redford, 313-255-0777

» 43403 Joy, Canton, 734-416-1925

» 532 W. Highland Road, Highland, 248-887-3047

Proceeds from all stores benefit the Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, an independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults. The ARC is an integral part of TSA's mission and offers substance-abusing adults the opportunity to rebuild their lives through a voluntary, short-term residential self-help program designed to establish a sense of dignity, self-esteem and personal strength that will allow them to resist the desire to abuse a substance and regain their rightful place as contributing members of society.

Completely self-funded, the ARC draws its entire operating budget from the revenue of the 34 Salvation Army Thrift Stores in southeast Michigan.

For more information, go to [www.salarmythrift.com](http://www.salarmythrift.com) or call 313-965-7760.

# Women of Moose taking orders for blankets, wreaths

Over the years, the Garden City Women of the Moose 1339 have built up a clientele for their holiday grave blankets and wreaths.

The women are again accepting orders grave blankets and wreaths. Wreaths cost \$20 and include a 36-inch stand. Grave blankets are priced at \$48 and come with anchors. The crosses cost \$35, and baby pillows are \$20. They also offer Christmas door wreaths.

The women buy the blankets and add the decorations. Choice of colors is available, and customization of grave blankets can be done for an additional charge. In the past, the women have done grave blankets with golf, Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings themes, and

even one filled with Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Orders for the wreaths and grave blankets can be placed at the Moose Lodge at 29137 Ford, east of Middlebelt. See any of the Women of the Moose or the bar staff. They also can be ordered by calling Dowidait at 734-564-5777 or by email at [kdow14@yahoo.com](mailto:kdow14@yahoo.com). Orders must be received by Thursday, Nov. 12, and payment when ordering would be appreciated.

Orders can be picked up on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28-29, at the Moose.

A portion of the money raised goes to Moose Heart and Moose Haven and some of it funds other events at the Garden City Moose.

# Coin Club holds 53rd annual show in Livonia

The Northwest Detroit Coin Club's 53rd annual Coin Show can help people turn their coins into cash.

The show is set for 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile, Livonia.

The show will feature U.S. and foreign dealers, free admission, free

parking and free appraisals of coins, currency or other numismatic items, along with a snack bar and hourly door prizes.

The public is invited to attend club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Livonia Senior Center and feature club member auctions and free appraisals.



DAVID MALHALAB | MNS PHOTO/NEWS Assistant coin dealer Amanda Whitmer proves that coin collecting is for all ages.

# Wayne County approves sale of Wayne RESA annex

The Wayne County Commission has unanimously approved a three-part transaction that will result in the sale of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Annex building in Wayne to the Senior Alliance, with the county leasing back about 5,000 square feet for \$1 annually.

The building is at 5454 S. Venoy, north of Van Born and just east of RESA's main building, which is the intermediate school district that serves 33 public school districts and 108 charter schools covering almost all of Wayne County.

The Wayne-based Senior Alliance, Area Agency 1-C, is a private, nonprofit agency that coordinates a network of services for qualifying senior and disabled residents of 34 Wayne County communities as part of the state's MI Choice Waiver Program.

Wayne County is purchasing RESA's interest in the building and land for \$285,000, then selling it to The Senior Alliance for \$900,000, with the closing to happen by

Nov. 1. The county will lease 5,000 square feet for \$1 annually for five years to house the Head Start administrative offices that will move out of the county-owned Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., Westland, where Head Start programming will remain.

The county also has the option in 2020 to extend the RESA Annex lease for \$50,000 annually for five years. RESA has the option to lease space for its Early On program.

Wayne County Department of Environmental Services employees currently housed in the RE-

SA Annex will move to the nearby Department of Health, Veterans & Community Wellness Building, formerly the Department of Public Health Building, at 33030 Van Born in Wayne.

As part of the \$900,000 purchase, Wayne County is setting aside up to \$60,000 for The Senior Alliance to use by May 1, 2016, for asbestos abatement as a match to what the agency will spend.

Earlier this year, the commission unanimously approved a more-than-\$3 million, one-year agreement with The Senior Alliance in which the

agency will run the county's Meals on Wheels program, which had been based at the Kay Beard Building but will move to the RESA Annex. The employees will transfer from the county to The Senior Alliance, which will also pay for the drivers' mileage. The agreement is expected to save the county about \$550,000 annually.

"Wayne County and The Senior Alliance have had a close relationship for many years," said Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, who chairs the Commission's Committee on Health and Human Services.

"The county has helped The Senior Alliance in the past, and now The Senior Alliance is helping the county during tough financial times. We really appreciate The

Senior Alliance running the Meals on Wheels program. It's nice that the county can sell them the RESA Annex to help meet their needs. This will benefit both of us."

**ABSTRACT**  
**WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-30**  
**October 20, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. MEMBERS PRESENT: Monit, Damitio, Rowe, Rhaesa, James, Miller MEMBERS ABSENT: Hawley. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Oct. 6; appt. of Michael Smith to Planning Comm.; resignation of Gordon Jones from DDA; Materials Recovery license with Annapolis Auto Parts and Broome Auto Parts; budget amendment 2016-3; TCO #610, accept grant from Ford Fund for police radios; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
 City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MTG. 20 10/19/15**

Presiding: President Godbout  
 Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Reeves  
 149: Closed public hearing for Williams-Bayer Industries Tax Abatement.  
 Mtg. adj. at 6:33 p.m.  
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
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**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**  
**MTG. 21 10/19/15**

Presiding: President Godbout  
 Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrner, Reeves  
 151: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 10/5/15.  
 152: Appr. closed study session 11/2/15 at 6:30 p.m.  
 - 1 yr. contract ext. w/Statewide Security Transport; amt. \$38/day.  
 153: Adopted Prepared Resolution granting Williams-Bayer Industries Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate application.  
 154: Appr. Agrmnt. w/Williams-Bayer Industries Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.  
 155: Appr. checklist: \$ 4,761,496.28.  
 Mtg. adj. at 7:45 p.m.  
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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# Charities benefit from annual Blues, Brews

As the name makes clear, Westland's annual Blues, Brews & Barbecue event focuses on music, beer and food.

But after the event, it's all about the money raised by charities at the two-day event. This year, 13 local nonprofit groups earned more than \$30,000 combined for their volunteer efforts at the event. That takes the total to over \$150,000 in the five years of the event.

Representatives of the nonprofits recently accepted their ceremonial big checks at a recent Westland City Council meeting.

"We had a great year. One of the great parts of the event is giving back to the nonprofit groups," said Westland IT Director Dan Bourdeau, who serves as the city point-man for the event.

"It's a privilege, I'm so grateful to our community. This brings out the best in us," said Brookellen Swope, president of the Westland Chamber



Westland Lion Ken Sharp accepted a donation for the club from the annual Blues, Brews & Barbecue event.

of Commerce, which sponsors the event.

Unlike many similar events, vendors at Blues, Brews and Barbecue aren't asked to donate food and beverages but

instead make some money on their sales. The nonprofits earn part of the proceeds based on the number of volunteers provided and hours logged helping at the event.



The Westland Fire Fighters Public Awareness Committee received \$2,000 for volunteer efforts at Blues, Brews and Barbecue. Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy accepted the donation for the nonprofit.

"We had our best year ever due to the people up here," said Westland Mayor William Wild, referring to the nonprofit volunteers. "This is an event we try to staff with volunteers.

The majority of proceeds go back to the nonprofits."

Nonprofits that received donations from the event include: Westland Goodfellows, \$2,750; Westland Lions Club, \$1,000; Westland Civitans, \$2,750; Westland Rotary, \$2,750; Westland Community Foundation, \$1,000; Westland Area Jaycees, \$3,000; Grange, \$1,000; Westland Historical Commission, \$1,000; Warm Hearts, \$1,000; Westland Youth Assistance Program, \$1,250; Westland Police Explorers, \$500; and Westland Fire Fighters Public Awareness Committee, \$2,000.

"The Jaycees also took up the challenge to manage the Barbecue Throwdown. That was one of the best parts of the event," Wild said.

That event, expected to return in 2016, lets amateur cooks show off barbecue skills.

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## Let Wayne Public Library help you sizzle for the holidays

While we may never want to accept or even consider the fact that the holidays will soon be upon us, as October draws to a close we simply have no choice in the matter.

If our own calendars will not cure our holiday denial, the stores certainly will, with some of them now setting out Christmas displays even before we're through with Halloween. But there is no stopping them. Thanksgiving will be here before we know it, and looming very near behind it are Christmas and the New Year. But take heart, Wayne Public Library patrons. As always, your library and its staff are here to make your life as simple and information-filled as possible.

If your households and families are anything like mine, these potentially daunting holidays tend to revolve around two things: Family and food, and not necessarily in that order. It is truly remarkable what a difference can be made by a well-laid table. So if this year you're hoping to boast the best roast, brew the best stew, or griddle the best vittles, Wayne Public Library is here to help.

We're frequently ordering the latest high-demand cookbooks, which are just waiting to be checked out and positively bursting with recipes guaranteed to please foodies of all ages. We'll start out discussing a few summer arrivals that you might have missed, then move on to a few new arrivals that will be on shelves soon.

» June: *Soul Food Love: Healthy Recipes Inspired by One Hundred Years of Cooking in a Black Family*

In this book, acclaimed

author and Detroit native Alice Randall teamed with her daughter, Caroline Randall, to overhaul how they ate. They worked to translate recipes handed down by generations of black women before them into easy and healthy dishes like peanut chicken stew, red bean and brown rice Creole salad, and sinless sweet potato pie. *Soul Food Love* presents these recipes against the backdrop of a close-knit family living in 20th century America.

» July: *The Eat Like a Man Guide to Feeding a Crowd*  
As a takeoff from their 2011 hit *Eat like a Man: The Only Cookbook a Man Will Ever Need*, Esquire is again striding into the male market. This book takes similarly

delicious yet technically simple man-centric meals and demonstrates how to prepare them for a large group of people with relative ease. With stunning photos and easy-to-follow recipes, this book presents 100 essential (and manly, obviously) recipes perfect for "lazy breakfasts, afternoon noshing, dinner spreads, and late-night binges." These satisfying crowd meals are all brought to you by world class chefs.

Coming Soon ...  
» *The Homemake Kitchen: Recipes for Cooking with Pleasure*

Equal parts cookbook and narrative, the author presents comforting, home cooked-style dishes along with deep-thinking reflections about life. The underlying philosophic bend of this book is that you must allow yourself to "be a beginner," which basically means an openness to trying anything once, and allowing for the potential of mistakes in home cooking, which by its

nature should be imprecise.

» *The Best Homemade Kids' Snacks on the Planet*

Laura Fuentes' most recent release includes over 200 delicious snacks for kids that present an alternative to the convenient yet not-so-healthy processed and packaged options. Most of the recipe ideas in this book can be prepared in minutes; many are simple enough to allow for the kids to lend a hand. Whether the snacks are for the school bag, sports bag or that interminable wait between school and dinner, this book is packed with snack options that will both fortify and satisfy.

### Upcoming Events

**Small Business Q & A with SCORE Detroit** — Wayne Public Library will host a small business "question and answer" session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, with SCORE mentor Jim Muir. Muir, the chapter chair of SCORE Detroit, can offer sound business advice based on a lifetime of experience. Anyone who is interested in starting or growing a business is welcome to attend with any questions or concerns they would like addressed by an expert. The meeting is free to attend, and has been developed in accordance with Wayne Public Library's Business Resource Center. If you have any questions, contact our adult librarian Carola.

**Family Fun Story Time**, now in the evening — Join us 6:30-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays for stories, songs, finger plays, movement and an easy craft at our fall story time. You can register in person at the Children's reference desk or by calling the Youth Reference Desk at 734-721-7832, ext. 623. The themes will be Bears on Nov. 4 and Thanksgiving on Nov. 11.

Gerald Wykes Presents: A

**Weed Goes to War** — Gerald Wykes, a historian and interpreter currently residing in Monroe, discusses how Michigan milkweed was integral to aviators and sailors in late World War II at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 11. Against the backdrop of this truly unique period in history, Wykes will discuss how crucial this Michigan weed helped save the lives of U.S. servicemen. This event is presented by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

**Potato Chip Manufacturing in Southeast Michigan** — Author and renowned presenter Karen Dybis is returning to the Wayne Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 to discuss the topic of her recently released book, *Better Made in Detroit: The Salty Story of Detroit's Best Chip*. She will be discussing the past boom of snack production in Detroit, when over 40 manufacturers competed for ascendancy in the Motor City, and how that crowd dwindled to one remaining establishment.

**Thanksgiving Craft** — 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Enjoy snacks and a Thanksgiving story. Make Thanksgiving Napkin Rings and a centerpiece for your table. Registration begins Tuesday Nov. 10. Register in person at the Children's Reference desk or by phone at 734-721-7832, ext. 623.

The Wayne Public Library has a newsletter again! You can reach it through our website or directly at waynepublib.blogspot.com. You can also check us out on Facebook and Twitter.

*Information Central was compiled by Steve McGladdery, Library co-director. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or visit wayne.lib.mi.us.*

## Lucky Dog sponsors People and Pet Food Drive

Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Lucky Dog Luxury Day-care and Boarding has embarked on a special People and Pet Food Drive that extends through Dec. 20.

"We are collecting pet food, treats and toys that will all be donated to a Garden City Rescue called Love for Pups," owner Stacy Karafotis said. "We are also collecting food for local food banks and food and supplies for the homeless."

Donations for local food banks can be canned and dry goods like vegetables, noodles and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, mayonnaise, ketchup and mustard, meal helpers, stuffing, individual cups of fruit, applesauce, gelatin and pudding, crackers, cookies and coffee.

About Dec. 21, just in time for Christmas, Lucky Dog co-owner Craig Poisson, dog washer Kim Strahan and Karafotis' brother Jerry Templeton will make a trip to the streets of Detroit like they did last year. They went to train station on Michigan Avenue in Detroit.

"Everybody started lining up," Karafotis said. "We had a lot of coats last year. We already started to collect coats again. We are going right to the streets. We aren't going to take them somewhere and hope that it will get out to them."

The group has also delivered supplies to those in the Cass Corridor.

"We actually make bags of much-needed items that we deliver to homeless directly on the streets of Detroit," Karafotis said. "Someone donated giant Ziploc bags to us. Everybody gets hats, gloves, socks and Chap Stick."

Donations for homeless can include Ziploc bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, hand warmers, bug spray, one-cup instant coffee, tuna in the foil packs, breakfast and protein bars, gloves, hats, scarves, long johns and undershirts.

"This drive was very successful last year and we hope to top last year's donations and be able to help more people who need it," Karafotis said.

From now until Nov. 10, they are also helping Last Day Dog Rescue with their fundraiser called "Chew on This." Sponsored by Woof Trax, it's a shoe collection program for new and gently used shoes that gives money to rescues and then donates the shoes to people in Uganda, Bolivia and other underprivileged countries.

All donations of food, shoes and supplies can be dropped off at Lucky Dog during the normal business hours of 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Lucky Dog Luxury Boarding and Daycare is at 5921 Middlebelt, north of Ford, in Garden City. For more information, call 734-261-7387.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Free Candy Screening

Parents and guardians of Westland's ghosts, goblins and other creatures are encouraged to get their Halloween candy checked out before they eat it. Westland's 18th District Court at 36675 Ford, is hosting a free candy check 6:30-10 p.m. Halloween night, Oct. 31. There is no limit to the amount of candy that may be brought in.

### Blessing of Pets

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will hold a blessing of the pets at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne.

Pets must be on leash or in a cage or travel container. Bring a picture of pets who can't make it. Stuffed pets welcome, too. Immunizations must be up to date.

Pet treats will be provided by Goodies Pet Supply in Wayne. People refreshments will be available after the service. Please be prepared to clean up after your pet.

### Pinning ceremony

Join Hospice of Michigan for a Veterans Pinning Ceremony at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Maplewood Senior Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

Veterans will be presented with a certificate reflecting

their branch of military service and an American flag pin honoring and thanking them for the service. A light dinner of subs, chips and beverages will be provided.

Reserve a spot by calling Sheila Sulewski by Oct. 28 at 734-793-1870.

### Veterans Day 5K

The Westland Area Jaycees will hold its inaugural Veterans Day 5K race 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at Central City Park on Carlson, south of Ford, in Westland.

The race is open to all runners and walkers. It's being held on a timed and certified track. Advanced registration is \$25 and can be completed at westlandarejaycees.org/5K. Come see the military units run and sing cadence. Activities are planned for after the race.

For more information, email 5k@westlandarejaycees.org.

### Historical Society

The public is invited to attend the Wayne Historical Society's general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Town Square.

Come early, the museum will be open from 4-7 p.m. for tours and stay for refreshments. At 7:30 p.m., Al Damitio will take guests on a fascinating trip back in time with color slides of the city in the 1050s, 1960s and 1970s, showing Pa-

rades, sidewalk sales and the 1969 Wayne Centennial Celebration.

### Business Alliance

The Garden City Business Alliance will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford, Garden City.

The GCBA meets on the second Friday of each month. New members welcomed. For more information, visit the GCBA gcbiz48135.org, email gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com or call 734-788-9319.

### Spaghetti Dinner

St. John's Episcopal Church is having a Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children age 12 and under. Children age 3 and under are free. Dinner includes salad, bread, dessert and beverage. For more information, call 734-721-5023.

### Train Show

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club is sponsoring a buy-and-swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Ss. Simon and Jude Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland.

There will be approximately 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer set up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and com-

plementary coffee and donuts will be available for dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free.

For more information or table reservations, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

### Grandparents Support

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a Grandparents Support Group 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month and is for kinship caregivers and all grandparents who are raising grandchildren or have concerns about their grandchildren.

Call Linda Maylone at 734-674-7239 for more information.

### Crop FUNdraiser

St. Damian School will hold a 15-hour Crop FUNdraiser from 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 14, in the community room, 29891 Joy, east of Merriman, in Westland. The cost is \$40 for a full day and \$25 for a half day. Cost includes a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and drinks. There also will be raffles and a 50/50 drawing.

Contact Karen Crunk at crunk1k@att.net for more information - type 15crop in subject line - or call 734-421-2853.



## Phoenix Theatres will play 'Star Wars' nonstop

The greatly anticipated *Star Wars* movie, *The Force Awakens*, hits theaters at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, to a nationwide, energetic fan base like few film series have ever known.

Phoenix Theatres will be the only known Midwest area movie theater chain that will keep the doors open all night long, uniquely catering to those who miss out on the first showing and cannot wait another minute to see the J.J. Abrams' epic.

"For the first time in the history of Phoenix Theatres, due to the national groundswell of demand for this film and the excitement it's generated, we've decided to start at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and will keep it playing - nonstop - straight through the night, early morning hours and on into the normal rotation of show times on Friday for over 30 hours of non-stop *Star Wars* action," said Phoenix Theatres President Cory Jacobson.

"It was actually the employees who came to us, so excited about this film that they wanted to run all night with it. Our



The State Wayne Theatre will be showing the "Star Wars" movie, "The Force Awakens," around the clock beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 19.

group of people are really excited about *Star Wars*, and for the *Cause of the Force*, they wanted to do this," he added.

Jacobson is also the former president of the National Association of Theatre Owners of Michigan, and he knows of no other movie theatre in the Midwest area plan-

ning to show the film for over 30 hours and all night long.

"There are a lot of behind the scenes preparation going on," Jacobson added. "It is an event film that we're trying our best to present in the way Mr. Abrams would want it presented, at the highest quality level, so we're

running around double checking projectors, lamps, sound systems and all the other equipment to make sure everything is up to specifications."

According to Bloomberg Business, Walt Disney Co.'s *Star Wars* websites in the U.S. and U.K. were swamped last week

as fans tried to reserve seats to the movie which still two months away from opening.

The U.S. ticketing sites Fandango and MovieTickets.com struggled to keep up with demand, as Disney's ESPN network kicked off early sales with a new trailer for the film dur-

ing a *Monday Night Football* telecast. Attempts on Fandango to buy tickets to the movie, which opens on Dec. 18, during the first few hours of availability produced the notice "Error 500: Technical Difficulties."

Phoenix Theatres is the only theater circuit in the Midwest to offer 100% fully reclining seats in every one of the company's 22 screens, allowing the customer to "kick back, relax and recline" during a film presentation. Phoenix Theatres presents all films in DOLBY® 7.1 digital sound technology and Christie Digital projection.

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For more information or to take a "virtual tour," visit [www.phoenix-movies.net](http://www.phoenix-movies.net).

## Review estate plan every two years or when family dynamics change

I recently gave a talk on estate planning. I always leave plenty of time for questions. One of the questions asked brings up an interesting point. A gentleman told me that his son was in the process of undergoing procedures to become a woman. He asked if he had to change his will and trust because it refers to "my sons." He also wanted to know if the son that was going through the sex change



operation would be considered his son for purposes of his trust or should he amend the trust.

The law in this area is unclear and I advised that his best course of action would be to amend his trust.

Another question is when should one's will and trust be amended? I recommend every couple of years - at a minimum. That doesn't mean you need to make any changes, but review your documents to make sure that it reflects your current thoughts.

Family dynamics change and as a result you may need to make an adjustment to your estate plan. Whether it is a birth of a new grandchild, a

divorce or even a death of a loved one, it may mean you need to change or amend your estate plan.

And when changing or amending an estate plan, be sure to review your beneficiary designations. You have beneficiaries on things like your IRAs, life insurance policies and even on 401(k) plans. It is also important that you review those beneficiary designations to make sure they're still

current. Not only should you always have a primary beneficiary, but you should also have a secondary beneficiary.

As I've said many times in the past, the main reason to do estate planning is because you love your loved ones. You want to make sure that when you are no longer here or when there is a family emergency, your family can handle things as easily as possible. Having an up-to-date

estate plan can accomplish this goal.

One last note: Some people think doing an estate plan is very expensive. However, for the great majority of people who use the assistance of an estate planning attorney, the costs should be reasonable and affordable.

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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### DFCU launches Business Banking

DFCU Financial has announced the launch of Business Banking, developed to service small businesses with annual revenues of \$5 million or less. Shaped in collaboration with Michigan entrepreneurs, DFCU Financial Business Banking offers simplified products, best-in-class technology and financial education and guidance tailored to the specific needs of small business owners.

"After listening carefully to Michigan small business owners over a nine-month period of focus meetings and extensive market research, DFCU Financial has developed a simplified, consultative approach to business banking to help our business members meet the unique needs of their firms," said Mark Shobe, president and CEO, DFCU Financial. "Our Business Banking team is highly specialized, and our simplified portfolio of small business-centric products and educational resources offers support, guidance and convenience to small business owners statewide."

DFCU Financial Business Banking minimizes transaction and loan turnaround times with best-in-class technology, offering a more personal approach than national banks. DFCU Financial's consultative approach and local experts throughout Michigan expedite loan decisions, and the organization's online banking platform streamlines payment, payroll and transactional processes.

To better guide small business owners to the right products and services for their needs, DFCU Financial's highly trained Business Banking experts are qualified to empower small business owners to use current



Students at Grant Elementary in Livonia enjoy the iPads presented by Parkside Credit Union.

and future financial assets to their advantage.

Educational guidance is available to small-business owners and their employees through one-on-one consultations and ongoing educational seminars at branch locations across metro Detroit, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Lansing.

"The 'DFCU DNA' is truly ingrained in our Business Banking practice," said Lesli Matukaitis, senior vice president, Corporate Banking, DFCU Financial. "We listened carefully to small business owners as we developed our solution and educational offerings, and remain committed to helping our clients take the guesswork out of important financial decisions, helping them attain short- and long-term financing."

#### Parkside CU buys iPads

Parkside Credit Union recently purchased six iPad minis for students and teachers at Grant Elementary in Livonia. According to Principal Kristyn Cousino, the iPads will be used primarily for reading and comprehension activities.

Parkside CEO Janet Thompson, along with Marketing Manager Heather Gatewood and Marketing Specialist Kristy Harper, presented the iPads to class of first- and second-graders on Oct. 9.

"Technology plays an integral role in today's classroom and we are thrilled to be providing a tool that will contribute to the educational development of these student," Thompson said.

Parkside Credit Union has long been a supporter of the schools within the communities it serves, including a recurring sponsorship of Livonia's annual "Bounce Back to School" event held every August. Parkside also sponsors an annual scholarship competition and awarded \$3,500 to local students in 2015, with plans to do so again in 2016.

Parkside Credit Union is a Michigan-based nonprofit financial institution and has been serving the community since 1953. Parkside offers a full line of financial products and services to its members. Visit [www.parksidecu.org](http://www.parksidecu.org) for more information about Parkside Credit Union.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Simple safety tips can make difference between a fun or frightening Oct. 31

For adults, shorter days, cooler weather and falling leaves announce the arrival of fall. For kids, it means the arrival of their favorite part of the season, Halloween! Whether your child is a favorite character from Star Wars, princess, zombie or vampire, the chance to go door to door and get free sugary snacks is an opportunity like no other.

In their frenzied state, caution may fly out the window. It's up to parents to remember to keep watch and make sure nothing goes awry, even as the evening wears on and you're getting to the end of your accompanying adult beverage as you stroll the neighborhood.

Whether you're new to the trick or treat world or an old pro, we can't stress enough the importance of quick safety reminders to make sure this Saturday is enjoyable for all.

If you have children heading out for treats, check to make sure that store-bought costume is flame-resistant. It should be labeled. Although this does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does mean the items will resist burning and the flames should extinguish quickly once the garment is removed from the heat source.

And before heading out, check the fit of the costume itself. Falls are the leading cause of Halloween injuries, so costumes should not drag on the ground, posing a tripping hazard.

Costumes should also be outfitted with reflective tape to make the child easier to see after dark. If your child's costume doesn't have the reflective striping, get a roll of reflective tape at the hardware store and get creative. Any accessories that are to be carried, such as swords or knives, should be flexible to avoid



FILE PHOTO  
Just a few simple safety tips makes can make the difference in a fun or frightening Halloween.

injury from trips or inadvertent swings.

If you are planning to use makeup, it should be non-toxic and hypoallergenic. Makeup on the face provides better visibility than a mask so is a safer choice, but if a mask is worn, be sure it provides good sight, which may mean you have to enlarge the eye holes.

An adult should accompany young trick or treaters on Halloween night. For older children going out without parental supervision, the following tips should be followed:

» Get the names and phone numbers of other kids

in the group and the route the group will be taking.

» Consider if your child should carry a cell phone, so he or she can reach you, if needed.

» Establish a time for the kids to return home and ensure someone in the group has a watch.

» Make sure there are several flashlights in the group.

» Remind the kids to walk — don't run — on sidewalks and never dart out in the street or cross from between parked cars.

» Only homes with an outside light on should be visited, and homes should never be entered for any reason.

» Children should eat before going out and be reminded not to eat any candy until it's been inspected by an adult. Treats that appear to have been opened or tampered with should not be eaten.

If you will be driving, watch for children who may pop out between parked cars. Driveways should be entered and exited with caution, as children are often excited and not paying attention.

If you will be passing out treats this year, clean up your front yard during daylight hours. Daylight often reveals hazards, such as hoses or tree branches, which can trip or injure children. Turn on your porch light so the walkway is illuminated. Candles should be avoided, but if you choose to use them, keep them well away from where trick or treaters will be walking.

Give out pre-packaged treats only. If you don't want to give out candy, items such as coins, small packages of raisins or individual servings of microwave popcorn go over well.

Hopefully, this gives you and your family a good starting point for having an injury-free Halloween.

## LETTERS

### Mason will be missed

Exactly 30 years ago this week, Sue Mason joined the *Westland Observer & Eccentric* staff as a reporter. Since she has done a superlative job of covering the community and being part of it.

Like most community journalists, she has spent countless hours covering local school board meetings, city council sessions, endless election nights, numerous fires, disasters, court hearings and the human relation stories that reflect the life and lives of the city of about 80,000 residents.

I first met her in the mid-70s when she was an intern for the *Westland Press & Guide* while completing her journalism degree at Wayne State University.

After graduation, she worked for the Associated Newspapers and its *Westland Eagle* edition.

If there is to be a Westland Community Hall of Fame formed, I would nominate Sue Mason to be one of its first members.

It has been a joy to read the variety of topics she has written about during the past 30 years.

When she first joined the O&E editorial staff, I was confident she would be an invaluable resource not only for this newspaper but also for the community who benefited from her work.

I should know. I am the one who had the honor hiring her.

Leonard Poger  
Westland

### A class act

On Oct. 30, Sue Mason will retire from the *Observer & Eccentric Newspaper* and will be missed by many. I wanted to say thank you for all you have done.

Allowing us to rant and rave or talk about our former teachers, or to talk about non-voters, or anything else that mattered, but I really want to thank you for writing about our son David while he was in the Marines and return-

ing from his second tour of duty from Iraq.

While I was writing about it and sending emails, you did a tremendous job of letting people know about it. He came home with the Navy/Marine medal. He won't say what he did, but another recipient of this medal was John Kennedy after saving the crew of the PT-109 when it was cut in half by a destroyer.

Thank you, Sue, for all you have done. Forty-three years is a long time. I hope you enjoy your new job. I promise you will be missed. I'm proud to call you a friend. I wish you all the luck in the world. You are and always will be a class act. Thank you.

Bud Somerville  
Westland

### Vote for progress in Westland

The voters in Westland have an important decision to make on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Do we want to continue with the progress the city has made under the leadership of Mayor Wild and the current City Council or do we want to go back to the time when Westland was struggling financially and certainly did not offer any reason for business to move to the city and residents were leaving the city for more attractive locations. As a 30-plus year resident of Westland, I vote to keep the city moving forward.

The incumbents Bill Johnson, Dewey Reeves, Council President James Godbout and Council Pro Tem Adam Hammonds have been part of the transformation of Westland into a first class city. They have served the City of Westland and its citizens admirably. These individuals have done an outstanding job in managing Westland's growth while maintaining the quality of life that we all enjoy here.

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Every vote counts.

Debra Fowlkes  
Westland

## STAFF COLUMN

# Looking back in thanks, looking ahead to some new adventures

I vividly recall the excitement I felt walking into my first newsroom. All that I had dreamed of filled the room — typewriters, lots of people in urgent conversations and lots of stuff.

Over these past decades, the technology has changed dramatically. Newsrooms have crossed over into the universe of social media, computer networks and remote work sites. These changes have enhanced journalists' ability to cover more news, more rapidly and to reach a wider audience than ever imagined when I first began my career as a journalist.

But the aspect I cherish the most remains the same. Journalists have a unique place in the community. We are the connectors and conveners of the many and diverse populations.



Sue Rosiek  
STAFF WRITER

On any given day, we experience the wonders of how a community interacts, how people serve, how they help one another. We help our readers celebrate their victories and mourn their losses.

America is a country of storytellers. This is how we learn and grow and build trusting relationships. In community journalism, we collaborate with local readers so they can tell the stories that are meaningful to them.

These stories are built on the foundation of accomplishments big and small. But we understand as community journalists that each story is equally important to the individ-

uals involved.

Through the years, some of these stories have brought tears to my eyes, others made me laugh and still others made me proud that I was able to help the community resolve a problem, settle a controversy and move on to a better future.

I cherish most the relationships and friendships I have experienced over the years. So many kindnesses have been shown, so many confidences shared. I just can't think of another profession that would have offered such opportunities day after day, lasting for decades.

Today is my final column, as I move on to the next chapter in my life. To say that I will miss my work and the relationships that surround that work is an understatement. I certainly will. And I certainly want to

thank community members and co-workers who have made this such a rewarding career.

Fortunately, I learned an important lesson from my parents, who taught me the importance of letting go and moving on to the next life installment — no regrets. This transition reminds me of something actor Jeremy Irons said: "We all have our time machines. Some take us back. They are called memories. Some take us forward. They are called dreams."

I have fulfilled my dream of being a journalist and it is a pleasant memory. Now I move on to that next dream — yet to be fulfilled.

Sue Rosiek is publisher and executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric*. She is leaving the O&E after more than 35 years in the media business. You can follow her on social media.

## STAFF COLUMN

# Thank you for making my career so memorable

When I left journalism school in 1972, I was 21 and on top of the world. I had a job at a newspaper, making \$90 a week plus a \$10 car allowance. I drove a used Ford Pinto and had to take money out of my savings account to make the monthly payment.

I didn't care. I was working with words and that's all I wanted to do in my life.

My beat was Westland, Garden City and Inkster, and I wrote my heart out, knowing my readers were hanging on my every word. Then I found out the readership for the newspaper was 27 and that included my family.

It was disappointing, but it didn't stop me from doing what I loved to do and doing my best. My parents had instilled that message in my siblings and me from a young age. My dad also shared a few other bits of wisdom: Never get good at a s---y job and blow your own horn, no one else will.



Sue Mason

Check on the first two, but the third one not so much. In this business, we focus on the world around us. We don't take time to promote ourselves and tell our readers what a good job we do. I have a box in the basement filled with certificates that say what a good writer and editor I have been over the years. I have two awards on the fireplace mantle — the ATHENA Award and the key to the City of Westland — that I stop and look at occasionally. I'm still awestruck by all of them.

I also have another box. It's filled with every thank-you note and letter I've received during my 30 years with the *Observer*. Each and every one is important to me because they are the affirmation that I did do a good job.

I have been blessed to

have people who opened their doors and invite me in, trusting me to tell their stories fairly and accurately. Many times that invitation came with a caveat — they had had a previous experience with the media and it hadn't gone well. I like to think I restored their faith in journalists.

I also have been blessed to work for a great organization that encouraged and guided me and because of that, every award I won was during my 30 years with the *Observer Newspapers*. Thirty years ... I hit that milestone on Wednesday. It's hard to believe it's been that long since the first day I walked in the door of the building in Livonia. And now I'm leaving, 3,120 deadlines later.

A lot has changed in this business. When I started, I worked eight hours a day on a manual Underwood typewriter that was older than the hills. When I leave tomorrow, I will press the button on my Dell laptop

computer that has been my constant companion for six years. There will be no more working until midnight, no more working on weekends, no more night meetings.

Community journalism has been good to me and I hope I have been good to the communities I have served. Over 43 years, I have come to know so many people who have become more than names on a page. I treasure the friendships I have made at work and in the community and the people I have had the opportunity to meet.

Back in 1972, reporters typed 30 at the end of the story to show it was done. So as I prepare to type 30 on my career in journalism, I want to say thank you to everyone who has had a part in my life. I am the journalist I am because of all of you and I truly appreciate that.

Thank you for the memories.

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# OBSERVER

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# Polka dots reign supreme in record-breaking Rosie gathering

**Sue Mason**  
Staff Writer

It was a sea of red-and-white polka dot scarves as 2,096 women stood shoulder to shoulder, singing and cheering their way into the Guinness Book of World Records on Saturday.

It was a second time in a year that the Yankee Air Museum's Tribute Rosies snagged the honor of having the largest gathering of women dressed as Rosie the Riveter, easily besting the Aug. 15 record of 1,084 set at the National Rosie the Riveter Park in Richmond, Calif.

"Everyone has a wristband and we're counting as they come through a turnstile," said Tribute Rosie Nancy Zajac of Ann Arbor who was in charge of the original Rosies who showed up for the record breaking event. "People were in line at 10 a.m. and we got our first ones at 8-8:30."

The record-breaking event was sponsored by the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, Yankee Air Museum, Wayne County Airport Authority and AVFlight and was held in the shadows of the portion of the original Willow Run Bomber Plant that is being transformed into future home of the National Museum of Aviation and Technology at Historic Willow Run.

## Front row seats

Jean Chappa had a front row seat for the event. The 94-year-old Farmington Hills resident was among the 43 original Rosies who joined in the event.

"It's nice to reminisce and see so many Rosies," said Chappa who worked on the wings of B-17 bombers at Murray Body in Detroit for more than two years. "It's nice to know what I did helped win the war."

At first it didn't look like Patricia Graham of Westland would make it to the event because she was sick, and when she was fully recovered she had to go shopping. She had given her Rosie costume to her granddaughter Heather Graham of Livonia.

"I came here to pay homage to the women who worked in the factories in World War II," she said. "I'm very proud to be an American and I'm proud to be a woman."

Joining Graham and her granddaughter were daughter Tina Lane of Spring Lake and Heather's mother Sheila. The trio decided it would do the event if Patricia couldn't.

"We're glad we're doing it,"

Sheila Graham said. "Heather is wearing her outfit in honor of her grandfather."

Every female who showed up was checked to make sure their costume was vintage Rosie the Riveter, right down to the red socks, dark-blue work clothes and red scarf with one-inch white polka dots. Each was given a wristband with a number. Patricia Graham's was 1742.

"We bought six boxes of 500 wristbands," said Yankee Air Museum Director Kevin Walsh, adding that by 1 p.m., they were well into the fifth box.

Lesla Laney of Grand Rapids and her sister, Frances Laney of Midland, saw the event online and decided to participate.

"We loved the idea; it fits in with feminism and the women's movement," Frances Laney said.

"It gave me goosebumps to be a part of it," her sister said. "We were in group 1800-1850. They brought the original Rosies in front of us."

## The right clothes

According to Zajac, the Dunham's store in Lincoln Park had completely sold out of red soccer socks and only three pairs of small socks could be found at the store in Ann Arbor.

JoAnn Fabrics helped the effort by donating a bolt of fabric to make scarves for the original Rosies by Emily Zelmanski of Wayne who handles costuming for the Tribute Rosies.

And the person in charge, Zajac said, was none other than Alison Beatty who started dressing up as Rosie the Riveter in 2013 to draw attention to the Save the Bomber Plant campaign, which led to the formation of the Tribute Rosies.

For the ladies, setting the record meant standing in one place for five minutes. To pass the time they sang the *National Anthem*, *God Bless America* and *Amazing Grace*.

While the ladies were the focal point, the men stood behind barriers, watching as they set the world record. Many wore Rosie scarves to show their support. A few even came dressed in military gear.

Walking through the crowd, Yankee Air Museum member Gerald Lester said it looked like the Army.

"If it's moving, you salute; if it's not moving, you paint it," he said.

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Jeri Hollister of Ann Arbor is number 2000 as the record is broken for the most Rosie the Riveters in one place

Jennifer Mahn of Troy, Madi Davie and mom Christine of South Lyon pose in the wheel well of Yankee Doodle Dandy.



Forty-three original Rosies had front row seats in the record breaking event.



Dottie Dermo of Northville leads the crowd in singing "Amazing Grace."

Original Rosies Doris Muszynski of Ypsilanti Township, Jean Chappa of Farmington and Marjorie Gifford of Ann Arbor.



The Rosies cheer after hearing that they exceeded the current world record.

# Crystal Pumpkin tradition continues at VCA Garden City



Twelve pumpkins created by the staff of VCA Garden City are vying for the votes in the annual Crystal Pumpkin Contest.

VCA GARDEN CITY  
Kellee Cochran, the 2014 Crystal Pumpkin Champion, shares a moment with her gumball pumpkin at VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City.



VCA GARDEN CITY  
The Crystal Pumpkin



As they've done every year since 1994, the staff members of a local veterinary clinic have again put their pumpkin-decorating skills to the test in the annual Crystal Pumpkin Contest.

This year, the pumpkin platform in the lobby of the VCA Garden City displays 12 pumpkin entries, done individually by each staff member. Clients and visitors to the lobby vote for their favorites, and the creator of the winning pumpkin receives an ice cream prize and, more importantly, gets their name added to the coveted Crystal Pumpkin trophy.

"This is a tradition at our clinic, and in the Garden City area," Dr. Brad Davis, veterinarian and medical director of the VCA Garden City said. "People who have moved a great distance away will come back to see the pumpkins and to vote for their favorite."

"We're not quite as big a fall tradition as cider and donuts or the Lions being disappointing, but we're trying," he said.

Veterinary Technician Kellee Cochran won the 2014 Crystal Pumpkin Contest with a pumpkin she transformed into a gumball machine.

This year's entries include a pumpkin converted into a hamburger, two made into popcorn

boxes, Stitch from the movie *Lilo and Stitch*, and Doc McStuffins checking out an actual X-ray of a pumpkin.

"I always enjoy seeing them," said VCA client Jackie Cuning of Redford. "I'm always amazed at the ideas they come up with, and with how good the finished products look."

While the entire clinic starts trash-talking about the next contest almost at the moment the previous results are final, this year the contest features several rookies.

"It's awesome being a part of something so big," veterinary assistant and contest rookie Laura Hayden said. "As a client, I was always impressed with the past pumpkin contestants. Now I'm hoping to win."

Voting continues through closing time on Saturday, Oct. 31, at VCA, which is located at 2085 Inkster Road, just south of Ford, Garden City. There is no purchase required to see the pumpkins or to vote, which can also be viewed on the Crystal Pumpkin Contest Facebook page.

Who is this year's favorite to be the new Crystal Pumpkin champion?

"It really isn't about winning or losing," Davis said. "But of course, I'll be winning."





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MHSAA PLAYOFF PREVIEW

## Farmington next test for Franklin

Patriots' turn-around season creating excitement

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

In addition to bolstering school spirit and team morale, Livonia Franklin's season-long football surge has also created an uptick in business for Benny's Pizza in Westland. That's where members of Franklin's turn-around team

met along with the coaching staff and players' family members to watch Sunday night's MHSAA Football Playoff Selection Show.

It was the first time the 6-3 Patriots have had a stake in the releasing of the brackets since 2010, which was the last time they qualified for the post-season.

A few minutes after 7:30 p.m. Sunday, the big-screen TV at Benny's revealed that the Patriots would be hosting 5-4 Farmington High School Friday at 7 p.m. in a Division 2 match-up. A victory would

propel the streaking team into a district final encounter against the winner of Friday's Churchill-Jackson game.

"It was electric in there," said Franklin senior lineman Ryan Tracy, who along with his teammates endured a brutal 2-7 season in 2014. "When we found out we'd be hosting the game, everybody went crazy. One kid took his shirt off and started spinning it around."

Tracy said he could sense this year's team would be special beginning with off-season



ED WRIGHT

Senior defensive tackle Ryan Tracy has been one of the anchors of Livonia Franklin's much-improved defense this fall.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

## DYNAMIC DUO'S CURTAIN CALL

Pair of Garden City seniors finish home career in style

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The Garden City volleyball program's 2015 senior class was small, but mighty.

With blue and orange balloons lining the stands in the Cougars' gymnasium, final-year players Allie Lynn and Heather Pennington were recognized during pre-match "Senior Night" festivities, then right on cue, they sparkled under the spotlight once the match kicked in.

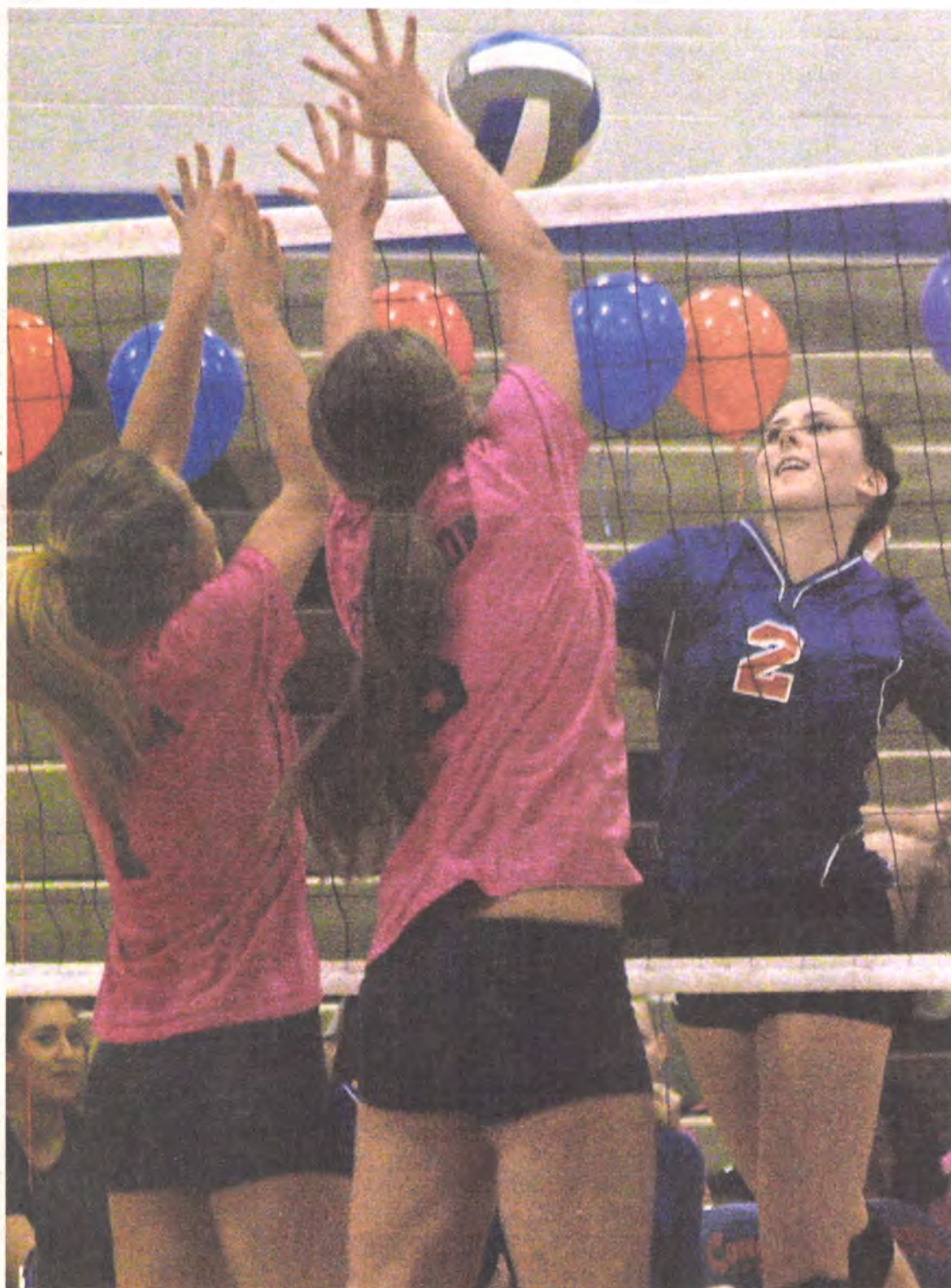
Lynn, who is a four-year varsity player, closed her regular-season home career with 11 kills, seven aces and flawless defense, while Pennington threw down nine kills and two aces to lead the Cougars to a never-a-doubt 25-8, 25-16, 25-3 triumph over an overmatched Dearborn Heights Crestwood unit.

Garden City improved to 24-11 overall and 9-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. The Cougars earned a first-place tie in the Blue standings with Romulus.

The night belonged to Lynn and Pennington, two all-around standouts who displayed their elevated talents during the quick and efficient win over the Chargers.

Lynn ignited the night's festivities with a kill on the match's first point while Pennington was especially dominating in game two, as during one stretch, she had a hand in four straight Cougar points.

"Allie and Heather are the strongest points of this team; they are both critical to the success of our team offensively," said GC head coach John Pace. "When we do well, it's



ED WRIGHT

Allie Lynn tips the ball over a double block during her final regular-season home game Tuesday night.

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MHSAA PLAYOFF PREVIEW

## Athletic Vikings await charged-up Churchill

Resurgent Jackson can score in a hurry

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Given the way senior running back Sean Stenzel ran the ball against Livonia Stevenson last week, the Livonia Churchill football team's one-hour trek to Jackson Friday night probably won't be the Chargers' only long drive of the night.

Stenzel steamrolled his way to a career-high 331 yards to power the Chargers to a regular season-ending 40-34 victory, which propelled them into Friday's 7 p.m. Division 2 pre-district playoff contest at Jackson

High School.

The Vikings, who won just once in 2014, are riding a four-game winning streak — including their week nine 35-34 overtime win over perennial power Jackson Lumen Christi — and averaging close to 40 points per game thanks to the versatile talents of quarterback LaJuan Bramlett and running backs Corey Pryor II and Shonte' Sudeth.

"Considering the longest drive we have for most of our league games is about 10 min-

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SHANA FIGURES

Livonia Churchill's Matt Pachota hauls down Stevenson's Frank Carlin during Friday night's crosstown-rivalry game.

### District volleyball bracketology

Monday marks the beginning of post-season play for high school volleyball teams across the state of Michigan.

The brackets for the Class A District 19 tournament hosted by Garden City include first-round Monday games featuring Churchill vs. Franklin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the host Cougars against Stevenson at 7 p.m.

The winner of the Chargers-Patriots match will advance to Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal round against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, which drew a first-round bye.

Whichever team survives Monday's GC-Stevenson encounter will move on to Wednesday's 7 p.m. semi against Redford Thurston.

The District 19 championship match is set for Friday at 6 p.m. at Garden City.

Westland John Glenn will host the District 15 tournament. In Monday's opening match, Taylor Truman will square off against Wayne Memorial at 4:30 p.m. before Romulus battles Belleville at 6:30 p.m.

The Truman-Wayne winner will advance to Wednesday's 4:30 p.m. semifinal against Taylor Kennedy. The Romulus-Belleville winner will take on the host Rockets on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The title match is set for Thursday at 6 p.m. at John Glenn.

Next week's Class B District 45 hosted by Livonia Clarenceville promises to be compelling.

On Monday, Redford Union and Detroit Henry Ford will get the serves rolling with a 5 p.m. match hosted by the Panthers. Other first-round matches include a 5:30 p.m. contest featuring the host Trojans against Southfield Bradford Academy; and a 7 p.m. match between Detroit Communications Media Arts and Livonia Ladywood.

The winner of the RU-Henry Ford match will advance to Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal against Detroit Old Redford, which drew a first-round bye. The 7 p.m. semifinal will feature the winners of the bottom of the brackets games listed above.

The championship match is scheduled for Friday at 6:30 p.m.

### 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.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Clarenceville's dream season derailed

Richmond Blue Devils overwhelm Trojans in regional semifinal

Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville took the next step and got to the regional round of the boys state tournament for the first time in boys soccer.

With a veteran team due to return next year, the Trojans (11-10-1) will try to get there again in 2016 and win their first regional game.

That milestone victory eluded Clarenceville as a strong Richmond team prevailed in the Division 3 regional Tuesday night at Troy Athens, 5-0.

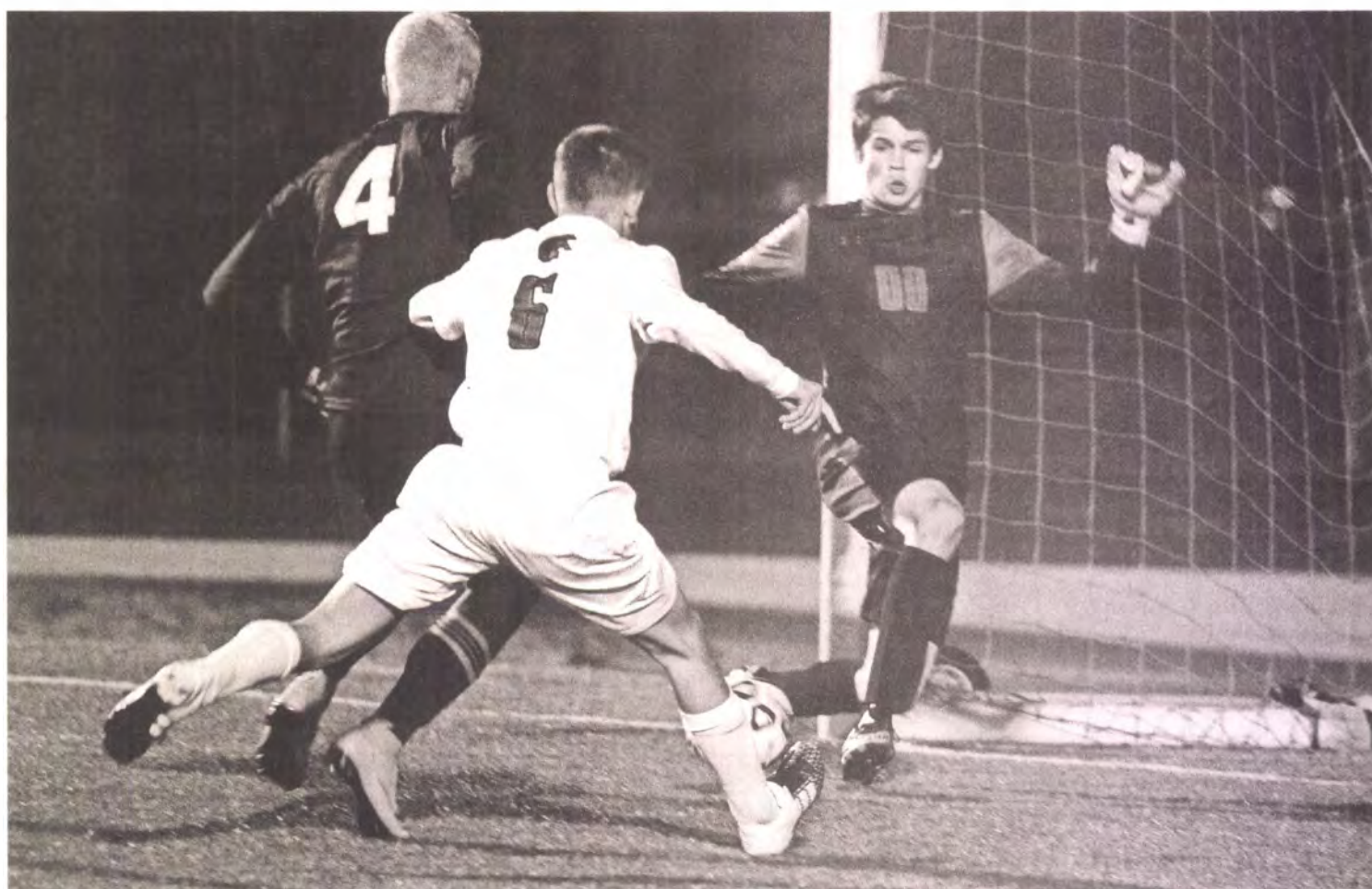
The Trojans were on the defensive for most of the game as the Blue Devils controlled the possession time for 85 to 90 percent of the game.

Despite that disparity, Clarenceville was only down 1-0 at halftime before Richmond pulled away in the second half.

"We had them scoreless for about the first 32 minutes," coach Trevor Johnson said. "Our keeper, Jonathan Murphy, made a ton of good saves. He was diving all over the place and keeping us in the game."

"The goal wasn't exactly the best opportunity they had, but they squeaked one in before halftime."

He added the Trojans were a little flat in the second half. The Blues Devils (13-2-1) got their second goal off a corner kick and a chaotic situation in front of the net.



Clarenceville goalie Jonathan Murphy confronts a Richmond forward as teammate Joe Sanchez lends support Tuesday in a regional tournament game.

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"Things just didn't go our way," Johnson said. "They're a strong team, top to bottom. They pass the ball extremely well. They were pretty overperforming."

"It just seemed like we hit a wall today. And they were good; the better team won today. They were a well-coached, disciplined team. They outplayed us tonight."

Murphy made about 14 saves. The Trojans had a hard time transitioning to the offense and weren't able to get much going, Johnson said.

"We've won games like this in the past," he said. "But you have to get a break and be a little lucky. It just wasn't in the cards today."

Johnson said the Trojans exceeded expectations this

year. Nine starters and 13 of 16 players will return for what has the potential to be a very good team next season.

"I told the boys, 'Last year, it was Cabrini in the district final, and we redeemed ourselves this year (to win the school's first district title),'"

in the off season to make sure we take the next step next year?"

"We're going to lose three great seniors (Jake Devos-Roy, Elijah Spens and Bryce Marciniak). But we have a lot of our team coming back, and we're going to have even more experience. We have a lot of good, young players moving up from the JV to lend support, too."



SUBMITTED

Livonia Clarenceville finished the season 11-10-1 making history with its first district championship before falling in the regional game to Richmond.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Trojans make history with soccer victory

Clarenceville blanks Henry Ford Academy to win its first district tournament title, 4-0

Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

This time, the Livonia Clarenceville players didn't have to watch as another team revelled in victory at the conclusion of a district soccer tournament.

The reason was the Trojans were the ones doing the celebrating and receiving the post-game accolades for the first time Friday night.

Clarenceville's boys team captured the school's first district championship in the sport with a 4-0 win over Dearborn Henry Ford Academy.

"It was just a great week for Clarenceville soccer," coach Trevor Johnson said of the team's three straight wins and historic achievement.

"It was probably our biggest crowd since I've been coaching. It was nice for the kids to look at the stands and say, 'Wow, look at all the people out here.' It was pretty cool to see the community rally around us."

"We've watched other teams get the trophy and medals and take pictures. It was nice to do that in front of our home crowd."

The Trojans (11-9-1) dominated the first half against Henry Ford and led 2-0 at halftime. They had plenty of other

chances to make it a bigger lead.

Junior Alex Immonen and freshman Nick Snage scored the first-half goals with assists from juniors Armin Andelija and Gerardo Arzate.

Arzate had another assist on the team's third goal by junior Jayson Fitzpatrick. The fourth was a penalty kick by sophomore Nick Siml, who scored his first goal of the season.

Meanwhile, junior goalkeeper Jon Murphy earned his second straight shutout.

"I told (the players) to carry themselves with a little pride and understand how good they are," Johnson said. "I told them, 'As long as we do what we do, we're going to come out on top.' It was only 2-0 at halftime, but we dominated."

"Henry Ford played as you'd expect a team in the district final to play. They played like their backs were against the wall (in the second half). They ran out of gas at the end, and we buried a couple to put an exclamation point (on the win)."

"It wasn't the prettiest game we've played, but we made strides and that's all that matters. We got everybody in the game. It was a very positive experience."

The Trojans had a major victory in the semifinal round Wednesday, defeating defending district champion Allen Park Cabrini, 1-0.

"We stood to the side and clapped for them (last year)," Johnson said. "It's one of those images you can't shake from your brain, because you don't know when you'll get back to

the title game.

"We talked all week about having a soccer banner on the wall, because there weren't any in the gym. We kept saying, 'Hang a banner, hang a banner.'"

"It was an awesome experience these kids truly deserved. This is what they've been working for since we began conditioning in June."

"It gives them added motivation going forward. Even in life, it doesn't just happen. You have to work hard for it."

Clarenceville began the season 4-0-1 and then lost seven in a row. It has won seven of its last nine games and is playing well now.

"The kids grew up in the last week," Johnson said. "It's nice to see that moment when things start clicking."

"We're going to go for it this year, having this core group of juniors, but it's also nice to know we're going to have a vast majority of this team coming back next year."

The Trojans played a tough first half against Richmond in the regional game. "We had them scoreless for about the first 32 minutes," Johnson said. "Our keeper, Jonathan Murphy, made a ton of good saves. He was diving all over the place and keeping us in the game."

Clarenceville will lose seniors Jake Devos-Roy, Elijah Spens and Bryce Marciniak to graduation. But with a strong core of the team coming back with even more experience and young players moving up from JV, Johnson is excited about the next season (see story above).



Pictured are (top row from left) coach Sherrie Coon, Meagan Cahill, Julia Maahs, Jesse Mruzik, Kourtney Klatt, coach Kellie Pietruszka, coach Jackie Mruzik, (bottom row from left) Sarah Dunn, Sedona Coon, Reese Wilson and Erin Pietruszka.

YOUTH SPORTS

# St. Edith volleyball team earns CYO varsity gold

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

St. Edith's varsity volleyball team elevated to heights never reached before at the Livonia Catholic school as the Eagles spiked home the first-ever Catholic Youth Organization title in their sport.

The Eagles, who consist entirely of eighth-graders, were toughened up during a demanding regular-season divisional schedule that consisted of games against juggernauts St. James, Our Lady of Victory and St. Williams.

St. Edith outlasted a very talented St. James squad in the semifinals, before advancing to the finals match on Oct. 22 at Ladywood High School.

The Eagles rose to the occasion as they defeated St. Hugo in three games to etch their names in the school's history books.

The Ladywood gymnasium was charged up for the final match as the stands were jam-packed with current and former St. Edith athletes, coaches and parish members.

Feeding off the support, the Eagles turned in their most-complete effort of the season. The champions finished with a near-perfect 14-1 record.

The team's roster consists of eighth-graders Kourney Klatt, Meagan Cahill, Reese Wilson, Sedona Coon, Julia Maahs, and Sarah Dunn. The team was led by captains Erin Pietruszka and Jessie Mruzik.

# Bulldogs capture fall league crown



The Motor City Bulldogs 14-and-under baseball team won the FAAST Fall League title at the season-ending tournament held Oct. 18 at Eastern Michigan University. Pictured are (front row from left) Nick Dziekan, Tyler Van Vliet, Trevor McCorry, Kameron Unger, Jake Szumlanski, Nik Nabozny, (back row from left) coach Allyn Madden, Dillon Dewyer, Ryan Madden, Sebastian House, Malik Lewis, Baylor Emerson and coach Myron Lewis.



PREP PROFILE

# Prohaska comes up big or Patriots

Senior goal-keeper a nightmare for opposing forwards

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

A "big" reason for the Livonia Franklin soccer team's first district championship in 70 years stands 6-foot-3 and is a relative new-comer to the position of goalkeeper.

The Dearborn Fordson player who ripped the potential game-tying shot toward the net's top shelf, only to see Patriot senior Ryan Prohaska somehow dive, stretch and tip it out of harm's way during last week's 3-2 Division 1 district semifinal victory would probably find it hard to believe that Prohaska had never pulled on a pair of goalie gloves until his sophomore season.

And the Dearborn High forwards who were turned away repeatedly by the multi-sport athlete during Friday's championship match would be

shaking their heads if told about Prohaska's inexperience at the all-important position.

"Ryan has improved so much during the course of this season," said Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos. "He's been one of the main reasons why we were able to win the district."

Primarily a forward and defender during his youth-soccer career, Prohaska was promoted to keeper during his sophomore year at Franklin.

"We needed a goalie after our first-string keeper switched to defense, and the team voted me goalie," Prohaska remembered. "I didn't want to do it at first, but now that I've gotten used to it, I like it."

Prohaska said he gets a rush out of being in a position to contribute a game-changing play.

"My favorite part about playing goalie is when the other team gets a break-away and I'm able to make a save," he said. "It pumps up everybody and gets the team going."

A former punter/place-kick-

er for the Patriots' football team, Prohaska is armed with one of the strongest legs in the area.

"I've seen him punt it from just inside the 18-yard box to where the other team's goalie will catch it on one hop," marveled Rodopoulos. "If he gets it high enough, he can take seven seconds off the clock."

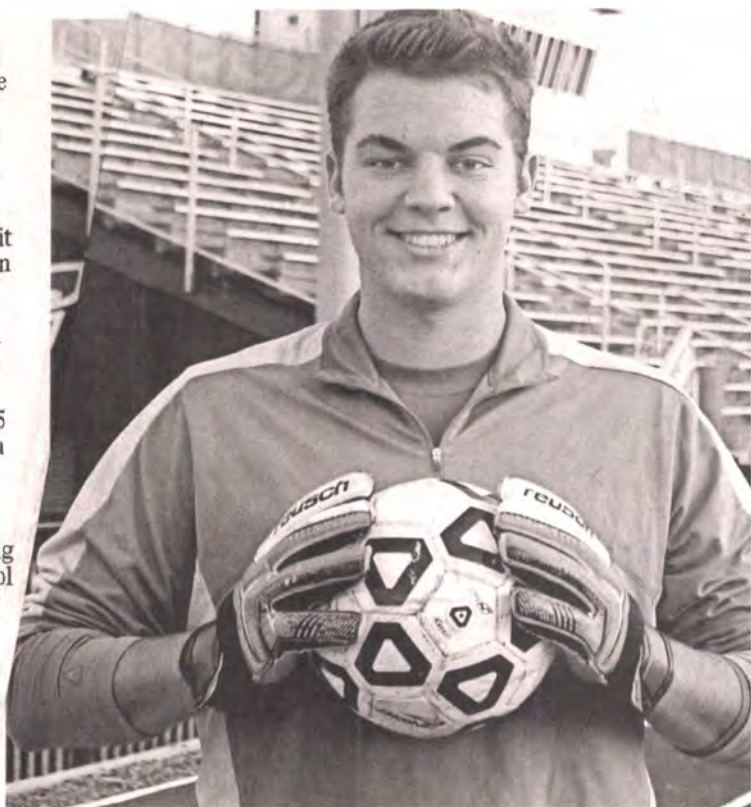
Prohaska has even registered a couple assists this season, which is usually unheard of for a keeper.

A stellar student with a 3.55 grade-point average, Prohaska said the Patriots' run to their first regional semifinal since 1995 has been unforgettable.

"A lot of people were talking about the soccer team at school (on Monday)," he said. "It was really electric here on Friday night. I've never seen such a big crowd for a soccer game."

Prohaska admitted his best sport is baseball. A first baseman and pitcher, the clean-up hitter helped lead the Patriots to a district championship game as a junior.

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Livonia Franklin senior goal-keeper Ryan Prohaska has come up big on several occasions for the Patriots.

ED WRIGHT



Pictured is the STG Laclear/Clutch softball team that won the USSSA Mixed C World Tournament earlier this month in Kissimmee, Fla.

SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

## Local players help lead STG/Laclear to world title

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Talent may have been the second most-important ingredient that led the Observerland-based STG/Laclear Clutch co-ed slow-pitch softball team to its second consecutive world championship Oct. 16 at the ESPN complex in Kissimmee, Fla.

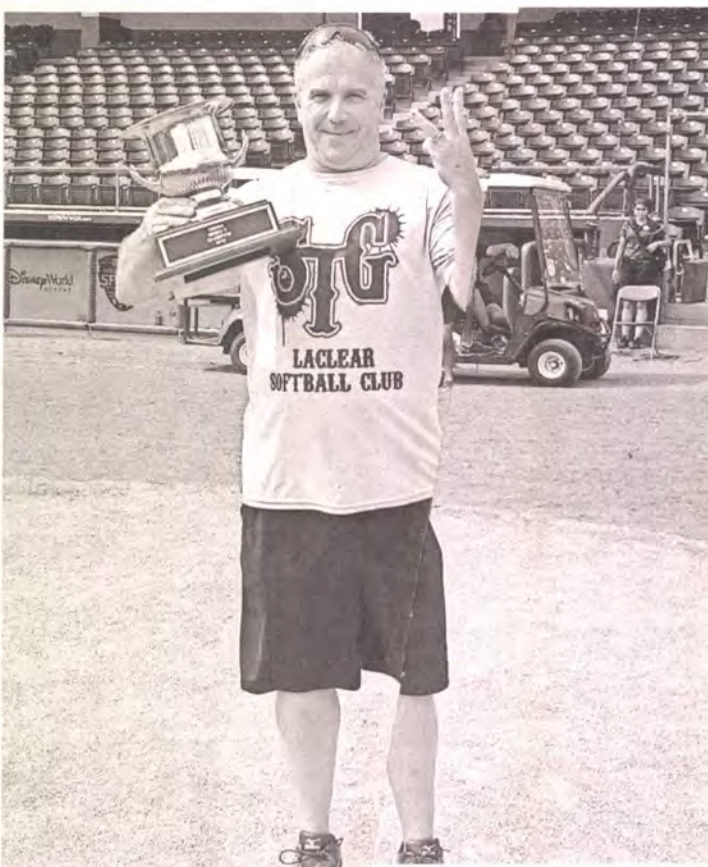
"What I've learned over the years is that chemistry and teamwork are the most-important things when you take a team down to the world championships," said STG/Laclear manager Monte Laclear, who resides in Westland. "For instance, if your pitcher and shortstop don't get a long, or you have players more worried about themselves than the team, it doesn't work."

"This group of players all get along and they all do what's best for the team."

Among the pivotal performers for the champions was Garden City's Vonne Jenks, who plays middle infield and bats near the top of the order.

"When we were down there for the tournament, somebody approached me during the manager's meeting and asked me, 'Do you still have that girl who gets every ball hit up the middle?'" Laclear said, referring to Jenks. "Vonne has been one of our top players for the past few years."

The "Mixed" division that STG competes in requires that the batting order and defense consist of five males and five



STG manager Monte Laclear, a Westland resident, holds the world championship trophy — his team's third straight.

females. The batting order has to rotate players of different genders in every other slot.

STG outscored its four foes in Florida, 60-21. Two of the teams were based in the "Sunshine State" while the other two came from New Jersey and

New York. STG was bolstered by sponsorships from Kicker's All-Star Grill, Rosenau Motorsports, Clutch Softball and Lights Out Sports.

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## SENIORS

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because they're doing well.

"I know that every time they go out there, they're going to execute properly. As a coach, it's always nice to see young adults like these two ladies always put the team ahead of themselves and make such a positive difference in how the team does."

The match was rarely close against Crestwood, which played hard, but finished at the bottom of the Blue Division standings.

"Age-wise, they might be a little older than us across the board, but our girls have a lot more experience," said Pace. "And our talent on the outside tips the scales in our favor."

"We've worked so hard on

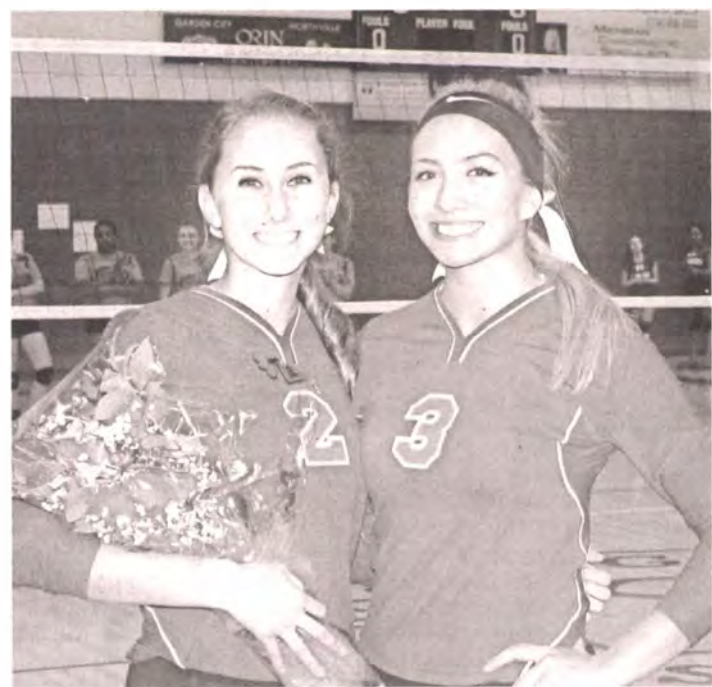
our serving this season. We're confident now when we go to the line and when we do serve like we're capable of serving, we put our opponents back on their heels from the start."

The Cougars committed zero serve-receive or service errors throughout the entire match against Crestwood.

GC suffered a rare divisional loss last Thursday against host Romulus. The Cougars jumped out to a 25-18 victory in game one before getting nudged in the second stanza, 26-24. GC won the third set, but the Eagles rallied to win set four, 25-17, and the fifth set, 15-11.

"If we get one more point in the second game, we sweep them in three," Pace lamented. "That was a tough one to lose."

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Garden City senior volleyball players Allie Lynn (left) and Heather Pennington were recognized prior to Tuesday's home match against Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

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## CHURCHILL

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utes, Friday's drive will be a little bit of a haul for us, but it will be worth it to be able to play somebody new," said Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo. "That's the way the playoffs should be. Last year we played three teams twice, so to be able to play somebody different is refreshing."

Churchill's defense will face one of its stiffest challenges in the Vikings, who scored 56 points or more in three games this fall.

"Their only two losses came against two good teams in East Lansing and Grand Ledge, and they're averaging 40 points a game, so they can score," said DeFillippo, assessing Jackson's offense. "They run a lot of spread and shot-gun like us, and they're fast and athletic across the board."

"Defensively, they're not real big, but they have a lot of athletic kids and they're aggressive."

When the Chargers' offense is clicking — like it was Friday night against Stevenson — it can play with anybody. Led by junior quarter-

back Evan Cummins, who is a threat to run and pass on any given down, Churchill scored 39 points or more four times during the regular season — despite enduring a series of injuries to key starters.

"We've been banged up for most of the season, but to the kids' credit, the next man has stepped up and done his job," said DeFillippo.

Churchill's defense has yielded just 24.2 points per game this fall. The Chargers have solid stoppers at every tier of their defense, including defensive tackle Austin Simpson, who is one of the strongest players to go through the program; linebacker Demarco McKinney and junior defensive back Jamal Allen, who leads the team in interceptions.

"We're going to have our hands full," DeFillippo said. "But like our coaching staff has stressed to the kids all season, we need to focus on what we're doing more than worrying about what our opponent is doing."

A Friday night victory would earn the Chargers a district final game against the winner of Friday's Farmington-at-Franklin battle.

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OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

All games 7 p.m. unless noted

Friday, Oct. 30

Plymouth (6-3) at Northville (9-0)

Livonia Stevenson (6-3) at Canton (7-2)

Farmington Harrison (7-2) at Birmingham Groves (9-0)

Livonia Churchill (5-4) at Jackson (7-2)

Farmington (5-4) at Livonia Franklin (6-3)

Warren Fitzgerald (6-3) at Redford Thurston (5-4)

Last week's record

Season record

Ed Wright

Northville

Canton

Harrison

Churchill

Franklin

Thurston

12-3

92-25

Dan O'Meara

Northville

Canton

Harrison

Jackson

Franklin

Thurston

8-7

83-34

Tim Smith

Northville

Canton

Harrison

Churchill

Franklin

Thurston

10-5

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## Livonia 16U baseball team takes title



The 16-and-under Livonia Falcons/Gators captured the season-ending baseball tournament at Founders Park in Livonia. Pictured are (front row from left) Shane Beers, Jacob Way, Nick ... (back row from left) ...

### COLLEGE SOCCER

## Ocelots break out, secure NJCAA bye

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft's men's soccer team needed to take care of some business Friday against Cuyahoga Community College — and did it ever.

Sparked by two-goal games by Livonia Stevenson product Billy Werthman and Youssef Barakat, the Ocelots rolled to a 8-0 victory — securing the No. 2 bye in the NJCAA Region XII Tournament. Schoolcraft (13-2-2 overall and 12-2-2 in Region XII) will start tourney action at 2 p.m. Saturday against the winner of Wednesday's match-up of the third- and sixth-place teams.

It didn't take long against Cuyahoga for Schoolcraft head coach Rick Larson and players to know it wasn't going to be another defensive struggle. Two days earlier, the Ocelots played a 0-0 deadlock against Owens Community College.

About 17 minutes into the contest, Barakat scored his first goal off an assist from Victor



SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS  
Schoolcraft's Billy Werthman, a Livonia Stevenson alum, scored two goals for the Ocelots in Friday's victory over Cuyahoga CC.

Contreras.

Over the final nine minutes of the opening half, the Ocelots exploded for three more goals. Scoring an unassisted goal at 32:41 was David Tetaj, followed by Werthman's unassisted goal about five minutes later to make it 3-0.

Before intermission, Tetaj set up a goal by Leopoldo Are-

... opening a four-goal lead for Schoolcraft.

The Ocelots onslaught continued just 90 seconds into the second half, when Joe Gerorgic scored. Drawing the assist on this was Davide Di Poce.

At the 15-minute mark of the second half, Contreras scored his second goal of the contest on a play started by Livonia native Jacob Rosen.

Werthman then booted a penalty past Cuyahoga goalkeeper John Paul Duff, who was under siege throughout the match shots taken by Schoolcraft.

Capitulating in the 83rd minute was Barakat, on a nifty individual effort.

Schoolcraft, the second-place team in the Michigan Community College Athletic Conference, clinched on the defensive end. Goalkeepers Andres Hernandez (five saves) and Jose Jerez (two saves) didn't have a lot of work to do, but were there when needed.

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### PREP CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

## Franklin's Floyd takes gold in KLAA meet

Ladywood harriers out-distance D3/4 Catholic League schools

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

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### Ladywood triumphs

Livonia Franklin senior cross country star Tony Floyd is running like a well-oiled machine these days, just a few weeks shy of the Division 1 state championship meet.

Last week during the KLAA Kensington Conference Meet at Huron Meadows Metropark, Floyd put the pedal to the metal and won the talent-stocked 5-kilometer race in a time of 15 minutes, 37.6 seconds to edge runner-up Joost Plaetnick of Novi by four seconds.

Salem's Chaz Jeffress placed third in 15:59.6.

"Tony ran another spectacular race," raved Franklin head coach Pat Koelzer. "He was a few steps behind Chaz for most of the first two miles. Then Joost closed in and passed them both. Tony ran with him and passed him for good with about a half mile to go.

"It's been fun watching these guys battle in the bigger meets this year, and they'll be back at it again at regionals."

Novi took the team title with just 40 points, seven fewer than second-place Northville. The trio of Livonia Schools — Stevenson, Churchill and Franklin — placed fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively.

Senior Andrew Bambach led the Spartans with a 12th-place finish in 16:29.6. Churchill's best performer was junior Josh Museen, who

Livonia Ladywood's cross country team captured the Division 3-4 Catholic League championship on Saturday, edging out runner-up St. Catherine by six points in the divisional scoring.

Catherine McLaurin, Sarah Wilson and Ally Hill finished in the top seven in the division, while Sam Horn placed 15th. All four Blazers earned All-Catholic honors.

Rounding out the Blazers' scoring contingent were Connor Huggins (20th), Maddie Bastin (21st) and Maddie Pochowicz, who finished 27th.

"The day started pretty soggy, rained almost up to race time, but Stony Creek's course drains fairly well and we were the first race of the day, so the course was in reasonable shape," noted Ladywood head coach Dennis Murray. "I don't expect conditions at next weekend's regional meet will be as nice as the Lake Erie course doesn't drain as nicely.

"I'm quite pleased with (Saturday's) results and, more importantly, the effort across the board. It's really exciting to see the girls realize these milestones in the plan, build their self-confidence and their realization that the work they've done since August will pay off as they approach the regional next weekend."

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### MHSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

## Tough schedule rewards Thurston gridders

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The worst-case scenario for the Redford Thurston football team during Sunday night's MHSAA Playoffs Selection Show consisted of the Eagles appearing in a bracket directly connected to Division 3 state power Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The ideal scenario, however, is what unfolded for head coach Bob Snell's 5-4 squad, which found out it would be hosting a first-round game Friday at 7 p.m. against Warren Fitzgerald, which finished 6-3, but with fewer playoff points than Thurston.

The points are earned based on the quality of each team's opponents — and Thurston's slate of games had a lot more prime rib on it than cupcakes.

"There are a lot of predictions out there (prior to the actual revelation of the brackets), but nobody really knows who's going where until the show," said Snell. "Having a 5-4 record and hosting a game is obviously a credit to our schedule. We played six teams that ended up making the playoffs, so we were in a battle pretty much every week."

Snell said he doesn't know a ton about Warren Fitzgerald, other than what he has seen on the two HUDL game films he and his staff have viewed.

"They're an east-side school, so we didn't have any common opponents with them," Snell said. "We played them five years ago in a district final game, but they have a completely different coaching staff than what they had then.

"From the film we've watched, it looks like they're a spread team that mixes the run and pass well. They have a good quarterback and they're aggressive on defense — it looks like they like to blitz a lot. Honestly, though, you don't really know what you're up against until you line up against them on Friday night."

Fitzgerald will be hard-pressed to contain Thurston senior Alonzo McCoy, who has piled up a mountain of positive statistics on both sides of the ball this fall.

Leading the way in the trenches for the Eagles is senior four-year letter winner Jacob Jenkins.

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## FRANKLIN

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workouts and even after a couple of early-season losses.

"Our summer program changed it all around; we had really good attendance and everyone's attitude was great," he said. "Even though we lost to Stevenson (49-39) in the first game, we really picked it up in the second half (Franklin cut its deficit to three points in the fourth quarter). We knew Stevenson had a good team, so battling them like we did made me feel like we were going to be a lot better than last year.

"The Canton game was the same way. We lost (27-17), but we were leading them in the second half, and we knew they were good."

Although Farmington barely qualified for the playoffs with a 5-4 record, the Falcons will be a formidable foe for Franklin.

Three of the Falcons' losses were by five points or fewer, including a one-

point setback to Farmington Hills Harrison and a three-point loss to Lake Orion.

"We've watched film on them and we played them in seven-on-seven over the summer, so we know they're a very skilled, very athletic football team," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert. "They want to run the football. They have four or five kids who will carry the ball and all of them have the ability to take it the distance. We're really going to have to be on our assignments and play good assignment football.

"Their linebacker and tailback are big, strong, bruising players. Up front, we match up with them pretty well size-wise."

Thanks to a high-powered offense engineered by senior quarterback Denzel Adams, Franklin out-scored its opponents 356-247 during the regular season. The elusive Adams has given defenses fits this fall with his scrambling and open-field running ability.

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## Realtors lauded for contributions to industry, community

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors' Realtor of the Year award honors a Realtor for civic and association activity, business and educational experience and "Realtor Spirit" (professional competence and faithfulness to the principles of real estate, as well as to the laws and regulations of the State and National Code of Ethics).



Maureen Francis



John McArdle

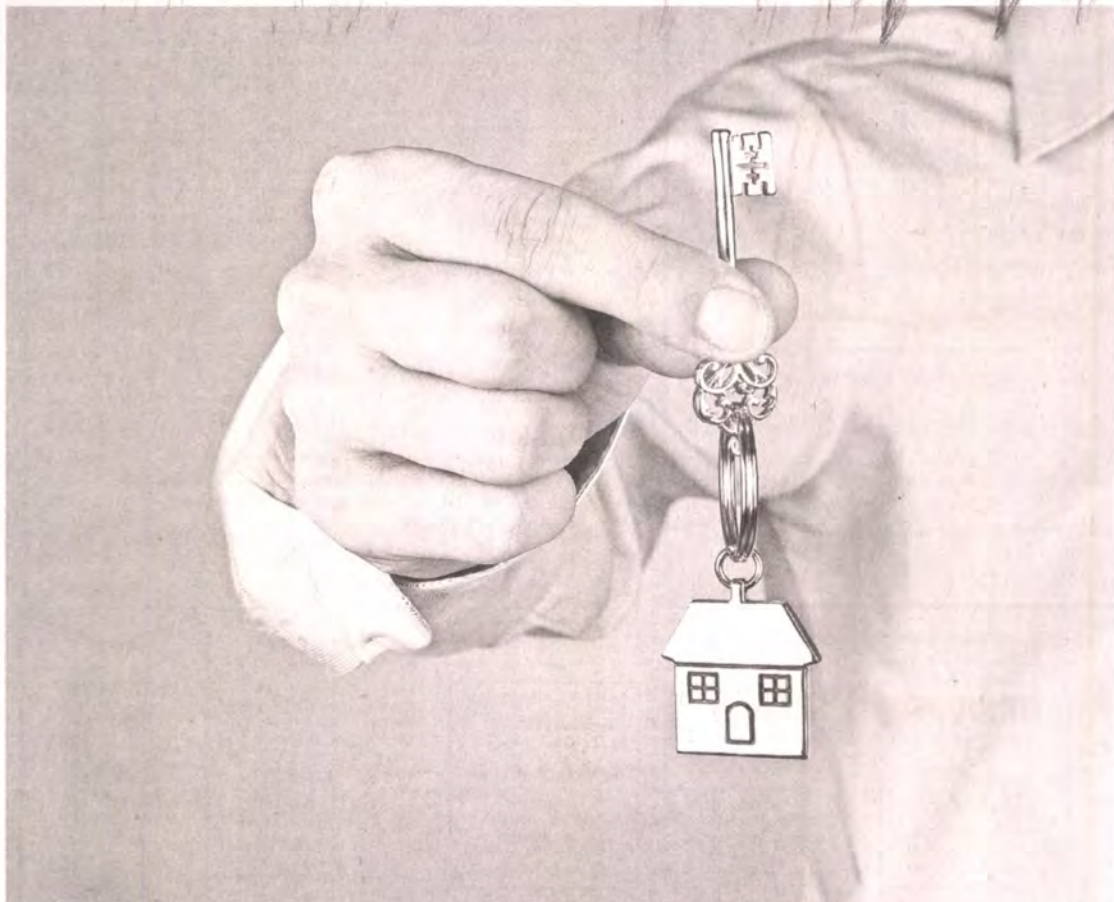
Signature Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham. For the last two years, Francis has sat on the Realcomp Shareholders task force. She's happy that the task force has been able to successfully work toward Realcomp's membership in the GLR, which will benefit Southeast Michigan Realtors through access to one shared database of listing information.

Francis currently serves on the Boards of Directors of both Michigan Realtors and the National Association of Realtors and she is a 2015 graduate of NAR's Leadership Academy. She has served on various committees at both the state and national levels, and she recently developed and presented a webinar for NAR on Boomerang Buyers.

Francis is an associate broker. Her designations include ePRO, SFR, PMN and she is a former SRES Designee. A strong believer in the importance of RPAC, she maintains President's Circle Sterling R status.

"I am so very honored. GMAR has many exceptional volunteer leaders who serve our industry and are committed to advancing our profession, and I am inspired by many of my peers. I truly love the opportunities that being a Realtor has given to me and my family," Francis said.

GMAR President Frank Tarala said: "Maureen Francis is most deserving of this award based on her unselfish



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GMAR's 2015 Realtor of the Year is Maureen Francis of Signature Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham.

contributions to our real estate world. From a national level to the local level, Maureen brings well thought out perspectives that keep moving our industry forward. Congratulations, Maureen!"

Also honored by GMAR is the Realtor Active in Politics, given to a Realtor who has encouraged, educated, identified and recruited individuals by their contribution, investment and efforts in all levels of the governmental and political arenas. GMAR's 2015 Realtor Active in Politics is John McArdle of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth.

Over the past 27 years, McArdle has testified in Lansing on home ownership and mortgage issues and met with numerous members of congress and staff at state and federal levels to discuss topics including: importance of home ownership, mortgage issues, debt forgiveness, mortgage interest deduction and a continued smooth transfer of private property.

McArdle has served as a liaison for the I-275 communi-

ties to monitor real estate issues for Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia. He fought hard alongside MR in Lansing to defeat tax on services and other affronts to private property rights and Realtors. He has long served on MR Public Policy Committee with passion and with a "street level" approach to analyzing potential legislation. These years spent dedicated to Realtors helped him form long lasting friendships throughout the State of Michigan. In May of this year, McArdle was inducted into the National Association of Realtors NAR RPAC Hall of Fame for having contributed substantially to RPAC over the years.

GMAR's CEO Duane Marsh said: "The real estate profession takes its legislative activities very seriously. Leaders have to step up to ensure that our legislative power and influence is maintained. John is one of those leaders who freely gives of his time and expertise to maintain our legislative leadership. GMAR

is indeed fortunate to have John as a member of our board."

GMAR President Frank Tarala said: "I don't think a person exists who knows more about the present and past of real estate than John McArdle. I see John as a longtime student of our business and his knowledge of the past, combined with his present-day perspectives, gives us the right voice to convey our message to those who are running for office and those elected."

GMAR provides services and support to the real estate profession and the communities served. With over 6,000 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides many benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 quality continuing education and designation courses per year, the largest Realtor-specific store in the area, the Tool-Shop™, Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and Metropolitan REALTOR monthly electronic magazine.

## Knowledgeable lawyer can advise on deed restrictions

**Q: We live in a neighborhood where a developer has come in and wants to split the lots, which we believe is against our deed restrictions. How do I get my neighbors to hire a capable lawyer to deal with the situation?**

**A:** You need to tell your neighbors that Michigan law requires that deed restrictions be strictly enforced assuming, of course, that the deed restrictions have been enforced uniformly and consistently in the past. Unfortunately, many condominium associations and homeowner associations don't take those deed restrictions as seriously as they should. However, residents have been successful in stopping developers from doing something in variance from the recorded deed restrictions and you should remind your neighbors that their property values are in jeopardy. You should start a war chest fund at a local financial institution and solicit contributions to retain a knowledgeable attorney.



Robert Meisner

**Q: A developer in our neighborhood has approached us about building a high rise in the middle of our single family residential area. He has promised benefits to the community and while some are in favor of it, we need to know with certainty what will happen. What do you suggest?**

**A:** You should retain an attorney as soon as possible to examine what obstacles the developer may have to obtain his request for a variance. If, in fact, the majority of the members of the community wish to allow the developer to go ahead based on promises, make sure they are in writing, make sure the municipality incorporates that in any variance approval, and canvass your neighborhood to determine what is the true intent and construction ramifications of the development.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Party helps veterans as they come home

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors is throwing a party at the Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit on Nov. 6. The event is open to the public and tickets cost \$50 per person (on sale at [www.GMARonline.com/calendar](http://www.GMARonline.com/calendar)). Each year, GMAR chooses a charity to benefit from monies made at their events.

This year's is The Vet Program (Suits for Soldiers). Learn more at [www.thevet-program.org](http://www.thevet-program.org). Several sponsors have already given to this event and more are welcome. Contact GMAR if interested at 248-478-1700 or [info@gmaronline.com](mailto:info@gmaronline.com).

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are from 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

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

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

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 8-12, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>		
15573 Buckingham Ave	\$165,000	
16979 Georgina St	\$315,000	
16250 Madoline St	\$175,000	
31095 W Rutland St	\$255,000	
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>		
1895 Birmingham Blvd	\$300,000	
736 Brookside Ave	\$335,000	
1334 Cole St	\$559,000	
395 Cooldge Rd	\$209,000	
2735 Dorchester Rd	\$310,000	
1365 E Lincoln St	\$176,000	
1283 E Melton Rd	\$217,000	
510 Graten St	\$359,000	
538 Graten St	\$368,000	
504 Landon St	\$535,000	
898 N Adams Rd Unit 4	\$113,000	
1035 N Old Woodward Ave	\$219,000	
1111 N Old Woodward Ave # 36	\$225,000	
1088 Southfield Rd	\$685,000	
2298 W Lincoln St	\$705,000	
807 Wallace St	\$418,000	
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>		
2025 Dell Rose Dr	\$415,000	
720 E Fox Hills Dr	\$80,000	
4074 Lincoln Rd	\$310,000	
6790 Orinoco Cir	\$278,000	
2945 S Woodward Ave #34	\$301,000	
2945 S Woodward Ave #60	\$97,000	
4243 Sawgrass Dr	\$286,000	
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # A4	\$69,000	
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>		
944 Adams Castle Dr	\$600,000	

4369 Barchester Dr	\$515,000	
2295 Bedford Rd	\$215,000	
4578 Coachmaker Dr	\$410,000	
7169 Fairhill Rd	\$375,000	
1816 Harvest Ln	\$278,000	
1974 Klingensmith Rd Unit 6	\$123,000	
1731 Lone Pine Rd	\$365,000	
185 N Glangary Rd	\$565,000	
5165 Ponvalley Rd	\$778,000	
3644 Quail Hollow Dr	\$478,000	
809 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$450,000	
3767 W Maple Rd	\$533,000	
4581 Wagon Wheel Dr	\$480,000	
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>		
3509 Beagle Dr	\$323,000	
9131 Chautmont Dr	\$156,000	
4620 Commerce Woods Dr	\$255,000	
3067 Edgewood Park Ct	\$230,000	
5004 Greenview Dr	\$278,000	
5310 Inverary Ln	\$480,000	
2479 Rocky Top Ct	\$292,000	
3280 Royal Blvd	\$70,000	
1734 Union Cir	\$210,000	
1560 Vanstone Dr	\$220,000	
<b>FARMINGTON</b>		
35826 Briar Ridge Ln	\$243,000	
22447 Brookdale St	\$170,000	
24091 Tana Ct	\$200,000	
23052 Violet St	\$158,000	
22855 Warner St	\$155,000	
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>		
22208 Averhill St	\$105,000	
28220 Brandywine Rd	\$225,000	
29812 Briarwood Ct	\$390,000	
37671 Burton Dr	\$290,000	
28200 E Greenmeadow Cir	\$140,000	
32403 Farmersville Rd	\$223,000	
28214 Greening St	\$132,000	
35050 Hillside Dr	\$180,000	
35310 Lone Pine Ln	\$200,000	
35272 Meadow Ln	\$180,000	
35184 Muer Pl	\$250,000	

23645 N Stockton Ave	\$185,000	
25393 Ridgewood Dr	\$224,000	
21850 River Ridge Trl	\$225,000	
38255 Saratoga Cir	\$190,000	
29643 Shenandoah Dr	\$295,000	
33652 Stocker St	\$193,000	
30030 Stockton Ave	\$175,000	
32286 Tall Timber Dr	\$370,000	
34630 Valley Forge Dr	\$260,000	
29675 Vista Ct	\$178,000	
28865 W 11 Mile Rd	\$205,000	
31915 W 14 Mile Rd # 242	\$135,000	
28418 W 8 Mile Rd Unit C4	\$33,000	
32022 Wayburn St	\$200,000	
28341 Westerleigh Rd	\$204,000	
28736 Wintergreen	\$690,000	
<b>HIGHLAND</b>		
2261 Elkridge Cir	\$285,000	
3027 Hillside Dr	\$225,000	
2976 Tes Dr	\$240,000	
4145 Woodcock Way	\$187,000	
<b>MILFORD</b>		
942 Burns Rd	\$263,000	
590 Cumberland Trl	\$400,000	
113 Diponio Rossi Dr	\$355,000	
209 East St	\$174,000	
780 Forestberry Ct	\$240,000	
803 Manderly Dr	\$290,000	
1571 Morgan Ln	\$439,000	
277 Napa Valley Dr	\$321,000	
1401 S Garner Rd	\$540,000	
708 S Millford Rd	\$129,000	
4625 S Millford Rd	\$251,000	
2949 Sovereign Ln	\$147,000	
737 Telya Rdg	\$316,000	
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>		
22936 Poppleton Dr	\$530,000	
<b>NOVI</b>		
47991 Andover Dr	\$518,000	
22635 Beckenham Ct	\$500,000	
22574 Bertram Dr	\$361,000	
50624 Billenca Dr	\$643,000	

24179 Broadmoor Park Blvd	\$570,000	
30806 Centennial Dr	\$180,000	
31085 Chatsford St	\$350,000	
41791 Chesterfield Ct	\$620,000	
22643 Cranbrooke Dr	\$149,000	
1141 East Lake Rd	\$335,000	
30884 Golden Rdg	\$210,000	
27969 Middleton Dr	\$240,000	
23382 Mystic Forest Dr	\$373,000	
22616 Penton Rise Ct	\$320,000	
23483 Stonehenge Blvd	\$90,000	
23597 Stonehenge Blvd	\$90,000	
44539 Williams Dr	\$372,000	
24530 Willowbrook	\$320,000	
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>		
24968 Carriage Ln	\$73,000	
54888 Geneferle Cir W	\$413,000	
820 Hidden Creek Dr	\$307,000	
619 Lyon Blvd	\$170,000	
959 Oak Creek Dr	\$249,000	
23854 Shinnecock Dr	\$430,000	
962 Westbrook Dr	\$229,000	
58793 Winnowing Cir S	\$83,000	
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>		
30131 Greenfield Rd	\$30,000	
25315 Lathrup St	\$269,000	
23637 Lee Baker Dr	\$42,000	
29284 Rambling Rd	\$35,000	
30585 Red Maple Ln	\$155,000	
25530 Southfield Rd # A204	\$65,000	
21475 Stahelin Rd	\$15,000	
24629 Templar Ave	\$137,000	
20750 Westland St	\$77,000	
17231 Westland Ave	\$93,000	
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>		
9471 Cedar Island Rd	\$227,000	
1346 Clearwater St	\$125,000	
585 Farnsworth Rd	\$150,000	
10304 Riverwood Ct	\$55,000	

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 29 to July 2, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>		
8423 Alton St	\$158,000	
3881 Berkeley Ave	\$129,000	
40341 Chatsworth Ct	\$201,000	
212 E Canford Park	\$430,000	
336 Elmington Ct	\$380,000	
44451 Forest Trail Dr	\$230,000	
43729 Fredericksburg St	\$175,000	
45957 Graystone Ln	\$193,000	
48556 Greenwich Cir	\$363,000	
43131 Hanford Rd	\$238,000	
42493 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$92,000	
49041 Manhattan Cir	\$333,000	
18009 Manton Blvd	\$213,000	
236 N Willard Rd	\$215,000	
48635 Oak Bridge Dr	\$220,000	
2012 Pinecroft Dr	\$145,000	
343 Princeton St	\$203,000	
6601 Raintree Dr	\$215,000	
42051 Saratoga Cir	\$178,000	
3974 Sherwood Cir	\$239,000	
42283 White Hart Blvd	\$280,000	

<b>GARDEN CITY</b>		
32221 Barton St	\$115,000	
31334 Bock St	\$100,000	
335 Brandt St	\$60,000	
5917 Cardwell St	\$62,000	
6408 Dillon St	\$70,000	
31344 Florence St	\$85,000	
32482 Kathryn St	\$107,000	
30426 Marquette St	\$106,000	
<b>LIVONIA</b>		
28100 S Mile Rd	\$23,000	
14156 Beartrace St	\$186,000	
14015 Brentwood St	\$150,000	
32018 Bretton St	\$181,000	
39122 Dover St	\$150,000	
15954 Edgewood St	\$255,000	
16702 Farmington Rd	\$180,000	
19907 Farmingview Dr	\$110,000	
32631 Five Mile Rd	\$107,000	
18725 Flamingo Blvd	\$160,000	
14950 Garden St	\$150,000	
14942 Gary Ln	\$182,000	
17754 Golfview St	\$215,000	
35950 Hees St	\$80,000	
9183 Houghton St	\$186,000	
32814 Indiana St	\$130,000	
37773 Margaret Dr	\$275,000	
14811 Merriman Rd	\$70,000	
36282 Northgate Ave	\$172,000	
32909 Northgate Ave	\$235,000	
19562 Norwich Rd	\$253,000	
16724 Quakertown Ln	\$266,000	

15516 Stonehouse Cir	\$271,000	
18049 University Park Dr	\$87,000	
31515 W Chicago St	\$117,000	
19758 Weyher St	\$153,000	
34273 Wood St	\$242,000	
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>		
44890 Broadmoor Cir S	\$445,000	
16983 Courville Dr	\$438,000	
46103 Greenridge Dr	\$470,000	
550 High St	\$695,000	
16163 Homestead Cir	\$410,000	
20415 Lexington Blvd	\$315,000	
426 Mountaintop Dr	\$310,000	
17325 Rolling Woods Cir	\$660	











RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

TRUNK OR TREAT

**Time/Date:** 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 30  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia  
**Details:** Children, accompanied by an adult, will trick or treat in the church parking lot. Congregation members will give out treats from their parked cars. Children and adults may dress in costume. Bring your own bag to collect treats  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830

NOVEMBER DVD COURSE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Wednesday, starting Nov. 4  
**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** "Why Evil Exists," is a 36-part series featuring Charles Mathewes of the University of Virginia. Two 30-minute lectures will be screened each week, followed by a brief discussion. No reservations needed  
**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

FAIR TRADE BOUTIQUE

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15  
**Location:** St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield Hills  
**Details:** Guests can buy merchandise from around the world through Catholic Relief Services and Ten Thousand Villages, and speak with ministry representatives from local organizations that assist the poor in southeastern Michigan  
**Contact:** 248-646-2686

PARADE OF PARTIES

**Time/Date:** Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Concordia Lutheran School presents a shopping event featuring such vendors as Tupperware, PartyLite, Mary Kay and more  
**Contact:** 313-937-2233; concordialds.org

SINGLES DANCE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14  
**Location:** Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia  
**Details:** Livonia Christian Singles Community's annual square dance is \$12 per person. No partner needed, but RSVP requested. Includes refreshments.  
**Contact:** catholicingles@livoniaistmichael.org

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising ceremony; 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Nov. 8  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** An informal reception will follow  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; livoniaistmichael.org

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:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba 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 Shiwassee, 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:** Ethanie 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  
**Contact:** 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.

SUPPORT

**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

Adoption Support

**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:** 482-433-1011

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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Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

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HERMANN, JOHN T., SR.

Passed away on October 24, 2015, age 88. Husband of Dorothy. Son of Walter and Edna Hermann. Proud father of John, Larry, Bob, Nick, Jim, Rick, Andy, Tim, David, Gerry and daughter Linda Gaskell. Dear brother of Fred, and the late Henry, Miriam and Jani Jacobs. John has 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952. John was originally from Evansville Indiana. He and his family eventually settled in Livonia Michigan. He was an engineer at Chrysler Corporation until 1988 before retiring in St. Augustine Florida. He spent the last several years in Westland Michigan. The visitation will be Sunday, November 1st from 11 a.m. until the Funeral Service at 5 p.m. at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth (btwn. Sheldon & Beck). Military honors will follow. Memorial donations may be made to Right to Life. To share a tribute, visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



LeCLAIR, BARBARA

October 24, 2015 Age 60 of Canton. Loving daughter of Steve and Sandra Shuk. Loving sister of Carol (Henry), Steve (Billie), Ron (Sherry) and Gary (Jackie). Special aunt to Ryan, Jayme, Emily, Sydney, Monica, Mike, Nick, Kelly, Eric, Katie, and Meghan. Great aunt to RJ and Oliver. Sister-in-law to Steve (Genji), Jeanne (Bob), Chris (Tom), Lili and Chris (Dan). An amazing Nan to Michael and Dylan. It is clear the love and respect they have for her. A loving and irreplaceable mother to Amy, Matthew and David. She is our role model, setting us up for success in work, life, and love. She is our protector, selflessly ensuring that we never feel struggle, want, or unhappiness. She was the provider of an unbelievable life, and we could not be more grateful for that gift. More than a step-mom to Genevieve (Ryan), Donny and Caroline. Her thoughtful, patient, and caring personality united our families. The love our dad had for Barb was so special and apparent, it made us love her even more. Barb also had a long and successful career in Corporate Finance at Ford, where she made many important contributions. She is missed by her friends and colleagues at Ford. Barb is the beloved wife of Don, but she was much more than a wife. She was his best friend, confidante, lover, and his own special support system. In short, she is the love of Don's life. "Barb, in the blink of an eye, the light in my life went out. I miss you so much, and I will always love you." Barb always put her family first, and the love she had for all of us is incredible and we will always treasure it. A mass of the Resurrection was held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Services were entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Donations may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Center. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



SCHOENBORN, LEONARD V.

Age 66, October 24, 2015. Beloved husband of Mary. Loving father of Daniel (Jillian) and Gary (Rachelle). Dear grandfather of Jackson, Hadley, Nola Belle and Tayah, Holden, Marlow and Sullivan. Dear brother of Jerome (Ann), Richard (Herta), Geraldine (Clarence) Winter, Kenneth (Kathy) and Donald (Julie). Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday 1-9 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7 p.m. Instate at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Friday from 10 a.m. until Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Memorials may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project and S.E. Michigan Make-A-Wish Foundation. Please share a memory of Leonard at: www.rgrharris.com



TIMMONS, KENNETH GORDON

Kenneth Gordon Timmons, 86. Passed away suddenly October 20, 2015 in Fort Myers, Florida. Loving husband of Lucy (Cau) Timmons, father of sons Dan and Joe Timmons, daughter Amy Timmons Bell, grandfather of Ryan Timmons and Sarah Binder. Born in Midland, Michigan to Francis (Big Tim) and Doris (Delaney) Timmons and sister Patricia Timmons Bushey and late brother-in-law Richard Bushey (Palm Harbor, FL). Loving uncle to Michelle (Timmons) Bushey (New Orleans, LA) and Mike (Timmons) Bushey (Deerfield Beach, FL), Tim Carnago (Daytona Beach, FL), Greg Carnago (Birmingham, MI), Kathie (Carnago) Lefere (Wyoming, MI), Doug Jungclaus (Seattle, WA) and Matt Jungclaus (York, PA). Loving brother-in-law to Joanne (Cau) and Dieter Jungclaus of Cape Coral, Florida, and to the late Jerry and Gloria (Cau) Carnago of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Loving father-in-law to Jack Bell, Nikki Timmons, and Connie Timmons. Ken was a star athlete at Midland High School, lettering in basketball, football, and baseball. He received a scholarship to The University of Detroit where he played forward in basketball and pitcher in baseball. He was always saying how grateful he was to "U of D" and that he was proud to support the school by getting his master's degree there when he had other less costly options at the time. Ken truly loved being a history and government teacher at Livonia Bentley and Churchill High Schools, where he also coached basketball, baseball, and golf. Many said he taught or coached what seemed like half the students of Livonia in his 36 years of teaching. After his retirement, Ken served as Livonia School Board President and member. He also served as President of the Livonia Education Association, and helped form junior golf leagues in Livonia. The family will hold a memorial luncheon/dinner in Michigan to celebrate his life, at a date to be determined. For further information, please contact the family at: adorann@comcast.net or Amy at 248-755-8159 or Lucy at 734-306-4666

TURNER, MARGARET ELLEN "PEGGY"

Passed away on Monday, October 26. Preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Keith Turner. She is survived by her two sons, Geoffrey (Jessica) and Brian (Ani), and three grandchildren, Zachary, Maren and Madeline. A memorial service is to be scheduled.



WEISS, DR. JOSEPH J. MD, MACP

Dr. Weiss was born to Otto and Fay Weiss in Detroit, Michigan on March 22, 1934. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan in 1955 and its Medical School in 1961. He interrupted his training to serve in the US Public Health Service, which took him to many rural regions of the United States. Dr. Weiss joined Care-Medico to provide medical services in pre-Soviet Afghanistan for two years, and then went to what was then South Vietnam to care for civilian casualties of the war. Upon his return to the US, he completed an internal medicine residency and a rheumatology fellowship. From 1971 to 1981, Dr. Weiss served as a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan Medical School and as an intern and later staff physician at Wayne County General Hospital, where he served as Director of Emergency services for five years. Since 1981, until less than a week before his death, he ran a medical practice as a solo practitioner and was an active medical staff member of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Over the years, he held the offices of Chief of Staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital and chair of its Continuing Medical Education Committee. Dr. Weiss was also a former President of the Michigan Society of Internal Medicine and of the Wayne County Medical Society. At various times, his responsibilities included Chair of the Education Committee and the Scientific Committee of the Michigan Rheumatism Society, and he volunteered his services as a clinician for the underserved at Covenant Community Care in Southwest Detroit for many years. Since 1981 he has been the author of the patient education column "Arthritis Today" for the Observer/Todaycentric newspapers. He has published 36 papers and numerous textbook chapters on aspects of rheumatology, particularly on the structure and conditions of the shoulder, as well as hundreds of editorials on medical politics and economics. Many of his articles were published in the Detroit Medical News, where he served as Editor-in-Chief. In 1998, Dr. Weiss was a recipient of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Physicians' Laureate Award; some years later, he received their Lifetime Achievement Award; and earlier this year, American College of Physicians honored him with the title of Master of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Weiss was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Louise Weiss (neé Beck). He is survived by his sister Edith King, his sons Steven (Sharon) and David (Linda), and his grandsons Samuel and Broderick. He is also survived by his companion Marilyn Shapiro and her children, Laurence (Lisa) Shapiro, Elizabeth (Ted) Pena and Jessica (Lawrence) Miller, and her grandchildren Emma, Zoe, Violet, Oscar, Isaac and Abraham. SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL ON TUESDAY, 248-569-0020. www.irakauffman.com

In Memoriam



IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRUNAIS, KEVIN JAMES

A sadness still comes over us, tears and silence often flow, memories keep you so near us, though you died five years ago. The Brunais Family

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# Spice up dinner



GANNETT ILLUSTRATION/THINKSTOCK

Prepare a fall fiesta with side dishes inspired by the Latin kitchen for a lively alternative to your typical autumn comfort foods. Recipes that draw on regional ingredients, such as chili peppers, cilantro, yuca and quinoa, are a delicious way to amp up flavor and bring Latin American style to the dinner table.

Manuel Villacorta, an award-winning registered dietitian

who developed CanolaInfo's recipe collection, says the dishes average 125 calories per serving.

"The dishes have all the Latin flavors I love plus an extra measure of nutrition thanks to canola oil, which has a neutral taste to let other ingredients shine, and also contains the least saturated fat of all common vegetable oils."

For more recipes, visit [canola.info](http://canola.info).

## QUINOA SALAD WITH AJI AMARILLO DRESSING

Serves: 10

**1 cup quinoa**  
**2 cups vegetable broth**  
**Dressing:**  
**½ cup canola oil**  
**1 tablespoon aji amarillo (or mild chili) paste**  
**1 cup whole cilantro leaves**  
**½ cup lime juice**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**Salad:**  
**1 cup peas (fresh or frozen)**  
**1 can (15 ounces) cannellini beans, drained and rinsed**  
**½ cup celery, chopped**  
**½ cup red onion, diced**

Rinse quinoa well under cool water in fine sieve for several changes of water. Drain well. In large pot, boil vegetable broth and quinoa over medium heat. Reduce to simmer and cook quinoa until tender but still firm to bite, about 15 minutes. It's done when germ separates, making it look like a curly Q. Drain well and return quinoa to pot off heat. Cover with tea towel and replace lid, allowing it to steam and fluff as it cools.

For dressing, add all ingredients to food processor and blend until smooth. For salad, if using fresh peas, bring medium-size pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add peas and cook about 5 minutes. Strain and rinse with cold water to cool. If using frozen, skip this step.

In large mixing bowl, combine cooled quinoa, peas, beans, celery, red onion and dressing. Mix until dressing is distributed evenly and serve.

Note: May be prepared one day ahead.



## GREEN BEAN SALTADO

Serves: 4

**2 tablespoons canola oil**  
**8 ounces green beans, ends trimmed**  
**2 medium red onions, cut into strips**  
**1 clove garlic, minced**  
**1 tablespoon aji amarillo (or mild chili) paste**  
**2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar**  
**3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce**  
**2 teaspoons cumin**  
**2 tomatoes, seeded, sliced into narrow strips**  
**½ cup chopped cilantro**

In large saute pan or wok, heat canola oil over medium-high heat. Add green beans and cook 5 minutes. Add onion, garlic, paste, vinegar, soy sauce and cumin. Stir to combine. Cook 3-5 minutes or until onions are fragrant but still hold their shape. Add tomatoes and cook 1-2 minutes. Remove pan from heat and add cilantro. Stir to combine. Serve warm.

## ROASTED WINTER VEGGIES AND TRI-COLOR POTATOES

Servings: 10

**1 ½ pounds tri-color potatoes, quartered**  
**1 pound Brussels sprouts, cut in half**  
**1 large red bell pepper, coarsely chopped**  
**1 medium red onion, coarsely chopped**  
**2 medium zucchini, cut lengthwise and sliced**  
**2 medium carrots, sliced**  
**¼ cup chopped rosemary**  
**½ cup canola oil**  
**2 teaspoons salt**  
**1 teaspoon garlic powder**

Heat oven to 400 F. In large roasting pan, place vegetables. Add rosemary, canola oil, salt and garlic powder, and stir to combine. Cook about 40 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

## FIESTA RICE

Serves: 16

**8 cups low sodium chicken or vegetable broth**  
**2 cups wild rice**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**2 tablespoons canola oil**  
**1 medium white onion, chopped**  
**1 cup diced red bell peppers**  
**½ cup chopped walnuts**  
**½ cup golden raisins**  
**¼ cup finely diced parsley**

In large saucepan, bring broth to boil, then stir in wild rice and salt. Reduce heat and simmer covered 40-45 minutes, or just until kernels puff open. Uncover and fluff with fork and simmer additional 5 minutes. Drain excess liquid.

Place cooked rice in large serving bowl and set aside to cool.

In large saute pan, heat canola oil over medium heat. Add onion and saute for 1-2 minutes or until translucent.

Add peppers, walnuts and raisins. Cook until lightly browned and fragrant. Add sauteed mixture and parsley to wild rice. Stir to combine and serve warm.



## CITY BITES

### Plant-based holiday

**Plymouth** — Holiday Tasting Event returns 2:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 8, to Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Jeanie Weaver presents this annual demonstration and tasting event that offers instructions and recipes for vegetarian and vegan holiday meals.

"This will be an opportunity to see, taste, and talk with the chefs that created your meal for the evening," Weaver said, in an email. "We are teaching

by presenting dishes that embody the information we now know will prevent many of our life style diseases and walk you toward better health especially at the holidays."

Chefs will present four main dishes with ideas, along with some dessert ideas. \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Register by calling 248-446-9176 or email [holidaytasting@gmail.com](mailto:holidaytasting@gmail.com); [veggieholiday.com](http://veggieholiday.com).

### Wine expert

**Livonia** — Learn about "Wines of the World" with Lee Hershey, 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday, at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty, Livonia. Taste six wines, nibble cheeses, and participate in an open forum with Hershey. \$20; 734 432-3800.

### Giving to education

**Nationwide** — Olive Garden restaurants will donate a portion of dine-in sales from 4-10 p.m. Nov. 3 to local high schools. Each of the 24 locations in Michigan will donate

up to \$1,000 to their partner school. Locations include the restaurant at 14000 Middlebelt in Livonia, which will donate to Redford Union High School, and 43300 Crescent Blvd., Novi, which will donate to Franklin Road Christian School.

### Fall flavors

**Great Lakes area** — Holland-based Hudsonville Ice Cream is celebrating the season with four limited edition flavors: Pure Michigan Salted Caramel Apple, Cider Mill Donut,

Pumpkin Pie and Fried Ice Cream. The salted caramel apple flavor won the 2012 Pure Michigan online flavor contest and tastes like "caramel apples on a stick," according to Raymond Sierengowski, product development director. Cider Mill Donut includes doughnut pieces and spiced apple swirl. Pumpkin pie contains pieces of crust and Fried Ice Cream combines cinnamon tostada crunch with honey caramel swirl and cinnamon ice cream. [hudsonvilleicecream.com](http://hudsonvilleicecream.com)

By Sharon Dargay





ANNA ROSSMANN

Motor City Ghostbusters will be on hand at the "Ghostbusters" screening Nov. 1 in Canton, where actor Ernie Hudson, who played Winston Zeddemore in the movie, will greet fans.

## WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

'Ghostbuster' Ernie Hudson heads to metro Detroit to greet fans

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Ghostbusters fans will get a chance to meet Ernie Hudson, who played Winston Zeddemore in the 1984 comedy, this weekend at Emagine Theatres in Rochester Hills, Royal Oak and Canton.

Hudson, a Benton Harbor native and Wayne State University graduate, will greet movie goers, sign autographs and pose for photos during screenings Friday, Oct. 30, at Emagine Rochester Hills, Oct. 31 at Emagine Royal Oak and Nov. 1 at Emagine Canton.

No one is more excited about his visit than the Motor City Ghostbusters. Members of the group make and dress in "screen accurate" costumes to promote interest in the movie franchise at Ghostbusters-related gatherings, for volunteer work and charitable events. The group has members in Livonia, West Bloomfield, Warren, Ann Arbor, Rochester Hills and other communities in southeastern Michigan.

"The biggest concentration of members seem to be heading to the Canton location on Nov. 1," said Eric Alexander, a Livonia resident and co-founder of the group. "And yes, we plan to be at the theater in full costume on Sunday. We will be there to take pictures with fans and provide atmosphere for the people attending the showings."

"Ernie is such a great guy, and a Michigan native. We are all excited to come out to see him."

### Directing, acting

While at Wayne State, Hudson established the Actors' Ensemble Thea-



Ernie Hudson as Winston Zeddemore in the comedy, "Ghostbusters."



Ernie Hudson

SUBMITTED

tre, where he and other writers directed and appeared in their own works. After graduation, he was awarded a full scholarship to Yale School of Drama.

During his career, Hudson has appeared in numerous television shows, including *St. Elsewhere*, *Once Upon a Time*, *The Ben Stiller Show*, *Grace and Frankie*, and *Grey's Anatomy*. His movie credits range from *Leadbelly*, in 1976, to *Ghostbusters*, directed by Paul Feig and scheduled for release in July 2016. The 1984 *Ghostbusters* starred Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray and Harold Ramis as three unemployed parapsychology professors who run a ghost removal service. The film's reboot features Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy, and

Kate McKinnon, with a cameo by Hudson.

### Tickets

Alexander said several other fan groups from Michigan and a few from Canada will join Motor City Ghostbusters Sunday at the Emagine Canton.

Tickets are still available at all three theaters, but are going fast. As of Tuesday, two show times were sold out in Canton and one was sold out in Rochester Hills. Here's what remains:

Show times are 4:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Emagine Canton, 39535 Ford Road, Canton; 888-319-3456. Show times are 1 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 10 p.m. at the Emagine Royal Oak, located on 11 Mile, just east of Main in downtown

Royal Oak; 248-414-1000. Show times are 5:30 p.m., and 10 p.m. at Emagine Rochester Hills, 200 Barclay Circle, Rochester Hills; 248-243-3456. Visit [emagine-entertainment.com](http://emagine-entertainment.com) for ticket prices.

For more information about Motor City Ghostbusters, visit its Facebook page.

"To join our group, you must have a movie accurate costume with at least one piece of Ghostbusting equipment," Alexander said. That equipment might include Ecto Goggles, a PKE Meter, Proton Pack or other items used in the film. "A full list of requirements is available by request. Once approved, you only need to do one event, which we call busts, a year to stay active."

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 1

**Location:** 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Oct. 31.

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "The Dark Side of the Rohde" features more than 30 digital photograph manipulations by Ann Arbor artist and photographer Denise Rohde

**Contact:** 248-344-0497 or [www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org](http://www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org)

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7



SUBMITTED

The Canton Concert Band will present a Halloween concert, Oct. 31 at the Village Theater in Canton.

**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Holiday Art Sale, baked goods, PCAC gift certificates; \$2 suggested admission

**Other activities:** Youth pottery workshop, 12:30-2 p.m. Nov. 3, for students, 7-17, is \$30. Students will make three ornaments and a candle luminary. Register at 734-416-4278

**Contact:** [plymoutharts.com](http://plymoutharts.com)

### DANCE

#### DANCING WITH THE DETROIT STARS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 14

**Location:** The Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham

**Details:** In this charity event for South Oakland Shelter, area movers and shakers will pair up with professional dancers in a celebrity dance competition. Includes strolling dinner, cocktails and a silent auction. Tickets are \$200

**Contact:** [southoaklandshelter.org](http://southoaklandshelter.org)

#### MUSIC HALL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Shaping Sound features contemporary dancers bringing a mash-up of dance styles and musical genres to life. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50

**Contact:** [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com); [startickets.com](http://startickets.com)

### FILM

#### BERMAN CENTER

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Nov. 1

**Location:** At the Jewish Community Center of Metro Detroit, located at Drake and Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** *Pirates of Penzance*, filmed at the English National Opera; tickets \$12

**Contact:** [theberman.org](http://theberman.org); 248-661-1900

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, and 4:45 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Shaun The Sheep Movie*, \$3  
**Shock-tober Classics:** *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein*, 7 p.m. Oct. 29; \$3

**Coming up:** *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 and 12, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8; \$3

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Oct. 31

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

**Details:** *ET* screens at the early show, *Nightmare on Elm Street* is the late show; each show, \$5

**Coming up:** *Roman Holiday*, 8 p.m. Nov. 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 7; tickets \$5

**Contact:** 313-898-1481; [redfordtheatre.com](http://redfordtheatre.com)

### HALLOWEEN FUN

#### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Canton Concert Band performs a Halloween concert, "The Haunting of Canton Hollows ...Returns." The audience may dress in costume. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students.

**Contact:** [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org)



## GET OUT

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### COSTUME PARTY

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 31  
**Location:** Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** First Ol' Skool Halloween Costume Party will include a plated dinner, beer, wine, and music by Eclipse. Tickets \$30  
**Contact:** 734-953-9724

### MEDIUM MESSAGES

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1  
**Location:** Two Muses Theatre at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Elizabeth Brown and Charles Klepadlo, mediums, will give messages to attendees from their deceased loved ones. Tickets purchased at least four hours before the event are \$20. Tickets at the door are \$23.  
**Contact:** twomusestheatre.org

### MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Oct. 30, and 10 p.m. Oct. 31  
**Location:** 27555 Grantland, Livonia  
**Details:** A poltergeist is set free in an asylum for nervous patients in this musical called *The Great Ghost Chase*. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Admission at the door is \$2 more. Limited cabaret seating is \$15 for the show on Oct. 31. For reserved seating tickets, visit eventbrite.com and type in The Great Ghost Chase, Livonia  
**Contact:** 313-535-8962; mcyt.org

### YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31  
**Location:** 47884 D St., Belleville  
**Details:** Spooktacular Halloween party will include a costume parade, games, treats, science experiments and educational activities for families with children, 15 and under. Free  
**Contact:** 734-483-4030

### HISTORY

#### KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Nov. 29  
**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor  
**Details:** "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals who helped to build the Kelsey Museum collection  
**Contact:** 734-764-9304

#### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday  
**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17.  
**Exhibit:** The Fair That Changed Amer-



Jean Luc Ponty, left, and Jon Anderson will perform together at Jazz Cafe at Music Hall in Detroit.

ica runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel  
**Contact:** 734-455-8940

### MUSIC

#### BLUES@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780

#### JAZZ@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

#### MAMA'S COFFEEHOUSE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21  
**Location:** Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills  
**Details:** Annie and Rod Capps; \$15 general admission, \$13 for students and seniors  
**Contact:** mamacoffeehouse.org

#### JAZZ CAFE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Nov. 6  
**Location:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit  
**Details:** Jon Anderson, original singer/songwriter for YES, teams with jazz violinist, Jean Luc Ponty. The Anderson-Ponty Band will play new arrangements of classic YES hits, like *Roundabout* and *Owner Of A Lonely Heart*, as well as other tunes. Tickets are \$42, \$59, \$69



Rod and Annie Capps will perform Nov. 8 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, and Nov. 21 at MAMA's Coffeehouse in Birmingham.

and \$79  
**Contact:** musichall.org; 313-887-8501

#### MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14  
**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Brazilian Blast! concert features a pre-concert talk at 6:45 p.m. and a mix of jazz, classical and Brazilian music. Tickets are \$30 general, \$25 seniors, 62 and over, and \$10 students  
**Contact:** michiganphil.org

#### PLAYERS BARN

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 and 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7  
**Location:** 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** ABBACADABRA, an ABBA tribute band, performs  
**Contact:** recreg.fhgov.com; 248-473-1848

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

**Time/Date:** Noon Wednesday, Nov. 4  
**Location:** VisTaTech Center, on the college's main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz performs. Donations at the door help fund student scholarships  
**Contact:** 734-462-4403; schoolcraft.edu/music

#### ST. JOHN MUSIC GUILD

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7  
**Location:** St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield  
**Details:** The Guild presents a Commemorative Centennial Concert featuring violinists Ani and Ida Kavafian. An afterglow will follow the concert. Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for age 17 and under. Make checks payable to St. John Music Guild and mail to St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075  
**Contact:** 586-242-3821; stjohnsarmenianchurch.org

#### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Stage, Nov. 3; Twangtown Paramours, Nov. 6; The Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society presents Al

Petteway and Amy White, Nov. 7; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Beverly Meyer, Nov. 8. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted  
**Contact:** 734-464-6302 for additional information

### SPOKEN WORD MOTH STORY SLAM

**Time/Date:** Doors open 4:30 p.m., stories start 7 p.m. Nov. 5, Detroit; doors open 6 p.m., stories start 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17, Ann Arbor  
**Location:** Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park Ave., Detroit and Circus Bar, 210 S. First Ave., Ann Arbor  
**Details:** Prepare a five-minute story on the theme, toss your name in the hat, and if your name is pulled, step up and tell your true personal story live without notes. Volunteers from the audience judge the stories. This month's theme at Cliff Bell's is *payback*. The theme for Circus Bar is *gifted*. Admission is \$5 in Detroit, \$8 in Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** themoth.org

### TELLEBRATION!

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. silent auction, 7 p.m. storytelling, Nov. 13  
**Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Gwendolyn Lewis, Alma Petri, and Judy Sima tell stories during this annual night of storytelling for adults. Elizabeth Najdich is the maestro. Includes silent auction and refreshments. Admission is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-476-8515; judy@judysima.com

### THEATER

#### BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Nov. 6-7 and 13-14 and 2 p.m. Nov. 8 and 15  
**Location:** 240 N. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** *Things My Mother Taught Me*, a new romantic comedy by Katherine DiSavino, tells the story of Olivia and Gabe, a young couple moving into their first apartment together, and what happens when their parents show up to help them move in. Tickets are \$15  
**Contact:** 734-404-6889; justgobarefoot.com

#### TWO MUSES

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, 15, and 22  
**Location:** In the theater at West Bloomfield Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road  
**Details:** *The Light in the Piazza* tells the story of Clara, who falls in love with an Italian man in a Florentine piazza. Her mother must decide whether she will reveal truths about her daughter that could destroy the romance. General admission advance tickets are \$23 for adults, and \$21 for students and senior citizens, age 62 and over. Tickets are \$2 more at the door  
**Contact:** twomusestheatre.org; 248-850-9919

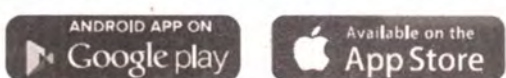


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