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## Man enters plea to Eloise fire charge

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A Wayne man has entered a guilty plea to charges of setting a fire that destroyed the former bakery building at the historic Eloise.

Trevor Bauer, 18, pleaded guilty plea to charges of third-degree arson and possession of burglary tools before Wayne

County Circuit Court Judge James Chylinski.

A sentencing date was set for May 25 and the plea wasn't adjudicated by Chylinski, who referred Bauer to probation for a pre-sentence report. The \$10,000/ten percent



Bauer

bond for Bauer was continued.

A 16-year-old Westland boy has also been charged in connection with the April 6 fire. Due to being charged as a juvenile, the teen's name isn't being released.

Wayne-Westland firefighters responded to a fire at the vacant building, joined by firefighters from Garden City and Inkster.

Due to the fire coming through the roof of the two-story building, firefighters reported the fire likely started on the upper floor. Firefighters were not able to enter the building while battling the fire due to the second-level and third-level floors sagging.

The former bakery building is west of the Kay Beard Building and the Wayne County

Family Center. It's expected that the burned building will need to be demolished.

Wayne County owns the Eloise property and has offered it for sale.

The Wayne County Family Center and a building with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office road patrol division and a coun-

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## LET'S PAINT

Birds in tree painting a creative outlet for Westland library youths

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Laura Flaherty was wearing a couple hats at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland on Tuesday evening.

"I always kind of thought about being an art teacher," the children's librarian said. "I love art and I've been in art for years," including high school and college classes.

She definitely had on her artist's beret Tuesday for a Painting Party for students in fifth grade and up. "I know it's kind of a popular thing right now that a lot of people are doing," she said. "It's kind of fun I get to do these types of programs here."

The seven students eagerly took their places at "easels" with paint and brushes nearby. Said Jeanine Borghina, 11, of Westland, "I think that it's fun." She likes how the Painting Party teaches "even if they don't know how to do art," and is a Marshall Upper Elementary School sixth-grader.

Nearby concentrating on her work was Victoria Ceci, 13, of Westland, a seventh-grader at Franklin Middle School. "I like it because I like doing more art stuff," she said, adding, "I learned where you can add more (paint) so it can gradually get darker."

Flaherty's friend who does painting parties professionally told the librarian she'd be fine as the instructor. The

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Westland resident Jeanine Borghina concentrates on her work of art this past Tuesday at the Westland Library.

## Traffic death trial delayed again

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

The trial of a Detroit woman charged with second-degree murder in a crash that killed a Romulus woman in Wayne has been adjourned again.

It's not the first time the trial of Onika Adrenelle-Cannon Fields, 40, who is free on bond, has been postponed.

Also charged with driving while her license was suspended causing a death in the Aug. 12 incident, Fields is facing up to life in prison if convicted of murder. The jury trial was scheduled to begin Wednesday

before Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt. The defense and prosecution have both been giving opening arguments, so testimony will begin when the trial resumes May 27.

Fields is charged with running a red light at the intersection of Merriman and Van Born in Wayne. Her vehicle then collided with a vehicle driven by Alzada Dolencic, 67, who had to be cut from car by the Jaws of Life. A recent Livonia



Fields

Schools retiree, Dolencic was airlifted to the hospital where she died.

According to police, Fields crashed into another vehicle after running a red light at Middlebelt and Van Born in Westland, then fled, causing a second accident after running another red light, this time at Merriman and Van Born.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Fields at her arraignment.

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## Demolition forces move of memorials

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

As the rubble from the demolished former Westland city hall is cleared, two veterans memorials remain on the Ford Road property.

At a recent council meeting, Ron Schley of the Westland Veterans Association called for the Vietnam Veterans memorial and the Purple Heart memorial to both be moved to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

The WVA developed and funded the memorial garden, which is located behind Westland's William P. Faust Library.

"No decision has been made about the memorials. The Bova (VFW) Post expressed interest in the Vietnam memorial," Mayor William Wild said. "They are to get back with us on a plan to display it."

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial with the large white dome-like structure is located east of the large Purple Heart Memorial.

The Downtown Development Authority is looking at the Lions Club Pavilion and Farmers Market Pavilion areas in Tattan Park, Wild said, which might be a location for a

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FILE PHOTO  
Firefighters battle the fire that destroyed the former bakery building at Eloise in Westland.



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ty clerk satellite office are not part of the sale. At various times, the property housed the county poor house, a hospital for tuberculosis patients, a mental institution and a general hospital. At its peak, Eloise was a self-contained community with barns, a greenhouse, cattle herds, a piggery, a bakery, a cannery, its own post office and fire department.

Over time, various buildings were closed and most were demolished. The psychiatric hospital closed in 1979 followed by the closure of Wayne County General Hospital in 1984.

The Westland Historical Society is working on establishing an Eloise museum as part of the Westland Historic Village Park.

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tweens listened as Flaherty guided them through the painting's background, beginning with a white circle in the lower right.

"I think younger kids could do this. With younger kids, it could get messy," Flaherty noted. The library's Tween programs are for fifth grade and up.

"We're going to try it, see what happens," she told the students. "We'll see how your paintings turn out." She reminded them to paint onto the side of the canvas.

After using the big brush for the white circle, the students added a mix of yellow and white and then deeper yellow paint in a circle outside that. Shades of green followed and then the dark blue of the night sky beyond that.

"You want to make sure you're covering the canvas. That's lovely," an encouraging Flaherty said. "Nice brush strokes."

Birds silhouetted on a tree branch in black were the finishing component. "The main thing is we want to make sure



TOM BEAUDOIN  
Samantha Kluesner of Westland gets more paint on her canvas.



TOM BEAUDOIN  
Ten-year-old Laila Martinez of Westland works her artistic magic on canvas.



TOM BEAUDOIN  
Westland's best artists display their paintings at the Westland Library on Tuesday evening after an hour of painting fun.

our birds are sitting on a branch and not floating in space," Flaherty explained.

The finished artwork was a point of pride for parents and grandparents who arrived to pick up the students at the program's end. They also

posed for a group photo with their projects.

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memorial.

A third and much smaller marker remembering POW/MIAs was located between city hall and the closed Bailey Recreation Center, which is to be demolished soon.

"That has been moved temporarily to the Department of Public Works for safekeeping," Wild said.

The memorial garden was designed and constructed with a large center memorial and paved walks to coves containing engraved markers with information on wars.



LEANNE ROGERS  
One of the veterans memorials on the former Westland city hall property.

"The POW/MIA is small enough for us to move it to the veterans garden," Wild said. "The others are pretty big and could like add-ons at the garden."

There have been ques-

tions about whether the larger memorials can be moved but the city has obtained bids from contractors who can do the job.

"We've received assurances that the memo-

rial can be moved. A lot of people don't realize the big one is sitting on footings," Wild said.

The city has other markers retrieved from the old city hall, including a dedication remembering President John F. Kennedy who had been assassinated not long before it was constructed as Nankin Township hall. There is also a dedication plaque from the older water department building.

"(Deputy Mayor) Thelma (Kubitskey) is looking at display cases. We will probably display them in a case or mount it on something," Wild said.

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# Author visits Stevenson Middle School

Students at Stevenson Middle School in Westland received a visit from a popular author recently. Claudia Whitsitt gave readings, spoke to classes and autographed copies of books for students.

A popular book by Whitsitt is "Between the Lines," tells the story of three girls who become friends during the racially charged aftermath of the 1967 Detroit Riots. Whitsitt is a native

Detroiter who recalls the riots beginning on her 15th birthday.

A 1970 graduate of St. Mary of Redford High School, Whitsitt graduated from Eastern Michigan University and became a special education teacher.

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Stevenson Middle School seventh-grader Breanna Williams got an autographed copy of Claudia Whitsitt's book, "Between the Lines."



# Woman accused of accidents and leaving children in car sentenced

David Veselenak Staff Writer

A Detroit woman who was involved in several accidents in Livonia after a traffic stop has been sentenced to jail time and probation after taking a plea deal.

Ashley Dorsey, 27 of Detroit, pleaded no contest April 5 to several charges, including: unlawfully driving away in a motor vehicle, third-degree fleeing a police officer, assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and third-degree child abuse. In exchange, charges of third-degree fleeing a police officer, receiving and concealing stolen property; assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer; and operating a motor vehicle while license suspended were all dismissed.

Dorsey was sentenced Tuesday to serve six months in the Wayne County Jail, as well as two years of probation, according to online court records. Records show she is eligible for work release, and had 25 days of credit on her sentence.

The charges stemmed from an incident police say Dorsey was involved in in February after she was pulled over



Dorsey

near Eight Mile and Newburgh by a Farmington Hills officer. Police say Dorsey drove away from

the scene at a high rate of speed with her children in the car before the traffic stop was completed. Police began to pursue but ended it before Seven Mile and Newburgh, when an accident involving Dorsey took place, police said.

Police say Dorsey then got out of her vehicle at the accident scene and got into another motorist's vehicle, who had stopped at the scene, leaving her children in the car. She then was in another accident near Seven Mile and Farmington, police said, and struggled after police arrived and tried to arrest her. No major injuries at either accident were reported.

She was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court earlier this winter on those charges. She was also sentenced at that time to several days in jail on a retail fraud case stemming from an incident in 2013 at the Livonia Meijer.

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# NAMI to host program on living with mental illness

Julie Brown Staff Writer

A presentation from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, "In Our Own Voice," will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road and east of Newburgh Road.

Adult services librarian Liz Waun organized the upcoming program, which focuses on "actually hearing from people who suffer from mental illness, and hearing their voices," Waun said.

A library patron recommended the NAMI presentation, to coincide with May as National Mental Health Month.

Those attending will

receive a firsthand account of what it's like to live with a mental illness. Presenters will humanize this misunderstood topic by demonstrating that it's possible — and common — to live well with mental illness, a library statement notes.

Waun said the Westland library has hosted a program previously on history of mental health care. The "In Our Own Voice" from NAMI includes accounts from people diagnosed with mental illnesses such as bipolar disorder and schizophrenia and their recovery.

"I think it's really hard for people who don't suffer from mental illness to understand," Waun said. "I think there's a lot of stigma

and negativity. It's good to kind of understand what they're going through. It's just a very open and honest discussion about mental illness."

No advance registration is required. For more information on this program, call the Westland library at 734-326-6123 or visit westlandlibrary.org.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (for Michigan) is online at www.namimi.org. The website notes, "IOOV is an opportunity for those who have struggled with mental illness to gain confidence and to share their individual experiences of recovery and transformation."

"Throughout the IOOV presentation, audience members are en-

couraged to offer feedback and ask questions.

"Audience participation is an important aspect of IOOV because the more audience members become involved, the closer they come to understanding what it is like to live with a mental illness and stay in recovery."

IOOV presentations are given to consumer groups, students, law enforcement officials, educators, providers, faith community members, politicians, professionals, inmates and civic groups.

The presentations are given free of charge, with additional information on hosting available at www.namimi.org.

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Items taken from garage

A resident who lives in the 16600 block of Rougeway came into the Livonia police station Thursday evening to report a burglary of his garage.

He said sometime between February and Thursday, someone entered his garage and took several items, including

a mountain bicycle and nail guns. He said it appeared a suspect climbed onto a Ford Mustang parked in the garage to take the bicycle, which was hanging. Paint on the roof of the vehicle was damaged. He said he works from home sometimes and the garage door is sometimes left open. No damage to any door on the garage was

reported.

### Identity theft reported

A resident who lives in the 27400 block of Dover came into the police station Tuesday morning to report his identity had been stolen.

He said he received a letter from his employer, stating someone had filed for unemployment

claims in his name using his social security number. He said he went to the Detroit Social Security office to verify it was not him who filed the claim. He was unsure who used his information to file the claim.

— Compiled by David Veselenak from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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Some towers had that Tower of Pisa lean to them.



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Students hold on as more pieces are added to their tower.



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History teacher Michele Anderson, here being honored by Board of Education President Thomas Buckalew last year after being named History Teacher of the Year, is looking for information on a fallen World War II hero.

## Students learn team building with paper, tape

Fifteen sheets of paper and 3 feet of masking tape doesn't sound like proper building materials, but that's what ninth-graders and 10th-graders in Lisa Shirkey's Life Management Skills were given to construct a freestanding tower.

Working in groups of 3-4, the Cambridge High School students had the task of building a freestanding tower in 15 minutes, using only the paper and tape.

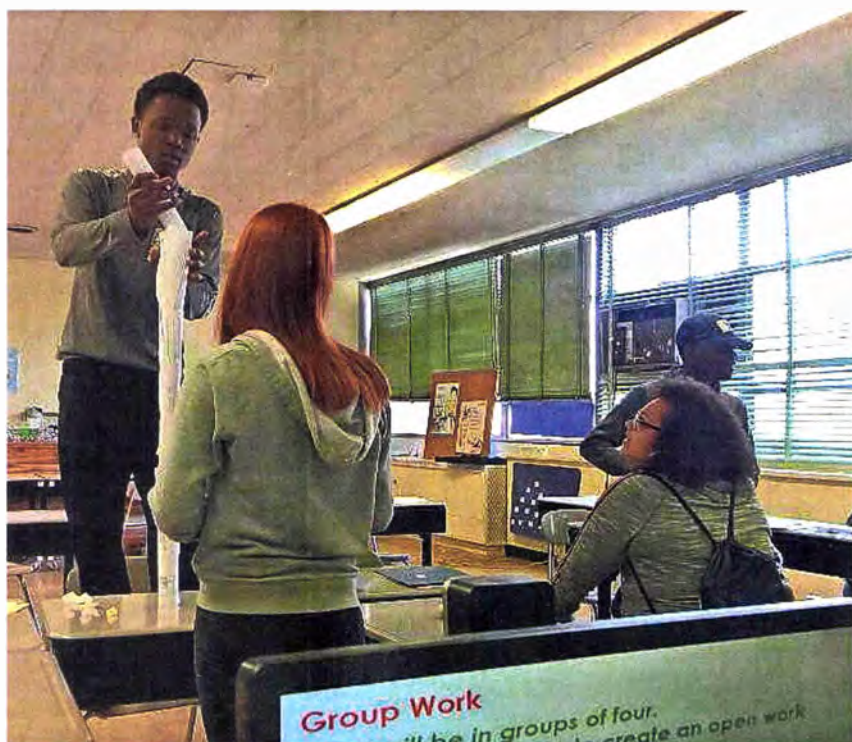
According to Shirkey, the exercise let students learn such things as overcoming obstacles and giving and earning respect.

"It was to see if they could work cooperatively to accomplish a task," Shirkey said. "For the most part they did, but those that chose to not work together became frustrated."

The students showed their ingenuity in making designs, which had to stand tall and upright. One group of students rolled its paper tight to build a tripod for a tall skinny tower. Another group created cylinders that were stacked on top of each other to create a tower.

"We looked at the tallest for each class, but it wasn't meant to be a contest," Shirkey said. "It was more about the students coming together to accomplish a goal."

This was the first time Shirkey used the tower-building project in the class, and



COURTESY GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

A desk chair did double duty as scaffolding in erecting the paper towers.

she was pleased with the results.

"This was brand new for me, and I think it turned out well," she said. "I will try it

again."

"It's important to get our students to understand the importance of teamwork," Cambridge Director Debbie

Eves said. "We want to give them every skill they need to be successful in school and in the post-high school endeavors."

## History teacher seeks details on WWII hero

Wayne-Westland history teacher Michele Anderson is researching the life of Army-Air Force Sgt. Norman Stewart, and she's looking for help from Farmington and Dearborn residents.

Anderson is participating in a program with National History Day called Understanding Sacrifice. Sponsored by the American Battle Monuments Commission, the program takes 18 teachers from around the country on a journey of learning and discovery of sacrifice through the story of a Fallen Hero of World War II.

Each teacher selects one Fallen Hero who is memorialized at an ABMC Cemetery in Southern Europe or North Africa. The program concludes by taking the group to Europe, where teachers deliver a eulogy at the memorial of their Fallen Hero.

Anderson has chosen to research the life of Stewart who grew up in Dearborn and attended Farmington High School.

He enlisted in the Army-Air Force in 1943. In addition to that, Anderson discovered that Stewart's family were members of the Farmington First Methodist Church.

Anyone with information about Stewart can contact Anderson at AndersonM@wwcsd.net.

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# Friend wants to help Canton family battling SMA

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

With the effects of spinal muscular atrophy more rapidly ravaging her body, 19-year-old Erinne Williams is running out of time.

Erinne, struck young by a strain of muscular dystrophy called spinal muscular atrophy, has been confined to a wheelchair much of her life. And now, her mother says, the disease has "taken a heavy toll" on Erinne's body and "time is running out" for Erinne.

Her mom, Suzanne Williams of Canton, said Erinne has had two bad germs — MRSA and Pseudomonas — and has recently picked up a strain of E-Coli, which has colonized in her lungs.

"The doctors have given us almost no hope for any chance at survival if she gets sick again," Suzanne said of Erinne, who has developed pneumonia 26 times. "It seems inevitable that she will."

Now a family friend wants to help make what time she does have left a time Erinne will remember.

Suzanne's best friend, Cynthia Werstein, wants Erinne to be able to "make some memories" with one last trip with her family. Werstein has set up a GoFundMe page and put it up on Williams' Facebook page, trying to raise \$10,000 to take Suzanne and Erinne on an Alaskan cruise.

The ties between the two families are close. Werstein's daughter, Olivia, was Erinne's best friend. The friends had something in common: Olivia also had SMA, which claimed her life in June 2015.

Werstein knows more than most, since the loss of her daughter, that time is precious.

"We've been aware, since our kids were diagnosed, that time is

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You can find more information on Suzanne Williams' Facebook page (Facebook.com/suzanneb.williams.75) or by emailing her at Erinnemom@gmail.com. The fundraising page is located at GoFundMe.com/Erinne-Williams

running out," Werstein said. "As any parent could imagine, we want to give Erinne this chance to make some memories. This will give Erinne something to look forward to."

The cruise seems like a good idea, because Erinne "had the time of her life" on a cruise Suzanne took her on four years ago. But, according to Suzanne, the destinations are limited because doctors want Erinne to stay in American waters in case she falls ill and has to be evacuated from the ship.

In scanning the cruise schedules, Suzanne settled on the Alaskan cruise for this summer.

"Our other choice was Canada in the fall," Suzanne said. "With Erinne's declining health, we chose this summer."

Because of Erinne's health and her need for 24/7 care, Williams will have to take two nurses on the trip. Werstein hopes to raise \$10,000 to cover all of the expenses of the trip.

Suzanne hadn't said anything to Erinne about the trip, not wanting to get her hopes up as she grieves the loss of her best friend and fights her own battle against the disease.

"It'll be a surprise to Erinne, and hopefully it'll give her something to look forward to," Suzanne said. "She has a very strong faith."

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Suzanne Williams helps daughter Erinne Williams with her morning routine.

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Friends are helping raise money for a cruise for Suzanne and Erinne Williams of Canton. Erinne suffers from spinal muscular atrophy, a strain of muscular dystrophy.

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At left: Erinne Williams with her service dog, Latte.

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**APPEAL CASE NO 482-11-15 (Tabled on January 14, 2016)**

An appeal has been filed with the Building Code of Appeals by Nazir Jawich, 40500 Ann Arbor Road Ste. 105LL, Plymouth, MI 48170 seeking to reverse the decision of the Building Official to forfeit their bond under provision of Livonia Code 15.56.020 (c) (d) for work performed at 15230 Levan Road by letter dated August 19, 2015.

A rehearing will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the offices of the Inspection Department, in the Annex of the Livonia city Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154. The original meeting vote was to table this request until May 18th and ordered the appellant to provide the results of arbitration concerning the dispute between appellant and building owner so that this information may be included in the Board's discussion.

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# Find the appealing 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

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

### Styling

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

### How it drives

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

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

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

### Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior,



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



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

creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable.

The second row of seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than

expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

### Ergonomics and electronics

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

A full complement of

information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue features not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

### Cargo and storage

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

The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include the following:

### Exterior highlights

- » 17-inch steel wheels; 17- and 18-inch alloy wheels available
- » Halogen headlights
- » LED daytime running lights
- » Rear spoiler
- » Available power moonroof
- » Available fog lights
- » Available power liftgate
- » Available heated outside mirrors

### Interior highlights

- » Available front seat warmers
- » Six-way adjustable driver's seat
- » Six front storage areas
- » Available Nissan-Connect™ with navigation
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### Under the Hood

- » 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine
- » Continuously Variable Transmission
- » Front- or all-wheel drive
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### Safety features

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Nankin Mills programs**

The next couple of programs at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center:

» **Let's Go Birding**, 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14 — Join the Nankin Mills naturalist for a cup of coffee or tea and then hike to search for feathered friends around Nankin Mills and in the Holliday Nature Preserve. Some binoculars available, but it is best to bring your own if you have them. Bird-feeding tips will also be provided. Fee is \$3 per adult.

Pre-registration required for all programs at the Park Office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, 48185. Organizers accept check, cash or charge. To charge over the phone, call 734-261-1990. All programs are held at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center unless otherwise noted.

» **Saturday, May 14, 1-2:30 p.m.** — Marcus Swift and William Osband were the first to bring their families to settle in this area, venturing from New York to the "wilder Michigan" on the Erie Canal in 1825. They became prominent figures in the formation of Nankin township, building the first schools, churches, anti-slavery societies and homes. The program will be presented indoors at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Program is recommended for ages 12-adult. Program fee is \$3 per person.

» **Saturday, May 21, 1-2:30 p.m.** — Michigan is home to many beautiful species of butterflies. Learn how to recognize them throughout their different life stages, from egg to caterpillar and chrysalis to adult. Discussion will include which plants they use to survive and suggest plants you can add to your own yard to attract them. After the indoor presentation, we will

visit the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association Butterfly Garden next to the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center to see the plants and hopefully find some eggs, caterpillars and butterflies! Program is recommended for ages 12-adult and the fee is \$3 per person.

**3D photography**

The next 3D Photography Club meeting takes place 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia.

In celebration of Michigan Week, the meeting will feature a special presentation of the 3D program, "Michigan Magic." After a refreshment break, participants will have the final "Open" 3D image competition of the season.

Organizers invite everyone to join us to see award-winning 3D photography. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

Contact [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org), or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

**Hospice workshop**

Garden City Maplewood Senior Department in collaboration with Angela Hospice will be presenting a Lunch and Learn workshop entitled, "What is Hospice," at the Maplewood Center located at 31735 Maplewood in Garden City on Wednesday, May 11, from 12:15-1:15 p.m.

The information that will be covered during the presentation will discuss hospice in terms of medically, logically, eligibility, coverage, the hospice team and bereavement. Guest speaker Pamela Verduin, Nurse Liaison at Angela Hospice, has 16 years



The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center hosts a birding program May 14.

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nursing experience and seven years as a hospice nurse case manager.

The event is free and open to the public to participate. Seniors can purchase a lunch for \$3 or bring in a sack lunch. Seniors who wish to eat a hot lunch must make a reservation 24 hours in advance by calling 734-793-1874.

To schedule an appointment, call The Senior Department at 734-793-1870.

**Citizenship workshop**

The Westland Library will host a Citizenship Workshop from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Volunteer attorneys, accredited representatives, and law students will be available to answer your questions, assist you in

applying, and provide study materials so you can become a U.S. citizen. This workshop is presented by the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center.

Registration is required for the workshop; call 734-239-6863 or go to <http://bit.ly/11gFzNe>.

**Vaseline glass**

Elmwood Station Chapter of Questers sponsors a program on Vaseline Glass given by Judith Coebly Monday, May 9, at the Quaker Meeting House in Greenmead Historical Park.

This event is free and open to the public. A reservation must be made as space is limited. Greenmead Historical Park is located at Newburgh Road and Eight Mile. Contact Judi Fanco

at 248-474-0158 for more information and to make a reservation.

**Historical society**

On Thursday, May 19, at 6 p.m., the Livonia Historical Society will have their annual banquet. A Power Point program on Willow Run and the Yankee Air Force Museum will follow, presented by Randy Horton.

Prepaid tickets are \$18. Make checks to the Livonia Historical Society and mail to B. Mansfield, 14342 Blue Skies St., Livonia, MI 48154. For information, call (734) 464-0450. Deadline is May 10.

**Ice cream social**

Livonia's elected officials host "Ice Cream & Information," an ice

cream social that will give residents a chance to enjoy some ice cream and ask questions of their elected officials.

The event, which takes place 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at the Livonia Senior Center, will be hosted by Mayor Dennis Wright, Clerk Susan Nash, Treasurer Lynda Scheel, and council members Kathleen McIntyre, Brandon Kritzman, Scott Bahr, Maureen Miller Brosnan, Cathy White, James Jolly and Brian Meakin.

**Food distribution**

On Tuesday, May 17, the City of Livonia will distribute, through the State of Michigan Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), salmon, bran flake cereal, UHT milk, applesauce, green beans, rotini, cranberry juice concentrate and vegetable soup.

Other items will also be provided from Forgotten Harvest. The distribution is from noon to 2 p.m., at the vacant district court building, 15140 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile. This distribution is offered to Livonia residents who are currently enrolled in TEFAP with a TEFAP I.D. card. Distributions are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. Senior housing residents should check with their housing office for TEFAP information.

For more information, contact the Community Resource Department, Commodity Food line at 734-466-2673. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**Used book sale**

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library group is sponsoring a three-day Used Book Sale Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday May 15, from 1-5

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IKEA Canton has added restaurant space that also doubles as a social setting.



IKEA Canton has remodeled its restaurant.

# IKEA unveils latest investment in Canton store

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

IKEA Canton, after building a large addition and expanding its roof-top solar energy array, has finished yet another project that customers might find even more palatable — literally.

Customers working up an appetite amid shopping excursions can enjoy Swedish meatballs and other fare in the store's newly remodeled restaurant. The latest change marks IKEA's continued investment in its only Michigan store.

Canton Township Trustee John Anthony was among the elected officials who helped IKEA celebrate the latest phase of improvements during an April 29 ribbon-cutting ceremony. He said the store, at Ford and Haggerty, helps make Canton's retail corridor a regional draw.

"It's a tremendous asset to the community," he said. "It's in a prime location and it draws people from all over. It



IKEA employees and Canton's elected officials celebrate the grand opening of the store's remodeled restaurant.

adds tremendously to the overall retail and social setting for Canton."

Amanda Preston, IKEA Canton marketing manager, called the res-

taurant grand reopening "a wonderful success" celebrated by customers,

elected officials and store employees. IKEA Canton opened

a decade ago and just last year expanded the store to 355,000 square feet, adding 15 percent more space.

Preston said the restaurant's new configuration includes three different "dining zones" — one for quick dining, one for families and one intended as a casual, social environment. The menu also has been expanded.

While IKEA is certainly a destination for customers seeking home furnishings, company officials also have said some patrons visit stores simply to dine. That led IKEA to usher in a makeover of its restaurants.

Preston said IKEA Canton had "a wonderful customer turnout" for three days of in-store events, including gifts, centered around the unveiling of the remodeled restaurant.

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# Senate reduces 'burdensome' reporting in schools

**Danielle Alexander**  
Staff Writer

The state Senate has recently passed legislation that would greatly reduce red tape for public schools across Michigan.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and other Senate Republicans introduced Senate Bills 754-767 earlier this year, legislation that would end burdensome reporting requirements while

eliminating unnecessary and redundant reports for schools.

"By bringing an end to these burdensome, duplicative reporting requirements, we are providing schools with the ability to focus more resources on the classroom and less in the back office," Colbeck said. "Eliminating this red tape will allow educators to do what they do best: educate."

Michigan school districts are mandated to

prepare and submit hundreds of reports to state and federal entities. These reports can be time-consuming and tedious to produce and are often redundant or even obsolete by the submission date.

Education reporting requirements are spring-



Colbeck

kled throughout Michigan law — not just in the state's education code. Unfortunately, there is no published comprehensive index to easily locate all mandated reports. These reports are costly, often taking a great deal of staff time and resources.

"We have been working for several years with Senator Pavlov and superintendents in the 7th Senate District on this bill package," Col-

beck said. "We are very thankful for the senator's leadership in pulling together this extensive bill package."

Plymouth-Canton Public Schools' superintendent Monica Merritt said she is definitely excited about the plan, and any legislation that can free district employees of duplicative paperwork, including both those who work in central office as well as individual schools in the

district, is a great opportunity to remain student-focused.

"I definitely support any legislation that would eliminate the need for burdensome reporting that has to take place, especially in a time of limited resources," Merritt said in February when this legislation was first proposed.

The bills now head to the Michigan House of Representatives for further consideration.

## Talk to elected officials Monday

Monthly coffee hours with Wayne County and state officials are scheduled for Monday in Westland and Garden City.

From 9-10 a.m. Monday, Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, State Reps. Robert Ko-

sowski, D-Westland, and Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, will meet with residents at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

From 10:30-11:30 a.m. Anderson and Plawecki will be joined by State Sen. David Knezek for a

coffee hour in the Michigan room at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood St., Garden City.

Residents are encouraged to attend and discuss issues of importance to them.

## Senior classes offered in Wayne

There is still time to register for upcoming classes hosted by Wayne Senior Services offered in the HYPE Athletic Center.

» Diabetes Path Course, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 18 through June 22.

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active workshop that will help you feel better and improve your health.

Diabetes PATH workshops provide the skills and tools needed to improve health and manage and prevent symptoms of diabetes. The class must have a minimum of 15 participants for the

workshop to be offered. Pre-register by Wednesday, May 11.

» An AARP Smart Drivers Course has been rescheduled to 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 1-2. The cost for AARP members is \$15, \$20 for all others.

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# Interstate theft/fraud ring linked to Farmington Hills crimes

**Aileen Wingblad**  
Staff Writer

An interstate theft and fraud ring is believed to be responsible for several incidents in Farmington Hills of car windows being smashed and valuables stolen from them.

Dubbed the "Felony Lane Gang," the criminals target vehicles parked in parks, day care centers and other public locations that have purses in plain sight, said Farmington Hills Assistant Police Chief Matt Koehn. They enter vehicles, usually by smashing a window. Other gang members then use the credit cards, checks and identification that have been stolen to obtain money, he said.

Koehn said the group has been active through-

out the United States, including the metropolitan Detroit area for the past several years. It's believed their name originated from what bank tellers refer to as the "felony lane" in a bank drive-thru - the farthest lane from the building where criminals attempting fraud are most likely to use, Koehn said.

Most recently in Farmington Hills, cars parked at Heritage Park and Founders Park on April 30 had their windows smashed, and the thieves made off with two purses and a gym bag. The property was left in plain view, Koehn said. A possible suspect and vehicle, seen prior to the Heritage Park incident, is described as a black male with a goatee, wearing a red shirt and

driving a maroon Jeep Cherokee with no license plate. Witnesses reported seeing him cruising through the park that afternoon, looking in vehicle windows.

Other recent incidents thought to be the work of the FLG occurred in Farmington and Canton Township, Koehn said, and last fall, a man connected with the group was arrested for a larceny from a vehicle. An estimated 30 similar incidents occurred in Farmington Hills in the past year, he said.

The FLG originated in Florida about three years ago and travels throughout the country year-round, Koehn said, typically hitting Michigan and other northern states in the warmer months. "Intelligence through

other (police) departments and the pattern of the crimes" are what lead investigators to determine the incidents are the work of the FLG, he said.

Police continue to urge the public to not leave anything of value unattended in their vehicles.

Anyone seeing suspicious people or vehicles at parks, day cares or other public locations is asked to contact the police department where the incident occurred. Reach the Farmington Hills Police Department at 248-871-2600 and the Farmington Public Safety Department at 248-474-4700.

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# Friendship Circle opens Farber Center

Friendship Circle, which has stood for children and young adults with special needs for more than 20 years, is making international news.

As they have watched their children grow into adulthood, Friendship Circle officials realized the need to help them as young adults continue to grow and flourish in society. Many adults with special needs find themselves socially isolated and without an outlet or employment.

Friendship Circle announced the Friendship Circle Farber Center.

"Providing job training for these amazing young people is critical," executive director Bassie Shemtov said. "We will train them so they can go work in the private sector."

The Farber Center, located at 5586 Drake Road in West Bloomfield, houses the Dresner Foundation Soul Studio, a gallery, and the Soul Cafe and event space, seating 180, provides an environment for vocational training and employment opportunities and artist self-expression. Friendship Circle continues to enrich the lives of adults with special needs through culinary, digital and traditional arts thus getting the much-needed on the job training.

The Soul Cafe is a state of the art Kosher restaurant, open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday-Friday for breakfast and lunch. Friendship Circle has partnered with Metro Detroit's Epicurean Group to create a unique menu that is created by typically able and those with special needs.



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- Frequent swimming (chlorine in pools can also erode tooth enamel)
- Brushing directly after meals (the acid content of your drink and/or food leaves enamel weak, so immediate brushing without rinsing can damage teeth)
- Eating too much fruit (while healthy, fresh fruit also contains high amounts of sugar AND acidic content)

As with most things, if done in moderation these things may not be an issue but are important to keep in mind.

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# Why mindfulness matters

Jay Grossman  
Staff Writer

Mindfulness: the ability to pay attention to the moment without judgment or criticism.

Oakland University Associate Professor Caryn Wells has carved out a career teaching graduate students, community leaders and other professionals about mindfulness and mindful leadership. Teaching someone how to "be in the moment" is her specialty.

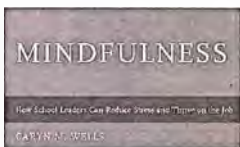
"That's very elusive because many people spend time dwelling on past regrets or tomorrow's agenda," Wells said. "The part that I think is so unique is no judgment and criticism — criticism for ourselves and others."

Mindfulness applies to all ages, but Wells said it takes on a special emphasis as people reach their 50s and find themselves juggling a busy career and family demands, along with an increased awareness of their health.

"I'm not an expert on aging," she said. "But if you think of how busy our world is — baby boomers involved with cell phones ... the social



Oakland University Associate Professor Caryn Wells teaches classes on mindfulness.



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"Mindfulness teaches you that less is more, that it's easier to accept than to resist," Caryn Wells said about learning to be mindful.

good things happen and not-so-good things happen," she said. "Mindful self-compassion is a very difficult thing because most of us have a harsh inner voice — it takes practice to step back and understand there's a common humanity in the sense that we all go through things. Mindfulness reinforces kindness, compassion, and self-compassion."

Wells recently wrote a book on mindfulness that's titled *Mindfulness: How School Leaders Can Reduce Stress and Thrive on the Job* (Rowman & Littlefield, \$35). The book comes out at the end of March and is available on Amazon.

"People in our age bracket, if we look back and say what is really important, it's about being there for the moment," she said. "Mindfulness teaches you that less is more, that it's easier to accept than to resist. I think this really makes a difference in the lives of people ... it's just very gratifying work."

media ... staying connected with family and work. It can feel like 24/7 activity, so when is there a time to pause? Mindfulness really helps with pausing."

It's a growing movement that reaches out to all professions, from doctors to police officers, from educators to the military. Wells said mindfulness teaches people how to gain a perspective and grab hold of their anxieties.

"Just entering into stillness and quiet and being able to see all that's there," she said of the practice. "Giving what-

ever it is that's in front of you some space and looking at it honestly."

To practice, she recommends sitting in a quiet room and focus on taking calm deep breaths. Focus on each breath. Clear away the mental clutter and simply focus on the moment and the practice of breathing.

People who engage in mindfulness see improvements in mental and physical health. Especially when it comes to depression or anxiety or high blood pressure levels. It can also help with a good night's sleep.

"Consider personal relationships and when you're with someone who always seems to push your buttons," she said. "Mindfulness teaches you how to respond in a better way. You learn to observe and listen, rather than an automatic reaction."

Mindfulness strengthens the immune system. It also can lead to improved cognition and memory. It teaches kindness and compassion because you're not judging. Instead, you're listening.

"Let's say you're in your 50s or older, and

## As world comes to life, show love to mom

Spring has arrived! The tulips and daffodils are in bloom and at this time of year — comes the right and privilege to honor our mothers.

Where would we be without mom? Everyone can agree with that statement and although every day should be Mother's Day, we celebrate it lovingly this Sunday. Whether living or deceased, mom will always be that one special person we look up to.

My mother was a stay-at-home mom until her youngest of seven was in elementary school when she decided after 20 years to re-enter the work force. Mom also earned a degree, which she never previously had the opportunity or time to pursue. She took tennis lessons, and learned how to play racquetball and even golf. Till this day she swims, having been on her high school dive team. We all marvel at her ability to want to participate in diving while in her eighties, and her grandchildren lovingly try to mimic her near perfect form.

At 87, my mom will be at the golf course at the crack of dawn to join a group or walk 9 holes on her own. Watching golf and tennis on television is her time to relax, along with reading and movie going — as she loves to view the latest movies on the big screen. Reflecting back on my childhood, one of the best things my mom instilled in us was the love of reading. Thanks Mom, love you!



Mary Brady  
GUEST COLUMNIST

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### TRY THIS

This is an easy and delicious recipe that my mom cooked for all 9 in my family. Just add potatoes - mashed or boiled, or polenta. Enjoy!

### MOM'S REALLY GOOD LAMB SHANKS

Recipe by Marj Smith - Mary's Mom

- 4 Meaty Lamb Shanks
- 2 Carrots cut into one inch pieces
- 1 large yellow onion large julienne
- 2 potatoes cut into one inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/2 vegetable oil

1) Heat oil in an oven proof casserole. Brown garlic. Salt and pepper shanks and brown well. Add vinegar to casserole, cover and cook over medium heat for 15 minutes. Uncover.

2) Mix ketchup with enough water so that it pours easily. Pour over shanks, cover and bake in a pre-heated 350 degree oven for 30 minutes, add onions, cook 30 minutes

3) Check for tenderness and return to oven if lamb shank is not falling-off-the-bone tender. Serve right from the pot.

## CITY OF GARDEN CITY - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

June 6, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm**, regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

SALARY ORDINANCE: Technical, Professional, and Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM)

### THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

The City Council of the City of Garden City, in accordance with the City Charter and Labor Negotiations between it and the **Technical, Professional, and Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM)**, hereby adopts and establishes the following salaries for its employees represented by the TPOAM for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2020.

#### ORDINANCE # A16-xxx TPOAM Contract - Appendix A Effective July 1, 2014

	Starting Wages	Employees with at least 6 months of Service	Employees with at least 1 year of Service	Employees with at least 2 years of Service	Employees with at least 3 years of Service	Employees with at least 4 years of Service	Employees with at least 5 years of Service
Office Manager, Assessing Technician	20.8892	21.4884	22.2964	23.1563	n/a	n/a	n/a
Purchasing Technician, Senior Account Clerk, Payroll Clerk, Comm. Dev. Sr. Clerk	20.6806	21.2252	21.7751	22.5960	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clerk Secretary (formerly POAM Dispatch)	16.6621	17.9779	18.6861	21.4452	n/a	n/a	n/a
Account Clerk 4, Minutes Clerk, Secretary 1	20.5114	20.9021	21.4103	21.9836	n/a	n/a	n/a
Account Clerk 3	20.2768	20.4591	20.8110	21.0325	n/a	n/a	n/a
Crew Leader	18.1109	19.2445	25.1730	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Senior Mechanic	18.4307	19.5992	24.8577	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carpenter/Mechanic	17.9807	19.1534	23.9872	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Meter Reader, Equipment Operator 3	17.6941	18.7624	23.5964	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Light Mechanic	17.3813	18.5019	23.3358	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Equipment Operator 2	16.7689	17.8504	22.5280	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Equipment Operator 1	15.9219	n/a	16.8341	17.8504	18.9319	20.7012	21.2641
Laborer	12.1695	n/a	13.1076	14.0979	15.1663	16.2868	17.4986
Account Clerk 2, Clerk/Typist 2	15.0911	n/a	15.9901	16.9804	17.9316	18.9478	20.1074
Account Clerk 1	13.9835	n/a	14.7852	15.6382	16.5634	17.5406	18.5960

#### TPOAM Contract - Appendix A 1% Wage Increase effective July 1, 2017

	Starting Wages	Employees with at least 6 months of Service	Employees with at least 1 year of Service	Employees with at least 2 years of Service	Employees with at least 3 years of Service	Employees with at least 4 years of Service	Employees with at least 5 years of Service
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Purchasing Technician, Senior Account Clerk, Payroll Clerk, Comm. Dev. Sr. Clerk	20.8874	21.4375	21.9929	22.8220	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clerk Secretary (formerly POAM Dispatch)	16.8287	18.1577	18.8730	21.6597	n/a	n/a	n/a
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Account Clerk 3	20.4796	20.6637	21.0191	21.2428	n/a	n/a	n/a
Crew Leader	18.2920	19.4369	25.4247	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Senior Mechanic	18.6150	19.7952	25.1063	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carpenter/Mechanic	18.1605	19.3449	24.2271	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
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Equipment Operator 2	16.9366	18.0289	22.7533	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Equipment Operator 1	16.0811	n/a	17.0024	18.0289	19.1212	20.9082	21.4767
Laborer	12.2912	n/a	13.2387	14.2389	15.3180	16.4497	17.6736
Account Clerk 2, Clerk/Typist 2	15.2420	n/a	16.1500	17.1502	18.1109	19.1373	20.3085

#### TPOAM Contract - Appendix A 2% Wage Increase effective July 1, 2018

	Starting Wages	Employees with at least 6 months of Service	Employees with at least 1 year of Service	Employees with at least 2 years of Service	Employees with at least 3 years of Service	Employees with at least 4 years of Service	Employees with at least 5 years of Service
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Purchasing Technician, Senior Account Clerk, Payroll Clerk, Comm. Dev. Sr. Clerk	21.305	21.8662	22.4327	23.2784	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clerk Secretary (formerly POAM Dispatch)	17.1653	18.5208	19.2504	22.0928	n/a	n/a	n/a
Account Clerk 4, Minutes Clerk, Secretary 1	21.1308	21.5333	22.0569	22.6475	n/a	n/a	n/a
Account Clerk 3	20.8892	21.0770	21.4395	21.6677	n/a	n/a	n/a
Crew Leader	18.6578	19.8257	25.9332	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Senior Mechanic	18.9873	20.1911	25.6084	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carpenter/Mechanic	18.5237	19.7318	24.7116	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Light Mechanic	17.9062	19.0607	24.0405	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Equipment Operator 2	17.2753	18.3895	23.2083	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Equipment Operator 1	16.4027	n/a	17.3425	18.3895	19.5036	21.3264	21.9063
Laborer	12.5370	n/a	13.5034	14.5237	15.6243	16.7787	18.0271
Account Clerk 2, Clerk/Typist 2	15.5469	n/a	16.4730	17.4932	18.4731	19.5200	20.7146

#### TPOAM Contract - Appendix A 3% Wage Increase effective July 1, 2019

	Starting Wages	Employees with at least 6 months of Service	Employees with at least 1 year of Service	Employees with at least 2 years of Service	Employees with at least 3 years of Service	Employees with at least 4 years of Service	Employees with at least 5 years of Service
Office Manager, Assessing Technician	22.1657	22.8015	23.6588	24.5713	n/a	n/a	n/a
Purchasing Technician, Senior Account Clerk, Payroll Clerk, Comm. Dev. Sr. Clerk	21.9443	22.5222	23.1057	23.9768	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clerk Secretary (formerly POAM Dispatch)	17.6803	19.0765	19.8279	22.7556	n/a	n/a	n/a
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Account Clerk 3	21.5158	21.7093	22.0827	22.3177	n/a	n/a	n/a
Crew Leader	19.2176	20.4205	26.7112	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Senior Mechanic	19.5569	20.7968	26.3767	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carpenter/Mechanic	19.0794	20.3238	25.4530	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Light Mechanic	18.4434	19.6325	24.7618	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Equipment Operator 2	17.7936	18.9412	23.9046	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Equipment Operator 1	16.8948	n/a	17.8628	18.9412	20.0888	21.9662	22.5635
Laborer	12.9131	n/a	13.9086	14.9594	16.0931	17.2820	18.5679
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# Get your geek on: Motor City Comic Con comes to town

Susan Bromley  
Staff Writer

Time to get your geek on. If you are a fan of comics, film, gaming, television, wrestling, or all of the above, Motor City Comic Con is the place to be this month.

The event, now in its 27th year, will rocket into metro Detroit May 13-15, taking over Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi.

"Just about anyone who is a fan of pop culture can find something to enjoy," said Michael Goldman, owner of Motor City Comic Con. "People come to this and are amazed that what they imagined in their head doesn't match the event. They don't usually expect anything this big. We fill the entire convention center with tens of thousands of people for the entire weekend."

## Cersei, Batman, Walking Dead

The crowds converge to see more than 300 creative artists, actors, writers and more in a celebrity gala that also features contests, gaming and memorabilia exhibits.

Among the event headliners this year are Lena Headey, who plays Cersei on "Game of Thrones;" Adam West (Batman) and Burt Ward (Robin), celebrating the 50th anniversary of "Batman" and making a final appearance at Motor City Comic Con on their farewell tour; Lea Thompson of "Back to the Future," celebrating 30 years of the release of the first film in the franchise; Billie Piper of "Doctor Who," the Four Horsemen, reunited for wrestling fans; Terry Jones of the "Monty Python" comedy troupe; Mike Nesmith of "The



Adam West (Batman) and Burt Ward (Robin) will be among the guests at Motor City Comic Con May 13-15 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.



Lena Headey, who plays Cersei on "Game of Thrones," will be at Motor City Comic Con, May 13-15 at Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi.

Monkees," and six stars from the hit television show "The Walking Dead."

The Motor City Comic Con began in 1990 in Dearborn and moved to Novi in 1994. Goldman's personal all-time favorite guest at the event he founded was James Doohan, the actor who played Scotty in the "Star Trek" television and movie series. Doohan made at least three appearances at the annual convention before he died in 2005.

"He was a great guy," said Goldman. "Some of the other guys felt typecast, but he embraced and enjoyed his fans and was a great guest."

Trekkies are regulars at comic con, as are fans of "Star Wars," both in attendance annually in huge numbers. This year, actor Garrick Hagon, who played Biggs, an X-Wing pilot and Luke Skywalker's

best friend in "A New Hope" will make an appearance. Goldman also estimates that as many as 100 Stormtroopers will be in attendance, all fans who contribute to making the event fun for people watching.

## Cool geeks

Cosplay is a large draw, with costume contests enjoying a surge in popularity. Goldman expects that more than 2,500 people will gather in the main ballroom to watch more than 200 entrants who have spent a tremendous amount of time and energy on creating their looks.

There is also a children's costume contest, as well as numerous other activities for the youngest fans on Sunday, in which kids under 12 get free entry.

Regardless of age, all attendees at Motor City Comic

Con come together to be with like-minded people, all enjoying the art and the creators.

"I've been in the collectibles business for more than 30 years," Goldman said. "In the past, people asked what I did for a living and I had to explain, but now comic con has entered the vernacular. It's nice after 30 years to be one of the cool kids, now that superhero culture is ubiquitous. It seems like every other film that comes out now is based on a comic book. We're still geeks, but now it is cool to be a geek."

The comics that started it all are still a centerpiece as well, with the writers and illustrators very accessible to the fans, who may bring portfolios of their own work to share with the masters.

Among the comic book heroes at the show will be Neal Adams, the artist best known

for his work on "Batman" and "X-Men," as well as Bob Layton, who reinvented Iron Man in the 1970s to become "an all-time best selling comic series."

The Motor City Comic Con is open 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, May 13; 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14; and 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Tickets are \$25-\$35 depending on the day, with a weekend pass available for \$75. Kids 5 and younger are free all three days. Kids 12 and younger are free on Sunday with a paid adult, or can get a day pass Friday or Saturday for \$10. VIP and combo packages are also available. Visit [www.motorcitycomiccon.com](http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com).

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## CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 6, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm.** regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

### ORDINANCE NO. A16-xxx

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2017.

#### THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

##### SECTION 1: MILLAGE LEVIES AUTHORIZED.

In order to defray expenditures and meet the liabilities for the City of Garden City for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, the following millage levies are hereby adopted: **13.8403** mills for general operating purposes; **0.8200** mills for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal; **2.9745** mills for judgment debt; **1.0000** mills for Library; and **3.5000** mills for Police and Fire. The total millage levy shall be **19.1603** mills per \$1,000 of taxable valuation within the city.

##### SECTION 2: BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS ADOPTED.

The following appropriations, representing the various budgetary centers of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget as defined by Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, are hereby adopted for the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 as shown below in the estimated revenue and expenditures summaries of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budget document:

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
General Property Taxes	7,510,497	Mayor & Council	37,418
Business Licenses/Permits	30,000	21st District Court	985,112
Non-Business Licenses/Permits	13,000	City Admin/Personnel	281,392
State Shared Revenues	3,777,617	Clerk-Treasurer	1,043,067
Grants - Local Units	1,466,710	General Services	1,449,830
Charges for Services	759,460	Transfers to Other Funds	7,501,053
Fines and Forfeits	894,500	Dept. of Public Services	1,942,221
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,031,400	Parks and Recreation	1,017,857
Contributions/Public Enterprises	325,000	Community Resources	161,186
Contributions/Other Funds	334,786	Boards & Commissions	7,650
		Debt Service	265,502
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>16,142,970</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>16,142,970</b>

MAJOR STREETS FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Gas & Weight Tax	1,301,995	Expenditures	1,337,995
Interest on Investments	1,000		
Federal Grants			
State Grants	35,000		
Use of Fund Balance			
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>1,337,995</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>1,337,995</b>

LOCAL STREETS FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Gas & Weight Tax	581,801	Expenditures	1,914,846
Transfer in from Major Streets	682,745		
METRO Act Revenue	75,000		
Interest on Investments	300		
Grant Revenue	35,000		
Use of Fund Balance	590,000		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>1,914,846</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>1,914,846</b>

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Tfr from Gen'l Fund	7,050,546		
Tfr from 911 Fund	140,100	Police	5,873,870
PS Millage - Real	1,597,288	Fire	3,471,758
PS Millage - Personal	82,654		
Charges, Interest, Penalties	1,100		
Police Revenues	27,140		
Fire Revenues	419,800		
Grants	27,000		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>9,345,628</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>9,345,628</b>

STREET LIGHTING FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	350,500	Expenditures	450,500
Gen'l Fund Contribution	100,000		
Use of Fund Balance			
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>450,500</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>450,500</b>

911 FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	140,000	Expenditures	
Interest on Investments	100	Increase Fund Balance	
Use of Fund Balance		Transfer to Pub. Saf. Fund	140,100
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>140,100</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>140,100</b>

CABLE FRANCHISE P.E.G. FEE FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
CATV PEG Fees	90,000	Personnel	112,812
Grants	22,800	Expenditures	40,750
Transfer from Gen'l Fund	40,742		
Interest	20		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>153,562</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>153,562</b>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
CDBG Grant	163,000	Expenditures	
		Housing Rehabilitation	124,750
		ADA Compliance	
		Public Service Activities	22,950
		Administration	12,000
		Planning	3,300
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>163,000</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>163,000</b>

BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Building	427,248	Building	487,013
Planning	84,135	Planning	84,135
Tfr from Other Funds	59,765		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>571,148</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>571,148</b>

POLICE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Confiscations	15,000	Expenditures	30,050
Interest on Investments	50		
Use of Fund Balance	15,000		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>30,050</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>30,050</b>

HOUSING REHABILITATION REVOLVING FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Repayments of Loans	10,000	Housing Rehabilitation	10,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>10,000</b>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Tfr in from General Fund	200,000		
Grant Revenue		Patrol Cars	75,000
Use of Fund Balance	31,000	Citywide MIS	116,150
Interest on Investments	150	Other Expenditures	40,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>231,150</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>231,150</b>

WATER/SEWER FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Water/Sewer Revenue	8,619,811	Water Distribution	2,929,513
Other Revenue	4,720,000	Sewage Disposal	8,368,362
Decrease Retained Earnings	1,347,780	Personnel/Administration	3,389,716
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>14,687,591</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>14,687,591</b>

RUBBISH COLLECTION FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	1,668,000	Expenditures	1,668,500
General Fund Transfer			
Use of Fund Balance			
Interest on Investments	500		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>1,668,500</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>1,668,500</b>

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Tax Revenue	496,133	Projects	223,570
Use of Fund Balance	79,367	Administration	156,259
Interest on Investments		Debt Service	227,471
Misc Revenue	31,800		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>607,300</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>607,300</b>

LIBRARY FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Millage	478,300	Personnel	278,997
Other Revenues	42,000	Operating/Services	12,405
Use of Fund Balance		Professional/Tech Services	174,100
		Capital Outlay	54,798
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>520,300</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>520,300</b>

ALL FUNDS SUMMARY			
REVENUES - ALL FUNDS:		EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS:	
	\$47,874,640		\$47,874,640

Note: Total of all funds includes transfers between funds.



# Don't finance the condo

**Q:** My husband and I don't know which direction to take and we're hoping that you can help us. We are in our early 60s and both retired. We are downsizing and as a result, we sold our home and are looking to purchase a condo. The question is whether we should finance the condo or pay cash. We received enough from the sale of our home to pay cash for the condo. If we paid cash and did not have a mortgage payment, our pensions would more than cover our living expenses. We figure if we follow that strategy we could delay taking our Social Security until we are 70. The other option is to finance the purchase of the condo. Our accountant who is also our financial adviser recommends that we finance the purchase of the condo, and, in order to cover the mortgage payments, begin taking our Social Security now. He recommends that we take the proceeds from the sale of our home and put that into an equity-indexed annuity. His strategy is that if we left the money in the equity-indexed annuity, that money would grow and we would have that for our future. He estimates if we had an equity-indexed annuity we would earn between 8 and 10 percent a year. We are conservative investors and generally don't like debt. We would get a mortgage if you think it would be more valuable to us. My question is what would you do?



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**Many financial salespeople like to inflate returns; if you look at it historically, equity-indexed annuities do not pay 8 to 10 percent a year.**

lieve it would allow you to sleep at night, which ultimately is the goal of your investments.

If we look at the financial aspect of the transaction, I can tell you right off the bat you are not going to average 8 to 10 percent per year in equity-indexed annuity. Many financial salespeople like to inflate returns; if you look at it historically, equity-indexed annuities do not pay 8 to 10 percent a year. That doesn't mean that every so often they won't have a good year, but it's also important to recognize there could be bad years where your money does not increase at all.

Particularly in this environment where returns are lower, I would tell you that you'd be lucky to average half of the return they are quoting you. In addition, what you have to factor into the equation is that when the money comes out of the annuity it's going to be subject to ordinary income tax, which is your highest tax bracket. Also, you may find that having to report additional income could adversely affect what you pay in Medicare premiums. On the other hand, you need to look at what returns you would receive by delaying your Social Security.

For someone in your situation, by delaying Social Security until you're 70, you're going to receive a return of 8 percent a year. That is going to be a much greater return than you would get on your equity-indexed annuity without risk. In addition, you have a way for it to be a win-win situation in that you're debt free and receiving a better return on your money than you would on the equity-indexed annuity.

In certain situations there are some equity-indexed annuities that make sense for investors; however, not in this particular case. Whenever you take on additional debt you have to be cautious. One of the clearest signs that taking on debt makes no sense is when your current cash flow can't support it. In the great majority of cases, if by taking on debt you have to invest money for income in order to cover your debt payment, it is a sign that taking on that debt probably doesn't make sense.

Unfortunately, I believe the adviser in this case is more interested in selling a product than taking care of the client. After all, in the case at hand, not only do the economics not make sense but probably more importantly, what makes the client sleep at night wasn't taken into consideration. To me, investor comfort is always an important element that must be taken into consideration.

Today is Mother's Day and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the mothers everywhere a very happy Mothers Day! Especially to my amazing mom Hilda; Happy Mothers Day, I love you!

*Rick is a fee-only financial adviser. Email him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com*

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Anger named new Stevenson coach

Former Charger star promoted from JV staff

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

As Karen Anger discovered first-hand a few years back, even torn anterior cruciate ligaments can have a silver lining.

Twice during her college basketball career at South Carolina-based Erskine College, An-

ger suffered serious ACL injuries (one in each knee), forcing her to a seat on the bench during games.

"While I was sitting on the bench next to the coach during my recuperation, I really developed a passion for coaching," said Anger. "I asked a lot of questions and



Anger

learned some things I probably wouldn't have learned had I not been injured."

Last month, Anger was named Livonia Stevenson's new varsity girls basketball coach. She will succeed Tim Newman, who stepped down following the end of the 2015-16 season.

Ironically, Anger starred for Livonia Churchill's girls basketball team before graduating in 2004 — and the Stevenson teams she played against were

coached by Newman.

Anger was a natural for the job given that she has coached the Spartans' junior-varsity and freshmen teams the past couple of years.

"I was ecstatic when (Lori) Hyman called me and told me I got the job," Anger reflected. "I work midnights, so I was sleeping when I got the call. I was so excited, I couldn't get back to

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## Cougar hoops camp

The Garden City girls basketball program will be hosting a "Cougar Camp" June 20-23 for boys and girls who will be attending third through eighth grade beginning later this summer.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The cost of the camp is \$20 per day. Participants can attend one, two, three or all four days of the camp.

With Garden City players and coaches serving as instructors, the camp will feature instruction on fundamentals, contests and scrimmages.

Campers will receive a T-shirt, basketball and daily treats.

Participants are encouraged to enter and exit the Garden City gymnasium from the rear doors by the tennis courts.

For more information, contact Garden City girls basketball coach Michele Tyree at tyreem@gardencityschools.com; or call Ted Fournier at 734-368-5031.

## Spartan Run 5K returns

The Livonia Stevenson High School Boosters Club will host the annual Spartan 5K Run on Sunday May 22.

This very successful, long-standing community event includes a one mile run/walk and competitive 5K run. Age group awards are in the 5K run only.

Day-of registration opens at 7:30 a.m. The one-mile run/walk begins at 9 a.m. followed by the 5K run at 9:15 a.m. All preregistered runners will receive a Brooks Running shirt.

St. Joseph's Mercy Healthcare System, Mercy Elite, Brooks Running and Gazelle Sports Northville have been added as partner sponsors. Many of the city's business owners have donated gift certificates or products for post-run random drawings, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to win something while also increasing the community participation. There will be fruit and baked goods for everyone to enjoy after the run.

Early registrant packet pick-up is available Saturday, May 21, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Gazelle Sports Northville, located on Traditions Drive at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

Online registration is available at <https://runsignup.com>. For more information, contact Rick Brauer at 734-642-6664 or email [rickbrauer@mi.rr.com](mailto:rickbrauer@mi.rr.com)

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## HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

# CHARGED UP!



TOM BEAUDOIN

Churchill's John Doyle carded a solid 40 during Tuesday's match against Franklin.

## Churchill golfers down Franklin, improve to 3-1

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Sub-40 rounds were a rarity during Tuesday's Livonia rivalry golf match featuring host Churchill and Franklin.

They would have been non-existent if not for Charger senior Sam Spayd, who earned medalist honors by firing a sizzling

nine-hole score of 37.

Spayd's heroics lifted Churchill to a 167-179 victory, which improved the winners' record to 3-1. The Patriots slipped to 1-3.

Churchill's John Doyle flirted with a sub-40 round before settling right on the number. Griffin Ahmet (44) and Davis Coughlin (46) also contributed to the vic-

tory. Also competing for Churchill were Chase Fallu (47) and Max Proulx (48).

Franklin was led by its reliable ace Matt Wiebelhaus, who matched Doyle's round of 40. Other scorers for Franklin were Jacob Kenward (44), Zack Nelson (45) and Jeremy Hearst, who shot a 50. Eric Liberati shot a 52 and Trevor VanV-

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## RECREATIONAL SPORTS

# Redford's karate kids bring home gold

Local school brings home 40 medals from tourney

More than 30 students from the Redford Karate School were kicking it in high gear at the Tang Soo Do state karate tournament on March 19, bringing

home over 40 gold, silver, and bronze medals.

The tournament, which is held every spring at Linden High School, drew martial artists from throughout the lower peninsula.

Redford Karate School is a family martial arts center that

trains students of all ages in self defense and stranger awareness.

"Traveling to tournaments is like a family outing for these students," one of the competitor's parents said. "We all stay at the same hotel and meet up for dinner the night before the

tournament. The kids and adults enjoy the competition and meeting new friends."

During the day of the tournament, several of the students advanced to the Grand Championship competition. To be able

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ED WRIGHT

Several Livonia Churchill senior student-athletes gathered for a special signing ceremony in the school's learning resource room Thursday. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Jim Gregory, Jon Hovermale, Alivia Kondrath, Alexis Lombardo, Roger Moore, Molly Pummill, Rosie Rae, Olivia Ryktarsyk, Austin Simpson, (back row from left) Gabby Carter, Chanel Gardner, Joan Andoni, Erin Carpenter, Delson Christian, athletic director Marc Hage, Robert Steward, Madison Wimberly, Lauren Wynns and Rayna Yetts.

COLLEGIATE SIGNINGS

# Churchill celebrates its athletic cream of the crop

Student-athletes overcame huge odds to earn scholarships

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

To become a member of Livonia Churchill's "One Percent Club," you don't need to be wealthy, but you'd better be willing to invest a good chunk of your free time in sweat equity. The school's second annual group signing ceremony held Thursday celebrated the accomplishments of 18 Charger student-athletes, whose diligence — both in the classroom

and in their respective athletic arenas — earned them opportunities to compete at their sport(s) in college.

Studies show that just one percent of high school students earn collegiate scholarships for athletics, making the participants of Thursday's gathering even more impressive.

The most-decorated of the group was senior Jon Hovermale, who earned an astounding 12 varsity letters at Churchill — four each in cross country, basketball and baseball. He signed a letter of intent to play hoops for Siena Heights University.

A pair of the Chargers will be competing at two sports at the next level: basketball and track-and-field standout Gab-

by Carter, who is headed to Madonna University; and Alexis Lombardo, who will be performing for Indiana Tech's cross country and track-and-field teams.

Three Charger football players — Jim Gregory (Concordia University), Austin Simpson (Ferris State) and Roger Moore (Heidelberg University) — will continue to excel on the gridiron, while two members of Churchill's ultra-successful volleyball program — Rosie Rae (North Central University) and Rayna Yetts (Northwestern State, La., University) — are set for future accolades at their respective higher-education destinations.

Senior Madison Wimberly, who is headed to Michigan

State University, is a shining example that pompon is a sport that requires athleticism, dedication and hard work.

Joining Hovermale from the Chargers' district-championship basketball team at Thursday's ceremony were dynamic players Joan Andoni, who will play for Schoolcraft College, and Robert Steward, who will play for East-West University.

Slick-fielding, hot-hitting Churchill softball player Erin Carpenter has inked an agreement to play her favorite sport at Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio, while Charger soccer star Lauren Wynns has committed to play at Schoolcraft.

Senior Chanel Gardner, who

is one of the swiftest runners throughout Observerland, will run Division 1 track-and-field at Oakland University.

Olivia Ryktarsyk, who also excels at track and field, is primed to become a points producer beginning in the fall at Siena Heights University.

Churchill's district-championship girls basketball program was represented by key players Alivia Kondrath (Adrian College) and Molly Pummill (Concordia University), both of whom were multi-year starters for the Chargers.

Last but not least, cross country runner Delson Christian is ready to do more trail-blazing at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

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BOYS TRACK & FIELD

# Churchill's firepower too much for Chiefs

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The KLAA South Division title is Livonia Churchill's for the taking following the Chargers' hard-earned 74-63 victory over visiting Canton on Tuesday.

The Chargers improved their record to 4-0 and are within a dual-meet victory against Franklin on Tuesday of earning a division banner.

Churchill's win over Canton was an across-the-board effort as athletes with different skill sets contributed to the narrow triumph.

Throwing-wise, senior mainstay DeMarco McKinney piled up first-place points in the discus and shot put, while high-jumper Taji Chappell won his event by two inches.

Kevin Colangelo earned one third-place point in the long jump for Churchill with a leap of 17 feet, 8 inches.

Holding a 25-20 advantage after the field events, Churchill hit the ground running once the meet switched to the track as the foursome of Dash Dobar, Frank LaFave, Brendan Meakin and Josh Momeyer won the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 8 minutes and 50 seconds — exactly 40 seconds faster than Canton's top quartet.

Charger Dakota Travis-Gilmore placed second in the both the 110 highs and 300 intermediate hurdles events, getting nipped by a Canton hurdler by just 29-hundredths of a second in the highs.

Senior Dash Dobar excelled in the long run for the



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Churchill long-jumper Kevon Colangelo shows good form during a meet earlier this season.

Chargers, winning the 1,600 by four seconds over his closest Chief competitor.

Tyler Opdycke placed third in the tight event, finishing five seconds behind Dobar.

Dobar was doubly good for Churchill, roaring back a short time later to win the 800 in 2:00.03. LaFace and Meakin were close behind, giving the Chargers a crucial

1-2-3 sweep (and 9-0 point advantage) in the race.

Carrington Smith not only won the 200 dash in a sizzling time of 22.33 seconds, but he returned to the oval two events later to run the first leg in the Chargers' first-place 1,600-meter relay team.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

# Stevenson, Wayne post cross-over match victories

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Staff Writer

Wayne rolls

Livonia Stevenson's girls tennis team improved to 4-3 overall Wednesday afternoon after doubling up host Hartland, 6-3.

The Spartans won three of four singles matches. No. 2 player Jill Weiland swept Hartland's Crystal Schuback, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3 Spartan Molly Cormier bounced Jackie Spryshak, 6-4, 6-0; and No. netter Noelle Hillert handled Abby Kowal, 6-1, 6-0.

Stevenson's No. 1 player, Sam Cyrus, dropped a hard-fought 6-4, 6-3 decision to Hartland's best player, M.G. Truab.

The Spartans posted sweep victories in three of the five doubles matches to secure the "W".

The No. 1 duo of Natalie Hay and Lauren Larson up-ended Tara Peterson and Emily Fay, 6-1, 6-3; Stevenson's No. 2 tandem of Natalia Roznowski and Allison Malkowski swept Rachel Young and Greta Strovaw, 6-2, 6-2; and the No. 4 team of Kayla Parker and Hanna Kliza was too much for Charlotte Lemke and Sam Seelinger, winning, 6-3, 6-0.

Stevenson's No. 3 doubles team of Julia Seychel and Rachel Crachiola dropped an intense three-setter to Eagles Sydney Wesley and Regin Horan.

The up-and-coming Wayne Memorial girls tennis team upped its record to 3-6 on Thursday with an emphatic 9-0 win over Waterford Mott.

No. 1 singles player Ciara Casey set the tone for the Zebras by white-washing Becca DiAngelo, 6-0, 6-0.

Also winning singles matches for Wayne were Savannah Mowry, who rallied for an 0-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Kristen Arielle at No. 2; No. 3 player Sara Hively, who had few problems with Anna Kelley during their 6-0, 6-2 decision; and No. 4 Karla Strong, who dispatched Dorothy Yang, 6-4, 6-0.

The Zebras didn't lose a set in doubles action.

The No. 1 team of Macey Wolf and Tirzah Auit edged Christine Dieck and Lauren Templeton, 7-5, 7-5, while the No. 2 pairing of Brittani Ricks and Audrey Sabal outlasted Leah Wilcox and Kaitlyn Taylor, 6-3, 6-2.

Also posting decisive doubles victories for Wayne were the No. 3 team of Kene' Nichols and Hannah Miller; the No. 4 duo of Sydney Matiska and Angela Winekoff; and the No. 5 team of Madison Boettcher and Misty Tomlin.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

# Red-hot Eagles edge Clarenceville

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Staff Writer

For every slight misstep during Thursday's Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division clash against visiting Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Thurston's softball team countered with a step in the right direction.

When the dust settled on the Eagles' diamond, the hosts had earned a 5-3 victory to improve their record to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the division.

"We made quite a few minor mistakes, but we always seemed to rebound with a great play or two to get us out of the jam," observed Thurston head coach Scott Gray. "The pitching and defense kept us in the game



TOM BEAUDOIN

Thurston's Rachel Pegouske delivers a pitch during Thursday's victory over Clarenceville.

did what we needed to do as a team to get the job done."

Emerging mound ace Rachel Pegouske tossed a complete-game gem at the Trojans, scattering 10 hits and five walks while yielding just two earned runs. She struck out five Clarenceville batters.

The Eagles' offensive fuse was lit by Andrielle Davis and Chelsea Williams, who cranked two hits a piece. Sydney Taylor and Ronay Peguies delivered one hit each and Pegouske walked three times.

When it came to driving in runs, Peguies and Gillian Drake had two RBI each while Chelsea Williams accounted for the fifth ribbie.

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until our offense kicked in to give us the lead.

"All things considered, we



TOM BEAUDOIN

Stevenson's No. 2 singles player Jill Weiland is pictured during a match earlier this spring.



## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

# Patriots honor memory of friend during twinbill

Warm gesture remembers  
Addy Donahue

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Thursday afternoon's double-header featuring host Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn was pivotal as far as the KLAAs South Division standings were concerned.

But the final results of the twinbill — both teams won games that ended with a score of 4-2 — were overshadowed by the warm-hearted gesture organized by Franklin senior player Brendan Sanders.

To honor the memory of Livonia resident Addy Donahue, who passed away in January following a long, valiant battle with bone cancer, Sanders orchestrated a special tribute to Donahue that included the Patriots wearing purple jerseys that all had the name "Addy" printed on the back.

Sanders became tight friends with Donahue when they both attended St. Valentine's School in Redford from kindergarten through eighth grade. Three other Patriots — Ryan Prohaska, Adrian Reed and Kyle Wollam — also knew



Members of Franklin's baseball team wore special purple jerseys with "Addy" printed on the back to honor the memory of Addy Donahue, who passed away in January from the effects of cancer.

Donahue well.

"Addy was a great friend and an amazing athlete," Sanders reflected. "A few weeks after she passed away, I approached our coach (Matt Fournier) about putting together a special game to honor her. She wasn't a flashy kind of person, but I think she would have liked what we did for her."

The games were attended Addy's parents, Maureen and Mike, and her brother, Troy, who was celebrating his 19th birthday.

"Addy's parents gave me hugs, thanked me for organizing it and told me how

much she would have appreciated it," said Sanders.

The Patriots also raised \$100 from a donation box that will be given to the family to help offset costs of the hospice care Addy received.

## The games

John Glenn won the first game of the twinbill, 4-2, behind a complete-game six-hitter thrown by sophomore Brian Martin, who struck out 10 and walked three.

The Patriots jumped ahead 2-0 in the bottom of the first, but the Rockets rallied for two in the fourth and a pair in the sixth.

Kolby Dewhirst pitched well despite the loss for Franklin, fanning eight Rockets while yielding just seven hits and three earned runs.

Offensively, Reid Zielinski paced the Rockets with two hits and an RBI. Matt Nutt laced a two-run single to help the Rockets' cause.

The Patriots were led by Wollam (2-for-3) and Prohaska, who ripped a two-run single in the first.

Franklin rebounded to take the nightcap, 4-2, and improved to 16-7 overall. Wollam was terrific on the mound, striking out 10 and scattering seven hits in his complete-

game gem.

Kyle Richards was superb on the hill for John Glenn, striking out three and giving up just eight hits and one walk over six frames.

Jake Giacobbi was a force at the plate for Franklin, going 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run. Harrison Merrill chipped in with a couple hits and Reed went 1-for-3 with two ribbies.

Martin went 2-for-4 for John Glenn and Noah Damian also had two hits.

## Stevenson rolls

On Monday, Livonia Stevenson posted an 11-2 victory over visiting Plymouth.

Gordon Ferguson was the winning pitcher after limiting the Wildcats to two runs over five innings.

Stevenson held on to a perilous 3-2 lead before exploding for six runs in the fourth inning.

Devin Dunn was the hitting star for the Spartans, going 4-for-4 with a home run, two RBI and two runs. Frank Carlin's lone hit was a grand slam during the six-run fourth.

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## KLAAs SOFTBALL

## Franklin's Garbarino swinging sizzling bat

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During the Livonia Franklin softball team's recent five-games-in-six-days flurry, the No. 1 constant was Brooke Garbarino's red-hot bat.

The junior catcher swatted multiple hits in all but one of the games, including three in the Patriots' lone win — Saturday's 13-0 rout of Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The five-game swing started on April 29 when the Patriots suffered a 14-3 loss to Garden City in a rare high school night game. Garbarino slashed three hits while Melissa Ferrer added two and Miyah Smith knocked in two of Franklin's runs.

The Patriots went 1-2 during the April 30 Salem Invitational. In addition to Garbarino, big producers in the win over Edsel Ford were Sarah Iler (two RBI), Smith (three RBI) and Danielle Hoskins, who drove in a pair of runs.

Smith was outstanding in the circle, pitching a five-inning gem, during which she struck out three T-Birds.

The win was sandwiched around setbacks to the host (and eventual tournament champion) Rocks (13-3) and Wyandotte, which blanked the Patriots, 4-0.



Franklin's Miyah Smith locks in on a pitch during a game earlier this season.

Tara Trujillo and Garbarino rapped two hits against Salem. Iler was a pitcher's nightmare, too, going 2-for-3 with three RBI.

Franklin was out 9-3 by Wyandotte. Garbarino had two hits and Gabby Woods one. Kaeleigh Kerpet pitched well in defeat, scattering nine hits and fanning two over seven frames.

On Tuesday, Franklin dropped a 7-4 decision to Northville.

Trujillo enjoyed a splendid day at the dish, piling up four hits and two RBI. Hoskins and Iler knocked in one run a piece.

## Doubleheader split

On Thursday, the Patriots split a doubleheader with Westland John Glenn. Franklin won the opener, 10-5, before dropping the night-cap, 14-13, in extra innings.

Hoskins was the winning pitcher in game one after coming in to relieve Kerpet. Jess Banks delivered three hits while Trujillo rocked her first home run of the season among her trio of hits. Garbarino roped two doubles and knocked in two runs, while Makenna Dogonski was 2-for-4.

Iler was the hitting star in game two, blasting a home run, double and single. Smith, Trujillo and Banks also sparked, adding three hits each. Rachel Beers and Garbarino contributed two hits.

"Our girls are making improvements each and every game," said Franklin head coach Brittany Gryns. "We have had more leadership emerge over the past few weeks and we will keep focus on finishing the rest of season strong."

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## GIRLS SOCCER

## Stevenson's late goals elude East upset bid

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The teams at the top of the KLAAs Central Division girls soccer race are finding out there are rarely any "gimmies" when playing the bottom half.

That was the case Thursday night as second-place Livonia Stevenson rallied for two goals from sophomore Audrey Kopitz in the final 11 minutes to stave off host South Lyon East's upset bid, 2-1.

With the victory, Stevenson improved to 10-3-2 overall and 5-2 in the KLAAs Central, one point behind first place Northville (16 points) and one ahead of third-place Novi.

East, which has a tie this season against first-place Northville, slipped to 3-5-6 overall and 1-3-3 in the Central.

"This team (East) ... they play everybody tough," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "This is a league where you got to show up every night. There's no nights off. We knew what we were in for and you got to score goals. Whether they come in the first 10 minutes or the last 10 minutes, it's still two goals. It's a little harder to deal with."

East, coming off a 1-0 win over rival South Lyon on Tuesday, broke the scoreless deadlock with 27:42 left in the match on Amber Hamers' goal off an assist from Lauren Kuznicki that Stevenson senior goalie Jess Schoenfeldt was unable to handle.

And it stayed a one-goal lead for the Cougars until 10:36 remaining when Kopitz scored off an assist from Megan Verant on a shot that went off a defender and past East goalkeeper Abby Jones.

Kopitz then struck again with only 5:19 remaining getting a pin-point feed from teammate Paige Ackman to

make it 2-1.

"They (East) pressed out of their own end twice and we got behind them twice," Shingledecker said. "But while they were packed in we couldn't do anything. We said on the bench, 'This is good' because they finally pressed into our half a little bit because it stretched out and created some room in behind them in their end and we got behind them twice."

## Franklin rolls

The Patriots resembled an offensive juggernaut Thursday against Wayne Memorial, almost short-circuiting the scoreboard with an eight-goal explosion on the way to winning 8-1.

The Patriots, who improved to 5-6-2, led 3-1 at the half.

"We had a nice offensive second half," noted Franklin head coach Dean Kowalski. "With the aid of the wind, we were able to settle down and play together in the second half."

The winners' first-half goals were netted by Rachel Dudek and Riley Burnette, who scored on a penalty kick and a free kick.

Sophomore Sydney Boyce enjoyed a torrid stretch early in the final 40 minutes when she assisted on one goal and scored another to vault the Patriots to a 5-1 advantage.

Dudek then pulled off an Alex Morgan and tallied three straight goals to close out the night with four.

"Rachel took over," said Kowalski. "She did what goal scorers are supposed to do. She dominated the second half and the funny thing is, if you ask her, she will tell you she had a bad game."

Defensive stars for Franklin were Sara Cable, Morgan Justice, Bailey Elliott and Madison Kean.

## CLARENCEVILLE ROUNDUP

## Jaber pitches Trojans to 10-0 win

Junior Bobby Jaber pitched a one-hit shutout as Livonia Clarenceville mercied Redford Thurston in a five-inning baseball game Thursday, 10-0.

"Bobby threw strikes and let his defense play," coach Craig Cotter said. Jaber struck out nine.

The Trojans, who are 3-2 in the league, capitalized on three errors in the third inning and scored five runs.

Clarenceville, which added four runs in the fourth and a final run in the fifth, had seven hits — all singles.

"We capitalized on the extra outs they gave us, and that was the difference," Cotter said.

The Trojans lost a squeaker to visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood under wet, sloppy conditions Wednesday, 3-2.

Clarenceville took an early lead on a two-out double by Mitch Kubiak in the first inning.

Crestwood tied the game in the top of the fourth, but the Trojans regained the lead in the bottom half, 2-1, with an RBI single by Nick Snage.

In the top of the fifth, a leadoff walk, two hits and an

error turned a one-run lead into a 3-2 deficit.

The Trojans could muster only five hits — two by Kubiak and one apiece by Kam MacIver, Manny Miranda and Snage.

The Trojans fell a little short at the end. With one out in the seventh, Miranda hit a pinch-hit double to the deepest part of the ballpark.

But he was left stranded at second after a flyout to right field and a groundout to end the game.

## Softball

Redford Thurston used a four-run fifth inning to defeat Livonia Clarenceville in a Western Wayne softball game Thursday, 5-3.

Clarenceville freshman pitcher Emily Schmidt allowed just five hits, walked five and struck out four.

Junior Claudia Moore paced the Lady Trojans (2-1) with three hits and scored two runs. Senior Kylee Hammond hit a pair of singles.

"The team morale is down; losing will do that, but we have to understand we have to keep working at the game and con-

tinue to teach the game as coaches," Clarenceville assistant coach Bryan DeCaire said.

"A win will make things much better, but it takes perseverance and grit to get over this obstacle. Sticking together is very important."

Dearborn Heights Crestwood defeated the host Lady Trojans in a Western Wayne game Wednesday, 16-1 in six innings.

Hammond hit a sacrifice fly to score Claudia Moore, who reached on a double. Sophomore Skyler Srock hit two singles.

The Chargers had eight hits and 13 walks off two pitchers.

## Soccer

Dearborn Heights Crestwood defeated visiting Livonia Clarenceville in a Western Wayne soccer game Wednesday, 11-0.

Coach Amanda Moody cited Allie Snage, Myla Hoskins, Ashli Hearn, Melayna Heller, Rino Miyaki and Allison Lay for their efforts.



Stevenson's Audrey Kopitz motors up the field during a game earlier this season.

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GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

# Thurston runners on brink of title after upending RU

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Propelled by Tuesday's 62-29 victory over township rival Redford Union, Redford Thurston's girls track-and-field team moved to within one win of claiming the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division Championship. Now 4-0, the Eagles can clinch the title with a home win against Dearborn Heights Crestwood on Tuesday. Among the highlights of the

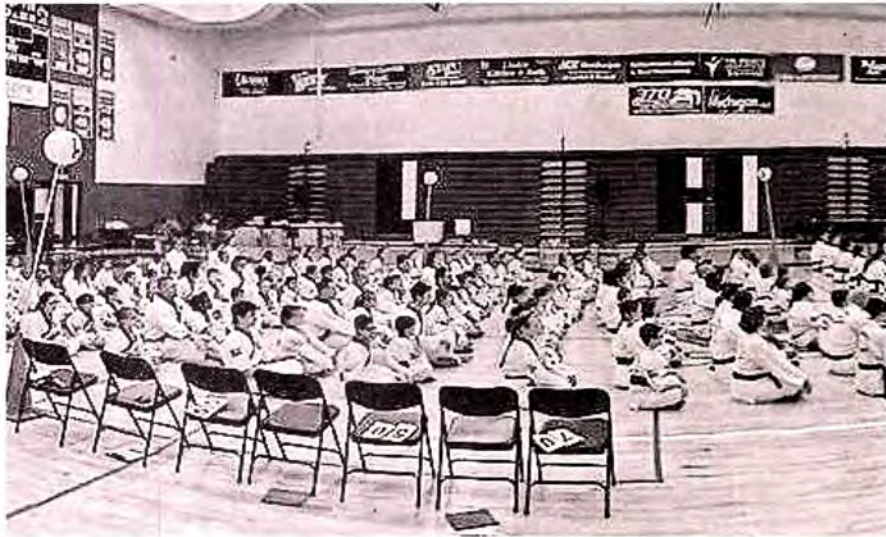
meet for the Eagles was their sweep of the four relay events, including a stirring come-from-behind triumph in the 400-meter relay. Thurston took control during the final third of the meet when reeled off five wins in six events. The 400 relay quartet ignited the surge by overcoming a deficit over the final 20 meters to finish one second ahead of the Panthers. Thurston was also bolstered by individual-event victories by Dasia Johnson in the 400

dash, Angel Craig in the 300 low hurdles (she also won the 100 highs), and Johnson in the 200. The Eagles iced the win by running away with the 1,600 relay by 19 seconds. The highlight of the day for the Panthers was a sweep of the 100 dash by Jaliyah Gray (13.31 seconds), Nekold Jones (14.1) and J'Niya Liburd (14.78). Cliffangela Stafford won the 800 and 1,600 for RU. ewright@hometownlife.com



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The 400-meter relay turned into a down-to-the-wire thriller during Tuesday's Redford Union-Thurston girls track-and-field meet. The Eagles won the relay and the meet.



Karate competitors are pictured during last month's state competition in Linden.

## KARATE

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to compete for the Grand Championship a student must have placed first in their division.

Notable first-place finishers competing for Grand Championship from Redford were Katlyn Williams, Angelina Wilder and Jessica Stevens. "Our students train very hard and learn many important skills," said Ray Johnson, the school's owner and lead in-

structor. "I am most proud of how our students conduct themselves when we travel for these tournaments. They all show great respect for other martial artists along with good sportsmanship. This makes me a proud instructor."

## ANGER

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sleep. I started looking for summer camps and shoot-arounds that day.

"My familiarity with the girls who are coming back will be a huge help. I think they responded well to me when I coached them at the other levels."

Stevenson girls hoops fans won't be bored by Anger's favorite style of play.

"I like my teams to go fast-paced instead of running a set offense," she said.

"We're going to push the ball and run every opportunity we get. We'll have some plays in the book when we need them, but I'd rather play up-tempo."

Anger said she is excited about working with a returning nucleus that includes seniors-to-be Grace Lamerston and Diane Senkowski, both of whom are high-energy players.

"There are also a couple freshmen who I coached on the junior-varsity team this past year who I'm looking to bring up," she said.

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## GOLF

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liet and 58 for Franklin's non-counting rounds.

### Stevenson triumphant

Fueled by four rounds of 42 or lower, Livonia Stevenson earned a 165-171 victory over South Lyon on Thursday.

Trevor Lopus was the match medalist after firing a nine-hole round of 40. Also figuring in the scoring for the Spartans were Easton Schlatterbeck (41), Jon McDonald (42) and Alec Moore (42). The Lions were paced by

Jason Ting and Noah Arvo, both of whom carded 41's. Non-scorers for Stevenson were Connor Jakacki (45) and Tyler Smith (46).

### Panthers dominate Fordson

Redford Union notched its first conference road win in two seasons Tuesday by up-ending Dearborn Fordson, 181-203.

Senior Ryan Randall led the winners with a stellar round of 37. Also playing well in the win were junior Jesse Suiter and sophomore Carlos Ramos, both of whom carded 46's.

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GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

# Wildcats' team speed too much for Franklin runners

Both teams move to 3-1 records in South Division

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The Livonia Franklin girls track-and-field team's spotless record took a hit Tuesday during its KLAA South Division dual meet against Plymouth.

Fueled by strong performances in the field events, the Wildcats persevered to pull out an 83-54 victory over the Patriots.

The result left both teams with a 3-1 record.

"We ran into a very tough Plymouth team," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "They have some of the best sprinters and sprint relays in the area, and I knew sprint points would be tough to come by."

"They are also very good in

the pole vault, high jump, long jump, and have great hurdlers. We did well in our distance events, taking 24 points, but we weren't able to get enough points out of the sprints and field events to overcome what Plymouth has this year.

Franklin distance runner Natalie Douglas was her usual dynamic self, winning the 1,600 and 3,200 by comfortable margins.

Patriot long-jumper Mikaela Hille continued her fine season by winning the event by one-half inch over Plymouth's Bailey Brown.

Patriot Erin Seibert's fabulous freshman season stretched on as she won the 800 and finished second to Douglas in the mile.

**PLYMOUTH 83**  
**FRANKLIN 54**

Tuesday at Plymouth  
Shot put: 1. Elise Wehmer (P), 31 feet, 5.5 inches; 2. Alexis Browning (F), 29-4.5; 3. Anna Lauber (F), 28-1.

**Discus:** 1. Elise Wehmer (P), 95-8; 2. Alexis Browning (F), 91-8; 3. Anna Lauber (F), 83-3.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Emily Caragay (P), 10 feet; 2. Natalie Janke (P), 9-0; 3. Emily Weich (F), 8-6.  
**High jump:** 1. Kat Harris (P), 5-0; 2. Jillian Betts (P), 5-0; 3. Julie Wonch (F), 4-10.  
**Long jump:** 1. Mikaela Hille (F), 15-10.5; 2. Bailey Brown (P), 15-10; 3. Ana White (P).  
**3,200-meter relay:** 1. Franklin (Natalie Douglas, Erin Seibert, Camryn Zurawski, Paityn Santi), 10:24.20; 2. Plymouth (Ana White, Genieve Mitrano, Emily Britton, Claire Curvin), 10:41.25.  
**100 hurdles:** 1. Erin Bradley (P), 16.60; 2. Nadine Salamey (P), 17.70; 3. Kayla Dudek (P), 18.25.  
**100 dash:** 1. Reghan Draper (P), 12.77; 2. Morgan Eveslage (F), 13.67; 3. Paula Guzman (F), 13.97.  
**800 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Erin Bradley, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper, Ryan Draper), 1:53.53; 2. Franklin (Christianna Benson, Nevaeh Skalski, Alexis Baker, Michele Joyner), 2:04.73.  
**1600 run:** 1. Natalie Douglas (P), 5:27.47; 2. Erin Seibert (F), 5:36.38; 3. Annie Bonds (P), 5:44.12.  
**400 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Nadine Salamey, Briya Bhakta, Paula Guzman, Aly Wickham), 53.28; 2. Franklin (Morgan Eveslage, Alaina Herrera, Mikaela Hille, Jenna Jacobs), 54.47.  
**400 dash:** 1. Ryan Draper (P), 57.91; 2. Julie Wonch (F), 1:00.45; 3. Ana White (P), 1:02.78.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Nadine Salamey (P), 51.83; 2. Kayla Dudek (P), 52.48; 3. Mikaela Hille (F), 53.15.  
**800 run:** 1. Erin Seibert (F), 2:35.87; 2. Ana White (P), 2:37.60; 3. Claire Curvin (P), 2:41.71.  
**200 dash:** 1. Reghan Draper (P), 27.01; 2. Julie Wonch (F), 27.87; 3. Faith Washington (P), 27.94.  
**3,200 run:** 1. Natalie Douglas (F), 11:21.00; 2. Annie Bonds (P), 12:00.56; 3. Camryn Zurawski (F), 12:20.41.  
**1,600 relay:** 1. Franklin (Julie Wonch, Mikaela Hille, Jenna Jacobs, Erin Seibert), 4:26.73; 2. Plymouth, 4:35.92.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**

**Monday, May 9**  
Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Garden City at Annapolis, 4 p.m.  
Redford Union at Belleville, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at S.L. East, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Novi, 4 p.m.  
Fordson at Thurston, 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Romulus, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
Northville at Stevenson (DH), 4 p.m.  
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.  
Annapolis at Redford Union, 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Fordson, 4:30 p.m.  
Thurston at Crestwood, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Churchill (DH), 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 12**  
Clarenceville at Wayne, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 13**  
Churchill at Skyline, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 14**  
Stevenson at Garden City (DH), 11 a.m.  
Franklin at Taylor Invite, TBA  
Detroit Renaissance at Thurston (DH), 11 a.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**

**Monday, May 9**  
Churchill vs. Stevenson at Ford Field, 7:30 p.m.  
John Glenn at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Fordson at Thurston, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Novi, 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Romulus, 4:30 p.m.  
Franklin at S.L. East, 4 p.m.  
RU at Belleville, 4 p.m.  
Garden City at Annapolis, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
Northville at Stevenson (DH), 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Fordson, 4:30 p.m.  
Thurston at Crestwood, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Churchill (DH), 4 p.m.  
Annapolis at RU, 4 p.m.  
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 12**  
Thurston at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 13**  
Churchill at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 14**  
Stevenson at Michigan Challenge, TBA  
Wayne at Hits For Heroes, 8 a.m.  
**Sunday, May 15**  
Stevenson at Michigan Challenge, TBA

**TRACK & FIELD**

**Tuesday, May 10**  
Stevenson at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.  
Romulus at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 3:45 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Crestwood at Thurston, 3:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
Clarenceville at Robichaud, 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 13**  
KLAA Conference Meet, TBA  
Saturday, May 14  
Luth. Westland Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

**BOYS GOLF**

**Monday, May 9**  
Stevenson at Milford Invite, noon  
Wayne at Brighton Invite, 8:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday, May 10**  
KLAA cross-over at Fox Creek  
Saturday at Novi, 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
Annapolis at Garden City, 3:15 p.m.  
Redford Union at Belleville, 3 p.m.  
Edsel Ford at Thurston, 3 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 12**  
Garden City at Thurston, 2:30 p.m.  
KLAA cross-over, 3 p.m.  
**Friday, May 13**  
Garden City at News Herald Invite, 8:30 p.m.

**GIRLS TENNIS**

**Monday, May 9**  
Garden City at Thurston 4 p.m.  
Robichaud at Redford Union, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 10**  
KLAA cross-overs, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
Redford Union at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 12**  
Howell at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Garden City at Harrison, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 14**  
Kensington Conference Tourney, TBA

**GIRLS SOCCER**

**Monday, May 9**  
Garden City at N.B. Huron, 6 p.m.  
Clarenceville Alumni Game, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 10**  
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
Belleville at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
Redford Union at Garden City, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 12**  
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.  
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.

**GIRLS LACROSSE**

**Monday, May 9**  
CHSL semifinal, 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 14**  
CHSL championship, TBA

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

# Thurston boys close in on division title

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's boys track-and-field team scored early, often and more than enough during Tuesday's Western Wayne Athletic Conference dual meet against visiting Redford Union.

Powered by early field-events victories from Daman McLain (discus) and J'aire Carden (high jump), the Eagles soared to a 98-29 triumph, ramping their WWAC record to 4-0.

A victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood on Tuesday would clinch the division title for the Eagles.

Thurston's big day was highlighted by first-place finishes in all four relay events. The Eagles won the 3,200 in 9 minutes, 22 seconds; the 800 in 1:43; the 400 in 47 seconds; and the 1,600 in 3:48.

Eagle Erick Bell proved to be unbeatable in the hurdles events, winning the 110 highs in 20.8 seconds over teammate Chris Reed (21.1) and the 300 intermediates in 46 seconds.

Thurston's Alonzo McCoy out-strided teammates Ryan Galliard in the 100, winning by eight-hundredths of a second. Galliard came back to win the 200 by a heart-beat over teammate Jordan Lewis.

The Eagles went 1-2 in the 400 behind strong efforts from winner Errol Franklin (51.0) and Jaylen Stafford.

The winners also took the top two spots in the 800 with Caebryn Crabtree posting a golden time of 2:10 followed by Jackson's 2:14.

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# Bet on JLB to do great things for the community

In honor of Mother's Day, it's very fitting that we spotlight the Junior League - one of the oldest and largest women's volunteer organizations in the world, with a membership of over 150,000. The Junior League of Birmingham (JLB) is one of 291 Leagues on four continents.

The JLB recently held its fourth annual Signature Event at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. It was a night of gaming and chance and the dice and wheels were rolling and the cards were being dealt past midnight. A great time was had by all.

PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

In addition to a silent auction that night, JLB had a very clever fundraiser where guests could purchase a bottle of wine, donated by JLB members, for \$10.

The Junior League of Birmingham is recruiting new members and looking for volunteers to help out on May 13 for a carnival for the kids of CARE House of Oakland County. To volunteer, call 248-203-9841. You can also go online to [jlbham.org](http://jlbham.org) and find out about High Tea at the Townsend on May 15 and the Annual General Membership meeting on May 18.

### The Gift Of Theater

After shopping for the perfect gift at the Birmingham Art Fair today, take Mom to the 2 p.m. performance of "Sistas The Musical" at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. The Michigan premiere celebrates family and woman-hood through hit songs from the '30s, to the Girl Groups of the '60s, and empowerment of the '90s. Audiences will love the songs ranging from "Oh Happy Day" to "I Will Survive" and the music of artists from Billie Holiday to Beyonce. And if you can't make it today, "Sistas The Musical" runs through May 15. Tickets range from \$27 to \$42 and are available by calling the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at 248-377-3300 or going online to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Student discounts are available at the box office. [www.Mbtheatre.com](http://www.Mbtheatre.com).

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Junior League of Birmingham (JLB) New Members Caitlin Rayburn of Royal Oak and Tricia Jamerson of Westland



JULIE YOLLES  
Farmington Hills residents Cheryl and Juan Jeffries



JULIE YOLLES  
It's a sure bet that Livonia residents Alicia Bateman and Joe Pizzo are getting married on May 21.



JULIE YOLLES  
Junior League of Birmingham (JLB) Fall Events Committee member Libby Black of Royal Oak and New Member Advisor Elizabeth Smith of Farmington Hills



JULIE YOLLES  
Junior League of Birmingham (JLB) members Susan Evani of Farmington Hills, a Signature Event committee member; Sarah Ambrose of Royal Oak, Elizabeth Pizzo of Canton and Jacquelyn Schrot of Birmingham

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### BERBET



**JAMES R.** Age 77, May 3, 2016. Beloved husband of Barbara for 54 years. Dear father of Debbie Goltz, Beth (Steve) Schumacher and Rick (Trish). Loving grandfather of Justin, Kaitlyn, Jared, Jordan, Brianna, Kevin, Brooke and proud great grandfather of Braxton, Brady and Boyer with Mia on the way. Dearest brother of the late Jean Ellen Kreider, Barb Forest and Kathy Roush. Funeral services have taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Geneva Presbyterian Memorial Garden or the Dr. Dale Bixby Research Foundation for Leukemia.  
[www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

### DeSANTIS



**VINCENT J.** Age 78, passed away May 3, 2016 in Plymouth, Michigan. Vincent was born September 1, 1937 in New Castle, Pennsylvania to his parents, Urbano and Lily DeSantis. He graduated from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Vincent had a passion for automobiles and as a result, began a 35 year automotive career at Ford Motor Company as an Electrical Engineer. Vincent loved automobiles - especially the British manufactured MG cars and gained much enjoyment in restoring them. He was a proud member of the MGT Register and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth. Besides his love of cars, he also held a special place in his heart for the love of animals. Vincent is survived by his beloved wife, Carole (nee Stevenson); his loving son, John (Sarah Barron), step-son, William (Kathy) McDonald and, dearest grandchild, Lily DeSantis. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carole Anne in June 2008. His daughter, the late Sherry DeSantis in 1992, his grandson, the late Nicholas Rathburn, and his late brother, Bernard DeSantis. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Road, in Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Vincent J. DeSantis to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, Attn: TNR Program, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

### HENRY

**DOROTHY** Born in Detroit, longtime resident of Farmington Hills, died May 2, 2016. Wife of Jack D. Henry. Daughter of Virginia and Edward Zeller. Sister of Susan Thomas (Doug). Aunt of Benjamin Edward Thomas and Michael Thomas. Memorial to be held at a later date in Largo, Florida.

### HINKLE

**DOROTHY (nee HAYES)** passed away May 2, 2016 at the age of 96. Wife of the late Robert. Loving Mom of Donna (John) Thomas, Ronald Hinkle, and John Hinkle. Cherished grandma of Jill Thomas-Grannan. Dorothy is also survived by many nieces, nephews, loved ones, and friends. Funeral services were held Saturday May 7, at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Interment Monday, May 9 at 12pm at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.  
[www.harrywillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrywillfuneralhome.com)

### KEENEY



**CHARLES W.** 72, passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2016 after a long illness. He was born in Redford MI, and attended Redford Union H.S. He also lived in Big Rapids, MI, Deland FL, and Fishers, IN. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lynne (Souder) Keeney, his son Todd Keeney and children, Dewane, Karon, and Patrick. Also his daughter, Lisa Keeney and her son, Alex. His brother Don and Loretta Keeney, brother, Larry and Gladah Keeney, sister Dianne Bates, and brother Dennis and Sally Keeney. The memorial service was held for immediate family members. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to [MultipleSclerosis.org](http://MultipleSclerosis.org).

### BERTGES

**MARY RACHEL** May 4, 2016, age 74 of Westland. Loving daughter of Armetha (York) Smith and the late A. B. Smith. Beloved wife of the late Paul W. Bertges Sr. Loving mother of Kurt Bertges, Paul W. Bertges Jr. and the late Karl Bertges. Dearest sister of Janice Calhoun, Larry George, Billie Smith, Barbara Martin, the late R.C. George and the late Hazel Harrison. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements handled by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenh.com](http://vermeulenh.com)

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



ANNE SAVAGE

David McMurtrie and Kayli Sparks rescue dogs in bad situations — from abandoned buildings to life on a chain.

## 'PIT BULLS & PAROLEES' STAR MENTORS LOCAL DOG RESCUERS

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

At first, Kayli Sparks figured the email was a joke.

Tia Torres, the gutsy, compassionate star of Animal Planet's reality show "Pit Bulls & Parolees" had reached out to Sparks and David McMurtrie, co-founders of Pit Stop for Change Rescue & Rehabilitation in River Rouge. She wanted to help the struggling downriver rescue.

Torres' Villalobos Rescue Center in New Orleans, La., rescues, trains and finds homes for hundreds of pit bulls, with help from volunteers and a staff of mostly prison parolees.

Sparks, a California native, and McMurtrie, who grew up in Parma, both had rescued dogs individually before joining forces in 2014. They turned a house into a shelter that on average harbors 50 dogs. McMurtrie also has trained dogs for other rescue organizations.

"I don't know if it was Dave's past that caught her eye," said Sparks, referring to time he spent in prison for robbery years ago, "but whatever caught her eye, we're grateful. We're really lucky. When Tia sent the email, I said this has to be a joke. I don't believe this is Tia Torres. But it was real life."

Torres chose Pit Stop for Change Rescue & Rehabilitation, a nonprofit organization, as her first participant in a new mentoring program. Her reasons, according to a Feb. 15



ANNE SAVAGE

Dogs play in the yard at Pit Stop for Change Rescue and Rehabilitation.

post on the Villalobos Facebook page, were the group's "adoption practices, overall outlook on the pit bull 'breed' and a realistic approach to rescue practices in general." In March she asked her own Facebook followers to help Pit Stop with its vet bills. This month the founders from both rescues will meet at a fundraiser for Pit Stop. "It's Fur The Dogs!" will run 2-7 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at Renegades Bar & Grill, 33729 Ford Road, Garden City.

Torres is the special guest at the fundraiser that will include a silent auction, prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$50 and sponsorships are available. Visit [pitstopdogrescue.com](http://pitstopdogrescue.com) for more information.

"I'm really excited Tia is coming to town. I can't wait to

see her interact with the dogs and learn what she does and learn some new training tips," Sparks said. "I hope we can learn as much as possible and hopefully, after this fundraiser, we can put a nice down payment on a building."

### New location

She and McMurtrie hope to move from the house, which is not licensed as a kennel, into a commercial building in a more appropriately zoned area. They were cited for ordinance violations last year, but moving will resolve the issue and help them comply with city regulations.

"Thanks to the mayor (Michael Bowdler) we have a little bit of time to get into a commercial building. We can't stay in this residence forever,"



ANNE SAVAGE

A volunteer gets some one-on-one time with a dog.

Sparks said. "We've looked at a few places. There is one we really like."

She hopes Torres will weigh in on the location. The building is big enough to house the rescue's current canine population, along with additional dogs. Sparks is cautious about growing too large.

"With dog food and vetting and we've got to keep my car running — we only have one car — we have to make sure the dogs are safe and not set them up for failure. We'd only take in more dogs as long as we're financially and responsibly able to do so. You don't just want to warehouse dogs. We pride ourselves on the dogs having people time, play time, learning manners and learning that life is going to be okay."

### Getting help

Their high standards and passion for dog rescue caught the attention of Chris and Anne Savage of Dexter. Chris is a political writer and owner of Eclectablog and Anne is a photographer. He wrote a story about McMurtrie and the rescue and his wife shot the photos. She sent the blog post to Torres.

Anne Savage also created a Pit Stop for Change Rescue & Rehabilitation web page, launched a volunteer program, and paid for fencing to create a play yard with two runs and 15 kennels for the dogs. Approximately 50 new volunteers signed up to help. She worked with Sparks and McMurtrie on a mission statement and created an online adoption application.

"Our biggest issue is people don't know about us. We had less than 1,000 likes on Facebook," Anne Savage said, adding the page now tops 5,000 followers.

"We work on a transparent level. We post pictures of our vet bills. We show dogs at rescue and into adoption. We're trying to prove we're a full-service dog rescue here. We don't just take dogs in and take the money."

They get high marks from Tail Waggers' 1990, the Livonia-based organization that aids other rescues and pet owners. Tail Waggers' plans to donate a gift basket for the silent auction. It also has donated dog

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## Paula Abdul says tenacity, bravado, pushed her to achieve career goals

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Television personality Paula Abdul shared the ups and downs of her personal life and her career this week at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, in Southfield.

Abdul, a singer, dancer, Emmy Award winner and a judge on Fox television show, "So, You Think You Can Dance," was the guest speaker at the annual Lois Linden Nelson Woman's World event. She answered questions from Fox 2 news anchor Sherry Margolis, who moderated the event, and explained how keeping a positive, grateful attitude, while also visualizing her goals, helped her through times of adversity and doubt.

"I am no different than anyone else. I have my insecurities and doubts and fears, but there is a little trick that I've always done and that is, I may not believe I can do this, but I



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Television personality Paula Abdul speaks at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

sure know what it would feel if I could," she said. "And if I could imagine how good it can be to do a great job and succeed, then I can become that. I can move forward.

"I'm very grateful for my family for instilling the gift of gratitude. They taught me to be grateful for the smallest things to the largest, to be grateful for the let downs and disappointments, as equal to the thrill of succeeding. That has always been with me."

Abdul said she always tried to think "outside the box" as she made career moves that took her from head choreographer for the Los Angeles Laker Girls to choreographing for movies, music videos and "The Tracey Ullman Show," to recording her own albums to becoming a judge on "American Idol."

"No one ever said Paula is going to make it. I needed to figure out a different way. I had the bravado to do that. I was under the radar, always the underdog and I got a kick out of making people believers."

She said she tried out three times during a group audition

for the Laker Girls, the Los Angeles Lakers' cheerleaders, when she was 17. One of more than 1,000 girls trying out for the team, she was cut from the session after just 30 sections, but that didn't stop her from trying again.

"I went into the ladies' room and changed my clothes. I put my hair in a pony tail. I entered my name as Julie Abbel. I got to dance, but I was cut."

She changed into another leotard, rearranged her hair, and re-entered the audition as P.J. Abbal.

"This time was a charm ... and I became a Laker Girl," she said, as the crowd applauded.

### Ups and downs

Abdul spoke candidly about her longtime struggles with body image and eating disorders, as well as being diagnosed with reflex sympathetic dystrophy, chronic upper extremity pain that can result

from injury or surgery.

She talked about her outreach work with WE Day, an event that brings speakers and performers together with young, social innovators, and Turnaround: Arts, which brings art programs to elementary and middle schools to help improve academic achievement and attendance.

She also related her first experience visiting Israel, which included her bat mitzvah and a visit to the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

"At the tender age of 50 I needed that spiritual yumminess of what it's like to feel connected," she said. "I remember feeling overwhelmed with emotion."

When it came her turn to place a prayer message into a crack in the wall two doves flew overhead.

"It was an extraordinary experience."

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# Uplift, encourage — don't judge — other moms

I think that most mothers at some point question if they are good enough at parenting. We face challenges in our lives sometimes that question our own ability. I think it's about time we all stopped judging other parents and started finding the similarities amongst ourselves instead.

Some days are hard. I work full time, and my daughter is going through some serious separation anxiety. So sometimes I come home from a long day at work and she wants nothing to do with me. She wants to be held only by the person who was watching her that day, and isn't even interested in hugging or kissing me hello. She will cry and fuss more than usual and kick and scream. And some moments are certainly challenging. Thankfully, although I am a single mom, I have my parents close by and they do an overwhelming amount of support for us. In fact, as I write this, my dad has taken my daughter for a walk after



**Sarah Davies**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

she had one of her fits. I couldn't calm her down myself, which hurts a little. I am so grateful my daughter is so loved by so many people, but inside it stings just a little when it's not Mom that calms her down.

There have certainly been a few days (or more) where I have found myself standing in the shower, hot water pouring over me, at 3 in the morning. This is the only time I can find to myself, and it has happened more than once where I catch myself just standing still in the shower, not even thinking at all. Just standing, breathing, listening to the water. But the moment I catch myself not actually being productive, I instantly feel bad, like I am a bad mom for wanting to just stand there for another ten min-

utes.

## Supportive friends

My friends have changed since becoming a mom. Some friends are still the same, but I find myself closer to others and farther from some. I have found myself hurt at times when people have criticized my parenting, whether purposeful or unintentional, and sometimes have been equally as surprised to discover who is giving the advice.

However, I also have found myself so grateful for some friends, other parents who, whether we agree or disagree on a belief, will never argue or judge. Take, for instance, one of my mom friends who happens to love animals and whose family is vegan. When I mentioned to her that I was taking my daughter to the circus, which she finds offensive to animals, she never once tried to sway me not to go or to "hear her out" about her opinions. No, instead, she simply said "I don't like the

way circuses treat animals, so I would never go but I hope you have a great time." Wow. You mean there are actually other mothers in the world who are NOT trying to go out of their way to judge me?

## Don't judge

Listen, I have my shoes, and you have yours. I don't ever remember one day in my life so far where I have actually worn someone else's shoes, nor can I recall a day when someone actually wore mine. So please stop trying to tell me that breast is best and that I "should have known better." Don't tell me that co-sleeping will result in years of an overly emotional child. I certainly don't need anyone else hinting at me doing a lousy job as a mom. I have my own inner voice to do that.

Motherhood is hard. There are constant reminders on TV and in the magazines, all over the Internet, mom-to-mom sales and Facebook about how to be the perfect mom.

We spend countless moments trying to engage our children, dress them their best, keep them clean, fed and educated. We are always on the go, never able to stop, constantly searching for the next exciting thing for our little ones to experience. But then in the morning, when we working moms have to leave and head out the door to work for somebody else, we beat ourselves up, just a little. And when later we get home, and then dinner is burnt, and the kids are screaming and bath time that should have happened just gets completely forgotten, we beat ourselves up a little bit more. Let's try to remember that when we are in the grocery store judging the mother in front of us in line or when that screaming child just won't shut up, wherever you are. Instead, let's just smile and understand.

*Sarah Davies of Livonia writes occasionally about the ups and downs of single motherhood.*

## PAROLEES

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food to Pit Stop in the past.

"We totally support Dave in what he does," said Judi Marietti, Tail Waggers' 1990 vice president. "He is doing some awesome things. It's all about the dogs, and he stays away from the drama."

### Long day

Sparks and McMurtrie begin their work day at 7 a.m. They rotate dogs in and out of kennels for cleaning and time in the yard. They administer medications, start laundry, tend to yard clean-up, work on training, play with the dogs. It doesn't stop until around midnight.

They also find time to rescue dogs left in abandoned buildings or living as strays on the street. They've pulled dogs from high-kill shelters and taken owner surrenders.

Earlier this year they took eight puppies, along with their mother and father, from an

abandoned house in southwest Detroit. Another time, McMurtrie entered an empty, dilapidated structure to pluck a frightened dog from its third-story window. "Southpaw," who was hospitalized for two weeks, was found in a backyard attached to a long chain. Badly infected tissue cost him an ear.

The dogs they find often have serious medical needs. The group works with Rajbir Chadha, a veterinarian at Dix Animal Hospital in Lincoln Park.

"There are so many dogs that need help that find us or people ask us to take them in," Sparks said. "The amount of unwanted dogs and cats out there, it's mind blowing. And until you start working in this field, you just don't know."

Pit Stop for Change Rescue & Rehabilitation will include a free training session for dogs adopted over the next two weeks. Visit [pitstopdogrescue.com](http://pitstopdogrescue.com) for more information.

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A volunteer spends time with one of the rescued dogs.

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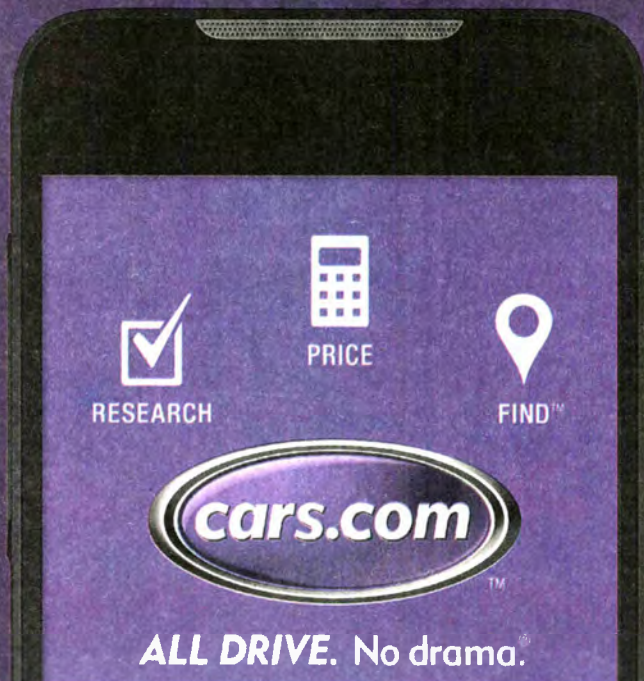


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