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**GIRLS EARNING THEIR PLACE ON AREA FOOTBALL TEAMS**  
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## Woman wants killer to stay in prison

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Crystal Kneeshaw was 14 when she met Robert Miles, 18, and the two became a couple. But as often happens with teenagers, it wasn't a relationship destined to last.

Later when Kneeshaw, by then 15, decided she didn't want to continue seeing Miles, the unthinkable happened. An enraged Miles attacked and murdered Kneeshaw's mother and younger sister. Miles attacked Kneeshaw, as well, but she was able to escape.



Miles

"Prior to this, he had stabbed a girl with a screwdriver. I'm alive and he's about to get out of prison," Kneeshaw said. "It's a face I see every day. The nightmares don't go away."

Miles, 43, has been in prison since 1993 after pleading guilty to two counts of second-degree murder and a charge of assault with intent to commit murder. Sentenced to 30-60 years in prison, Miles could be eligible

for parole in August 2018. "I'm scared. He's my childhood nightmare. Can anyone show me what he has done to rehabilitate himself?" said Kneeshaw, who plans to oppose parole for Miles. "I worry that the whole time he's been sitting there thinking about me. I remember that call he made to me after he murdered my mom and my sister."

The murder of Sandra Fisher, 37, and Michelle Markland, 14, happened Dec. 29, 1991, at a home on Fenton, on the west side of Detroit — the old Redford area. Fisher, whose maid-

en name was Casey, grew up in Garden City and a spent a lot of time there at a friend's home. That's where Kneeshaw met Miles — who lived in Garden City — through mutual friends.

"I got in trouble at school, so I moved in with my dad in Livonia for two years. I had been getting straight 'As, but I had started hanging out with a bad crowd," Kneeshaw said. "We hung out in Garden City. I'd see Robert at my mother's house."

Miles, who had social difficulties due to being hearing impaired, was obsessive,

Kneeshaw said, recalling he would walk miles from Garden City to briefly see her at her bus stop before school. "I had to be at the bus stop by 7 a.m.," she said. "It was about 11 months that I was seeing him. I was starting high school. I was a cheerleader."

About a week before the murders, Kneeshaw said that her mother and stepfather had separated, with her mother and sister remaining at the home on Fenton.

"I came back after Christ-

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The orange-and-black monarch butterflies received a hearty farewell Sunday.

## MONARCHS TAKE FLIGHT

400 butterflies begin journey to Mexico

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It is the season for monarchs — not for kings and queens, but for the popular brilliant orange-and-black butterflies that received a hearty farewell Sunday as they began their long flight to Mexico for the winter months.

With an open invite to the fourth annual release at George's Livonia Gardens, families throughout metro Detroit helped feed monarch butterflies, provided by the Michigan Native Butterfly Farm, and watched the release of some 400 butterflies during two sessions.

Visitors had the opportunity

to interact — in a tent — with about 50 butterflies. They were given a cotton swab soaked with nectar and it was used to feed the butterflies. Many would land on people's heads and hands.

Following a brief explanation about monarchs and how they migrate this time of year to Mexico, visitors learned how to safely open envelopes containing the monarchs and release them.

The butterflies had tags on their wings with specific numbers that spotters with high-powered binoculars will record in order to track their location as they head south. The journey will take at least a

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KELLY DOBSON

Emily Kelly, 3, of Livonia feels the delicate tinkle of the butterfly on her arm.

## Westland woman set to cast electoral college vote

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If Hillary Clinton carries Michigan in the upcoming presidential election, Antoinette Martin will get to cast an electoral college vote on behalf of the 13th Congressional District.

"I've always wanted to do it. I've had it in the back of my mind. When the offer came up, I said, 'Thank you,'" Martin said. "It would be casting a vote for the first woman president ever. That's awesome — it's very significant. I'm over the moon about it."

A Westland resident, Martin dates her interest in being an elector to about 15 years ago, after a conversation she had with then-13th District Democratic chair Carol Larkin.

"She told me what an honor it was being able to cast the vote and be part of history," said Martin, a member of the Westland Democratic Club.

Under the U.S. Constitution, voters don't directly elect the president and vice president. Instead, electors through the U.S. Electoral College cast the votes. The number of electors in each state is equal to the number of members of Congress from the state. Members of the Democratic or Republican parties elect the electors who will cast the vote for their district, if needed.

In Michigan, that means a total of 16 electoral votes — 14 House seats and two U.S. senators. Like most other states, Michigan has a winner-take-all system for electoral votes. That means whichever candidate wins the state also gets all the electoral college votes. The only exceptions are Maine and Nebraska, which split electoral votes.

"If Hillary wins the state, she gets the votes. What's been described to me, is that on Dec. 19, we arrive in Lansing and are brought to the (state) Senate floor," she said. "I'll cast two votes — for Hil-

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# VOTE

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lary for president and for vice president. It's basically a signature."

The votes from each state are tallied and then taken in January to the U.S. House of Representatives, where the votes will be certified. The candidate who receives an absolute majority of the 270 electoral votes for president will be elected. There have been four instances when presidents were elected without the majority of the popular vote — John Quincy Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Benjamin Harrison and, most recently, George W. Bush in 2000.

"I'm honored to represent the Democrats in this way. Someone different does it every year," said Martin, a member of the Westland Library board.

"It's nice that someone from Westland will be able to represent the 13th District."

Currently represented by U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, the 13th District extends south to include Romulus and Melvindale, north to Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Inkster and Redford and east through Detroit, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

"After the election is certified, your name goes to the Smithsonian. That's a cool added thing. How can you not love that?" Martin said. "Everyone who knows me knows I'm a Democrat. My Republican friends are kind of freaked out."

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# KNEESHAW

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mas. I went out with friends on Dec. 28 and spent the night," Kneeshaw said. "Robert was calling me all night. He could hear and communicate — he never signed. The following day, Miles arrived at the home on Fenton — some mutual friends brought him when they came over. During that visit, Kneeshaw decided to end her relationship with Miles."

"My mom was sleeping on the couch. I broke up with (Miles). My sister and I were fighting," Kneeshaw said. "My sister's last words to me was that she hated me for breaking up with Robert. She said I was being mean and selfish."

Miles attacked Fisher with a knife that he'd hidden in the garage. He stabbed her multiple times, then attacked Markland, nearly severing her hand.

"He dragged me around by my hair. He stabbed my mother 17 more times after that. He had all this time to stop — it took him 45 minutes to do it," Kneeshaw said. "He let me put ice on my mom's stomach. I wonder what would have happened if I had applied pressure. There are so many what-ifs."

While Miles was attacking her, Kneeshaw said she thought her gravely injured sister was going to be able to escape by crawling toward the front door. Fisher died at the scene; Markland survived for a couple of days before dying at the hospital.

"He started to stab himself. I got out the front door — the snow was deep. I fell and he was choking me. He went back at my mother," she said. After attacking the three, Miles sat down to wait for police to arrive.

Once Miles was arrested, Kneeshaw said Miles tried calling her father's house collect, wanting to

talk with her. When that didn't work, she said a woman called. "This woman was in the same cell (as Miles). He had told her we had a domestic tiff, but that when he got out we'd be together again," she said, adding the woman never called again after she was told what had really happened with Miles.

Miles remained in jail until his 1993 trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Kneeshaw had already testified when the plea agreement was reached. Having been charged with two counts of first-degree murder, which carry mandatory life with no parole, Miles gained the opportunity for parole by pleading guilty to second-degree murder.

As she works to oppose parole for Miles, Kneeshaw has talked extensively with Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Suzy Taweel.

"Ms. Taweel obtains all his records from the Michigan Department of Corrections and will draft our objection letter to early parole and appears at these hearing to advocate on behalf of crime victims," Wayne County Prosecutors spokesperson Maria Miller said. "Ms. Taweel has told me that the defendant's earliest release date is Aug. 13, 2018, although it could change slightly if he earns good/bad time credits. With this time frame in mind, we would not expect for her to hear from MDOC at the earliest December 2017 or January 2018."

When the victim is notified that the parole consideration process is started in 2018, Miller said that Kneeshaw will have the choice to talk to a parole board member who will make the decision on Miles' parole.

"She can meet with them in person in Lansing, write a letter or talk to the parole board member by phone or a combination of those," Miller said. "If she goes to Lansing, Ms. Taweel will

meet her up there and would file our objection letter." The meeting with the parole board is non-public, since it was not a parolable life offense.

Kevin Casey, Sandra Fisher's brother, also wants to put his objections to Miles' parole before the state parole board.

"That is my plan, God willing, if I'm able to. My health isn't the greatest. I've had cancer four times," Casey said. "I'm Christian. I believe in forgiveness, but not an easy pass."

Casey grew up in Garden City, with older sisters Debbie and Sandra and younger brother Keith. The three older siblings all graduated from Garden City East High School. Debbie, whose married name was Markland, was murdered in a domestic violence incident in 1979. After she was killed, Sandra Fisher adopted her children Michelle and David.

"(Miles) knew when he killed my sister (Fisher) that my other sister had been murdered," Casey said.

Keith Casey was found drowned in the Lower Rouge River in Venoy-Dorsey Park in 1992. Nephew David Markland Jr. was killed in 2011 after being hit by a train in Wayne. Markland had been living in Battle Creek, Kevin Casey said, but was killed near Casey's former home in Wayne.

"They were both heavy drinkers. My brother never got over the murder of my first sister. They said my nephew was high or drunk and fell asleep on the tracks," Casey said. "We just didn't talk about it. There was no counseling. It's been a tough road for Crystal and she's made some poor choices. My niece and nephew, it's just been tough all around. It affected everyone. People told me to write a book. If you read this in a book, you wouldn't believe it. I lived it and I don't believe."

Following the murders

of her mother and sister, Kneeshaw said her father didn't allow her to talk about what had happened — about her mother and sister or Miles.

"My mom was my best friend," she said. "I ran away after the murders. Two days later, the cops found me. I refused to go home and they held me a week at the (Wayne) youth home until (Miles') preliminary examination."

Later, Kneeshaw spent time hospitalized at the Hawthorn Center and Kingswood Hospital before she ran away again at 17. "I got pregnant and had a son. I live for my kids," said Kneeshaw, who has five children ages 21 to 2. "Only a couple years before, I was diagnosed with PTSD. It only took a month-and-a-half for me to get approved for disability. I only worked as a waitress for a while. I can't be around knives."

After living in White Cloud in northwest Michigan, Kneeshaw moved to South Bend, Ind., in 2005. She and fiancé Bryan Gick, together for 10 years, returned to Michigan in June 2014 after losing everything in a house fire.

"We ended up back here. I never thought I'd be back here. I run into my sister's friends and they are so messed up," Kneeshaw said, adding she would get comments blaming her for the murders. "David would get drunk and blame me. It's not just my own guilt."

Once back in Michigan, Kneeshaw and her family ended up homeless, staying for a time at the Red Apple Motel in Wayne. They later rented a house in Inkster, only to find the water was shut off — the landlord owed thousands of dollars in overdue water charges.

The family eventually moved into a Romulus mobile home. Gick and his son work as self-employed landscapers.

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# Laptop computer missing from vehicle

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## Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 35000 block of Farragut told police Sept. 25 that overnight someone had taken a backpack from his vehicle that contained a laptop and his wallet containing identification and credit cards. The officer advised him not to leave valuables in the vehicle and to lock the doors.

## Vandalism

On Sept. 22, a resident at the Landings Apartments, 36188 Hunter, told police that on Sept.

15 he had found the passenger-side mirror knocked off his vehicle.

## Fraud

A Westland woman told police Sept. 22 that she attempted to use her credit card and found it was blocked. She contacted the company and was told someone had opened an additional account in her name. That fraudulent account had a \$270 balance and was delinquent.

## Larceny from a vehicle

Two residents at Regents Court Apartments, 33205 Warren Road, told police Sept. 22 that overnight someone ran-

sacked their vehicles. One resident reported her wallet containing her Social Security card was missing.

## Vandalism

A resident in the 6900 block of Mohican told police Sept. 18 that overnight someone drove over his lawn, leaving tire tracks and two damaged trees. He said he had to remove the trees and repaired the lawn. He said he found broken car parts including what appeared to be part of the burgundy front fender.

## Attempted break-in

On Sept. 19, a resident in the 800 block of Den-

ice told police that about 3 a.m. two males were seen trying to get into her vehicle. She said the pair fled when her husband turned on an exterior light. The passenger-side window had been damaged from an attempt to pry it open.

## Larceny

A resident at the Landings Apartments, 6717 Lakeview, told police Sept. 19 that a week earlier he had parked his vehicle which wasn't running. He later found the license plate and bolts were missing.

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# \$10K jewelry, cash reported stolen during break-ins

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## Break-in

Two white-gold and diamond rings valued at \$10,000 and \$160 in cash were reported stolen Sept. 23 from a home in the 32000 block of Carlisle Parkway. The resident said she returned about 7 p.m. That was about the time her boyfriend realized a \$100 bill was missing from the bedroom. She said her rings were also missing from the bedroom, along with \$60.

## Break-in

Four gold and silver bracelets with diamonds, 13 assorted men and women's watches, a Samsung tablet and an Amazon tablet were reported stolen Sept. 15 from an apartment at Westchester Towers, 35700 E. Michigan Ave. The residents told police that they had been gone less than two hours, returning about 4 p.m. to find the apartment door had been kicked in and the items missing.

The only other person with access to the house was the woman's son. She said she had talked with him and he denied taking the items.

## Break-in

On Sept. 23, a resident in the 34000 block of John told police that Sept. 21 she left the house to go grocery shopping. When she returned about four hours later, she said she noticed some items missing from her home. She didn't call police at that time, but decided to make a report later after talking with friends.

Reported missing were an Xbox, Playstation and Wii gaming systems valued at \$1,500, along with about 30 games; several miscellaneous pieces of jewelry

valued at \$3,000; a Winchester semi-auto shotgun; and approximately 300 assorted music CDs.

The resident told police that some items were taken from a plastic locking safe which had been opened without being damaged. Two TVs were damaged, but not stolen, the resident said. Police couldn't test for fingerprints since the resident had touched items that might have been tested.

## Larceny

A resident in the 34000 block of John told police Sept. 18 that UPS reported delivering a package to his home Sept. 12, but it was never received. The missing item was described as a Squatty Potty, nine inches tall and valued at \$30.

## Purse stolen

A Wayne woman told police that Sept. 20, just before midnight, she was walking on Annapolis near Washington when a man ran up behind her, snatched her purse from her shoulder and ran off. She said the purse contained an unspecified amount of cash, a phone charger and prescription medications.

## Vandalism

A resident at the Chestnut Court Apartments, 31500 Van Born, told police that overnight Sept. 17 someone had smashed her vehicle windshield with a piece of concrete. She said a month or so earlier, a former friend had called to whoop her and mess up her things. The former friend had left an irate voicemail saying she was at the apartment, but the resident said she never saw her there

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# Police: Suspect in BeiRock Wraps theft has heroin link

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Police allegedly found a needle with heroin on it in the car of a 30-year-old Garden City man who is suspected in a break-in at BeiRock Wraps on Middlebelt.

A surveillance camera shows a man breaking into the restaurant Sept. 23. The man walked behind the front counter and reportedly took a \$100 bill that was in a frame on the wall. The bill said Mabrouk, which means good luck or congratulations in Arabic.

When officers gained entry into the establishment they found a crowbar on the floor. The owner said nothing but the \$100 bill was missing.

While checking the camera system the owner and officers saw a white Ford Mustang with a black rocker panel strip drive by. The suspect was wearing a hoodie, baseball cap, shorts and gym shoes.

"He walked around the counter and removed the \$100 from the frame and walked directly back out touching nothing else," the police report said.

The next day a Garden City officer was in the area of Merriman



COMPANY PHOTO  
Police arrested a suspect in the \$100 bill stolen from BeiRock Wraps.

and Marquette and saw a car matching the description of the vehicle seen on the surveillance camera. The officer also reportedly found a needle that tested positive for heroin in the car.

## Domestic dispute

A 23-year-old woman reported her 2014 Fusion was vandalized overnight when it was parked in the 28000 block of Bridge Avenue. She suspects her former boyfriend, a 24-year-old Dearborn Heights man.

She said she packed some of her things the

day before and went to her grandparents' home in Garden City.

"It appears a medium size landscaping stone was thrown through the drivers side front door window, shattering it, and landing inside the car on the passenger side front floor board," the police report said.

There were three dents alongside the drivers side of the vehicle and two dents on the trunk, which were caused by the unknown object.

## Disorderly conduct

In a separate case, police were called Sept. 20 to the 5700 block of Lathers Avenue involving a domestic dispute.

A 25-year-old man was sitting on the front porch and told police he was arguing with his live-in girlfriend because, he said, "she was hiding his car keys," the police report said.

She told police he threw her cosmetics in the bathtub, which destroyed the products. He told police he would leave the location and stay at his mother's house, but he needed his wallet and work identification card out of his vehicle before he left. He reportedly asked the officer if he could take a rock and smash the vehicle window to gain

entry. The officer said that wasn't a good idea.

While police were still there, the man left the residence with his sister. Police, however, were called back to the house when the woman said the man returned and took a brick from the front landscaping and smashed out the passenger-side window of the 2006 Jeep Cherokee.

The man was arrested for disorderly person and malicious destruction of property.

## Woman scammed

A 68-year-old Garden City woman said she was checking her Bank of America checking account when she noticed two unauthorized checks: one to a female in Columbia, South Carolina for \$999; and another to a man for \$999.

She told police she didn't recognize the names the checks were endorsed to.

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## CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE YEARS WHEN CITY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD FROM ODD NUMBERED YEARS TO EVEN NUMBERED YEARS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF WAYNE:

The Wayne City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne MI, 48184, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a change in the dates of City elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, as authorized by Public Act 523 of 2012, MCL 168.642(7).

All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the resolution.

This communication serves as notice of the City's intent to consider approval of the resolution changing the year of City elections to odd years.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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## CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 19 9/19/16

- Presiding: President Godbout
- Present: Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
- 173: Minutes of regular meeting on 9/6/16.
- LHS Homecoming Parade 9/30/16
- Traffic Control Order 2016-04: Remove wording under current speed limit signs in the Adams Upper Elementary school zone on Palmer w. of Venoy & replace "School Speed Limit 25 MPH Mon-Fri 7am to 8am and 2:50pm to 3:50pm-ALL YEAR"
- Traffic Control Order 2016-05: Remove wording under current speed limit signs in the Johnson Upper Elementary school zone on Hix s. of Joy Rd. & replace "School Speed Limit 25 MPH Mon-Fri 7am to 8am and 2:50pm to 3:50pm-ALL YEAR"
- Traffic Control Order 2016-06: Install (1) "STOP" sign on W/B Avondale Avenue at Sutton.
- Traffic Control Order 2016-07: Install (2) "Do Not Enter" & (2) "Wrong Way" signs on S. Frontage, w. of Superior Pkwy.
- Traffic Control Order 2016-08: Install (1) "Stop" sign on connector rd. that connects S. Frontage to N. Frontage.
- Traffic Control Order 2016-09: Install (1) "No Left Turn" sign on n. side of S. Frontage.
- Traffic Control Order 2016-10: Install (1) "Left Turn Only" on n. side of S. Frontage.
- Traffic Control Order 2016-11: Install (1) sign displaying (1) arrow pointing upward and (1) pointing downward on S. Frontage, w. of Superior Pkwy.
- 174: Appr. req. for closed study session immediately following adjournment re. pending litigation.
- 175: Rev. Site Plan for Prop. Huntington Bank Drive-Up ATM, 37201 Warren Road w/ contingencies.
- 176: SLU for Prop. Mini-Warehouse Storage Facility, PID #058-03-0001-000, -0002-000 and -0003-000, e. side of Manufacturer's Drive, s. side of Cherry Hill Rd. w/contingencies.
- 177: Site Plan for Prop. Site Plan for Prop. Mini-Warehouse Storage Facility, PID #058-03-0001 -000, -0002-000 and -0003-000, e. side of Manufacturer's Drive, s. side of Cherry Hill Rd. w/ contingencies.
- 178: Proposed Land Division, 29105 Richard w/contingencies.
- 179: SLU for Prop. Pharmacy, 38409 Joy Rd. w/contingencies.
- 180: Prop. Ext. Renovations, Genesys Surgical Center, 35105 Warren Road w/contingencies.
- 183: Appr. checklist: \$ 25,985,123.88.
- Mtg. adj. at 9:17 p.m.
- Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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Advanced tickets are not needed. Firefighters are also accepting donations of gently used shower chairs and wheelchairs. For more information, call fire administration at 734-722-1111.

The streets will be decorated with scare-

crowns in time for the annual Fall Festival hosted by Wayne Main Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. There will be various activities throughout the downtown area including: Pumpkin Painting in Derby's Alley at a cost of \$3 per child — includes paint, googly eyes, and you keep your pumpkin. Derby's Alley is located between GI Surplus and Flagship Boutique on Michigan Avenue.; Macaroni Kid will be providing a free craft for the kids using pasta; and there will be a Pop-Up Flea Market behind Helium Studio on Wayne Road.

Giveaways and deals will be offered inside downtown businesses. Free coloring books will be given to the first 25 kids to visit Derby's Alley. Enter the Buy Near-



Downtown Wayne.

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by shopping contest for a chance to win \$500.

The Scarecrow Reception and contest judging will be held from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12 in Goudy Park during the Wayne Farmers Market. Check out the scarecrows and enjoy some cider and doughnuts.

## Food trucks

Food trucks will be set up and serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

The Nosh Pit Detroit — A metro-Detroit food truck offering vegetarian soups and sandwiches, homemade desserts, and offering vegan and glu-

ten-free options will be located behind Helium Studio, 3127 S. Wayne Road.

Karma Coffee & Kitchen will be serving coffee plus hot and cold apple cider. They will be located in Derby's Alley.

Bigalora Woodfired Cucina — Featuring biga fermented wood fired pizzas freshly hand crafted from scratch, Homemade gelato and salads, too. Bigalora will also be set up in Derby's Alley.

For more information, call 734-629-6822 or email director@downtownwayne.org.

## Cemetery walk

Finish off the week with an Historical Cemetery Walk from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 at Westlawn Cemetery, formerly Glenview Cemetery, on Michigan Avenue. Pre-

sented by the Wayne Historical Society, the walk will highlight distinguished African Americans buried at the cemetery. That includes singers Jackie Wilson and Nolan Strong from the Diablos, boxer Sonny Banks and U.S. Army first Lt. Charles Thomas, who received the Distinguished Service Cross in 1944, which was upgraded posthumously to the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The walk is offered free but donations will be accepted. Cider and doughnuts will be served. Check the Wayne Historical Society Facebook page or call 313-605-0821 for more information.

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It's time to celebrate October this weekend in Redford.

## Oktoberfest highlights weekend events in Redford

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Just because summer is over doesn't mean there's a shortage of things to do in Redford, especially not this weekend.

The 11th annual Oktoberfest starts at 5 p.m. Friday and will feature German-themed music, food and beer. Kids games and a German-sausage eating contest will also be featured.

The event will take place near township hall off Beech Dally Road south of Five Mile.

Oktoberfest runs through 11 p.m. Saturday. Live entertainment will be played throughout the two-day event and include a variety of music, from rock and top 40s to polka.

Here are a few other happenings around town:

» St. Robert Bellarmine's is hosting a bottled water drive to benefit the residents of Flint this Saturday, Oct. 1, starting at 8:30 a.m.

» Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan will be hosting a pair of events in Redford. A blood drive will from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., also at St. Robert Bellarmine. The church will be leading a cleanup of Handy Park, which is located at 26590 Capitol, from 9 a.m. to noon.

» The Redford Public Library will host "Safety Before Zombies" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. The event is a chance for children to learn about basic safety and first, have a chance to role-play several different emergency situations and meet a real paramedic. Register at [www.redfordlibrary.org](http://www.redfordlibrary.org).

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## Health care talk

Join the new Livonia Republican Club to hear state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, speak about health care at the next meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. RSVP to 734-679-7757. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## Taste of the Arts

The Livonia Arts Commission hosts a Taste of the Arts fundraising event from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft (I-96 west of Inkster Road).

Music/dancing will be featured by the Cosmic Groove Band. An array of culinary samples will be provided by local restaurants. A cash bar is available and casual attire is suggested.

Tickets are \$15 (\$20 at the door) and are available on the fifth floor of city hall. Recreation center members may also order on its website. Checks should be made out to the city of Livonia and can be mailed to city of Livonia c/o Taste Fest, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia MI 48154. Tickets ordered by mail will be held at the "will call" desk at Burton Manor the night of the event.

The commission currently supports the Music From the Heart concert series, monthly exhibits in the Civic Center Library second-floor gallery and the city hall lobby. It also presents scholarships to Livonia students who plan to enter college in art-related programs. The commission supports the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and the Noontime Concerts scheduled in

the library atrium.

## Second City returns

On Saturday, Oct. 1, Chicago's legendary sketch and improv comedy touring company The Second City will return to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, to perform "Free Speech! (While Supplies Last)," an irreverent look at America's electoral insanity.

The curtain will go up on this topical show at 7 p.m., which features political satire made famous by Second City stars like Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert and Keegan-Michael Key, as well as brand new scenes, songs and improv straight from its sold-out shows in Chicago and Toronto. This must-see evening of comedy features some of Chicago's best and brightest in a special one-night-only engagement.

Tickets for The Second City are \$30 and are available at [www.cantonvillage.com](http://www.cantonvillage.com) or by calling the Village Theater box office at 734/394-5300, ext. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are going fast, but may also be purchased one hour prior to show time, if still available.

## Harvest auction

St. Robert Bellarmine will host its Harvest Auction from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at 27101 W. Chicago, Redford. Tickets are \$30 per person. All proceeds support the parish. Tickets are available at the office. To donate auction items or for more information, contact Denise Cieglo at 313-300-3615.

## Final road cleanup

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the final road cleanup of the year on both Geddes, from Beck to Sheldon, and Beck, between Geddes and Michigan Avenue, will take place in Canton.

Come on out from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and help the volunteer effort picking up roadside litter. Bags and safety vests can be found on that morning in green tubs on Geddes at these corner locations: Beck Road; Riverside Drive; River Meadow Boulevard, Sarah Ann and Sheldon Road. For questions, email [G4Greene@aol.com](mailto:G4Greene@aol.com).

## Used book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library sponsors a Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2. There will be many

books, including fiction, history, mystery, religious and cook books, as well as special books. On Oct. 2, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries.

The Livonia Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call 734-466-2495.

## Have fun in Garden City

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority has plenty of fun ahead for residents and visitors. Oct. 7 is Cougar Pride Night! Wear your Orange & Blue! On Oct. 14 get in some Square Dancing & Ghost Stories around the fire! On Oct. 21, turn out for

the Great Pumpkin Fest! And of course, on Oct. 28, get your scary on for the Halloween Ball! Kid & pet Costume Contest. For more information, visit <http://gcdda.com/>

## Halloween costume swap

A partnership with the Garden City Public Library and the Garden City Harvest Market, family friendly website Macaroni Kid Garden City-Dearborn,

Drop off your swappable costumes at the Garden City Public Library during business hours Oct. 3-12. In exchange for your costume (s), you will be given a Swap Ticket to be brought back for the event (hosted by the Garden City Harvest Market) 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14. Non-ticket holders can shop for a costume during the last hour 6-7 p.m. for a nominal fee that will benefit the Garden City Public Library. Expect a couple of goodies from Macaroni Kid, too!

## Farmers market

Wilson Barn hosts a farmers market each Saturday through Oct. 8 at 29350 W. Chicago in Livonia.

The market features local vendors, produce, crafts and baked goods and breads. For more information, call Karen at 734-261-3602 or go to [wilsonbarn.com](http://wilsonbarn.com)

## Craft show

Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy, hosts a craft show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, in the social hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

Admission is free and the event will feature an hourly 50/50 raffle, bale sale and available food and beverages. Table rental is \$25.

For more information, call Mary at 734-425-4421

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

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### Ted the Mechanic

The Garden City Public Library will host Ted the Mechanic at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, to talk about what you need to know when buying a car. The Belleville resident will present on what to look for and what to avoid while shopping for a previously owned vehicle, while leaving plenty of time for questions.

The certified mechanic said "I love to shop for a car that is done, you know, really falling apart, and see how much life I can get out of the thing, it's a personal challenge," he said.

His hobby has taught him the ins and outs of what could be lurking under the hood and wants to spread the message that used cars are nothing to fear if you know what to look for and what to reasonably expect.

For more information, contact the library at 734-793-1830. When visiting the library, enter the Balmoral side of Maplewood Center located at 31735 Maplewood St.

### Tea talk

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club in Livonia, will host a representative from Teavana at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. There will be a discussion on tea, tea blends and even some sampling. Open to the public. Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May at 7 p.m. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. For more information, visit [livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com](http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com)

### Polish dinner dance

The St. Paul Council of the Knights of Columbus from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Redford will sponsor a Polish Dinner Dance on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2-6 p.m. The event will be held in the Activities Building at St. Robert Bellarmine on the corner of Inkster and W. Chicago roads in Redford. Pre-sale tickets are \$20 per person through Oct. 19 and \$25 at the door. The price includes an authentic Polish dinner, dancing with music provided by the Polish Dukes, beer, wine and soft drinks. For tickets, contact Ron at 734-788-2233 or Keith at 313-320-8695.

## CITY OF LIVONIA

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received an application requesting approval of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from MASCO Corporation, in the Office of the City Clerk on September 22, 2016, for land and building improvements, machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures at their facility located at 17450 College Parkway, Livonia, MI 48152. (Industrial Development District #117):

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

The City Clerk shall provide copies of the said Application to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 198, P.A. 1974, as amended.

The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Monday, October 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

The Council has set **Monday, October 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

SUSAN M. NASH  
CITY CLERK

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- 10/3 **Novi:** Novi Baronette Hotel
- 10/4 **Southgate:** Crystal Gardens Main Ballroom
- 10/11 **Bloomfield Hills:** Kingsley Hotel Ballroom
- 10/12 **Livonia:** Madonna University Activities Center
- 10/17 **Dearborn:** Dearborn Performing Arts Center Studio A
- 10/19 **St. Clair Shores:** Barrister Gardens Ballroom

- Open to middle school students
- 5:00 - 7:30 PM





# Volunteers boost awareness of habitat loss

**Kathleen Lavey**  
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Every fall, people who live in the Upper Peninsula's Delta County keep an eye out for flutter clouds of orange and black.

Sometimes there are a handful of monarch butterflies, stopping for a break on their 1,900-mile winter migration to Mexico. Sometimes there are as many as 1,000 or 2,000, settling and folding their wings for the night in the shelter of a northern white cedar tree on the Stonington Peninsula near Escanaba.

From there, in a ritual repeated year after year, they'll fly across the water to Wisconsin's Door Peninsula, then farther south and west until they wind up in the Sierra Madre Mountains outside of Mexico City.

"They're waiting for a north wind to kind of help them across," said Janet Ekstrum, wildlife biologist in the Upper Peninsula's Hiawatha National Forest west unit.

But not before a dedicated crew of volunteers has counted their caterpillars and chrysalises and kept careful track of

## LEARN MORE ABOUT MONARCHS

A couple of good websites include:

- » monarchwatch.org offers access to milkweed plants, butterfly information and activities and much more.
  - » monarchjointventure.org includes information, ways to get involved in conservation and more.
- People who'd like to lend their name to the effort to make the monarch Michigan's state insect can sign a petition at <http://bit.ly/1n2A3iW>.

## WANT TO HELP A BUTTERFLY OUT?

Monarch butterflies depend on a steady supply of milkweed, where they lay their eggs and where caterpillars feed. Plant milkweed — preferably multiple plants — to provide monarch habitat. Milkweed flower also will draw other types of butterflies and pollinating insects. Types of milkweed that grow well in Michigan include common milkweed, butterfly milkweed, swamp milkweed, whorled milkweed, tall milkweed and prairie milkweed. Buy seeds and plant in fall, as they need cold temperatures for at least three months before they germinate. Planting a variety of native plants including milkweed will help monarchs and other pollinators throughout the growing season. Get more tips for planting milkweed at <http://tinyurl.com/hwl8w9k>.

migrating butterflies.

It turns out that Michigan's colorful monarchs are getting a boost from more than just a north breeze. People like the Delta County volunteers are working all over Michigan to raise awareness of their numbers — dwindling mostly due to habitat loss — and to do something about it.

So far this year, legislators have introduced bills into both the Michigan House and Senate to name monarchs as Michigan's state insect, a move designed to increase awareness of the elegant insect. Conservation groups continue to urge homeowners and landowners to plant milkweed to help the monarchs rear

their young.

Wildlife, conservation and agriculture officials also were scheduled to meet Sept. 21-22 in East Lansing to talk about improving conditions around the state for monarchs and other insects that pollinate crops.

"We're trying to get a variety of folks from across the state to meet and discuss what we're going to do to conserve monarchs and other wild pollinators in Michigan," said Dan Kennedy, endangered species specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "We are going to try to figure out how we can improve cooperation and collaboration."

Besides monarchs, any plan also would include other butterflies, bees, bumblebees and wasps. All of them help pollinate crops as they feed from flower to flower on fruit trees, berry bushes and vegetables.

A long-term decline in monarch butterfly populations is a nationwide concern. Experts point to the use of pesticides and loss of habitat as key areas of concern. Monarch butterflies lay their eggs exclusively in milk-

weed plants, and caterpillars eat only milkweed as food. Several conservation groups have petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the monarch as a threatened or endangered species.

"That precipitated a lot of people wanting to get engaged and do good things for monarchs," Kennedy said.

Among them: Karen Meabrod of Keego Harbor. She petitioned lawmakers to introduce bills to make the monarch the state insect. A bill to do so was introduced in the state Senate in February by Sens. Jim Marleau, R-Lake Orion, and Steve Bieda, D-Warren. Senate Bill No. 812 has since been sent to the governmental operations committee. House Bill No. 5560 was introduced in April by Rep. Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton.

A monarch butterfly typically lives six weeks or less, except for the last generation of the season in northern states. Those butterflies experienced a delayed maturity that gives them time to fly to their winter grounds in Mexico's Sierra Madre Mountains.

The process doesn't

work the other way. Butterflies returning in the spring will lay eggs along the route, making the spring migration a process that includes several generations of butterflies. They arrive in Michigan around mid-May.

Storms, pesticide use and other hazards along the way can shrink the number of butterflies that successfully make the trip. Volunteers in the Upper Peninsula and more than 1,000 sites in Michigan and the eastern U.S. and Canada help keep tabs on the insects.

"Starting early in May we have a group that goes out and does larval monitoring," Ekstrum said. "Right now we have volunteers that are doing two different counts." They include a count of butterflies roosting in trees before the cross they lake and a count of butterflies seen along the route.

That's part is unpredictable. "We have people call and they want to schedule their vacation around the migration," she said. "It's really hard to know when they're going to come through."

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couple of months, as the butterflies travel more than 2,000 miles to reach Mexico.

Researchers still don't know why they go to the exact location in Mexico. It's "one of nature's mysteries," said Tamera Menas of the Michigan Native Butterfly Farm.

Each person who released a monarch can track their specific butterfly by checking the website [www.monarchwatch.org](http://www.monarchwatch.org) or [www.jnorth.org](http://www.jnorth.org).

Throughout the spring and summer, some three to five generations of monarchs are born. But a majority of the newcomers live only about

five weeks. The monarchs that take flight for Mexico and warmer weather are typically the last generation of the season and live for about eight months. When spring rolls around again, the monarchs leave Mexico for the southern United States, where they breed to begin new generations.

The event was all about butterflies. But there were plenty of human activities, including food, face painting, cider and doughnuts, as well as hot dogs sold by area Cub Scouts.

For more information about monarch butterflies, go to the National Wildlife Federation at <http://tinyurl.com/jykocla>

Kelly Dobson contributed to this story.



Julia McDermott and Isabella Jasinkiewicz of Livonia with their winged friends.

KELLY DOBSON



Raquel Cooper of Livonia carefully releases her monarch to perfect sunny weather Sunday at George's Livonia Gardens.

KELLY DOBSON



Laura Walker of Farmington had a few seconds with her monarch before it flew away.

KELLY DOBSON



Wyatt Griffin-Dobson, 2, gets some butterfly kisses.

KELLY DOBSON



Organizer Tamera Menas of Michigan Native Butterfly Farms shows how to safely release the monarchs from the envelopes. The monarchs are not bothered being in the envelopes. They are stored in cool temperatures and because they are cold-blooded, they go dormant. As they warm up in the sun, they wake up and fly away.

KELLY DOBSON



Rebecca Dobson and son Wyatt use a nectar-soaked swab to feed one of the hundreds of butterflies on display in the visitors tent.

KELLY DOBSON



Several varieties of butterflies were on display for visitors to enjoy at George's Livonia Gardens. This butterfly is a painted lady.

KELLY DOBSON



# Water main breaks close GC High School twice

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Two water main breaks, Sept. 26 and 27, closed Garden City High School both days and will likely put the water lines on a list for replacement. Tuesday was the second day of no school for GCHS students due to a water main break. Nearby Cambridge High School wasn't affected,

because it's not hooked to the same water line. School resumed Wednesday. The end of the school year won't be extended due to these two days off, district Superintendent Derek Fisher said, adding: "We have six days of inclement weather or building shutdowns before we have to add days" as mandated by state law. The first break was

around 5:30 a.m. Sept. 26 near the corner of Maplewood and Middlebelt. Another break, not far down the line, happened around 5 a.m. Sept. 27. Repairs were expected to be completed later that same day. The water main breaks had nothing to do with current work and parking lot construction at the high school, Fisher said.

"There's been issues with the infrastructure for many years," Fisher said. "That area is prone to water main breaks." After a water main break, there is usually a delay of four to six hours before water returns to nearby businesses, schools and residents, Department of Public Works Director Kevin Roney explained. Roney said there are

on average between 50-60 water main breaks throughout the community every year. With the two recent breaks so near in proximity and time, Roney said it could indicate that piece of the line is starting to deteriorate. "It will be a candidate to go on a list" for a water main replacement, he said. The city has replaced 14 water main line

sections since 2014. Roney couldn't say when the line will be replaced. "The needs are re-evaluated annually and that need will be brought out, weighed out and it will be done in the appropriate year," Roney said. dandreassi@hometownlife.com 734-432-5974 Twitter: @HeraldReporter

# THE ROEPER SCHOOL: STORIES BEHIND TOP 'GIFTED' SCHOOL

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On Sept. 15, 1941, George and Annemarie Roeper opened a small private school in a two-story house on Woodward Avenue in Highland Park. Seventy five years later, The Roeper School is thriving and consistently ranks as one of the top private schools in the nation.

The Roepers narrowly escaped from Nazi Germany in 1938 and like so many other refugees they found a new home in the United States. The school they created is built on a foundation of acceptance and a respect for the individuality of others. It is a response to the heartbreak of living in a fascist society.

As the school celebrates its 75th anniversary, the family of George and Annemarie, along with the faculty and alumni at Roeper, are sharing their stories about the school and how it has impacted their lives.

## 'The Roepers' daughter'

Karen Roeper, 66, the youngest of the three Roeper children, remembers growing up on the school's campus in Bloomfield Hills.

"When I was born they had just bought the property in Bloomfield hills," said Roeper, who now lives in the Bay Area just outside San Francisco. "I remember all the students would file by this window in a hallway so they could see me. One aspect of growing up that way is you're a public figure from the beginning. I was the Roepers' daughter."

Her parents had met in a boarding school in Germany that was operated by Annemarie's family. Annemarie was Jewish, and George was labeled as a sympathizer. George helped Annemarie's family, the Bondys, get documents to leave Germany safely after the Nazi Party had taken control of the government. He then had to escape in 1938 for having helped them.

"The whole thrust and philosophy of school - they wanted to create an environment of tolerance and nonaggression - they wanted kids to learn how to respect individuality," Roeper said. "All of those things were influenced by what happened in Nazi Germany."

## The top 5 percent

David Feldman, Head of The Roeper School, said the anniversary celebration is more than just acknowledging a passage in time.

"This is an important milestone," he said. "But I don't want us to get lost



Georg Vihos, Upper School art teacher, and Nahama Broner, Upper School student, circa 1974.

in nostalgia and forget that our founders were all about preparing our students for the future."

To that degree, the school is in the process of adding 9,000 square feet of new learning space to its campus in Birmingham. The addition will offer state-of-art features, such as a digital learning classroom, developed in collaboration with Stanford University, where students and teachers from around the world can meet electronically to study.

"Working with a consortium of schools, we've created 30-40 advanced level classes that none of the individual schools had enough students to run - but together we can have a seminar," Feldman said. "I may be in New York, you may be in Detroit and our teacher may be in Los Angeles, but the three of us are together in real time and we're talking to each other and engaging in a dialogue. You don't lose the interpersonal piece."

Another key component of the anniversary celebration is an Oct. 14 symposium titled, "A Matter of Equity: how we are failing high-potential Detroit schoolchildren and what we can do about it." Hosted by the Roeper Institute and Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, the conference is being held at no fee at the Keith Center.

"The state of Michigan, along with the rest of the country, has really cut back on funding gifted education," Feldman said. "There are only a handful of states that fund gifted education, and it's very sad. Children who are in that top 5 percent of academic talent and ability are not served - it's as though we've said, 'They'll get along ... they're smart, they can tackle anything.' But that just isn't the case."

Even when the country was funding gifted education, for the most part it meant little more than a pull-out class that lasted 45 minutes.

Feldman adds, "Children who are gifted are gifted 24/7. And we need to make sure we challenge them, because as

said. "It started with the importance of treating everyone with respect. Always the older kids would help out the younger ones at school."

Her parents had a good sense of humor, and were firm in setting rules and guidelines for their three children. They went out of their way to make sure the family ate dinner together as often as possible. Karen Roeper remembers the family would also read plays together - mainly Shakespeare - with each person playing a different part.

"My dad was soft spoken - very gentle," she said. "My mom, when I was a kid I could always talk to her. And as I got older they always had my back."

Her oldest brother, Tom, lives in Massachusetts, while her brother, Peter, is in California. The three remain close.

"The one thing I learned growing up was how to keep things separate," she said. "We would often have guests over dinner, and in many cases they were teachers. I would sometimes hear things and knew to keep it separate. I learned the art of discretion."

The more challenging side was being connected to the school.

"It was a bit like growing up with a fourth sibling," said Roeper. "And, as Peter used to say, it was the fourth sibling who needed a lot of attention."

## The power of rejection

Annemarie was born in Vienna in 1918. Her mother Gertrud Bondy was a medical doctor and psychoanalyst in training with Sigmund Freud at the time.

Later, before fleeing from Austria where she

was at university, Annemarie was invited to be the protégé of Freud's daughter, Anna.

Feldman spent time with Annemarie before she passed away at the age of 93 in 2012. George passed away at the age of 81 in 1992.

"She was 92 - she had just finished writing a book and she was thinking about her next book," Feldman said of their initial meeting. "She didn't see herself as Jewish. She saw herself as German. They were intellectuals, and I think one of the hardest things for her whole family was to have their identity and their sense of self taken away from them. You work so hard to build your identity, and to have that taken away and to be told 'this is your identity' and to not have any control over it, was just heartbreaking."

That sense of rejection, more than anything, prompted her teaching philosophy at Roeper.

"I think it shaped her whole vision for what she wanted in a school," Feldman said. "That children should have a voice, because that was taken away from her. That this is a place about social justice - because she was persecuted for being Jewish. That justice rather than power should be the order of the day. And that there is an obligation to be interdependent - that we are more than just ourselves."

## Sharing stories

The school set up a website at [www.Roeper75.org](http://www.Roeper75.org) to post updates about the anniversary. The first event takes place Friday, Sept. 9, with the three Roeper children leading a reunion of staff and students.

# Suspension lifted in water complaint by Glenn student

**LeAnne Rogers**  
hometownlife.com

The plumbing has been repaired in a girls bathroom to take care of discolored water and a suspension has been lifted for a Westland John Glenn High School student who had posted a photo taken in the restroom.

Senior Hazel Juco had received a three-day out-of-school suspension for inappropriate use of an electronic device for taking a photograph in the restroom.

"The student's suspension was nullified and expunged from the student's record," Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Michele Harmala said. "The suspension was for inappropriate use of an electronic device; however, the context of this student situation does not apply. The rule against cell phone use in bathrooms aims at preventing inappropriate pictures of people, not pictures of building issues. Given this context, punishment was not appropriate."

Once the incident was brought to her attention, Harmala said she immediately contacted the district's Building and Grounds Department; a plumber investigated and began the resolution process. The fixture has been repaired.

"The safety of our students and school community is important to us and we want students to report building issues," Harmala said.

Problems at buildings can be reported directly to administration. The district has a phone app for that purpose, Click It & Fix It.

The incident received TV coverage locally as well as on CNN.



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**NO. 2016-26**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVED: minutes of Reg. City Council meeting from September 6, 2016; site plan #2016-07 for Rizzo Services, 39000 Van Born; materials recovery facility licenses for Broome Auto Part, 4322 Walker & Annapolis Auto Parts, 36597 Annapolis; first reading of Ord. #2016-06; 3 yr. tent. agree. with General Employees; 4 yr. agree. with Nocerini Strategy Group for City Manager Services; Emergency Management Plan; snow removal contract; public hearing for October 18 for even year elections; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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**ABSTRACT**  
**WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO.**  
**2016-25**  
**September 20, 2016**

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Adjourn to a Closed Session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager. Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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# Westland hiring parks boss; Reddy is deputy mayor

**LeAnne Rogers**  
hometownlife.com

Westland should have a new parks and recreation director and a new fire chief among several personnel changes made by Mayor William Wild.

Subject to council confirmation Oct. 3, La-Tricia Gunnells has been appointed the city's new parks and recreation director. A Detroit native, Gunnells is currently community center supervisor for Oklahoma City. Previously, she was activities director for the city of Tulsa and assistant women's basketball coach for the University of Tulsa.

"We did search kind of nationally through parks and recreation departments. She (Gunnells) went to Oklahoma on a basketball scholarship," Wild said. "We interviewed 13 candidates and she was number one on everyone's card."

That interview team included Wild, Deputy Mayor Thelma Kubitskey, Personnel Director



Gunnells



Kubitskey



Reddy



Saab



Stradtner

**Cindy King, Council President James Godbout and Canton Leisure Services Debbie Bilibrey-Honsowetz.** The short-list candidates had a second interview with Wild. "I believe Ms. Gunnells has the skills and experience to provide the leadership, vision and

creativity necessary to rebuild our recreational programming and opportunities while also leveraging the partnership the city enjoys with various local athletic groups," Wild said.

Among her experience, Gunnells has been responsible for management of multiple facilities, including community centers, indoor/outdoor public swimming pools, multiple playgrounds, athletic fields, disc golf courses and more than 20 miles of rocks/boulders for repelling and training. She has managed staff ranging from up to 68 full-time personnel along with 30 volunteers. Gunnells has successfully obtained grants, including those from corporations such as Kmart, WalMart and others. She has a bachelor of arts in communications from St. John's University, and has nearly completed a master's degree in management and sports administration from Southern Nazarene University. In other staffing

changes, Kubitskey will be appointed to the vacant Economic Development director position. As part of overseeing the city's economic development, she will work with the Tax Increment Financing Authority, Downtown Development Authority and a variety of development projects.

Originally hired as city budget director in 2012, Kubitskey has a bachelor's degree from Madonna University and retired from Northville Township after 32 years. There, she worked as the assistant township manager/finance director. Kubitskey has an extensive municipal finance background including completion of capital improvement projects such as construction of a new township hall.

Replacing Kubitskey as what is officially called executive assistant to the mayor, will be Michael Reddy Jr. who has served as fire chief since 2001 and has been with the fire department for nearly 25 years. Reddy, who retired

from the fire department and has been working on a contractual basis as a shared chief with Wayne, has a bachelor's degree in public safety studies.

Current Assistant Fire Chief Michael Stradtner will be promoted to Wayne-Westland Fire Chief and is scheduled to be sworn in at the Oct. 3 council meeting. Stradtner has worked for the Westland Fire Department for 22 years and has a bachelor's degree in healthcare management and will begin working on his master's degree in organizational leadership this year.

With Reddy's contract expiring — and an extension earlier rejected — Wayne is continuing to share a chief under the fire departments' merged operation. Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini said the city had budgeted for an additional \$25,000 for the fire chief to accommodate benefits received by Stradtner as an active employee unlike Reddy.

Westland Department

of Public Services Deputy Director Hassan Saab will oversee moving ordinance services from the fire department. The change will be completed with formation of a new department in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Department of Public Service Deputy Director Hassan Saab will oversee the transition of ordinance, which is currently being performed by the Westland Fire Department to a new department in next year's budget. Saab has been with the city two years and has 23 years experience with the Wayne County Department of Public Service. He has a PhD in structural engineering and a master's degree in civil engineering.

"When we originally put ordinance in the fire department, the main focus was vacant homes. That's not so much an issue now — it's more blight control," Wild said. "It's too much for the fire department. I feel like we are holding them back. It limits our effectiveness."



The Straight Farmhouse is on Merriman Road in Garden City.

## Straight Farmhouse celebrates 150th anniversary Saturday

Don't miss the 150th anniversary celebration of the Straight Farmhouse from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the site, 66621 Merriman in Garden City. While you are there, also celebrate the Garden City Historical Museum's 10th year in the farmhouse.

Visitors will be entertained by Matthew Ball, the Motor City Boogie Woogie Kid. Light refresh-

ments will be served. Don't forget to check out the 2016 Skeletons on Review exhibit. Saturday is the first day to see the exhibit. Skeletons will blend in with the Life in the 1800s exhibit.

Although not required, RSVPs are appreciated by calling the museum at 734-838-0650.

The paintings of well-known local artist Kay Masini will be featured at the Gallery at Westland City Hall beginning Monday, Oct. 3.

A Plymouth resident, Masini will host a reception and present a gallery tour open to the public, "Behind the Brushstrokes," 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7.

Masini's paintings range through techniques with oils, acrylics, watercolor, dry media and collage; styles vary, as does subject matter — realism to abstract. During the gallery tour, she will talk of various techniques, concepts, and the stories behind some works of her art.

A lifelong painter, Masini has been active on boards in local art groups, and has been a member of national and international organiza-

## New art exhibit coming to Westland City Hall gallery



Ancestors will be among the paintings by Kay Masini on display at the Westland City Hall gallery.

tions. A member of the Internationale Vriendenkring, she had a solo

exhibition in Belgium. She holds numerous international and nation-

al awards. Two of her paintings were selected for inclusion in the first "Acrylic Works-the Best of Acrylic Painting" by North Light Books; one of only five Michigan artists to be so included.

Masini is also noted for her poetry and has a newly printed book "Contemporary Christmas Symbols in Art and Poetry" — a selection from original Christmas cards that were designed for friends and relatives over the past 50 years. It will be available at the reception.

Sponsored by the Three Cities Art Club, the exhibition will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until Nov. 30. Westland City Hall is at 36300 Warren Road, just east of Central City Parkway.

**CITY OF WAYNE**  
**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**  
**FOR MICHIGAN PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**To the Qualified Electors of the CITY OF WAYNE - WAYNE COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tuesday, October 11, 2016 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

The following will be voted upon in the State of Michigan, County of Wayne:

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Representative in Congress 13th District  
State Representative 16th District  
State Board of Education Members  
University of Michigan Regents  
Michigan State University Trustees  
Wayne State University Governors  
County Prosecuting Attorney  
County Sheriff  
County Clerk  
County Treasurer  
County Register of Deeds  
County Commissioner 11th District  
Supreme Court Justice - Incumbent and Non-Incumbent Positions  
Judge of Court of Appeals, 1st District Incumbent Positions  
Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit - Incumbent and Non-Incumbent Positions  
Judge of Probate Court - Incumbent  
Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board Member

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Wayne City Clerk's Office or on the City website at <http://www.ci.wayne.mi.us/>.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

**In Person:**  
At the City Clerk's office or at the office of any County Clerk during normal business hours.  
At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.  
At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.  
At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

**My Mail:**  
By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:  
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
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**Qualifications for Registration**  
1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.  
2. Resident of City of Wayne for at least 30 days.  
3. Citizens of the United States.

**Note:** A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 8, 2016 Election is Saturday, November 5, 2016 until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF LIVONIA**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Council of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on the proposed reconstruction project of Amrhein Road (Eckles Road to a point 3,500 feet East of Eckles Road) for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The public hearing will be held on **Monday, October 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time** in the Auditorium of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154, on the following:

The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of Amrhein Road (Eckles Road to a point 3,500 feet East of Eckles Road) in order to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) LAP Program, scheduled for the 2017 Construction Season.

**Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Livonia City Hall, Engineering Division, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154, or you may call (734) 466-2570 for further information.**

Written comments should be sent to Mr. Todd Zilincik, P.E., City Engineer, City of Livonia, Engineering Division, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154.

All residents of the City of Livonia are encouraged to comment or attend the meeting.

Susan M. Nash,  
CITY CLERK

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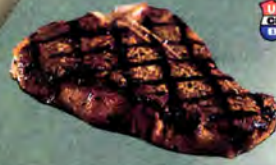
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PREP BASKETBALL

## Fatherhood first: Solak steps down

Longtime coach's eventful year gets even brighter

Ed Wright  
hometownlife.com

The only X's and O's longtime Livonia Churchill boys basketball coach Jimmy Solak will be drawing up in the immediate future will be on his newborn daughter Cecelia's chalkboard.

Solak's incredibly eventful year became even more memorable Sept. 22, when he and his wife Carrie welcomed Cecelia into the world.

A few weeks prior to the

delivery, Solak informed Churchill athletic director Marc Hage that we would be resigning the boys basketball coaching position that he has held for the past 14 seasons.

It turns out Solak, who married Carrie in October 2015, went out in style as his final Chargers team — at least for now — won the school's first Class A district championship in more than 20 years in March.

"When my life changed, my priorities changed," Solak said, explaining how the birth of his first child led to his

See COACH, Page B3



SOLAK FAMILY PHOTO  
Carrie and Jimmy Solak hold newborn daughter Cecelia.

## St. Edith basketball registration

The St. Edith Athletics CYO Basketball program is accepting registrations until Oct. 14 for the upcoming winter season. This program is for girls and boys in grades 4-8 who are members of the following Catholic parishes: St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Aidan. The season goes from November until early March. To register, visit [stedithcyo.com](http://stedithcyo.com), click on the home tab, then the sports registration link and follow the prompts.

Also offered is the freshman basketball program for boys and girls in grades 2-3. This will be held on Sunday afternoons, starting in January and will run through February. Each session will consist of a practice and a game. To register for this program, visit [stedithcyo.com](http://stedithcyo.com) and follow the registration instructions.

All home basketball games will be at the St. Edith School gym. Due to the number of teams expected, practices will be at various nearby facilities, including the St. Edith gym. For more information about any of these programs, email Dave Allie at [stedithbc@yahoo.com](mailto:stedithbc@yahoo.com).

## Thurston grad Wilson excelling

Former Redford Thurston football standout Eric Wilson is having a spectacular senior season at the University of Cincinnati.

Following the Bearcats' first four games, the linebacker leads the team in tackles with 42 (19 solo and 23 assists) and also has a team-high three quarterback sacks and 4.5 tackles for loss.

Last season at Cincinnati, Wilson was a second-team All-American Conference selection after piling up 103 tackles in 12 games.

He was a two-time All-State performer in high school.

## GC edges RU swimmers

Garden City defeated Redford Union, 91-78. The Panthers were bolstered by strong performances from Abby Bishop, Sarah Bishop and Mia Sopko.

## Stevenson grad Hawkins earns award

Following an unrivaled and eye-popping statistical run over the past three matches, Madonna University volleyball junior middle hitter Amanda Hawkins was named WHAC Attacker of the Week, the league announced Monday (Sept. 26). The weekly conference honor is the first of Hawkins' (Livonia/Stevenson High School) career and is the second weekly award earned by a Crusader this season after Lauren Korth earned Setter of the Week on Sept. 12.

Hawkins, a 6-foot junior middle, put together a week for the history books after slamming a team-best 39 kills over three matches while not committing a single hitting error. The unheard-of week with 37 kills on 58 attack attempts and no errors resulted in a .698 hitting percentage and a 3-0 week for the 16th-ranked Crusaders with wins over Michigan-Dearborn, Western Ontario and Windsor. Hawkins also added a team-best 15 total blocks on 12 block assists and three solo blocks to round out her impressive week.

On the season, Hawkins has amassed 186 kills on a .375 hitting percentage to go along with 73 blocks (14 solo blocks, 59 block assists). The .375 hitting percentage and 73 blocks are both team highs while Hawkins' 186 kills is good for second on the team through 20 matches.

PREP FOOTBALL

# YOU GO, GIRLS!



Garden City junior Alex Sherlock booms an extra point through the uprights during a game against Thurston earlier this month.

ED WRIGHT

## Strong-legged ladies prove they belong on high school gridiron

Ed Wright  
hometownlife.com

Groundbreaking moments are never easy and rarely comfortable, probably the primary reasons they are so rare.

So when Livonia Stevenson senior Sarah Monte sat quietly in the bleachers to initially observe a Spartans varsity football workout, there was a trace of uneasiness in the air.

"When the players saw me sitting there — and I brought my cleats, just in case the coach wanted to see me kick that day — I think they were a little confused and I know I was a little scared," Monte said. "It was intimidating for me early on and they were apprehensive because they had never played football with a girl, but after a while, it was all cool."

And now, more than five weeks into the her inaugural



Sarah Monte is the first female to play varsity football at Livonia Stevenson.

season as the first female to play varsity football for Livonia Stevenson, Monte is a member of the Spartans' family.

Not only has No. 36's warm personality won over her teammates, but she has proven she belongs, given her three-for-three performance on point-after attempts.

"I really felt I was accepted when a couple players came over and sat with me at a team dinner we had early in the season," she said. "They told me, 'We're a family and you're one of us.'"

A high-performance member of the Spartans girls soccer program the previous three seasons, Monte discovered early on during her gridiron experience that she was a role model.

"The young daughters of our junior varsity coach came

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

## Churchill harriers earn gold on Monroe trails

Opdycke's personal-best propels boys squad

Ed Wright  
hometownlife.com

There was gold in the hills of the Sterling State Park in Monroe on Saturday — and both the Livonia Churchill boys and girls cross country teams found it.

Led by senior front-runner

Tyler Opdycke's personal-best performance, Churchill's boys conquered the seven-team field by scoring 41 points to out-distance runner-up Brighton (56).

Canton placed third with 57 points followed by Ann Arbor Huron (103) and Monroe (117).

Churchill's girls team edged the second-place Bulldogs, 39-40. Woodhaven (107 points)

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Livonia Churchill's cross country team gathers for a group shot following its championship performance on Saturday.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

## Churchill upends Rockets; Canton next

Ed Wright  
hometownlife.com

The Livonia Churchill football team emerged from Friday night's game against Westland John Glenn bruised and battered, but (most importantly) not beaten.

In a physical contest that extended the Chargers' winning streak to three and its string of games with numerous injuries to five, Churchill prevailed, 26-8, thanks in large part to its swarming defense and its in-sync passing combination of Evan Cummins to Mike Hill.

Cummins threw three touchdown passes — two to Hill, who caught eight balls for at least 180 yards — and ran for another to help the Chargers improve their record to 4-1 and 2-0 in the KLA South Division.

Churchill will host Canton on Friday in a homecoming game that will carry some high stakes.

The Chargers and Chiefs are tied atop the South standings at 2-0, making this week's clash ultra-important.

"Friday's game will be a lot like it was last year — we'll be at home again due to the schedule changes, it will be our homecoming and Canton will be hungry for revenge after we beat them last year," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "One good thing is that Canton's defensive scheme is very similar to John Glenn's, so the new guys we have in the lineup won't have to make as many adjustments." The Chargers' "new guys"

have been asked to step up in the wake of a tidal wave of injuries that has required DeFillippo to replace three offensive linemen since day one.

"I've been coaching 26 years and I've never seen a team suffer as many injuries as this year's team," he said. "No excuses, though. All teams have injuries. We just need the guys stepping in to step up like they have so far."

Churchill threatened to open a more comfortable lead against the Rockets, but they stalled three times on fourth down in John Glenn's red zone.

"Our defense really stepped up and played a great game," DeFillippo said. "And Evan and Mike made some huge plays on offense. We actually looked to eat up some clock with our passing game, since our line was so beat up with injuries."

Jacob Hastings and Brett Stern both intercepted a pass for Churchill, which also recovered a John Glenn fumble.

In addition to hooking up twice with Hill on TD passes, Cummins also threw a six-pointer to Logan Freier.

Given the recent history of the Churchill-Canton series, Friday night's game is likely to go down to the wire.

"The last six times we've played Canton, we've won three and they've won three, so it should be an exciting game," DeFillippo said.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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Churchill defenders swallow up a Monroe ball carrier during a game earlier this season.

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## PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Plymouth's dramatic rally fuels victory over Franklin

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The defining moment of Tuesday night's Livonia Franklin-Plymouth volleyball showdown was either epic or demoralizing, depending upon which color jersey you were wearing.

Leading 1-0 in sets, but trailing 10-0 in the second stanza, the black-and-silver clad Wildcats stormed back to overcome to win 25-21.

The comeback proved to be a lightning rod for Plymouth, which carved out a 3-1 triumph over the Patriots.

The Wildcats' 25-19, 25-21, 24-26, 25-20 victory improved their record to 4-2 in the KLA South Division; the Patriots slipped to 2-4.

Although it lost, Franklin showed plenty of resilience of its own, especially in the third set when it rallied to win the final three points to post a stirring 26-24 win.

Plymouth was powered by a strong core of seniors, particularly middles Lydia Bell and Alexa Ebeling, all-around standout Jordyn Kuchka and defensive specialist/serving star Adrianna Touma.

"Our middles have been effective all year," Plymouth head coach Dave Nichols said. "Our issue has been that our first contact has been really erratic, which makes it tough to go on runs."

"This is a hard-working group of girls, but they still struggle with their confidence. So to come back from being down 10-0 in set two was nice to see. We really showed some fortitude in that set."

Franklin's forte this season has been its phenomenal defense, and that was the case on Tuesday as the Patriots' court-covering prowess made Plymouth work for everything it got.

Sophomore Bella Facione was especially effective, picking up would-be kills like a Swiffer Sweeper.

The Patriots' most glaring downfall is their lack of a dominating swinger whose hits can put dents in the opponents' side of the court.

"I'm a former defensive player, so I take pride in the fact that we are a good defensive team," Franklin head coach Kelsey Poston said. "Now I'd like to see our offense pick up. We need to improve about two levels."

"Our go-to girls are Paige Brothers and middle Hannah Nordstrom, both of whom played really well tonight."

"Tonight we'd get in a serve-receive rut and couldn't work out way out of it fast enough,



Franklin's Melissa Ferrier delivers a set during Tuesday's match

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Franklin's dynamic libero Bella Facione makes a perfect pass.

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especially when we were up 10-0 in set two. Instead of thinking, 'This is our point,' we let doubt set in. It's something young teams go through and we just have to work out way out of it." Kuchka led the Wildcats' offense with 17 kills. Bell knocked down 12 for the winners.

With the fourth set deadlocked at 20-20, Plymouth ran off the final five points behind the serving of Touma, who contributed an ace, and one kill a piece from Kennedy White, Kuchka, Jordan Schamp and Bell, who delivered the match-ender from the middle.

## Churchill rolls

Livonia Churchill improved its record to 22-8 overall and

6-0 in the KLA South Division Tuesday night with a 25-10, 25-15, 25-10 sweep of host Westland John Glenn.

Spearheading the winners' offense were Annie Yost and Sam Zonca, both of whom collected 12 kills, and Annabelle Dunn, who contributed nine kills.

Alyssa Facione was brilliant defensively with a team-high 11 digs. Kendra Juliette sparked at the service stripe with six aces.

Colleen McGowan and Madi Mirabitur turned in solid all-around performances, according to head coach Mark Grenier.

## Stevenson edged

Livonia Stevenson was on the verge of posting its first KLA Central Division victory of the season Tuesday night before the Spartans suffered an agonizing 25-23, 19-25, 18-25, 25-16, 15-12 setback to South Lyon East.

Junior middle hitter Claire Beaudoin was spectacular for the Spartans, knocking down 16 kills to go along with two solo blocks.

Also excelling for the Spartans were senior libero Lexi Jenkins (21 digs), senior setter Emily Ehrheart and junior setter Julia Bice, who distributed 12 assists each.

Stevenson slipped to 0-6 in the Central and 1-17 overall.

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## PREP CROSS COUNTRY

## Patriots stampede Rockets in South showdown

Nordbeck, Evanchuk shine for Franklin

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Jackson Nordbeck and Logan Evanchuk proved to be a potent 1-2 punch for Livonia Franklin's boys cross country team Tuesday afternoon at Westland John Glenn.

Competing against a short-handed Rocket squad, Nordbeck won the race in 17 minutes, 40 seconds — five seconds before Evanchuk followed in his footsteps across the finish line.

Rounding out the top-five spots for the Patriots were Trevor Doyle (17:48), Joe Nichol (18:00) and Russell Rusnell (18:27).

Also competing for Franklin were Mike Mackiewicz (18:35), Bryan Hives (18:39) and Andrew Ulaszek (19:02).

John Glenn was led by eighth-place finisher Ahmad Allen. Justin Hadyaniak, Ben Biber and Adam Storask also covered the 5-kilometer course for the hosts.

## Patriot girls roll

The first seven runners to cross the finish line during Tuesday's dual meet featuring host John Glenn and visiting Franklin were wearing the red and blue colors of Franklin.

Erin Seibert paced the Patriots with a first-place time of 19:47. She was followed by teammates Hailey Kutrukis (21:01), Camryn Zurawski (21:12), Ashley deGuise (21:49), Emily Esker (21:59), Allyson Stabler (22:07) and Angie Hall (22:08).

Competing for the Rockets were Layali Alshaikh (21st in 27:22), Gabrielle Melvin (23rd in 27:45), Emily Hackerd (24th in 28:49) and Gabrielle Doudt (25th in 28:54).

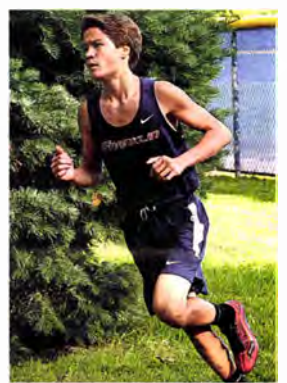
John Glenn did not compile an official score because they fell one short of the required five runners.

"The girls have been working hard and I was very impressed by what they did on the course today in terms of pushing one another," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We have a big string of meets coming up starting with the Coaching Legends Invite on Saturday and we need to be ready."

## Canton out-strides Wayne

Wayne Memorial's boys cross country team dropped a 21-38 decision to visiting Canton in a dual meet held on the Zebras "Flats" course.

The result left the Zebras with a 2-3 overall record and



Franklin's Russell Rusnell navigates around a pine tree Tuesday afternoon.

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Franklin's Hailey Kutrukis ran strong Tuesday afternoon.

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1-2 mark in the KLA South Division.

Wayne's top finishers were third-place Blake Barber (17:41.9), Jake Khalaf (18:06.3) and John Gatton (18:30.9).

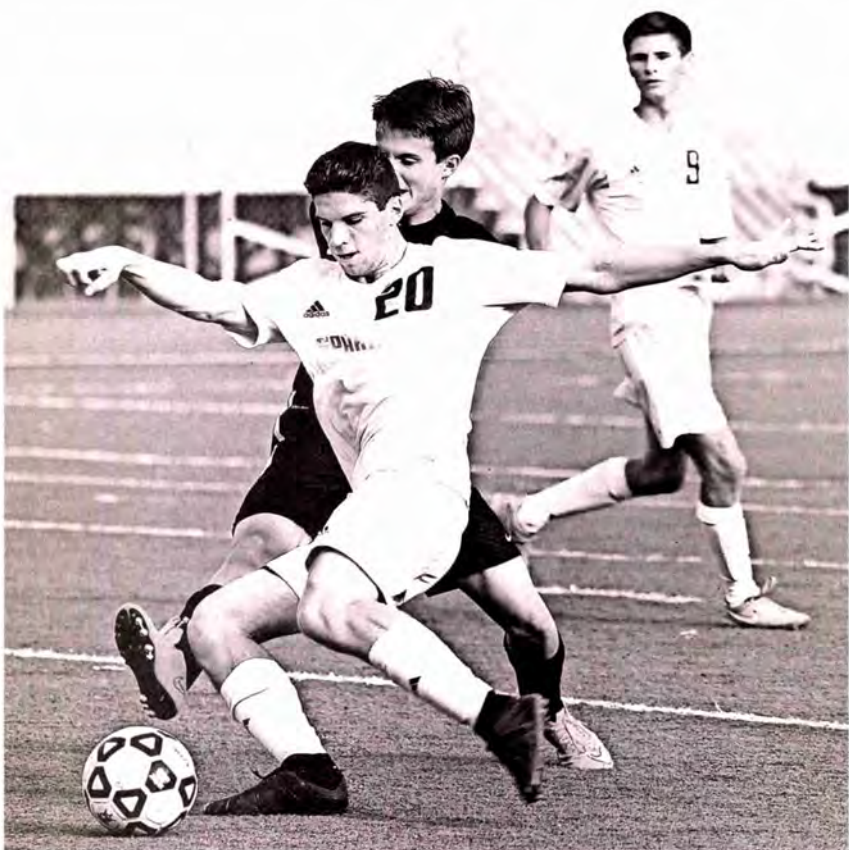
Rounding out the Zebras' scoring ledger were freshman Trent Griffith and Jon Boland, both of whom ran personal-best times of 19:10.7 and 19:19.7, respectively.

"Ten of the 16 boys who ran the race today ran course PRs," Wayne head coach Tom Gibson said. "It showed me how much we continue to improve race after race."

"Our division is the toughest it has been in years, but I'm very proud of how we come out week after week and give everything we have."

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Stevenson's Justin Schultz controls the ball during a match earlier this season.

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PREP SOCCER

# Franklin overpowers Wayne Memorial, 4-1

Stevenson redeems earlier loss to S.L. East

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Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team pumped almost a third of its shots into the back of the twine Tuesday night during its 4-1 victory over visiting Wayne Memorial.

The Patriots peppered 13 shots at the Zebras' netminder, who did well to limit the Patriots to four scores.

Austin Corona got the Patriots on the board before Dom Pelle extended the hosts' advantage to 2-0 off an assist by Matt Conley.

Tyler Forrest made it 3-0 thanks to a helper from Corona before Julian Medrano capped the Patriots' scoring with his third goal of the campaign. Conley delivered his sixth assist on Medrano's net-finder.

Wayne's only goal of the game was scored by Miguel Martinez. It came on the Zebras' fifth shot of the night and in the game's last 10 minutes.

Franklin goalkeeper Scott Beebe blanked the Zebras in the first half before giving way to Zack Robinson, who played throughout the final 40 minutes.

## Spartans topple Cougars, 5-1

Livonia Stevenson redeemed an early season loss to South Lyon East on Tuesday night by posting a convincing 5-1 victory on the Cougars' home pitch.

The result improved the Spartans' record to 6-3-3 overall and 3-2-1 in the KLAACentral Division.

East tumbled to 2-8-1 and 1-5-1, respectively.

Stevenson, which out-shot its hosts 11-6, seized a 3-1 half-time lead on goals from Ryan Cox (from Joe Nicolas), Lucas Rea, who was assisted by Zac Merchant, and Christian Zapata (unassisted).

East's goal came on Domenic Angelsanto's penalty kick in the game's 10th minute.

Stevenson sealed the deal with second-half goals from Nicolas (from Brady Brown) and Jack Mims, who finished a pass from Kevin Kollovoz.

Spartan goal-keepers Drew Padgen and Dylan Jesmore combined for two saves.

"Seeing four different forwards get on the scoreboards is a good thing for us," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Hopefully, it carries over against the top teams in our league."

## Panthers win

Tyler Arlington scored three goals Monday night to

lead Redford Union to a 3-0 victory over Romulus.

## Canton edges Plymouth

Tuesday night's varsity boys soccer matchup between Canton and Plymouth was just like the one the teams played earlier this month — physical, hard-fought, well-played games decided by a single goal.

Round 2 of the series between the campus rivals went to the Chiefs, 1-0, with junior forward Justin Forney chipping in the rebound of an in-close shot by senior forward and captain Mohamad Miri with 10:40 remaining.

"Mo made the run in off a pass from (senior midfielder) Joey Chung and he just ripped it," said Forney, who tallied his sixth goal of the season. "I knew that the rebound was coming so I just came in there and finished it."

"It was a big game, they beat us last time 1-0 so it was nice to get this win back."

Just a few minutes before the game's lone goal, the Wildcats came within a whisker of scoring.

Canton junior goalkeeper David McGrath, who was superb all night, dove to his right to block a shot by Plymouth junior forward Scottlar Chakrabarty, whose low, 10-foot shot looked ticketed for inside the left post.

— Tim Smith

## COACH

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coaching sabbatical. "I've had 14 great years at Churchill. Having coached as long as I have, I know how much time coaching takes up and I don't want to miss anything in my daughter's life."

When asked what he'll miss the most once November rolls around, Solak thought long and hard.

"It's hard to say right now," he said. "I've coached some great teams, some great players, and we were able to develop it into a championship program. I've made some incredible friends at Churchill and I'll miss seeing them as often as I have. I still have a great relationship with Marc Hage and I told him I wouldn't

rule out returning to coaching someday, not just in basketball.

"I'm going to miss Friday nights at Coach's Corner, meeting up with all my fellow coaches — the Stevenson coaches, Thurston coaches and the guys from Catholic Central. But I'm not going anywhere. I just want to be home more to spend time with my wife and daughter."

A journalism and English teacher at Taylor Truman High School, Solak is a graduate of Dearborn Divine Child and Madonna University, where he starred for the Crusaders baseball team.

Carrie Solak was a standout softball player at Michigan State University, so don't be surprised if young Cecilia is being fitted for a T-ball glove in four or five years.



Churchill's Gabrielle Swider is pictured during a meet earlier this month.

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## RUNNERS

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was third and Plymouth fourth (111).

Opdycke's winning time of 15 minutes, 57.60 seconds was lower than second-place finisher Zac Clark of Canton (16:29.85).

Also scoring for the Chargers were Josh Mussen (sixth in 16:54.93), Dash Dobar (ninth in 17:16.17), Eric Pensari (12th in 17:20.73) and Trevor Kornaga (13th in 17:21.58).

Non-scoring participants for Churchill were Frank LaFave (21st in 17:39.11), Noah Hagoood (25th in 17:47.67), Alex Piper (35th in 18:24.50) and William Hengy (40th in 18:43.80).

On Tuesday, in a battle of KLAACentral South Division unbeat-

ens, Plymouth out-kicked the Chargers, 20-35, to improve to 3-0 in the standings.

Wildcats Ethan Byrnes (16:30) and Brandon Boyd (16:40) finished first and second, respectively, with Churchill's Opdycke placed third in 16:49.

Also scoring for the Chargers were Mussen (fifth in 17:18), Dobar (eighth in 17:45), Pensari (ninth in 17:47) and Hagoood (10th in 18:04).

## Girls win, too

Churchill's girls' team's triumphant day was highlighted by senior Caroline George's third-place finish in 19:20.92.

Also scoring for the Chargers were Christina Murphy (fifth in 19:38.41), Kathleen George (ninth in 20:09.37), Gabrielle Swider (11th in 20:20.26) and Hailey Pampreen (16th in 20:49.72).

## KICKERS

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up to me and asked for my autograph," she said. "I thought that was super cool."

## Sherlock can relate

Garden City junior Alex Sherlock's introduction to varsity football evolved quickly and without much notice.

A member of then Garden City High School junior varsity (and current varsity football head coach) Jim Baker's travel soccer team two autumns ago, Sherlock and a couple of teammates were messing around with a couple of footballs that were laying around on the varsity stadium's grass during the time between the end of Cougars football practice and the start of her soccer practice.

"Coach Baker saw me kicking the ball pretty far and he joked, 'You're going to be a varsity football kicker someday,'" Sherlock said. "A few weeks later, I was kicking extra points for the varsity football team and I was only a freshman. It happened pretty fast."

Sherlock's role has expanded considerably for the Cougars football team over the past couple of seasons.

In addition to kicking extra points, she handles all field-goal attempts, as well as kick-offs.

During Garden City's narrow loss Sept. 9 to Redford Thurston, she booted a 29-yard field goal that would have been good from 40.

As the last line of defense on the Cougars' kickoff unit, Sherlock has also been credited with two tackles.

"After those tackles, my heart was beating pretty fast for at least 20 minutes," she

said with a smile.

Thanks in part to working during the off-season with former Plymouth High School, Notre Dame and NFL kicker Kyle Brindza, Sherlock has split the uprights from 47 yards out during practice sessions.

"The main thing Kyle talks about with me is to stay as relaxed as possible when I'm lining up the kick," Sherlock said. "He always reminds me to not let my emotions over-come me."

Like Monte, Sherlock is a talented soccer player and a gifted student (3.9 grade-point average).

"I'd love to play soccer in college, but if that doesn't work out, if the right opportunity came along, I'd definitely try football," Sherlock said.

## Adapting well

Kicking a football compared to a soccer ball is like, well, comparing apples to oranges, Monte said.

"There is more room for error with a soccer ball," she said. "If you don't kick a football in the exact right spot, it could go anywhere because of its shape."

Monte's biggest challenge came Friday night, when she was called on to kick an extra point late in Stevenson's 49-32 victory over Salem.

"I normally don't use a kicking block (tee), because we usually play on the turf and I'm used to kicking soccer balls right off the field," she said. "Well, Friday's game was on a grass field, so I used the block because the ground is uneven."

"It was a little more challenging, not just for me, but for my holder, Nick Poulos, but he did a great job and I got it through."

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# Crestwood blanks Clarenceville, 3-0

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Jon Murphy played well and made 16 saves as the Livonia Clarenceville goalkeeper, but Dearborn Heights Crestwood was relentless on the attack Monday.

Bilal Bazzi, Mohammed Sayed and Mahmood Shararq scored goals as the visiting Chargers persisted for a 3-0 victory in the boys soccer match.

Despite the final score, Clarenceville showed signs of progress, according to coach

Trevor Johnson, who cited the play of Jayson Fitzpatrick, Nick Snage and Dante Marzolo.

The Trojans are 1-4 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and 6-8 overall.

PREP TENNIS

# Franklin netters earn bronze in Woodhaven

**Ed Wright**  
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Livonia Franklin's Adam Alger turned in a AAA performance at Saturday's Woodhaven Classic Tennis Tournament.

Alger led the Patriots to an overall third-place finish by winning the No. 1 singles flight with victories over Trenton (6-1, 6-0), Salem (6-3, 0-6, 10-6) and Chelsea (6-4, 6-3).

Trenton won the competition with 21 points. Chelsea was the runner-up with 17 points while Franklin came in

with 15 points.

Earning second-place medals in their respective flights were No. 2 singles player Jon Montie, No. 3 singles player Justin Crawford, No. 4 singles player Eric Liberati, the No. 2 doubles tandem of David Finch and Graham Schuerman and the No. 3 doubles team of Stephen Lai and Bobby Mason.

Picking up one point each were the doubles teams of Kyle McCulloch and Reo Tang; and John Finch and Josh Spaman.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

# Junior Rudd should set the pace for Patriots

Young team looks for steady improvement

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As it learns to develop into a top-flight group of trail blazers, the up-and-coming Livonia Franklin boys cross country team will have a stellar role model to follow in the person of Grant Rudd.

A junior, Rudd has persevered through adversity to become the Patriots' unquestioned leader.

"Grant is our top returning runner," Franklin head coach Pat Koelzer said. "He has had to fight through some injuries that kept him out of the lineup lately, but as he returns to health, he should develop as a strong conference and regional competitor and team leader."

"Like last year, we are a young team. We have strong juniors and sophomores and a couple freshmen who stand out, but our guys are still learning from each workout and each race. They are in better

team shape than last year. "When everyone is healthy, there is a solid pack of seven to 10 runners who have the potential to take important places in a meet."

Joining Rudd in a strong class of juniors are Jackson Nordbeck and Trevor Doyle.

Sophomores Logan Evanchuk, Russell Russnell and Mike Mackiewicz, along with freshman Logan Highfield, round out the remainder of the early-season varsity lineup.

"This is a group that has put in a lot of quality miles this summer and it is starting to show," Koelzer said. "Juniors Greg Thaxton and Dylan Moat, as well as freshman Peter Warwick, are the next runners competing for varsity spots."

Franklin placed third in the KLA South Division in 2015, "but it is more competitive this year," Koelzer said. "Our guys will be ready for each meet and they will compete, but they know that it will not be easy to beat some of the more experienced teams out there."

"While the loss of Tony Floyd certainly hurts up front, our



Franklin's Jackson Nordbeck will be counted on heavily during the ongoing cross country season.

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top guys are much closer together so far in races. If they keep that up and continue to push the pace, they might just

surprise some people by season's end."

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SCHOOLCRAFT ROUNDUP

## Ocelots pull out 2-1 soccer win

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A second-half goal by Belal Khouliani enabled visiting Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team to earn a 2-1 victory Sept. 22 over Jackson College.

Khouliani broke a 1-1 deadlock at the 61:43 mark. He finished off a play by Felipe Lupion, who collected an assist.

The Ocelots (3-3-0 overall, 2-2-0 in the MCCA) opened the scoring just under two minutes into the contest. Scoring was Michael Machila, from Hector Morales.

Jackson tied the game on a penalty kick goal by Hooah Aljabaly, who beat Schoolcraft goalie Cameron Gwinn about five minutes into the second half.

Gwinn was strong otherwise, making six stops.

### Women kickers prevail

Six players each scored a goal Saturday as the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team won 6-1 over Moraine Valley Community College.

Scoring for the Lady Ocelots were Sophia Shumylo, Colleen McKay, Elliss Jenkins, Lauren Wynns, Katie Vitella and Jamila Thomas.

Helping the attack with two assists each were McKay and Jenna Smith. Schoolcraft improved to 5-2-0 overall.

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PREP TENNIS

# Stevenson netters overwhelm Hartland

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Livonia Stevenson's boys tennis team put the hammer down on visiting Hartland last Thursday as it posted a no-doubt-about-it 8-1 victory.

Hartland's lone point came at No. 3 doubles, where the pairing of Connor Mears and Nick Foster (both juniors) nipped Abe Alrabady and Tom Andrews (both sophomores), 6-4, 4-6, 10-3.

Pacing the Spartans' sweep of singles matches was No. 1 player Cade Bunton, who outlasted Cavin Nickerson, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Also notching well-deserved singles victories were No. 2 player Jeff Della Mora, who steamrolled Andy Auvenshine, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3 swinger Scott

Findlay, who had his way with Corey Haskins, 6-0, 6-2; and No. 4 netter Jacob Redd, who survived a strong challenge from Calvin Betake, 6-4, 4-6, 10-5.

Stevenson's No. 1 doubles duo of Josh Maj and Alec Said swept Austin Miller and Anthony Bosio, 6-4, 6-3, while the No. 2 tandem of brothers Steve and Tom Dunne crushed Nathan Gould and Joe Fay, 6-4, 6-1.

Kevin Dunne and Caleb Williamson won their No. 4 doubles match against Lane Kemp and Colin Ford, 6-3, 7-5, while the No. 5 team of Peter Akel and Brian Stemen whitewashed Thom Cornell and Barry Parker, 6-0, 6-0.

**Brighter Quad**  
Della Mora, Findlay and

Redd all earned medals in their respective flights at this past weekend's Brighton Quad.

Findlay earned gold at No. 3 singles while Della Mora (No. 2 singles) and Redd (No. 4 singles) came home with silver medals.

"Our singles line up played very well against a quality group of teams," Stevenson head coach Don McCathney said. "We medaled in three of four flights. Scott, Jeff and Jacob played tough today."

"Cade Bunton, who did not get a medal, played as well as anyone! He has shown tremendous growth through the season."

"Our doubles teams did not finish with a medal, but did compete and play very hard. We had a number of teams lose tough three-set matches just to



Stevenson's Jeff Della Mora unleashes a mighty serve during a match earlier this fall.

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be nosed out of finishing first or second. Our No. 5 doubles team of Akel and Stemen have been playing especially well."

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# The Polish Muslims, a different kind of Oktoberfest band

**Anne Erickson**  
Lansing State Journal

None of the members of the Polish Muslims are German, so vocalist and guitarist Dave Uchalik has no idea why they keep getting booked to play Oktoberfest gigs.

"I wish people would stop booking us for them, because we're not a German band, we're a Polish band!" he said, half-joking.

The Polish Muslims play the Lansing area's Old Town's Oktoberfest this weekend. The Hamtramck band is a regular there.

Uchalik said Old Town is an exception to his "I wish people would stop booking us for Oktoberfest gigs" statement.

"I think Old Town itself is really a cool entity," he said. "It's an oasis surrounded by a larger city."

"It's an opportunity for us to play in front of a largely college-age crowd, and it's cool to see that it's possible for that age group to still have fun coming out to hear our music. That's a big kick for us."

Oktoberfest is set for Friday and Saturday. The community festival, presented by the Old Town Commercial Association, brings live music, dancing and authentic German food and beer.

Vanessa Shafer, Old Town Commercial Association executive director, said the Polish Muslims are a go-to performer because "they deliver an energetic performance while not taking themselves too seriously, allowing people to relax and have a great time."

The Polish Muslims got their start back in 1981. The band began as a one-time group to play a benefit show for the Reruns, a band with some of the same members as the Polish Muslims. The Reruns had equipment stolen from a rehearsal hall, so the Polish Muslims formed to help out with the benefit.

"Seriously, we were cutting edge," vocalist and guitarist Ken Kondrat said. "We were punk New Wavers forming a no-rehearsing polka rock band with music to which you can sing and dance."

Things went well. So, they decided they needed a band name.

"A bunch of us started kicking around silly names and were coming up with different oxymora," Uchalik said. "At that time, thinking of a Muslim being Polish seemed outrageous. We said the name and started cracking up, and we settled on that."

They kept going. And going. They'll pass the 35-year mark in December.

"At this point, it's easier to stay together than to break up," Uchalik said. "We're old and lazy and



The Polish Muslims will celebrate their 35th anniversary this year.

## HOW TO GO TO OKTOBERFEST

**When:** Friday, Sept. 30, from 6-11 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1, from 3-11 p.m.

**Price:** Single-day tickets are \$22 at the door. Weekend passes run \$40 at the door. A ticket includes admittance to the tent, a souvenir beer mug and food/drink tickets.

**Where:** Old Town Oktoberfest is located in the park and parking lot on the corner of Turner Street and Grand River Avenue. Old Town Oktoberfest is a benefit for the Old Town Commercial Association.

**Online:** [www.oldtownoktoberfest.com](http://www.oldtownoktoberfest.com)

just want to keep playing."

No, none of the band members are Muslim. Yes, many of them are Polish. Three band members — Uchalik, Kondrat and bass player Al "Phife" Przeklas — are 100 percent Polish.

The guys perform mainly polka parodies, plus some classic rock covers.

One thing is certain: The guys have a sense of humor.

"Close your eyes and try to imagine whatever your favorite music is in the world and whatever makes you feel most at peace with yourself and the universe, and we're the opposite of that," Uchalik said.

How would they describe their polka parodies?

"Destructive," Kondrat said. "We've ruined more good songs making folks forget the original versions and only remembering ours."

While they've rarely done original music, one track, called "That's Why God Invented the Polka," appears on a 1993 compilation release, "Polka Comes to Your Haus," out via Restless Records.

Some of the Polish Muslims' favorite gigs over the years have been at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Ann Arbor Summer Festival and the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

And, yes, the many,

*"At this point, it's easier to stay together than to break up. We're old and lazy and just want to keep playing."*

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### LYNCH

**MATTIE C.** Age 92, September 23, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Lavern T. Lynch. Loving mother of Peter (Donna), John (Denise), Peggy (the late Dan Guerrero), Jayne Joyce, Patricia and Janet. Dear grandmother of Cathy Hendrian, Peter Lynch, Jr., Kaitlin Maricle, Sara Matusz, Tim Matusz, James Joyce, Jamie Guerrero, and John Lynch III. Great grandmother of Matthew, Joshua, and Reese Hendrian, Riley and Aidan Lynch. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday from 1 - 9 p.m. In state at St. Michael Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia, Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Grace Hospice, Troy, Michigan. Please share a memory by signing her guest book at [www.rggrharris.com](http://www.rggrharris.com)

She defended students' intellectual freedom by standing up to challenges regarding books that were considered controversial. She networked with other Catholic school librarians across the state in her search to learn best practices in librarianship. Although she was not a professional librarian, she served as the president of the Michigan chapter of the Catholic Library Association. Under her leadership, the organization developed a professional development program in library services for volunteer parents. After her retirement to South Dennis on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, she enjoyed serving as a leader of the Polish Society of Cape Cod and the Islands, where she launched a monthly online newsletter. Her husband John Shilcuský died in 2008. She enjoyed spending time with her two children and five grandchildren. Her children are Renee Hobbs, a professor of communication and education at the University of Rhode Island and Steven Shilcuský, director of information technology and facilities at the New England Historic Genealogy Society in Boston. Among her five grandchildren are the children of Renee and Randy Hobbs, her husband. Roger Hobbs is a best-selling crime writer and Rachel LeCure is a middle-school English teacher in Philadelphia where she lives with her husband, Joshua LeCure. The children of her son Steven Shilcuský and his wife Veronica Barrett include Nicholas Shilcuský, now a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; Alexander Shilcuský, a high school senior; and Gabrielle Shilcuský, a high school junior, both at Foxborough High School. What the grandchildren will miss most is Rosemarie's devotion to Scrabble: when playing with her grandchildren, she noted particularly high-scoring or important games (with good words played) on the back of the game box. Rosemarie Shilcuský died peacefully in her sleep on September 19, 2016. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to support the school library at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

### SHILCUSKY



**ROSEMARIE** Nobody expected Rosemarie Shilcuský to go to college. She was the only daughter of a single mother in the tiny town of Minersville, Pennsylvania, and she lived on a second floor flat above the 5th Street Bar and Grill. Because Shirley Temple was the most famous girl in America in the 1930s, Rosemarie learned to dance and play the piano as a child. But it was books and literature that she loved best, and in time she became a beloved Catholic school teacher and librarian whose creative approach to teaching affected thousands of students in Plymouth, Michigan. Born on June 19, 1930, she grew up as Rosemarie lives, and after graduating with honors as the valedictorian of Minersville High School in 1948, she was the first in her family of Italian immigrants to attend college, graduating from West Chester Teachers College in 1952 and eventually earning a M.A. in education at Eastern Michigan University. With her vivacious sense of humor and intellect, she was lucky to get married to her high school sweetheart, John Shilcuský, who was captain of the football team. They moved to Plymouth, Michigan where she became an elementary school teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLCG) parish in Plymouth, Michigan, working there for 32 years until her retirement in 1996. Mrs. Shilcuský was well-known and well-loved by many of her students. She taught 6th grade English, History and Geography and later worked as a middle-school teacher in the school. Many of her former students continued to stay in contact with her for 20 years or more. As a progressive educator who valued culture and the arts, Mrs. Shilcuský developed community assembly programs for the school, including international festivals, arts and theater programs. In the early 1980s, she launched the school's first computer education program, which included learning Basic, a computer program. She learned to program games for math, English, history and geography. Over the years, she helped integrate educational technology activities into the school. Rosemarie Shilcuský was an avid reader and sought for ways to engage students in reading and writing. In 1968, she helped create the OLCG school library for the parish, collecting donations from local parents and recruiting parent volunteers to staff the library.

**VanHEUSDEN**  
**VALERIE** September 24, 2016. Loving mother of Laura and Brian. Attentive daughter of John. Thoughtful sibling to Carole (Alan) Piotrowski and Robert. Affectionate aunt of Kristen and Marisa and great-aunt of Veronika. Warm and kind-hearted to all those in her life. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday from 1 - 8 p.m. In state at St. Michael Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia, Saturday from 10 a.m. until her Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Please obtain memorial donation information and share a memory of Valerie at [www.rggrharris.com](http://www.rggrharris.com).



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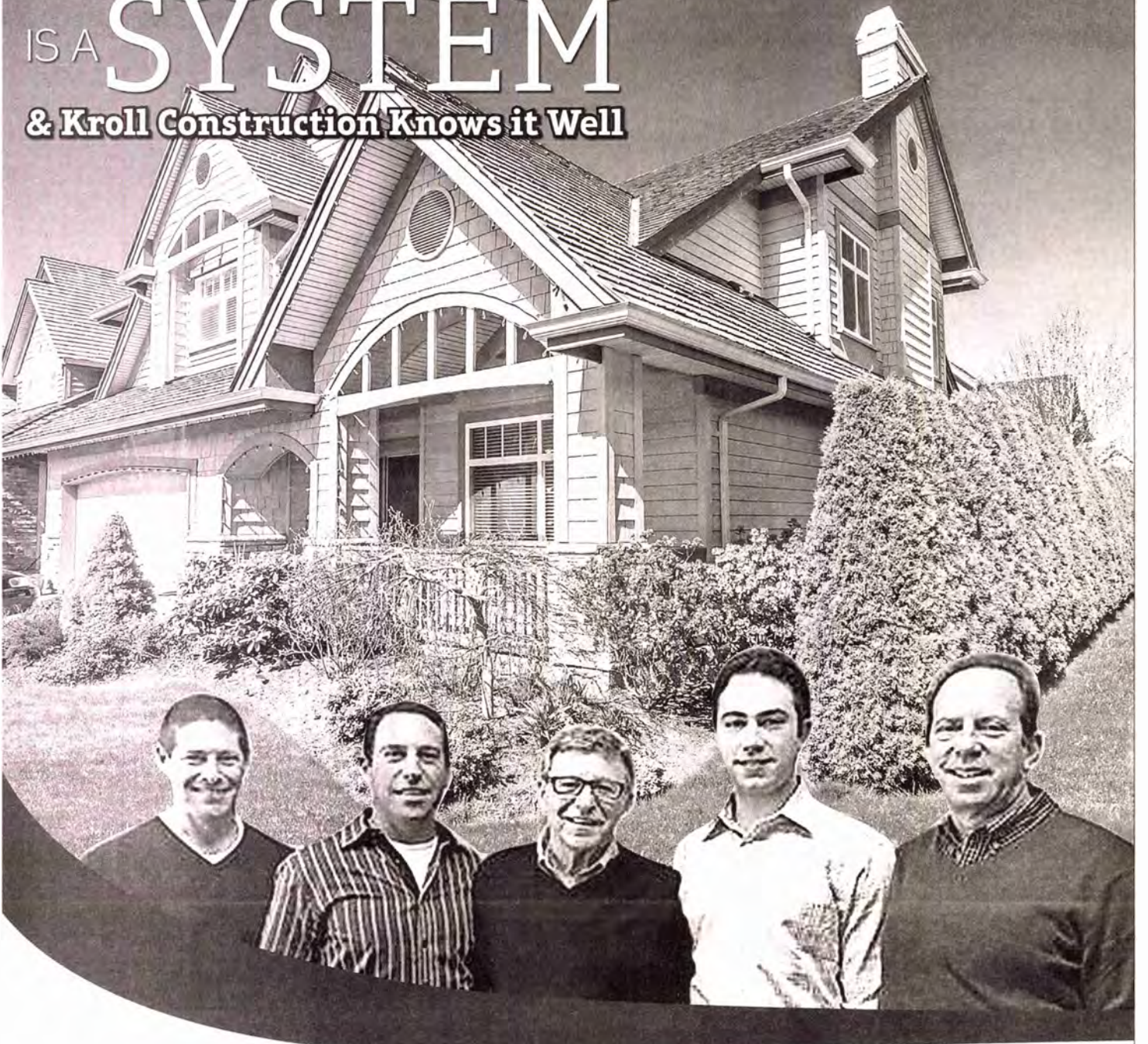
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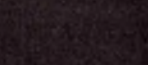
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