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## Westland fire chief eager to serve

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In front of a crowd filled with family, friends and many firefighters, Michael Stradtner was sworn in as Westland fire chief at Monday's city council meeting.

"I promise to do the best I can to make the fire department the best department it can be," said Stradtner, who most recently served as assistant fire chief/EMS coordinator.

It had been a long time since Westland had a swearing-in ceremony for a new fire chief. Stradtner replaces Michael Reddy, who served as Westland



Stradtner

fire chief for 16 years until recently being appointed deputy mayor.

"I look forward to you moving the fire department forward," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "I wanted to recognize Mike Reddy, who was our youngest and longest serving chief. Not too long ago he (Reddy) headed the Westland, Wayne and Inskter fire departments."

A Livonia Stevenson High School graduate, Stradtner worked for a private ambulance company before being

hired by the fire department in January 1995.

"I was real happy to see how many firefighters turned out (for the swearing-in). I came up through all the ranks. I had 15 years in the firefighter division," he said. "I came into a culture with the older guys that it was a brotherhood. You look out for the guys — they are the bread and butter of the department."

It's the job of fire administration to get firefighters what they need to do their jobs, Stradtner said, so people can get the service they need from the firefighters. As Westland fire chief, Stradtner is also head of the Wayne Fire Department

under the operational merger and applies that philosophy to both departments.

Westland Mayor William Wild has set a challenge for having the fire department achieve a national fire accreditation similar to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies earned by the Westland Police Department during a two-year process.

"One of the biggest challenges will be getting through the accreditation process. It's heaving on policy, data collections and policies," Stradtner said. "It's probably a two or three year process."

Firefighter manpower will

also be a challenge going forward, Stradtner said. SAFER grant funding for 13 Westland firefighters expires in a year while Wayne expects to add six firefighters under the same federal grant.

"Hopefully, we'll get an extension but I don't know yet. We will always have the standard stuff — needing a fire truck and expected needs," he said.

Stradtner and his wife Jennifer have a 21-year-old daughter, 19-year-old twin daughters and 6-year old son.

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Felician nuns talk about the past, present and future of the order (from left): Sister Mary Cynthia Ann Machlik, Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski, Sister Mary Elaine Machlik, Sister Mary Ann Smith, Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz and Sister Mary Serra Szalaszewicz.

## State won't review Wayne's finances

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Wayne's financial future is in the hands of local officials as state treasury officials have found the city doesn't meet the criteria for state review.

"It's a relief. We're in charge of our destiny. The state (intervention) isn't hanging over our heads," Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe said. "We've done what was asked. We're to look at more consolidating, they told us. We've cut everywhere we can and there is more cutting ahead. You elected us — we'll figure out what to do moving down the road."

State officials found that Wayne doesn't meet any of the 19 conditions of financial stress listed under state law that would trigger a financial review or eventually a consent decree or an emergency financial manager. A letter spelling out that decision came after Rowe, City Manager Lisa Nocerini, Police Chief Alan Maciag and Brian Camiller of Plante Moran recently went to Lansing to meet with state treasury officials.

In particular, a letter from the state treasury department noted that Wayne had ended the 2015 fiscal year with an approximately \$2.4 million fund balance. The letter from Eric Scorsone, senior deputy state treasurer, notes the city is taking action to reduce spending to meet reduced revenues. With a projected \$1.95 million decline in revenues over 2016-17, the state discussed the need for further cuts, such as changing retiree healthcare to a stipend and labor negotiations to address legacy costs.

"It was like an effort in futility. I felt the need to do it," said Rowe about the meeting. "It's clear that the governor wants nothing to do with an EFM or a consent decree."

The city balanced its current budget using one-time money from the Other Post Employment Benefits fund that had been established to pay for retiree medical ex-

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## Despite fewer sisters, Felicians hope for growth

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While the number of nuns throughout the world is diminishing, members of the Felician order are celebrating 80 years in Livonia and they are inviting the public to view their grounds and their way of life.

The Villa St. Felix compound at Schoolcraft and Newburgh includes the presentation convent. It was built in 1936 to house sisters who ministered to the people and students in the Detroit metropolitan area. An open house is planned 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at 36800 Schoolcraft. Tours, video presentations, refreshments, visits with sisters and a 4 p.m. thanksgiving Mass is planned.

It will give a glimpse into the lives, works and hopes of a religious way of life that is



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Bishop Michael Gallagher officiated at the blessing and groundbreaking ceremonies for the motherhouse in Livonia.

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# Streetlight charges get second look

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At the request of council members, Westland is holding a second study session to discuss proposed assessments for street lighting.

The study session is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the council conference room just over a weekend after a public hearing was held on the proposed assessment roll. The major change proposed to spread costs for major road streetlights to all property owners — the idea being all drivers benefit from the lights — rather than only charging property owners with major road frontage. Within subdivisions, the costs for the streetlights would be divided among property owners in that assessment district.

"I would like to see administration take another look at the methodology. Especially the major roads being shifted off businesses to residents," Councilman Adam Hammons said. "People are being penalized if they have a large piece of property."

Adding that he was opposed to the changes, Hammons said he would prefer returning to the old formula used for street lighting assessments or a different formula.

"I wouldn't support the formula as proposed," he added. Councilman Bill Johnson agreed adding that he also opposed a 10-year assessment — the expiring assessment was for five years.

"The street light charges should not go from businesses to residents. The businesses should be paying their full share," Johnson said.

Other council members agreed with Councilman Peter Herzberg commenting that he also would like to look at adding streetlights to some dark areas of the city, something that the administration planned to study at least on major streets.

"The residents shouldn't pay for major roads that drivers who are residents of other cities and towns benefit from," Councilwoman Christine Bryant said.

Council President James Godbout noted that council had a study session on the street lighting assessment prior to the public hearing and none of the council members raised any issues.

"There were 19 residents who spoke (at the public hearing) and not all of them were against the assessment. We sent out approximately 28,000

notices," he said. "None of this feedback came during the study session. I'm curious why the change of heart."

Noting that the streetlights are a crime deterrent, Godbout said that he drives on major roads like Ford and Middlebelt, thus benefiting from the streetlights. "I'm puzzled by why this concern is being raised now," he added.

City administration noted that only 8.6 percent of all properties in the city funded the major road street lighting with the new methodology aimed at spreading the costs to all properties.

Overall, the 2016 proposed street lighting assessment would be \$1.45 million, down \$138,142 from \$1.58 million in 2015.

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Wayne City Hall.

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penses. Plante Moran projects the city will be out of money by early in 2018.

"At first glance, the letter from the state seems like a good sign. On second glance, I'm not so pleased," Councilman Chris Sanders said. "It makes us in charge of our own destiny but it sends mixed messages." Specifically, Sanders said city officials had led residents to believe there would be state intervention over Wayne's finances if a millage increase wasn't passed earlier this year. The millage, part of joining a public safety authority, was rejected by voters in August. Those expectations were based on what happened in other financially distressed communities, Sanders said.

"The governor is out in two years. He's not going to involve an EFM or a consent decree. After what happened in Flint and Detroit, he doesn't want to do that again," Nocerini said. "There were decades of problems and years of issues. Here, it stems from the recession. We aren't asking for millions but some changes in legislation."

In any case, Nocerini said Wayne still has a significant revenue problem. "We're just the first (city). They (state officials) know it will crumble fast," Nocerini said. "The things pointed out in the letter are scary like the stipend for retirees' medical. It's hard to comprehend what happened. That treasury was a bit disinterested but they were candid."

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# Paddle in the Rouge River through Wayne on Saturday

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For those who haven't paddled down the Rouge River through Wayne yet, Saturday is your chance.

Bring your canoe or kayak or rent one to head down the river in time for a ribbon-cutting to officially open the canoe launch in Goudy Park off South Wayne Road, behind Wayne City Hall.

The Friends of the Rouge group is sponsoring the event with canoe/

kayak rentals available for \$45, including transportation. For those who bring their own kayaks or canoes, a ride back to the starting point is available for \$10.

Participants should gather at 3600 Commerce Court where canoes/kayaks will be put into the water at 10 a.m. Canoe and kayak participants should use a parking lot just east of Hix at a building leased by Wayne County.

The ribbon-cutting is scheduled for noon in

Goudy Park after the boaters arrive. There will be cider and doughnuts offered in the park.

It's hoped that there will eventually be a series of boat launches along the Rouge. For Wayne, city officials hope the improved access and quality of the river can be a spur to

attracting new development to the city's downtown area.

For more information about the canoe/kayak rentals or to make a reservation, call Sally at 313-792-9621.

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waning. Yet, the sisters who live there hold out hope for a future influx into the congregation.

### Ups and downs

Sister Mary Ann Smith describes the flow and ebbs of the number of sisters to a pendulum swing. The highest numbers of sisters at the Livonia convent were around 850 from the 1960s to the 1970s. Today, Michigan has 94 Felician sisters ranging from their 30s to the oldest, Sister Mary Symphoria, who recently celebrated her 104th birthday. The average age is 76. Most of the 94 live in the Livonia convent.

At one point there were approximately 90 Felician convents throughout Michigan, Indiana and Ohio; now there are five. There are roughly 1,500 Felician sisters worldwide in Rome, North America, Poland, Kenya and Brazil, Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski explained.

The numbers of men becoming priests and women choosing a life as a nun began to decline after Vatican II, which was a worldwide meeting of Catholic clergy with the pope to modernize the presence of the church in the world. The result was to give laity a much more active role.

"Men and women became aware of these roles to serve the church without becoming priests and sisters," Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz said.

With an eye to the future and an effort to draw more people to the order, Felicians often attend church youth



Mother Mary DeSales Tocka

meetings throughout North America. Another means for recruitment is to serve as an example in the community where they work. Occasionally, but not often, women who have been married join the order.

"We are witnesses to young people," Smith said. "In that sense, we are calling them. It's a ministry of presence."

Many people "will stop and say, 'Thank you sister for what you are,'" Sister Mary Elaine Machlik said.

### Difficult passage

Becoming a sister means passing four steps — candidate, postulant, novice and professed sister. Currently, there are only two Felician candidates in North America, two postulants, three novices and five in temporary vows. While there is a decline in numbers, there's no lack of hope.

"I feel there will always be a place for religious in the world," Sister Cynthia Ann Machlik said. "We will be witnesses. The Holy Spirit is alive and well."

The Felicians have always worked in schools, hospitals and pastoral programs. Their mission is to also help immigrants and those

populations that were suffering, including blacks during the 1967 Detroit riots.

"We are doing much the same work now and discerning how we can work with immigrant groups from Syria and Central America, as well as other immigrants," Lewandowski said.

The Felician congregation was founded by Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska in Poland in 1855. To serve the growing number of Polish immigrants in the United States, Truszkowska, at the invitation of the Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, sent five sisters to Polonia, Wis., in 1874. As the order grew, the Felicians were transferred to Detroit in 1882 and finally moved to Livonia in 1936.

Members of the order worked with the influx of immigrants to the United States from the 1870s through the 1920s.

"We worked with them and helped them find jobs," Sister Mary Serra Szalaszewicz said. Today, Felician sisters are stationed at the southern borders of the United States helping Mexican immigrants, Jamroz explained.

The need for Felicians to help with immigrants keeps growing.

"Immigrants are coming to America" in droves, Jamroz said. "Most of our work is looking at helping within the societal structure and to meet the needs of the people."

### A Livonia legacy

The Livonia Felician property is surrounded by Newburgh, Levan,

Schoolcraft and Five Mile and is filled with breathtaking flower beds filled with annuals and perennials.

The order's presence in Livonia began when Sister Mary DeSales Tocka bought 320 acres, including a few farm buildings on the Smith homestead in what was then Plymouth Township. Today, the property is home to the order's mother house, the Presentation Convent; St. Mary Mercy Hospital; Madonna University; Ladywood High School; St. Joseph Convent, the Care Center; Montessori Center of Our Lady; Angela Hospice; St. Mary Child Care Center; Marywood Nursing Care Center; and Senior Clergy Village. The Felicians also operate Maryville Retreat Center in Holly for parish, school and faculty retreats.

In terms of the future of the order, Smith said, "What gives me hope is that I look at the five sisters who came to the United States" and how much the order grew.

Cynthia Ann Machlik added, "People think because we have been dwindling in numbers, that we are going to disappear and that's not real. We're exploring different ways to serve."

"God will lead us to meet the needs of the times," Szalaszewicz said.

If you have any questions about the open house, contact Sister Felicity at srfelicity@ladywood.org.

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# Livonia resident out \$1,800 in 'secret shopper' scam

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Livonia police are warning residents about taking on a role as a "secret shopper" that requires participants to send other money after a resident was recently scammed.

A 44-year-old Livonia woman came into the police station Friday afternoon to report she had been scammed out of more than \$1,800 throughout the month of September. She said she had received information via text message and email from someone named Daniel Baldwin, asking if she wanted to participate in a "secret shopper" program. She agreed and was sent an upfront payment made in a check form, along with instructions for her first "assignment."

The woman said the instructions told her to

send two other shoppers located in Chicago a portion of the \$1,950 check payment mailed to her. After cashing the check and wiring the money to the other shoppers, she was told she could keep the remainder of the cash, about \$150, as her commission.

She traveled to various locations in Livonia and wired money to two separate people in Chicago after she cashed the check.

Several days later, she was informed that the initial check she was sent had bounced and was told she needed to pay a \$12 penalty. She was out more than \$1,800 after she had sent the money to the other "secret shoppers."

Secret Shopper, a company that provides information and services to companies, says on its website many people use its name to try to scam

people. The company states on its website that it will never send a money order and require a participant to cash it and keep the rest as a commission.

"The FDIC requires banks to make funds available on cashier's checks and money orders within one to five days, so the scammers are counting on you receiving the funds and going through with the wire transfer before the check or money order has actually cleared the bank," the website reads. "By the time you find out that the check is not legitimate, you are out the money you sent and will be held accountable for the bounced check by your financial institution."

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# Police: Livonia gym parking lots targeted for vehicle break-ins

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Livonia police are warning the city's gym rats to be careful when keeping valuables inside their vehicle while they work out inside after a string of vehicle break-ins.

Police were called to several gyms within the city last week, including the YMCA, 14255 Stark, and LA Fitness, 30273 Plymouth, on the report of someone breaking into vehicles without permission.

A call came into police Sept. 27 on the report of a vehicle that had been broken into while parked outside at LA Fitness, which is located just west of Middlebelt on the edges of the Wonderland Village shopping center. The victim told police he parked his car in the parking lot and came out later after working out at the gym. He found his center console open and the

driver-side door unlocked.

It appeared someone punched out the lock on the door and stole a computer in a backpack that was inside the vehicle.

Another larceny from auto was reported at the gym during the same time the evening of Sept. 27, this being from a vehicle where a pair of gym-goers got out of their vehicle, went inside and came out to find one of the vehicle's windows smashed.

Inside, the victims saw the glove box was open and some items previously in the car were scattered on the ground outside. Some witnesses said they saw another car parked near the vehicle, with several passengers opening and closing their doors multiple times. The witness said they didn't think anything of it until the larceny was reported and police spoke to them.

The next day, police

were called to the YMCA across the street from Ford Field on a report of a vehicle break-in in the parking lot. The victim said he left his car keys in an unlocked gym locker while inside. He came back to his locker and found his vehicle keys missing. He went out to his vehicle and found the interior dome light on and the keys on the front seat.

Inside his car, he discovered his backpack was missing, along with his laptop which was in the trunk. In the backpack were multiple items, including his wallet and an iPad. While at the scene, the man canceled all his credit cards. Other gym-goers approached as well, saying they had had items taken from their lockers.

Anyone with information regarding any of these cases is encouraged to contact Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

# Man reports car window shot out

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## Vandalism

A resident in the 35000 block of Hazelwood told police Oct. 2 that someone shot the driver's side rear window of a car parked on Linville across from his home. He said he parked the car Sept. 30 and the window wasn't damaged. The officer noted it appeared the window had been shot with a BB.

## Fraud

A Westland man told police Sept. 29 that he discovered \$1,000 missing from his credit union account. He said he found there had been four unauthorized transactions that took place in Sterling Heights. He said he had canceled the card, which he had in his pos-

session.

## Larceny from a vehicle

On Sept. 26, a Canton woman told police that someone had stolen a canceled credit card from her unlocked car while it was parked in the 32000 block of Hazelwood. She said she had parked the car Sept. 24 and returned to find the center console was open with paperwork tossed around.

## Attempted break-in

A resident of an apartment at 7650 Woodview told police Sept. 26 that her brother had gone to check on her apartment and found someone had attempted to pry open the door. She said the door had been intact when she left for work and no entry had been made to her apartment.

## Vandalism

On Sept. 26, a resident in the 300 block of Hix told police that he found someone had damaged his mailbox, located on the street. The wooden mailbox was standing, but structurally had been destroyed. He also noted some damage to the guard rail on the road across from his home.

## Hit and run

A Livonia woman told police that someone had hit her car while she was parked Sept. 26 at Ace Hardware, 31059 Ann Arbor Trail. She said she came out of the store to find damage to the front passenger side bumper/fender.

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# Underwear stolen from Walmart

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Livonia police were called Monday afternoon to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of two retail fraud suspects in custody.

The suspects were seen by store employees over the security cameras selecting some items, including a video game, pens, socks and underwear, and then opening them up out of their packaging. Many of the items were then concealed and the pair tried to leave the store without paying for them. They were stopped by a store employee and detained until police arrived and arrested

them.

## Catalytic converter taken

A resident who lives in the 19400 block of Deering came into the police station Friday afternoon to report his catalytic converter had been taken from his vehicle.

He said he started his car earlier that morning and noticed something wasn't correct. He then looked and found the catalytic converter missing from the car. He said he saw a white work van parked at a home several doors down with two men standing outside of it before he went to sleep the night before.

## Car keyed

A resident who lives in the 14400 block of Yale came into the police station Saturday afternoon to report some damage done to his vehicle.

The resident said he parked his car in front of his home overnight and came out that morning to find three long scratches on the vehicle's exterior. He said he did not have any suspect information, though some neighbors had said they had seen other vehicles keyed recently as well.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

# Chain saw, tools reported stolen

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On Oct. 3, a resident in the 31000 block of Pierce said that he took his dog outside and noticed the gate leading to his backyard was partially open. He said that he had locked the gate prior to leaving earlier in the day. Checking, he said the padlock was missing from the side door of the garage, which had also been left locked.

Reported missing were an electric hand saw, two cordless drills, a paint gun, a tool box with assorted tools, three nail guns, an electric weed trimmer, a plastic tote containing holiday decorations, a cross cut saw, a chainsaw and a generator, valued at \$942.

The homeowner told police he last saw the missing items in his garage about noon and returned about 3 p.m., but didn't go outside until about 6:15 p.m. His daughter had arrived

home about 2 p.m., but told police she hadn't noticed anything until her father discovered the break-in.

## Window smashed

A school bus driver called police just after 5:30 a.m. Sept. 26 after noticing the front window had been smashed at Scooters-N-More, 3123 S. Wayne Road. Officers checked the interior of the building and found the doors were locked.

The building owner boarded up the window, but police were unable to reach the business owner so it wasn't clear if anything had been stolen.

## Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 36000 block of Greenbush told police Sept. 29 that during the night someone had stolen her purse from her car. She said inside the purse were her driver's license, a debit card, insurance cards for herself and her children,

\$50 cash and a bottle of Vicodin.

## Stolen vehicle

A 2004 Dodge Dakota pickup truck, valued at \$2,000, was reported stolen Sept. 29 from a home in the 34000 block of Currier. The owner said he had parked the truck in the street with the keys inside and the doors unlocked. He said he didn't have any idea who had stolen the truck.

On Sept. 30, Taylor Police reported the vehicle had been in an accident the previous day with the driver and a dog fleeing from the scene.

## Vandalism

On Sept. 27, a resident in the 4300 block of Columbus told police that two days earlier someone had shot a BB through her front window. The damage was set at \$1,000.

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# Hughletts mark 50 years of marriage

Joseph Robert and Rita Kay (Peck) Hughlett of Westland marked 50 years of marriage Sept. 9.

The couple met as children at church in Joplin, Mo., where their families became friends. They started dating in 1964 and were married in 1966 in the county court house in Joplin.

Joseph graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1969. Shortly after graduation, he accepted a position with Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, In May 1972, the family moved to Westland, where Joseph and Rita still reside.

They raised six children together: Tamara (Kenneth) Mlynar of Westland, Aaron R.P.



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Joseph and Rita Hughlett of Westland.

(Lisa) Hughlett of Mesa, Ariz., Adam J.P. (Tanya) Hughlett of Alexandria, Va., Stephanie (Stephen) Harris of Mesa, Ariz., Jared S.P. (Kristin) Hughlett of Canton and Senta (Daniel) Hill of Livonia. They have 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Joseph spent his entire

career of more than 30 years at Ford Motor Co., retiring as an engineering/quality manager in 1999. Rita Kay has been a devoted homemaker, caring for and raising their children. In their retirement, they have been involved with many volunteer service opportunities in their church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They enjoy traveling to visit their children and grandchildren and studying genealogy and family history together.

They plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Branson, Mo, where they honeymooned, with their children.

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The Garden City Homecoming court includes (from left to right) Taylor Clark, Caitlin Johnson and Meagan Driscoll. Front row (left to right) Ceirra Mckenzie, Candyce Wilson and Morgan Johnson.

## GCHS homecoming queen to be crowned

The Garden City High School homecoming queen will be crowned Oct. 7 during halftime of the football game against Belleville.

The game begins at 7 p.m. Allison Lynn, homecoming queen for GCHS Class of 2016, will crown the new queen. Each high school class created a Disney-themed float. The floats, the marching band and cheerleaders will be part of the parade.

The theme of the homecoming dance is Under the Big Top and it will be held from 7-10 p.m. Oct. 8 at Garden City Middle School.

The week-long Homecoming Spirit Days began Oct. 1 with pajama day. Students also had fun with Frat Prep Day, Class Color Day, Pink Out Day/ Breast Cancer Awareness and Blue and Orange. The window painting theme was super heroes and villains.

## Family in need after crash

LeAnne Rogers  
hometownlife.com

Fundraising to help Wayne business owners who were severely injured in a 2015 vehicle crash is continuing.

John VerHines and son Bill, owners of Gramco furniture restoration, both suffered traumatic brain and spinal injuries in the April 29, 2015, crash. As they were driving on Interstate 96 in Livonia, near Inkster Road, after completing a delivery, their truck was struck from behind by an underage drunken driver who didn't brake for stopped traffic.

The men are undergoing intensive therapies and slowly recovering, but have ongoing financial needs for their care and for supporting their families. Bill VerHines and his wife Erin have two young children. The two families report needing at least \$4,000 a month to make ends meet. Erin VerHines is disabled and unable to work full time, as is her mother-in-law.

A Restoring VerHines Legacy Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction is planned for 7-10 p.m.



FILE PHOTO  
John VerHines with grandchildren Gideon and Edith.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Tony Sacco's in Canton. The ticket price for the benefit dinner is \$50 for adults and \$30 for children under 12. The ticket includes dinner, dessert, entertainment by Ron Devon and Shoot the Messenger bands, complimentary entry into prize drawings and silent auction. A child's ticket includes activities, as well.

The silent auction, which includes tickets to Walt Disney World, begins online on the family's Facebook page — [www.facebook.com/RestoringVerHinesLegacy](http://www.facebook.com/RestoringVerHinesLegacy) — at noon Saturday, Oct. 12. The event is sponsored by the TAFFY Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

that strives to improve the quality of life for Michigan families burdened with hardship. A spaghetti dinner fundraiser was held on the one-year anniversary of the crash.

"We are grateful to have so much love and support from the community," Erin VerHines said. "In April, we were blessed with help from so many people who came out to support us with a spaghetti fundraiser. Unfortunately, we still have a problem with uncooperative insurance companies, so my family continues to need help. This benefit dinner will assist with paying daily living expenses and provide for many medical appointments. We need a new car and are hoping to have the money to get my father-in-law special glasses."

Tickets for the fundraiser are available at <http://tinyurl.com/h8jnxny> or by emailing [RestoringVerHinesLegacy@gmail.com](mailto:RestoringVerHinesLegacy@gmail.com).

Donations can be made at [GoFundMe.com/VerHines](http://GoFundMe.com/VerHines). The family has raised \$20,000 of a \$172,000 goal through GoFundMe.

## Mitter lauded for after-school work

Maria Mitter, assistant director at Eastern Michigan University's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Bright Futures Afterschool Programs, has been selected to serve as a 2016-17 Afterschool Ambassador.

She is one of just 15 leaders from across the nation chosen for the honor this year. Each Afterschool Ambassador will continue directing or supporting a local afterschool program while also serving a one-year Afterschool Ambassador term, organizing public events, communicating with elected officials and policy makers and growing support for afterschool programs. Mitter, a Livonia resident, works with students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Mitter said in a press release, "In my 15 years working in this field, I've witnessed firsthand the many ways that afterschool programs give students opportunities to explore their interests and discover their pas-



Maria Mitter of EMU Bright Futures.

sions, while giving parents the peace of mind that comes with knowing their children are safe and supervised, with engaging, educational activities, during the afternoons. I look forward to raising awareness and support for the out-of-school-time opportunities all students need."

Bright Futures serves more than 1,500 students each year. The focus of Bright Futures is to improve academic achievement, develop self-efficacy and prepare elementary, middle and high school students to transition to the next level of

schooling.

Programs meet after school for three hours Monday through Thursday, 32 weeks during the school year and six weeks in the summer. Students participate daily in homework help, targeted academic assistance, mentoring and service-learning and select from a rotating menu of clubs and activities. Clubs focusing on student interests in science, the arts, technology, engineering, culinary and physical fitness integrate writing skills, personal development and specific skills to support a successful transition from elementary to middle and from middle to high school.

Each ambassador will organize a major event for "Lights On Afterschool," the Afterschool Alliance's annual rally for afterschool, to be held Oct. 20. Last year, one million people participated in some 8,000 "Lights On Afterschool" events across the United States and at U.S. military bases worldwide.



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Carrie "Care" Wheeler, first-place winner of the art category for "Canoes" during the fourth Three Cities Art Show, and club president Marilyn Meredith.

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## Entries sought for Three Cities art show

Three Cities Art Club is seeking artists to submit artwork and photography for its fifth annual juried open call for artists art exhibition Dec. 1 through Jan. 31 at the Gallery at Westland City Hall.

From the entries, approximately 65 pieces will be selected to be included in the exhibition.

There will be a reception 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, when many of the artists will be available to talk with attendees. Winning artists will receive their awards at about 6 p.m.

The submission deadline is Friday, Nov. 18. Download an entry form by going to [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org). Original

fine art, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, collage, mixed media, etc. and photography, are what the club is looking for. Submit up to three entries for \$35 and \$5 for each additional piece. Full details are on the entry form.

To learn more about entering artwork in the exhibition, attending the event or about Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or via email at [marilynmeredith@wowway.com](mailto:marilynmeredith@wowway.com). You may also go to the club's website at [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org).

Westland City Hall is at 36300 Warren Road, west of Westland Shopping Center.

## Ashcroft Park planting is Saturday

Scott R Daniel  
hometownlife.com

If you don't mind a little bit of hard work or getting your hands dirty, Ashcroft Park in Redford is the place to be this Saturday.

"Community Planting Day" will be held from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the idea of transforming a portion of the park into community gardens. A variety of flowers, grasses and shrubs will comprise the gardens, which will also feature a pair of shade structures.

"We're to make it a unique park unlike any

other in the township," Redford parks and Recreation Director Theresa Burgess said. "It will have passive and active recreational areas."

Located at the corner of West Chicago Road and Sioux Street, the site is the former home of Ashcroft Elementary. The township acquired the parcel from the South Redford School District in 2013.

Last May, the township received a \$25,000 grant from the Redford chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to help pay for renovations. Burgess said playground

equipment, a baseball or multipurpose field will eventually be built. An existing community vegetable garden will be expanded.

Besides flowers and shrubs, 18 trees will be planted Saturday. Nine varieties, including northern red oak and maple, will be planted along the park's west side, parallel to Sioux Street. ReLeaf Michigan will oversee planting of the trees, which were donated by the DTE Energy Foundation.

Members of the sorority will be among the groups working at the

event. Burgess said additional volunteers are needed.

"We want to encourage people to come to the park and help out," she said. "It will be a little messy working in dirt, so volunteers should bring boots and gloves."

Interested volunteers can contact the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at [environmental@akatao.net](mailto:environmental@akatao.net). ReLeaf Michigan can be reached at [volunteercoordinator@releafmichigan.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@releafmichigan.org) or call 800-642-7353.

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734-672-5026

## Pearl Harbor survivors sought for Veterans Day ceremony

LeAnne Rogers  
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As the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor approaches, the Westland Veterans Association is looking for veterans who survived the "day which will live in infamy."

"On Veterans Day, we recognize all veterans, but with the 75th anniversary, we'd like to recognize residents who are veterans who survived Pearl Harbor," said Normie Brazier of the Westland Veterans Asso-

ciation. "We'd like to honor them. We know there won't be many of them."

The Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese was the event that triggered the United States' entry into World War II — a conflict that had been ongoing in other parts of the world since 1939.

Last year, Vietnam veterans received special recognition on the 50th anniversary of that conflict. The annual Veterans Day commemoration is scheduled for

2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

Located behind the William P. Faust Library, the memorial garden was developed and paid for through fundraisers by the Westland Veterans Association. A feature of the memorial garden are coves containing markers with information about each of America's wars dating back to the Revolutionary War.

Any veterans who survived Pearl Harbor are asked to contact the

Westland Veterans Association by the end of October so they can be included in the Veterans Day program.

"Our program will be pretty well together by then and we need their information to include it. We need their names and the branch of the military that they served in," Brazier said.

Any Pearl Harbor military survivors who wish to be recognized at the Westland Veterans Day program can call 734-788-7753 or 734-604-6484.

## There is still time to register to vote in Nov. 8 election

Westland residents may register to vote from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at the Presbyterian Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill.

The last date for registration is Tuesday, Oct. 11. Those with questions

can call Dick McKnight at 734-421-1517. Anyone who will be 18 years old by the election Nov. 8 is eligible to register to vote.

Voters can also register at their city hall or the Michigan Secretary of State.

### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Wayne will hold a Public Hearing on October 18, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. to consider the transfer of previously approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for eligible activities for the 2016 program year From Code Enforcement into Demolition.

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Code enforcement \$123,444.58	Code Enforcement \$35,000.00
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The hearing shall be held at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. Wayne, MI 48184 at 8:00 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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### CITY OF WESTLAND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RENTAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The City of Westland is accepting proposals for Norwayne Rental Rehabilitation projects located in the Norwayne community. The City of Westland will fund the projects with federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

Proposals for the Norwayne Rental Rehabilitation projects are due on: October 21, 2016, by 10:00 a.m., via sealed envelopes marked "Norwayne Rental Rehabilitation" to the Department of Housing & Community Development, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland MI 48186.

To receive a copy of the RFP, contact Rick Gowan, Community Development Deputy Director at [rgowan@cityofwestland.com](mailto:rgowan@cityofwestland.com) or by calling 734.793.9391.

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JoAnn Bahr, Grant Mathiesen and mom Kathy help make up to close to 500 sandwiches for St. Aloysius neighborhood services in Detroit as part of the service day held at St. Colette Church in Livonia.

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## St. Colette Church volunteers reach out

Julie Brown  
hometownlife.com

Sporting distinctive blue T-shirts was a point of pride for Ryan Scott and Grant Mathiesen, both 14-year-old parishioners at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. They were among some 140 volunteers for the Saturday, Oct. 1, Mercy in Action 2016 Day of Service.

"I thought it'd be good to make peanut butter sandwiches, help out people," said Grant, who like Ryan is a ninth-grader at Northville High School and Northville resident. Added Ryan: "I think it's good to help people out. It seemed kind of fun, too."

The sandwiches go to St. Aloysius in downtown Detroit for distribution to the hungry, said Nancy Ohman, Christian service coordinator at St. Colette and a Farmington Hills resident. Of the day, which took place as an Archdiocese of Detroit event at a number of metro area parishes, she said, "It's been a lot of work, but the results are amazing. The results will make it worth it."

Most volunteers were from the parish, with some heading to the nearby Sanctuary at Villa



St. Colette parishioner Alexa Pierznski colors placemats for seniors to have and use during the Christmas holidays.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Marie senior residence to visit people there. St. Colette had a scavenger hunt for food to benefit Loaves and Fishes and the food pantry at St. Edith Catholic Church of Livonia.

Donations of clothing were also accepted for St. Vincent de Paul, with the St. Colette youth ministry and a number of families involved. Said Ohman, "I'm just doing God's work."

Parish priest the Rev. Gary Michalik said, "I think it's a great idea to have it synchronized" with the archdiocese. "It's putting mercy into action. We're showing mercy by our actions."

Pope Francis declared a Jubilee, as have other popes, Michalik explained.

# Dad, daughter face off with bench, dress at ArtPrize 8

Susan Bromley  
hometownlife.com

A local father and daughter are facing off against each other at ArtPrize 8.

Samantha Lewis and her dad, Lawrence Lewis, are among more than 1,500 artists — hailing from 40 states and 44 countries — entered in ArtPrize 8. The extravaganza is billed as the world's largest public art event, with 1,453 entries in all mediums on display now through Oct. 9 at dozens of indoor and outdoor venues in Grand Rapids.

"It's not so much the competition as the fun of the participation," Lawrence said. "I think she feels the same way. You're a true artist if you want to participate."

"We're competing, but it's a friendly competition," said Samantha, who added with a laugh, "We'll see how it is if we get in the finals."

This is Samantha's fourth year entering ArtPrize and the first for Lawrence. The event is open to all artists ages 18 and over who enter during the registration period and are accepted by one of the participating venues to showcase their work, which must be assigned to one of four categories — 2D, 3D, time-based or installation.

Samantha says she learned from her first year entering that she should have a work already in progress by the time she applies in April to be in the fall art extravaganza, as art is something she does mostly for fun. She owns a jewelry design business, but her day job with an Ann Arbor



Samantha Lewis and her dad, Lawrence Lewis, show their badges as artists with entries in ArtPrize 8 in Grand Rapids. The pair live in Livonia.

them into decorations by the time I got home," he said. "Now people want to get rid of stuff and it has to pass through her before I can get rid of it. I have an eye for it now and thought, 'I'm going to try my own gig this year.' Her artistic ability is off the map and it's so fascinating that I started to put my feet in it."

A friend of his that shops garage and estate sales gave him a collection of bicentennial Michigan license plates that honored the nation's 200th birthday in 1976. Lawrence used 20 of the plates to create a functional bench and also used donated golf balls and telephone poles to create "trees" that border the bench. He has titled the work "The Gathering."

Lawrence said his daughter was a coach for his project and they often worked side by side on their respective art pieces. In a switching of roles, he found himself asking for her advice. Over the course of the last eight or nine months, while working on the bench, he said he has learned a lot and is finding his creative side.

"I guess I'm one of those unsure people, but I'm being told I need to get over that," Lawrence said with a chuckle, adding that he has always had a blast with his daughter, thanks to his wife who wouldn't allow him to work overtime in the steel industry while Samantha was growing up. He recalls many of his co-workers telling him they didn't really know their kids, which is a shame to a man who cherishes time spent with his child.

For more information, go to [artprize.org](http://artprize.org).

mortgage company pays the bills.

Jewelry was her first foray into ArtPrize in 2013, but for three years now, she has entered dresses. In 2014, it was a stained glass dress honoring Michigan's lakes and rivers. The following year, her entry consisted of five dresses, all featuring playing cards, as well as four pairs of shoes to match. Those dresses were not only art, but wearable, whereas this year's entry is not, due to its extreme weight and an underlying structure needed for form.

The stunning dress, titled "Hardware Cloth," is just that — hardware cloth used for a base fabric, to which dozens of tools are attached.

The gown's corset top features washers, while the full-length skirt with folds is adorned with washers, nuts, bolts and even wrenches and screwdrivers. The entire ensemble has been coated in silver spray paint to glamorous effect and took four months to create.

Visitors to the piece, on display in the Marriott Hotel in Grand Rapids, often approach from a distance and believe they are seeing a wedding dress. Samantha loves the moment when their eyes widen as they realize what materials were used to construct the dress. The fashion is meant as a tribute to the working women of Detroit.

"Women are overlooked in the automotive and steel industry," Samantha said. "They are a minority in those professions and I wanted to give a special call-out to the women of Detroit that work in male industries."

The tools were donated from The Tool Shop in Canton, as well as from her father, a former steel industry worker himself who is now self-employed.

Lawrence, 57, is new to trying his hand at art, but was getting jealous watching his daughter's creative endeavors.

"When she was a little kid, she would take a pile of boxes and turn

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# New musical celebrates car industry

**Sharon Dargay**  
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Janet Pound has been crafting a dramatic love letter to the auto industry for nearly two decades.

What started as a monologue in the 1990s evolved into one-act play and, finally, has become a musical in two acts with 23 songs that pay homage to the state's auto heritage, the industry and the people who drive it.

"It's the grit and grime of the factory and the glitz and glam of the auto show," said Pound, a West Bloomfield writer and casting director.

"Car Stars," runs Oct. 6-9 at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$33, available at theberman.org or by calling 248-661-1900.

Pound began turning "Car Stars" into a musical about 10 years ago, after a friend shared a premonition about the work, insisting it was meant to include songs and dance.

"I lived in Pontiac at the time and I would see people walking during their break from the GM



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Janet Pound and cast member Peter Tocco, whom Pound describes as her "best guy friend." They have worked together for many years. "Some of the lines (in the show) came directly out of his mouth," she said, as they worked the auto shows.

truck plant and, all of a sudden, I thought, "You know, no one has ever honored our heritage. There is no musical. There is no one saying, we created the strong middle class, we invented the American dream."

"I thought, that's what I need to do. I need to write something to honor our history. And then I'd wake up at night with tunes in my head."

She penned lyrics for her original songs and hired musicians to write most of the music that ranges from blues to rock, folk to gospel. Phred Brown, musical director for Bruno Mars, composed three tunes.

David Regal, veteran director and recently retired teacher from the University of Detroit, is directing and John Luther of Farmington cho-

reographed the show.

## Car parts

Pound wrote the musical as two distinct acts, with part one focusing on historical figures and events, such as Henry Ford, Rosie the Riveter and the 1937 sit-down strike at General Motors in Flint. The second half looks at the agents, car dealers and models involved in the auto shows. A conveyor belt used for car parts in the first scene and a fashion show in the second connects the two acts.

"I've been going to junkyards. It's so funny, they look at me, like, who are you and why are you here," she said with a laugh. "I got tire rims, a carburetor. I paid this guy to get the grills off a Jeep, a GM truck and a Lincoln. Those will be objects on the assembly line."

In addition to scouting for props, Pound is bankrolling the musical. After a few false starts over the past 10 years — a producer who didn't follow through, a director who backed out of the show —

she decided to produce the material herself.

She estimates production costs around \$20,000, not counting the \$8,000 she already spent on musicians and copy-rights.

"This is my going to Europe or Hawaii money," she said. "Going to Europe would be nice, but it's not my dream. This is my dream. I want to see this done. I'm 64 and I can't wait for anybody."

"The fact that I haven't given up is huge. I mean, seriously — 10 years. I really do believe in it, not because I wrote it, but because I think it was meant to be."

## Self-taught writer

"Car Stars" is her first major stage production, although Pound has had monologues and plays produced as staged readings. Last month, she won "best artist" honors at the Trinity International Film Festival for another monologue that evolved into a screenplay, "Home Again."

"I never took a writing class, ever," she said.

"Because I got married at 19, I don't have a college degree. I had three kids by the time I was 27. I didn't start writing until I was 40."

She grew up in Flint, where her father worked for Buick, and in Southfield, where she met her husband Ken, who currently teaches at Oakland Community College. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Her career began with print modeling, which led to parts in commercials and industrial film. She spent her 40s working the auto show circuit as a model/spokeswoman. At the same time, she got involved in writing groups at the Purple Rose Theater and Heartland Theatre Co.

"I did auto shows for 10 years," she said. "From there, I became a talent agent and a casting director. With all of our (film) incentives going away, work has dried up," adding that she plans to concentrate on her writing.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

### 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 and 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 and pet Costume Contest. For more information, go to <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 (vm#10).



The Barbara Ware Quartet will perform at Jazz @ The Elks.



The Jeff Hoagland Blues Band will perform at Blues @ The Elks.

### Jazz, blues at Elks

Blues @ The Elks is 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society. There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes. On Tuesday, Oct. 11, the Jeff Hoagland Blues Band will perform there for the first time. This band is committed to preserving authentic Delta blues, New Orleans style. It offers a variety of great blues standards. Members include Jeff Hoagland, lead singer/guitar; Donnie Burton, drums;

Tracy Garneau, bass; and Brian "Windsor Slim" Smith, harmonica and vocals.

Jazz @ The Elks is 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers. On Tuesday, Oct. 25, will be the Barbara Ware Quartet. Ware will be teasing us by singing those "lost verses," those that were introductions to songs past that never made it to the recordings of these jazz greats. Come and see how many you can guess! Joining Ware will be Cliff Mo-

near on keyboards, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Sean Dobbins on drums. It just doesn't get any better than this. For more information, go to [www.barbarawarejazz.com](http://www.barbarawarejazz.com).

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plymouthannarborelks325.com](http://www.plymouthannarborelks325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

### 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. 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 at 7 p.m. the second

Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. For more information, go to [livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com](http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com)

### Chili-Cook-Off 'Afterburn'

The Garden City Chili Cook-off "Afterburn" takes place 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, featuring music by Bonnie and the Working Girls. The event is sponsored by the Garden City Business Alliance. For more information, go to [www.gardencitybusinessalliance.org](http://www.gardencitybusinessalliance.org) or email [reneemortonservpro@gmail.com](mailto:reneemortonservpro@gmail.com).

### 'Believe' series

Clarenceville United Methodist Church begins its "Believe" series Oct. 2. This unique spiritual growth experience for all ages takes participants on a journey toward becoming more like Jesus. Unpack core teachings of the Bible; 10 key beliefs, 10 key practices and 10 key virtues of Christianity. For more information, go to [www.clarencevillechurch.org](http://www.clarencevillechurch.org).

### Used instruments

Do you have an old musical instrument laying around the house collecting dust? Donate it to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Now in the second year, the LSO Community Outreach program collects and refurbishes instruments for Livonia schools. Help the LSO continue this community involvement project by either donating an old musical instrument or making a donation to refurbish the instruments. Contact

Janice Newsome, LSO Outreach chair, at 313-658-0263 or email [jnewsome@alphausa.com](mailto:jnewsome@alphausa.com). All donations are tax-deductible.

### Mom2mom sale

The GC Theatre will be hosting a mom2mom sale at Garden City High School. Not sure what to do with the clothes your kids have outgrown or the toys they no longer play with? Sell them at the m2m sale (seller keeps 100 percent of the money made at their table). Not into selling? Save the date and come shopping to find great deals on new and gently used baby and kids clothes as well as toys, games, DVDs, books, strollers, bikes, swings, bouncers, etc.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, (early bird 8:30 a.m.). There will be more than 85 tables to shop from, a large item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is only \$1 (early bird \$2), strollers welcome. Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt Road (between Ford Road and Warren). Tables are \$25 for an eight-foot table including standard rack space (you provide rack). For more information, including the table agreement, go to [www.facebook.com/gcmom2momsale](http://www.facebook.com/gcmom2momsale) or send an email to [gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com](mailto:gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com). All proceeds from this sale will go to the GCHS Theatre Group. Do you have baby/kid items you just want to get rid of? Donate them to have the theater kids sell. Email to make drop-off arrangements.

**CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **October 18th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

**CURED IN PLACE PIPE REHABILITATION**

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

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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**CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

**PETITION 2016-08-01-05** submitted by Michael Gowen, requesting to rezone a portion of the property located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Newburgh Road and Jarvis Avenue (38105 Plymouth Road) in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, from C-1 (Local Business) to R-1 (One Family Residential).

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Huge week ahead on gridiron

Local high schools face pivotal matchups

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This week's menu of local high school football showdowns would make any gridiron fan salivate.

From crosstown rivalries to win-or-forget-the-playoffs scenarios, the Week 7 docket is jam-packed with significant match-ups.

Possibly the most compelling Friday night game will unfold on the Livonia Franklin varsity stadium's artificial turf starting at 7 p.m., when the host Patriots clash with

rival Churchill in a battle featuring 4-2 teams.

The banged-up Chargers will be looking to rebound from a 51-7 loss to Canton during which they were minus several key players due to injuries.

Franklin, on the other hand, has rebounded nicely from its season-opening loss to Livonia Stevenson by winning four of its last five games.

With the exception of its Week 4 loss to Canton (34-21), Franklin has yielded seven



Churchill's Ja'vante Van Buren looks for running room during last week's loss to Canton. TOM BEAUDOIN

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## Crusader golfers ace test

Momentum continues to ride the way of the Madonna University men's golf team, which enjoyed another quality day on the course on Monday at Egypt Valley Country Club in Ada, Mich.

Hosted by Taylor University (Ind.), the Egypt Valley Invite is host to many regional NAIA teams, including several programs form the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

On Monday, the Crusaders — fresh off of their victory at WHAC Jamboree Five — posted a team score of 292 to finish second out of 19 teams through one round at the two-day, 36-hole invitational.

Recently crowned WHAC Co-Player of the Year and WHAC Golfer of the Week Justin Pahl was at it again Monday, posting a team-best round of two-under 70. Pahl's latest quality round paced a steady diet of low scores for the Crusaders and was followed closely Michael Gaulin, who checked in with a one-over 73. The senior led the entire 110-golfer field with 15 pars in round one.

Despite the low scores by Pahl and Gaulin, the day belonged to the Crusader senior Marc Hebert, who knocked in his first collegiate hole-in-one Monday afternoon. The improbable "1" on the scorecard was completed on Ridge's 180-yard, par-three sixth hole. Hebert's hole-in-one lifted the senior to a 74 thru 18 holes at the non-conference event.

John Tatti (Plymouth High School) followed his three-under 69 on Saturday at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti with a 75 on Monday while Eric Attard chimed in with a 77 to conclude the Crusaders' scoring efforts.

## Floyd cruises to record

Madonna University's Anthony Floyd (Livonia Franklin) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week for his efforts on the course between Sept. 26 and Oct. 2, it was announced Monday.

The weekly award is the first for Floyd, a freshman who had only competed in two collegiate races prior to his record-setting pace in Kentucky over the weekend. Floyd is only the second Madonna men's cross country runner to win the weekly award, becoming the first to do so since Tim Boes earned the honor in 2011.

Floyd powered his way to a new school record with a time of 25:36.9 while competing against NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA competition at the University of Louisville hosted Greater Louisville Classic on Saturday (Oct. 1). The freshman chimed in 13th out of a competitive field of 300-plus runners with a new MU record time of 25:36.9 in the 8K event.

Floyd's time eclipsed the previous best of 25:42 set by Boes at the 2012 WHAC Championship meet. The record-setting pace also enough to shave 14 seconds off of the freshman's previous best (26:50.9) from the National Catholic Invitational on Sept. 16.

Floyd and the Crusaders are back in action Friday (Oct. 7) as they travel to Lansing to compete in the Lansing Invite hosted by Lansing Community College.

## Reporting results

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

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL



Livonia Stevenson graduate Katie Tomasic has developed into one of the top players in the Mid-American Conference. MIAMI OF OHIO ATHLETICS

# FRONT-ROW FORCE

Stevenson grad Tomasic a pivotal player at Miami

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Throughout her eye-popping emergence as one of the Mid-American Conference's elite volleyball players, Katie Tomasic has developed a greater appreciation for a non-kill skill.

"Getting a block is more exciting for

me than getting a kill," said Tomasic, a 2014 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and current junior at Miami (Ohio) University. "I not only help my team get a point with a block, but it also kind of demoralizes the other team. Blocks are big momentum-changers."

Tomasic has been one of the engineers on the RedHawks' season-long momentum train. Through last weekend, she led



Tomasic

the MAC-leading RedHawks in kills, block assists and total points, which is calculated by adding all of the key statistics generated by volleyball players.

And although the season is still relatively young, Tomasic has already earned her school's Female Athlete of the Week honor twice.

"It's exciting to win the individual honors, but anytime I receive something like that, it's due to a joint effort from our entire team," she said.

See TOMASIC, Page B2

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

## Patriot girls eighth at Legends Invite

Seibert leads Franklin by running personal best

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In a meet loaded with blazers, during a week filled with obstacles, Livonia Franklin's girls cross country team did better than its 12th-place showing at Saturday's Coaching Legends Invitational held at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Running in the Division 1 Gold Division, the Erin Seibert-led Patriots rang up 287

points, which was considerably more than first-place Birmingham Seaholm and runner-up Northville (75).

But Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund exited the meet with a good feeling about the way his team performed in an event dotted with variables.

"This is a very competitive meet, loaded with state-ranked teams," Bjorklund said. "I thought we did well today considering it is homecoming week and we have lots of kids on the team who are battling

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Livonia Franklin's cross country team gets off to a good start during a meet earlier this fall. TOM BEAUDOIN

PREP SOCCER



Garden City's Jacob Sadowski (left) played well in Monday's 3-2 setback to Edsel Ford.

ED WRIGHT

# Cougars' rally falls one goal short, 3-2

Down 3-0, Garden City makes it interesting

Ed Wright  
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A remarkable rally by the Garden City boys soccer team Monday night was ultimately subdued by host Dearborn Edsel Ford, which survived with a 3-2 victory.

The Thunderbirds bolted to a quick 3-0 lead before the Cougars battled back with two goals during the game's final 20 minutes.

A couple of dangerous Garden City scoring chances that would have tied the contest were turned away by the T-Birds.

The result left the Cougars with a 5-9 overall record and 4-3 mark in the Western

Wayne Athletic Conference.

"I was proud of the way the boys hung in there and kept battling," GC head coach Jeff Szyplula said. "A lot of teams would have kind of thrown in the towel after falling behind 3-0."

"Edsel came out fast and furious. We picked it up in the second half and made it a game."

The Cougars' first goal came with just over 20 minutes left, when Kyle Czarnik's free kick found Jacob Sadowski, who rammed the ball into the top-left corner of the net.

Tommy Fisher cut the gap to 3-2 with 5:22 left, when he settled a pass from Sadowski and lasered it home from 12 yards out.

"We put a ton of pressure on them during the last few minutes, but couldn't score,"

Szyplula said. "Although we lost, I'm very proud of the boys for not giving up."

Community night

The Cougars will be holding their annual community night game at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, when they host Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

All youth soccer players who attend the game wearing their team's jersey will be allowed in free of charge. The youth players will also form a tunnel for the varsity players prior to the game.

T-shirts will be thrown into the crowd whenever GC scores a goal and there will be a halftime shootout for fans, who will be awarded a two-liter of pop if they kick the ball into the net.

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# TOMASIC

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Tomasic's sophomore season at Miami was a transitional one — although you wouldn't have known by her performance — as she learned to play the right-side position for the first time in college.

In 2015, Tomasic was the only RedHawk to start all 31 matches and she finished third with 213 kills and 58 total blocks.

"I think my numbers are up this season because of the year of experience I received last year playing right-side," she said. "Playing right-side, I'm often going up against the other team's best hitter. I enjoy the challenge that brings."

Getting started

For most of her pre-high school athletic career, it appeared as if Tomasic may become a collegiate soccer star.

That is until she discovered her volleyball potential while playing for a recreational team consisting of several of her travel soccer teammates.

"I played tennis from the time I was about 3 to 11 or 12, then I started playing some pretty intense travel soccer," she said. "During one off-season when I was in fifth or sixth grade, we put together a rec volleyball team in Westland, just to stay active and have fun."

"It turned out that I really liked volleyball and being tall helped me. I joined the Madonna Crusaders Juniors club team, which gave me a good base, before I made the A-Squared club team out of Ann Arbor. That's when I got a lot better. We'd travel to tournaments all over, but mostly on the East Coast, so I was playing against high-caliber competition."

At Stevenson, Tomasic helped the Spartans win dis-

trict and regional titles in 2013 while playing for head coach Kelly Graham, who died from the effects of ALS this past summer.

"Kelly was a huge part of my volleyball experience," Tomasic said. "High school volleyball was a different level of competition than club and she understood that and she made it fun. I loved her energy. Playing for Kelly reminded me why I loved playing volleyball as much as I do."

Big-time recruit

Several big-time college volleyball programs pursued Tomasic during her senior year in high school, including SEC powers Auburn, Missouri and Mississippi State.

But Miami's combination of academic excellence, volleyball competitiveness and the simple beauty of the school's campus made her decision to turn down the SEC's offers a manageable one.

"It's so pretty here and there's probably around 15,000 students, so it's not huge," she said. "I love the athletic programs' culture here. There are athletes from several different teams — baseball, track and field, soccer — that come to our matches and cheer us on."

Tomasic's biggest fans are her parents, Bob and Jody, who make it a point to get to as many of her matches as possible.

"We're playing at Eastern, Central, Western and Michigan this season, so that makes it nice for them travel-wise," Tomasic said. "But they attend a lot of out-of-state matches, too, which I appreciate."

Tomasic is an outstanding student and the recipient of several scholar-athlete awards, both at Stevenson and Miami.

She is pursuing a degree in finance at Miami.

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# FOOTBALL

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points or less during its recent hot streak.

Both teams feature dynamic quarterbacks. Franklin's Jacob Clark has adjusted smoothly in his first season at QB and is a threat to break off game-changing runs at any time on read-option keepers.

Churchill's Evan Cummins has emerged as one of the area's best throwing quarterbacks, but he can also beat teams with his legs.

Spartans face must-win encounter

At 3-3, Stevenson needs to run the table to qualify for the postseason for the fourth time in the past five seasons.

The Spartans' test promises to be challenging with Northville (5-1) coming to town. The Mustangs' only loss came against state-ranked Walled Lake Western, 48-34, in Week 3.

Stevenson will benefit

from an enthusiastic homecoming crowd and a spread offense that has scored 40-plus points in two of its six games this fall.

Big game in Redford

For the first time in a number of years, Redford Union (4-2) will enter its game against Thurston (3-3) with a better record than the Eagles.

Although you can (warning: cliché alert) throw out the records when these cross-town foes meet, it's hard to discount the fact that Thurston has won the last seven get-togethers against the Panthers.

RU is powered by a tight T-formation running game that looks to methodically move the chains with running backs Isaac Grant and Marquise Hathaway, while Thurston utilizes a more balanced attack with 6-foot-4 quarterback Zack Crofford manning the controls.

The game is set to kick off at 7 p.m. at Kraft Field.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Thurston wins back-to-back matches

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So far, so good for the Redford Thurston volleyball team, which bumped its overall record over the .500 mark (5-4-1) last week with victories over University Prep (Ferndale) on Tuesday and Livonia Clarenceville on Thursday.

The triumph over the Trojans left Thurston with a 2-1 mark in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

The Eagles soared past University Prep, 25-15, 25-14 and 25-10, thanks in large part to Jordan Cook, who had 11 kills, seven aces and three blocks.

Other key contributors were Amanda Michels (seven kills and three aces) and Ronay Peguies, who piled up five kills and 13 assists.

Cook was also a front-row force against Clarenceville, netting four kills and three blocks.

The Eagles' balanced offense also was fortified by Jayla Lucas, Michels and Megan Abela, who added three kills each.

Peguies was a back-row star, chipping in with four aces, 16 assists and five digs, while Cutrell Booker had 10 digs.

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Thurston's Ronay Peguies floats a set during a match earlier this season.

TOM BEAUDOIN

# INVITE

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illnesses."

Seibert brought her "A" game, which she usually does, as she showed plenty of heart in a 20th-place finish in a personal-best time of 19 minutes, 21.5 seconds.

Camryn Zurawski was also stellar, placing 61st in 20:51.6, 13 places higher than Hailey Kutrikis.

Also contributing to the Patriots' cause were Ashley deGuise (78th in 21:19.3), Angie Hall (94th in 21:53.2), Cassie Young (106th in 22:38.0) and Courtney Kostielney (109th in 22:33.0).

"Erin Seibert put together the best race and time of her career so far," Bjorklund said. "Zurawski showed a lot of poise and leadership today, and all of our newcomers ran very well. We need to continue to work hard and improve as we approach the championship portion of the season."

The race's individual winner was Ann Arbor Pioneer's Anne Forsyth, who covered the course in 17:28.9.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Erin Seibert turned in a career-best performance Saturday.

Rounding out the top-five teams were Pioneer (80 points), Brighton (120) and Pinckney (140).

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Eagles overpower Warriors in MIAC tilt

Lutheran Westland hangs tough with PCA

Tim Smith  
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For stretches Tuesday night, Lutheran Westland's girls volleyball team hung tough with division rival Plymouth Christian Academy — the No. 1 team in Class D.

But the host Warriors gave up bunches of points in a hurry in each set and the talented Eagles came away with a 3-0 victory (25-15, 25-20, 25-16).

"We had good starts most of the sets," Lutheran Westland head coach Kevin Wade said. "Second set we got behind the 8-ball. Each set was one big run, other than that we were right there toe to toe with them."

"But you can't give a good team big runs, you just can't chase the whole match. It's too much energy."

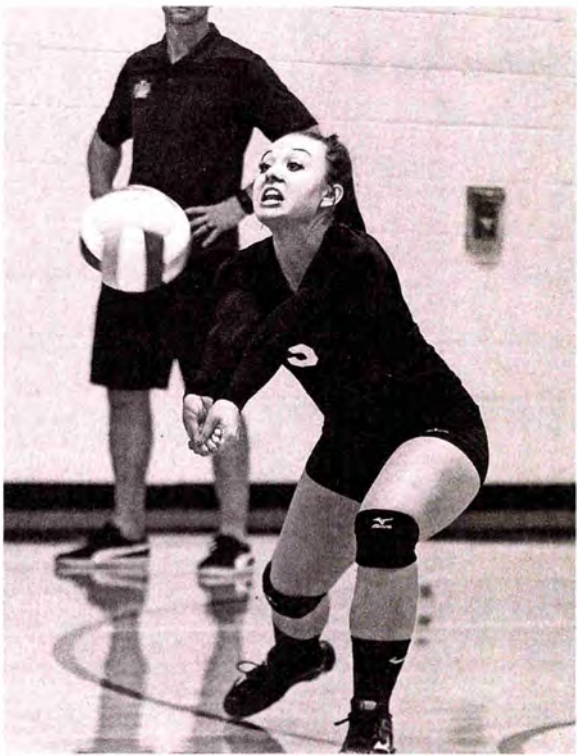
For PCA (15-6-3, 5-0 in the MIAC Blue), the contest featured plenty of the trademark pin-to-pin passing and hitting that has kept the team on top.

"We do have a lot of options, I'm very excited about the choices I have," said DJ Kellogg, head coach of the Eagles. "I can substitute at a multitude of positions, as far as outsidest versus middles."

"If our passing's on then we have a lot of offensive plays that can be run."

Kellogg said his team wasn't quite as sharp against the Warriors as they were in recent weekend tournaments at Novi and Mt. Morris, where PCA competed well against Class A and Class B opponents. "I felt we were a little bit off today. It was a focus issue."

To that end, the opening set see-sawed much of the way,



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Bumping the ball during a recent game is Plymouth Christian's Abby Vicars.

with the teams tied 9-9. But junior Grace Kellogg stepped up to the serving stripe and reeled off two aces among four points to help PCA go up 14-10.

An ace by senior Ruth Doty, who along with senior Devon Burns joined PCA this fall after the closing of Taylor Baptist Park, clinched Game 1.

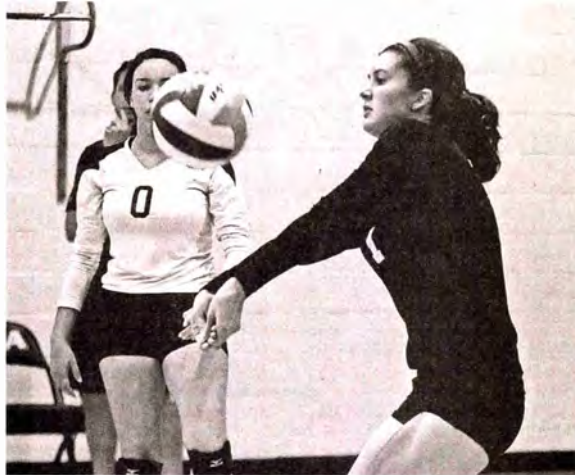
The Eagles got off to a 15-6 advantage in the middle set, helped by two service errors by Lutheran Westland and five service points by Kellogg.

During that run, PCA tallied points on a tip (by senior outside hitter Olivia Mady) and spikes by senior Aliyah Pries (four kills) and junior Robin Albert (three kills).

Yet the Warriors closed the gap to 24-20 before misfiring on a serve to finish that set.

**Serving it up**

In the third set, Lutheran Westland enjoyed leads of 6-2 and 7-4 (with strong work at the net by senior outside hitter



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Keeping a volley going for PCA earlier this season is Olivia Mady (right).

Amanda McKay, who had 11 kills) only to see the Eagles rally at the stripe once again.

This time, PCA senior Jessica Paulson (eight digs, 15 assists) stepped up to the line and went off on a six-point run, putting the Eagles in front 11-8.

With the game deadlocked 12-12, however, the Eagles got a defensive sideout point on a feed from senior libero Divyna Roi (15 digs) to Albert for the spike.

Roi then served up seven points in a row, with freshman Gabriella Kellogg (eight kills) coming through with three kills and a block, to turn the contest into a 20-12 Eagles lead.

According to two of the team's many returnees from last season's Class D semi-finalists, this could be another special season.

"We have great chemistry on the court and we all just

trust each other so much," said Mady, who had five kills and six digs. "We work well as a team, I think the season's going to keep getting better."

Roi added that the Eagles are "playing for God's glory and not ours, so that just really fuels the team to do our best."

Another solid contributor for PCA was senior Abby Vicars, with 11 assists.

For the Warriors (8-13, 1-5), McKay was a bright spot as were Taylor Jones (25 digs) and Hannah Schneider (16 assists).

"It was good for Amanda to kind of get going and I thought we had success when we swung," Wade said. "We did get some points ... but we can't give them free balls, they kept turning the free balls right back on us."

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Franklin's Paityn Santi "flies" through the water during Tuesday's meet against Wayne.

PREP SWIMMING

# Franklin upends Wayne for first dual win

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The point-generating combination of Paityn Santi and Caitlin Jodway powered Livonia Franklin's girls swimming and diving team to a rousing 111-66 victory over visiting Wayne Memorial Tuesday night.

Both teams were searching for their first KLAASouth Division win of the season, and the pair of Patriots made sure it was their team that broke the goose egg in the win column.

Santi picked up first-place points in each of the three events she competed in. She swam the third leg for the Patriots' winning 200-yard medley relay contingent before touching first in both the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

Jodway was equally as effective, leading off the 200 medley relay contingent while taking gold in the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle.

Franklin's Cheyenne Franklin edged teammate Lindsey Hoyer in the diving competition. The Patriots' other first-



TOM BEAUDOIN  
Wayne's Olivia Hustad helped her team with a strong showing in the breaststroke event.

place swimmer was Gemma Bida, who took the 100 freestyle in 1 minute, 8.73 seconds.

Although the Zebras came up short on the scoreboard, they were bolstered by several sterling individual efforts.

Katie Gutzman won the 50 freestyle and placed second in the 100 free; Olivia Hustad outperformed her competitors in the 100 breaststroke race; and Abigail Wentworth won the 100 backstroke event by four seconds over teammate Anahi Lopez.

Franklin's foursome of Bida, Ashley Carnesecci, Emily Loder and Hanna Hoffman won the meet-ending 400 freestyle relay.

- FRANKLIN 111**  
**WAYNE 66**  
Tuesday night at Franklin  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Franklin (Caitlin Jodway, Lauren Niemiec, Paityn Santi, Cheyenne Franklin), 2 minutes, 10.12 seconds; 2. Wayne (Laynie Wood, Katie Gutzman, Anahi Lopez, Alondra Lopez), 2:38.29  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Paityn Santi (F), 2:14.54; 2. Alicia Beene (W), 2:17.86; 3. Gemma Bida (F), 2:29.67  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Caitlin Jodway (F), 2:26.37; 2. Olivia Hustad (W), 2:27.27; 3. Lauren Niemiec (F), 2:56.15  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Katie Gutzman (W), 31.26; 2. Emily Loder (F), 31.27; 3. Erica Buda (F), 32.62  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Cheyenne Franklin (F), 144.90 points; 2. Lindsey Hoyer (F), 118.50  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Paityn Santi (F), 1:10.84; 2. Alicia Beene (W), 1:13.39; 3. Emma Selix (F), 1:35.20  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Gemma Bida (F), 1:08.73; 2. Katie Gutzman (W), 1:12.93; 3. Ashley Carnesecci (F), 1:16.49  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Caitlin Jodway (F), 5:56.08; 2. Brenda Lopez (W), 6:48.86; 3. Isabelle Stupar (F), 7:22.32  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Franklin (Emily Loder, Erica Buda, Gemma Bida, Cheyenne Franklin), 2:02.31; 2. Wayne (Olivia Hustad, Anahi Lopez, Katie Gutzman, Alicia Beene), 2:02.49  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Abigail Wentworth (W), 1:21.92; 2. Anahi Lopez (W), 1:25.80; 3. Emily Loder (F), 1:26.32  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Olivia Hustad (W), 1:21.83; 2. Lauren Niemiec (F), 1:25.51; 3. Sophie Martin (F), 1:42.31  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Franklin (Gemma Bida, Ashley Carnesecci, Emily Loder, Hanna Hoffman), 4:58.31; 2. Wayne (Laynie Wood, Kate McCarty, Teana Davis, Brenda Lopez), 5:28.87.

PREP SOCCER

# Stevenson plays to 1-1 tie with Northville

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It kind of felt like a loss and it certainly didn't feel like a win, but Northville was more than happy to settle for a tie Tuesday night in its KLAASouth Division boys soccer match with Livonia Stevenson.

The host Mustangs, however, got what they wanted — a second straight division championship thanks to a 1-1 draw with the Spartans.

With the tie, state-ranked Northville (No. 6, Division 1) stands 8-1-6 overall and 6-0-3 in the Central (21 points), which puts them in Monday's Kensington Conference title match at home against KLAASouth Division champion, which has yet to be determined.

"I'm very pleased back-to-back division championships, which is very big in our conference," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "Our division has always been so tough. So proud of the boys that way, but I really wanted a victory tonight, so I'm not as happy as I should be for sure."

Stevenson (6-3-4, 3-2-4) had no mathematical chance to earn a piece of the KLAASouth title, but wanted to play spoiler and position itself for a rematch when the two teams will meet again with the stakes even higher in a first-round MHSAA Division 1 district match beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17 at Northville.

"There's not a whole lot of meaning to the game," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Obviously the game in two weeks is the one that we've got to circle. Those games have been tight with them. We know their style, they know our style. It is what it is. Two weeks is all the matter to us."

Stevenson struck first just 7:22 into the match when senior defender Conrad Kean header the ball past Northville goalkeeper Evan Treiber off a corner kick from Brady Brown.

"It was kind of a miscommunication by a few players and also an unlucky bounce," Northville junior defender Collin Neal said. "We won the initial header and then it de-

flected off another head and went in.

"It was kind of a wake-up call, but it was more like, 'What the heck, we've been all over these guys, and they get one lucky shot and one lucky goal.' Sort of a bad call in the corner in my opinion, but it is what it is and it happens, so we kind of picked our heads up and kept playing hard and got a goal."

That tally came with 12:22 left in the first half when senior midfielder Ben McCauley's corner kick got through and senior forward Brendan Kemp finished it off after the Spartans were unable to clear the ball out of the box.

"I think in the back of the heads of the boys they thought coming in a tie was going to be enough, which it is, but you can't start games like that," Klimes said of the early Stevenson goal. "I thought we dictated some play early, but they scored on a corner, which can happen. And then we went through some adversity, but got the equalizer there."

Neither team, however, could find the back of the net during the second half.

Northville's best opportunity came with 16:52 remaining when Mario Plachta's header was snagged by Stevenson's 6-foot-4 goalkeeper Drew Padgen.

"Every game has been like this," Shingledecker said. "We don't give up a lot of goals. This is kind of how we play and if we can catch you on a counter or on a restart ... that's how we want to do it."

And although the Spartans didn't get a clean sheet, it was clean enough in lieu of makeshift lineup on defense.

"I thought our back line, even without (Justin) Schultz tonight, our starting center back, and (Andrew) Berry goes down hurt halfway through the second half ... the guys around them stepped up," Shingledecker said. "Conrad (Kean) was excellent playing out of position at center back."

Shingledecker said Stevenson also got solid defensive play from Lukas Richters, Evan Campau and Joe Nicolas, the latter whom normally plays forward, but was forced to make a switch to right back.

PREP GOLF

# Spartans golfer sets school record

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Following a thorough, month-long review of the Livonia Stevenson girls golf record book, it was discovered recently that senior Spartans co-captain Kristen Szabelski's name belongs in the book.

Szabelski, one of the steady players in the KLAASouth Division Conference for the

past two seasons, earned her spot in the book in late August, when she carded a magnificent nine-hole round of 33 at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

The co-captain was actually 4-under-par after the first six holes, but she missed par putts on Nos. 7 and 8. Szabelski's performance solidified Stevenson's victory that day.

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SUBMITTED  
Kristen Szabelski shot a school-record round of 33 earlier this season.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Chiefs sweep Chargers to forge 1st-place tie

## Canton puts damper on Churchill's 'Senior Night' festivities

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As soon as Canton's volleyball team built a 2-0 lead in sets during Tuesday's all-important match at Livonia Churchill, was there a person in the gymnasium who didn't at least for a second think back to the rivals' match two weeks ago when the Chargers erased an identical deficit to pull out a dramatic 3-2 victory?

As it turns out, there was at least one person who managed to block out the thought of the stunning turnaround.

And — wouldn't you know it? — she's a blocker.

"I forgot about our last match with Canton as soon as it was over — it was gone from my memory; time to move on," said Chief senior middle Ciara Walega, who played an instrumental role in leading her team to a 25-21, 25-15, 25-18 triumph over the Chargers.

"Our coach tells us to play every point like the score is 0-0, so that's what we did. I am really happy and excited right now. We all wanted to get this one after they beat us the first time. Everybody played great."

The result left both teams with 7-1 records in the KLAA South Division.

The Chargers and Chiefs will be favored to win their final two division matches, which made Tuesday night's clash significant.

"Tonight's match was right up there," said Canton first-year coach Brenden Kowalski, when asked if he's seen his team play better than it did Tuesday. "We've actually played our best against the better teams. There have been a few times when we've struggled to finish like we did the last time we played Churchill, but tonight was one of our

most complete matches, from beginning to end."

With a large and fired-up "Senior Night" crowd cheering on their every move, the Chargers were never able to find a durable groove.

Their only lead in the all-ways-tight opening stanza was 2-1.

Canton never trailed in the middle set and Churchill only led briefly — 5-3 at one point — in the finale.

Of the Chargers' eight seniors who were recognized before the match — Alyssa Facione, Colleen McGowan, Madison Mirabitor, Megan Gendjar, Brianna Fulton, Zam Zonca, Katelyn Seger and Yost — Facione was the most effective, putting her top-notch defensive skills on display on a regular basis.

The Chiefs' collection of smaller front-liners did an extraordinary job of getting at least partial tips on a high percentage of Churchill swings, which made life easier for defensive dynamos like Emily Meredith.

Canton's defense was phenomenal from the opening serve. Among the notable efforts the winners' defenders turned in came in the final set when — with Canton leading 22-17 — Meredith chased down a ball that had arched way beyond the end line.

Her no-look pass was chased down by Gabrielle Den Boer, who sent a back-to-the-net free ball into open space on the Chargers' side of the court, thus pushing the visitors' advantage to 23-17.

Canton kill leader Gina Giacomini then put the victory on ice by pounding down her 19th and 20th kills of the evening.

When asked who his team's unsung hero was Tuesday night, Kowalski didn't hesitate.

"Olivia Zander, who day in and day out is probably our hardest worker, made a lot of little plays that don't always show up on the stat sheet," Kowalski said. "She's our other middle along with Ciara, and she probably only gets five sets a night, but she



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Churchill libero Alyssa Facione was brilliant during Tuesday's Senior Night match against Canton.

makes the most of them."

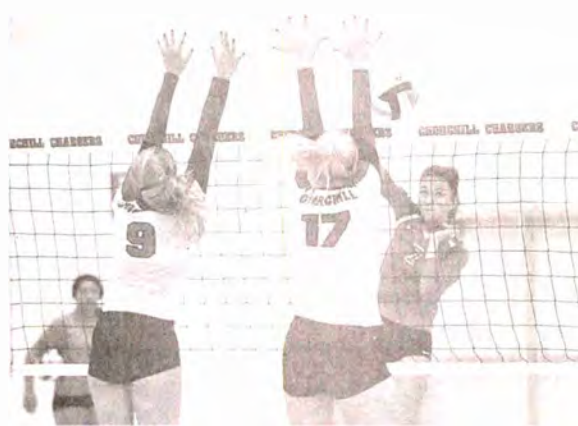
### Spartans upended

Livonia Stevenson's young volleyball team has found out the hard way this fall that there are no cupcake opponents in the KLAA Central Division.

On Tuesday, the Spartans dropped a 25-10, 25-13, 25-12 decision to No. 1-ranked Novi. The Spartans came within a whisker of knocking off South Lyon last Thursday before dropping an intense 18-25, 25-20, 24-26, 25-17, 15-10 match.

The pair of setbacks left Stevenson with an overall record of 2-22-1 and an 0-8 mark in the Central.

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Canton's Gabrielle Den Boer finds an opening in the Churchill block during Tuesday's match.

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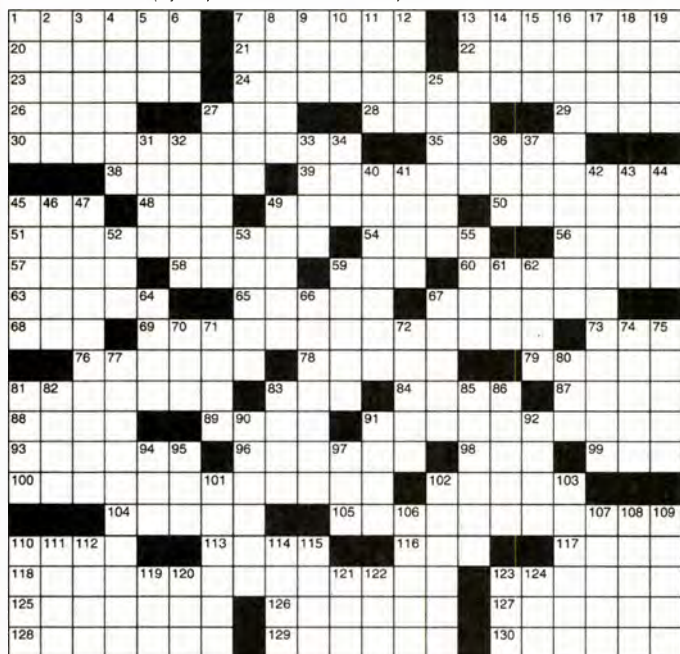


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**THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER**

**CROSSWORD PUZZLER**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Entertainer
  - 7 Analogize
  - 13 Attacking like a cat
  - 20 Eugene locale
  - 21 Canceled out
  - 22 Civil War song about a maiden
  - 23 Sidewalk material
  - 24 Place with lots of slots
  - 26 Presently
  - 27 Sturdy tree
  - 28 Ponce de —
  - 29 Golf bag items
  - 30 A pilot lowers it during approach
  - 35 Greasy of the gridiron
  - 38 Love, in Livorno
  - 39 Aid in raising heavy weights
  - 45 Grayish color
  - 48 Chi follower
  - 49 Escaped
  - 50 Capital of Kazakhstan
  - 51 Brie and Iela seller
  - 54 About
  - 56 — Z (old Camaro)
  - 57 Freezing
  - 58 Bygone New York stadium
  - 59 Suffix with Siam
  - 60 Biohazard face wear
  - 63 Many seized autos
  - 65 iPod maker
  - 67 See
  - 83-Across
  - 68 Weaponize
  - 69 Place to make earthenware
  - 73 — Aviv-Yafo
  - 76 Reveres
  - 78 Bar legally
  - 79 Chopin composition
  - 81 Custodian
  - 83 With
  - 67-Across, protein source for a hive
  - 84 Conked out
  - 87 Et — (and more)
  - 88 Big outbreak birds
  - 89 In — (stymied)
  - 91 Simple forklift
  - 93 Motive
  - 96 Put to work
  - 98 "Evolve" singer
  - DiFranco
  - 99 Porkers' pad
  - 100 Bladers' wear
  - 102 Barrel along
  - 104 Brit's buddy
  - 105 Helm locale
  - 110 Morales of "La Bamba"
  - 113 "Der —" (Konrad Adenauer's nickname)
  - 116 Never, in Berlin
  - 117 Actress — Flynn Boyle
  - 118 Easy-to-travel-with suitcases
  - 123 Two-dimensional
  - 125 Arquette of "Crash"
  - 126 1 followed by 100 zeros
  - 127 Dines at home
  - 128 Swim at a shoal, maybe
  - 129 Stuffed shirts
  - 130 Things that nine answers in this puzzle have
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Central
  - 2 Vying venue
  - 3 Bright yellow
  - 4 To-do list
  - 5 Prefix with stick
  - 6 Tiny colonist
  - 7 Occupy
  - 8 Tremble
  - 9 German city
  - 10 Tirana's nation: Abbr.
  - 11 Tattle
  - 12 Emmy winner Falco
  - 13 "— & Lacey"
  - 14 Follower of "Jean," often
  - 15 Coach
  - Parseghian
  - 16 Dillydallies
  - 17 "Nasty" Nastase
  - 18 Maui goose
  - 19 Old GM cars
  - 25 Some jazz combos
  - 27 Like a cruel beast: Var
  - 31 Wee devils
  - 32 Snouts
  - 33 Per item
  - 34 Deep groove
  - 36 Dry — bone
  - 37 Fleur-de- —
  - 40 Least strict
  - 41 Decoy
  - 42 Big spiders
  - 43 Actress
  - Mireille —
  - 44 Big name in big trucks
  - 45 Capital of Ghana
  - 46 Smithy, e.g.
  - 47 Relative of a user's guide
  - 49 Have a cow
  - 52 Tokyo, to the shoguns
  - 53 Warm (up)
  - 55 Psalm
  - 59 Mother on "Family Ties"
  - 61 Late boxing great
  - 62 — gin fizz
  - 64 Primer pooch
  - 66 Forestall
  - 67 Iris center
  - 70 Tijuana gold
  - 71 Part of TB
  - 72 In the present era
  - 74 Official order
  - 75 Like a sieve
  - 77 Not alike
  - 80 — Mahal
  - 81 Actress
  - Ryan
  - 82 Call in church
  - 83 Crimson Tide, to fans
  - 85 Tick away
  - 86 Bright star in Cygnus
  - 90 — and Hyde
  - 91 Ritzy
  - 92 Level
  - 94 Out — limb
  - 95 Take home
  - 97 Arles article
  - 101 Martial arts actor
  - 102 Sales pitches
  - 103 Distend
  - 106 Metallic bar
  - 107 Ballet, e.g., in Brest
  - 108 Object of a knightly quest
  - 109 Takes home
  - 110 Is off base
  - 111 Momentarily
  - 112 Additionally
  - 114 Yanks (on)
  - 115 Von Furstenberg of fashion
  - 119 Balpoint fluid
  - 120 LA-to-IL dir.
  - 121 Cozy gunk
  - 122 Past
  - 123 Chapel
  - 124 "— di-dah!"



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**SUDOKU**

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

			2	3	8			
	2			9		6		
		4					7	2
			6					1
8	4						3	7
2				5				
9	5				4			
		2		4			8	
		1	2	6				

3	5	7	6	9	2	1	8	4
6	9	4	7	5	8	3	9	6
9	2	1	4	8	3	7	4	6
8	9	6	5	7	4	3	1	2
7	8	4	7	6	9	1	2	5
4	1	2	3	8	6	9	5	7
5	7	8	6	5	9	3	4	2
2	8	7	9	4	6	1	5	3
4	3	8	2	1	6	5	7	9

**CAKE AND COOKIE WORD SEARCH**

**WORDS**

A P T E E H S S T E E W S W C A S S D F  
 C B A F A P D T R E S S E D O G E N G V  
 O P A M N O O P S R I S B H G I X A N F  
 O H I K D S N S Y V N I M E K F A P I U  
 L X B C I B K S T O P V Y O L P K S N P  
 R N Y D R N E W I N E H O C C S E C E C  
 G F S S E V G T K K E C I U H U L T A V O  
 N O V I I L C P A K K O I U H K M N T A B  
 I W U N F E I C O I Y U D N R U E C E H  
 T L G P F T T C A W E I I E T X B S L E  
 S H L N A A I H I S D R O B R I C A Y M  
 O N O F E S T N P O P E U V M G A L E P  
 R C B H G A T I G S U T R H E O N T A  
 F L E K M N H R C M T S D C R N X I W C  
 P R W S Y C B A Y E D V O M K E P M N K  
 W E G O H G L R L C D N E L B C M P A  
 M H E W B S E R U T A R E P M E T I K G  
 H V L K I E T A L O C O H C B E S K P E  
 G S U G A R H R Y T E C I L S H T I K E  
 S R U E K B M V W N X K L I O B N H R F

- BAKE
- BAKING POWDER
- BLEND
- BOWL
- CAKE
- CHIPS
- CHOCOLATE
- CONFECTIONS
- COOKIES
- COOL
- DELICIOUS
- DESSERT
- EGGS
- FROSTING
- INGREDIENTS
- LEAVENING
- MIX
- OIL
- OVEN
- PACKAGE
- PANS
- PASTRY
- PEANUT BUTTER
- PREHEAT
- RECIPE
- RISE
- SALT
- SHEET
- SIFTING
- SLICE
- SPOON
- SPRINKLES
- SUGAR
- SWEETS
- TEMPERATURES

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Crossword Answers**

FALANA	EQUATE	CLAWING
OREGON	NULLED	AURALEE
CEMENT	GAMBLING	CASINO
ANON	OAK	LEON
TEES	LANDING	GEAR
NEALE	SYSTEM	ASH
PSI	GOT	OUT
ASTANA	CHEESE	SHOP
ORISO	TROC	GOLD
SHEPHERD	SMASK	REPOS
APPLE	POLLEN	ARM
POTTERY	STUDIO	TEL
ADORE	ESTOP	ETUDE
JANITOR	BEE	DIED
ALIA	EMUS	AJAM
PALLET	JACK	REASON
EMPLOY	ANI	STY
INLINES	KATES	SPEED
MATEY	SHTS	BRIDGE
ESAI	ALTE	NTE
LARA	ROLLING	LUGGAGE
PLANAR	ROSANNA	GOOGOL
EAT	SIN	SNORKEL
SNOOTS	WHEELS	

**Word Search Answers**

