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## Dead dog in trash results in firing

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A contracted ordinance officer won't be working for Westland any longer and his supervisor has been suspended without pay for five days after the body of a dog was placed into a dumpster.

"Like you, I was shocked and appalled to see the photographs of a Westland employee throwing the body of a deceased dog into a dumpster," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "I want to apologize. This should not have happened. This animal



Wild

The incident happened Oct. 6 when the ordinance officer, who was handling animal control calls, was sent to collect the dog, which was laying along a street in Norway, apparently having been hit by a vehicle.

A witness, who recognized the dog and knew its owner,

was someone's pet and deserves respect and compassion just like you and I would want and expect for our pets."

The incident happened Oct. 6 when the ordinance officer, who was handling animal control calls, was sent to collect the dog, which was laying along a street in Norway, apparently having been hit by a vehicle.

A witness, who recognized the dog and knew its owner,

followed the ordinance officer to find out where the dog was being taken. The officer reportedly put the dead dog into a trash container — something filmed by the witness, who also took photos of the dog's body inside the dumpster. The witness then went to city hall to make a complaint.

"As a Compassionate City, our city values all lives, both human and animal. As animal lovers and dog owners ourselves, my wife Sherri and I wish to donate a proper burial of this beloved pet to his human family to help them say good-

bye," Wild said.

The contracted employee was let go, Wild said, with a five-day suspension for Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers, who oversees ordinance enforcement, including animal control.

The city's ordinance enforcement came under fire earlier this year, when the officers removed American flags celebrating Memorial Day placed in the road right-of-way by a local business. The city later apologized and allowed the flags to be displayed.

This incident confirms the

need for reviewing policies and procedures for ordinance enforcement and animal control, which were recently announced as part of a recent organization, Wild said. Part of that reorganization will move ordinance enforcement and animal control from the fire department.

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



Beginning Step and sister organization Safe Step celebrated with a ribbon-cutting last week.

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## Meet the candidates for W-W school board

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Two candidates appear on the Nov. 8 general election ballot seeking one of two six-year terms on the Wayne-Westland board of education along with a write-in candidate.

The two candidates include incumbent Thomas Buckalew, who is seeking a second term on the board, and David Cox, who served on the board of education and Westland City Council during the late 1990s.

Cox served on the city council, later served on the board of education and after being elected again to the city council, was later recalled. Judy McKinney is running as a write-in candidate. Incumbent Charles "Trav" Griffin is not seeking re-election.

Buckalew



McKinney

Here are questions and answers from Bucklaew and McKinney. Cox did not respond to a request for information.

### Thomas Buckalew

**Age:** 71  
**Family:** Wife, Claudia; children, Anne and Cory; grandchildren, Sophie, Aiden, Tommy, and Creighton.

**Education:** Bachelor of arts in history, English; master of arts in secondary school teaching; education specialist in secondary education.

**Work:** Retired. Wayne Westland Schools classroom teacher for 41 years.

**Community involvement:** Resident of Westland and Wayne since 1968.

**1. Please explain why you decided to run for the board of education.**

I am completing my fifth year on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education. When I was elected in 2011, I thought I would serve a single term. I have changed my mind. I enjoy the work and the people I asso-

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## Beginning Step gives new life to former Dorsey Center

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A 10-year anniversary and a new home in the former Dorsey Center in Westland gave Beginning Step and sister organization Safe Step plenty to celebrate at a ribbon-cutting last week.

Both provide treatment and a range of support programs for people in need of integrated substance abuse and mental health treatment, along with meeting other needs like housing. For people who are participating in the programs, there is even more to celebrate.

"I came through the program three years ago and I'm still in the community. I rent from them and help out. Safe Step saved my life," said Rob Rowland, who described himself as a recovering alcoholic. "I came in in bad shape. The kindness and generosity saved me. They all care about me. They are my friends and my family now."

Along with intensive outpatient treatment, the Step programs offer supportive care and housing for patients, many of whom have ended up homeless.

"Safe Step is a unique program with family style housing. We take people with addiction and recurring mental health issues and help with their overall quality



The old Dorsey Center is now Safe Step, a treatment center

of life," said Safe Step President Don Oesterwind Jr.

Recovery housing is offered for patients who have completed intensive outpatient treatment. "It fills the gap to get a job and up to six months housing to establish roots," Oesterwind said. "We get people from detox and residential programs. It is end-stage acclimation back to society now that they are clear-minded. We help with jobs, education, developing a support network and advocacy."

Currently, the Step programs have about 200 people receiving counseling and 100 living in community housing in 20 homes in the Norway area. When West-

land's Community Development Department and community service agency tenants relocated to the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, the Dorsey Center became available space and a new home for the Step Center.

"We thought it would be too much space for us. But now we have a food pantry and clothing with more to come. We have more case management and are expanding our peer recovery programs," Oesterwind said. "They say if you build it, they will come and they've been coming."

Safe Step/Beginning Step had earlier been housed in a building on Merriman in Westland right across from the city golf course.

"This has been a great partnership with Beginning Step/Safe Step. It's another creative re-use of a building," said Westland Mayor William Wild, noting the building constructed in the 1940s has had a variety of uses, including a time as the Nankin Township jail.

The housing component also helps stabilize the Norway community, he said, occupying rehabilitated and well-maintained homes in the area.

A Royal Oak native who later lived in Canton, Rowland lives in one of the fam-

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## Hometownlife.com announces leadership changes

As the landscape changes for print journalism, hometownlife.com/the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has gone through some internal changes to improve structure and work flow.

Dan Dean has been named managing editor. Philip Allmen has been named consumer experience director. Allmen will oversee the programming, production, packaging and promotion of all newsroom content.

Brad Kadrich and Joanne Maliszewski have been named county editors. Kadrich is Oakland County editor, overseeing coverage of Farmington, Birmingham, Novi/Northville, South Lyon and Milford. Maliszewski is Wayne

County editor, overseeing the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Wayne, Westland, Redford and Garden City. Julie Brown has been named planning editor.

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ily-style homes, usually five patients of the same gender. "I'm in charge of the house. I monitor and report, make sure they are doing okay. I enjoy that," he said. "I still see a therapist once a week. She's awesome. I might be dead without the program. I didn't have anywhere to go. My family was distraught with me."

Currently working a couple of jobs, Rowland said he dropped out of college due to substance abuse and is now work-

ing to finish a degree in education.

"I always wanted to teach third or fourth-grade. They (the Step programs) help you every way to get your life back on track," he added.

Another client, Curtis Olson, is in the recovery program and has been in the program for five months this time.

"I've known Don (Oesterwind) for 25 years. This is my sixth time through the program," said Olson, who came to the Step program through the Wayne County Mental Health Authority. "It's drugs. I got tired of living on the streets

for two years. I knew about Step — they had been here for me in the past. They never closed the door. They showed me love, compassion and respect."

Like Rowland, Olson describes Step staff and fellow clients as family and particularly likes the family-style housing. "A big thing with recovering addicts is the family housing. It makes you more accountable," Olson said. "You keep clean. You have house meetings. You form friendships. It's a safety net. You can talk about your plans and desires."

Volunteering a lot of

time in the community, Olson said long-term he would eventually like to work for the Step programs.

Along with clients coming through Wayne County Mental and similar agencies, Safe Step also offers particular assistance for military veterans working in conjunction with the federal Department of Veterans Affairs. That can include six months of free housing, transportation and basic life skill education for qualified veterans.

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## BOARD

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ciate with. We have excellent people on the school board, excellent people in administration, and while I cannot claim to know everyone who teaches or serves our students in other ways, it is clear to me that they, too, are quality people and dedicated to providing a quality education for each of our students. If re-elected I will be proud to continue to work with all our employees to further the needs of our students and our community.

**2. Explain the top three issues you see facing Wayne-Westland Schools and how you would address those issues.**

The quick answer is money, money, and money. School financing can be complicated, but simply, our district is being asked to do more than ever to accommodate federal and state requirements. At the same time, declining enrollments, legacy costs and real reductions in the per pupil foundation grant (our principal source of funding) have resulted in fewer resources to get the job done. I realize that Michigan's economy has caused financial pain

for most of us, but that does not make the impact on our school district any less real or restricting. Our employees have taken significant pay cuts and at the same time assumed greater financial responsibility for their insurance costs. If this trend continues we will begin to find it difficult to compete with other districts for quality personnel. Some may read this and assume that the solution is to reduce spending. They may think the issue is expenditures rather than revenue. This is not the case and they are misinformed.

**3. Please explain what skills or experience you would bring to the board if elected.**

There are some experiences that I have had over the years that certainly can be of benefit to the board and to the school district. I am a retired Wayne Westland educator with 41 years of classroom experience. But beyond my resume I believe that my roots in this area and commitment to the community, are vital in preparing me for re-election. I have been here my entire adult life and I am a strong advocate for our schools and our community. In my first term on the board I listened, asked questions and

learned. I have tried to build bridges of trust with our superintendent and with my fellow board trustees. I respect other people and especially their efforts to provide our students with a world class education.

**Judy McKinney**

**Age:** 68

**Family:** Widow. Two sons, a stepson, a stepdaughter, four grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

**Work:** Retired from AT&T since 1996 as a service rep; stated out as a keypunch operator in supplies, was promoted to an order writer, then as a repair clerk, to assigner, and then service rep in the City of Wayne the last 19 years I worked there.

**Community involvement:** I'm on the Committee on Disability Concerns. For the last three years, I have run the Norway Community Garden. And I've attend most of the Westland City Council meetings for the last 16-plus years. And I've attended many of the school board meetings since 1998. I've lived in the Wayne-Westland area all my life and was born in the former Carter Hospital in Wayne. I grew up on Currier, graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1966. All my education

was in the Wayne School District.

**1. Please explain why you decided to run for the board of education.**

I decided to run for the board after hearing that Tinkham was closing. I am a firm believer that everyone should have access to improve their education. I myself graduated from Wayne High when my oldest son was 6 months old. I am very proud of this fact as in 1966 it was unheard of. Thank you, Agnes Green. At that time I learned there were many reasons why people decided to continue their education.

**2. Explain the top three issues you see facing Wayne-Westland Schools and how you would address those issues.**

The Wayne-Westland school board, like all school boards in Michigan, is struggling in the finance department. Costs have gone up and the state is giving less and less. Enrollment has dropped. We need to find ways to spend less and yet improve the system. Lack of teachers and buses needs to be changed.

**3. Please explain what skills or experience you would bring to the board if elected.**

I feel the administration is top heavy and needs to be cut.

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# Daughter runs for Plawecki's seat

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Lauren Plawecki hopes the person who wins the 11th House District seat that was left empty when her mom, State Rep. Julie Plawecki, died unexpectedly last July, will carry on projects her mother held dear.

There will be two questions on the November ballot regarding the seat. The person winning a partial term will serve just after the November election through Jan. 1, 2017. Democrat Lauren Plawecki will run against Republican Robert Pope and U.S. Taxpayer candidate Marc Joseph Sosnowski.

The second question asks voters to choose someone for the two-year term beginning Jan. 1. Those candidates are Democrat Jewell Jones and Republican Robert Pope.

### Unexpected death

The winner will take the seat held by Julie Plawecki, a Dearborn Heights Democrat, who died of a heart attack at age 54 in July. At the time, she was the only Democrat seeking a second term in the 11th District, which includes Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia and Westland.

Jones, 21, was chosen as the Democratic candidate in August by three delegates in the 13th Congressional District Democratic party. He's a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn studying political science and business and he serves on the Inkster City Council. He is also a member of the ROTC program. Jones is heavily favored to take the house seat for the two-year term in November.

Lauren Plawecki initially hoped to be chosen by the Democratic Party to be on the ballot for the full two-year term. When Jones got the nod, she decided to throw her hat in the ring for the interim two-month term. She said she believed concerns and issues valued by Millennials need to be taken seriously.

"I don't think our opinions are being heard," Lauren Plawecki said. She hoped to carry on her mother's efforts to improve education and address global warming. Millennials, Lauren Plawecki said, will be affected by global warming more than people in other age groups.

"Definitely, the initial reason I wanted to get into it was to enmesh myself in some of the things she started," Lauren Plawecki said. As far as a future in politics, Plawecki doesn't have immediate plans.

"This isn't something that I had planned for my career, at all," she said. "I'll do what I can and maybe that will lead to something else down the road."

She said she hopes Jones, if he is elected, "takes this as seriously as my mom would have. I'm glad we have someone young in there who will be a Millennial voice and I hope he will fight for the same things my mom would have regarding education and climate change."

### Team player

Despite the busy schedule, Jones said he has "plenty of time." He said he would offer a "whole other perspective" to the state House. "I'm a young black male and I bring a perspective from Inkster, using Inkster as a catch-all for smaller communities and communities of color," he said, adding that he looks forward to working as a team player at the state level.

"Being a young black male, it's a high opportunity to get people in the process," he said. "We're laying a foundation of more young people to



Julie Plawecki, deceased 11th state House representative, with her daughter, Lauren, who is running for a partial term to fill her mother's seat.

come through the pipeline and keep a progressive agenda moving. I'm looking forward to serving. I thank the Democratic Party and the opportunity to replace Julie Plawecki. She was very passionate."

Meanwhile, Sosnowski is running for the interim term ending early next January. He has never served in public office and is running as a candidate for the U.S. Taxpayer Party, an affiliate of the nationwide Constitution Party.

The 60-year-old Dearborn Heights resident worked in sales and business. He said, if elected, he would like to fulfill some of Julie Plawecki's goals while she was in office. "She was a rare bird, a pro-life Democrat," Sosnowski said. "I would like to fulfill that legacy of being a pro-life representative here. The district will not elect a Republican in this district. I'm running as a pro-life candidate."

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

### Is Bigfoot real?

Bigfoot: Is the creature real? Or is it a myth? Find out about Bigfoot sightings from all over the country and learn about Bigfoot's ties to Michigan with a Bigfoot researcher 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at Canton Public Library 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton. Bob Dagle, a native Detroit, author and researcher, will bring his Bigfoot research and findings from over a decade. The program is free.

### Garden City art show, sale

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will hold its 33rd annual art show and sale Oct. 20-22 at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood in Garden City. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, with a reception and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

### Halloween open house

Join the fun at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Halloween Open House, 15100 Hubbard, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Enjoy the pool, climbing wall, and a variety of gym activities. The gyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball, volleyball and basketball. Guests will also have a chance to learn about organizations and business in their community. As a special treat, youth are invited to trick-or-treat at the participating organizations and businesses. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Admission is free for the day for residents and \$3

per person for non-residents. For more information, contact the Kirksey Recreation Center at 734-466-2900.

### Scrapbook away

Scrapbooking event at 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at SS. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. Vendors will be available. Snacks, beverages, a light breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served. \$35 for a full day and \$20 for a half day. Contact Karen and Sandy at 734-721-4867.

### Livonia library meets

The Library Commission of the Livonia Public Library will hold its regular meeting at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

### A fall concert

P-CEP Choirs and Orchestra presents "A Fall Concert" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School in Canton, the P-CEP Choirs and Orchestras will perform an eclectic array of music presented by almost 400 student musicians. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. All proceeds are used to support the choirs and orchestras.

### Autumn Labyrinth

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, will offer an Autumn Labyrinth Walk & Gathering from 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. The church is on the north side of Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt. Enjoy a quiet, meditative walk from 7-7:20 p.m., followed by refreshments, music and fellowship. Contact

734-427-1414 for more information.

### Howl at the moon

Halloween goes to the dogs as Canton's Dog Park invites its members and their pets to "Howl at the Moon" 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the off-leash Dog Park on Denton Road, north of Cherry Hill Road. Attendees along with their four-legged friends can enjoy fall activities, a dog Halloween costume contest, as purchase merchandise and receive free giveaways from local pet supply and service vendors, while supplies last will be available. No pre-registration is required for this free event. Dog licensing through the Canton Township Clerk's Office is required for admission. For more information, contact the Canton Park Office at 734-394-5310.

### Legion craft show

The Garden City American Legion Auxiliary Unit 396 will host a craft and vendor show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Admission is \$1 to benefit local veterans and families. A baked goods sale and basket raffles will be available. For more information, call 734-756-6109.

### Holiday bazaar

St. Colette Catholic Church Women's Guild will host a Holiday Bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. The bazaar will feature handmade craft items, baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. Proceeds benefit local charities. For more information, call 734-464-0476.

## Westland Youth Assistance mentors needed

Adults interested in working with local teens are needed by the Westland Youth Assistance Program.

Mentor training has been scheduled for 5:30-

8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 20-21, Monday, Oct. 24, and Thursday and Friday, Oct. 27-28. Volunteers must attend all of the training sessions, which will be at

the Westland Youth Assistance Office inside Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

After training, mentors will be paired with teens in the Youth Assis-

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**WESTLAND COP CALLS**

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been pried and left open. He said he then noticed the TV, mounted to the wall, had been removed.

**Larceny from a vehicle**

A resident at the Turtle Cove Apartments, 37189 N. Woodbridge, told police Oct. 7 that when he came out to his car in morning, he found the trunk of his un-locked car had been rummaged through. He said tools were missing, including a jigsaw, circular saw, reciprocating saw and drill charger. The missing items were valued at \$260.

**Break-in**

On Oct. 10 a resident of the Woodcrest Apartments, 8368 Woodcrest, told police that someone had stolen her stolen her bicycle the previous day. She said it was parked in the commons area locked to the staircase with a key lock. Valued at \$200, the bike was described as a black and burgundy Schwinn with two saddlebags on the rear.

**Larceny from a vehicle**

A TV was reported stolen from a camper parked at Westland Camping Center, 1475 Newburgh, Oct. 7. The owner, a Taylor man, told police he hadn't been at the camper since Aug. 1. When he arrived to retrieve the camper, he said the door had

**Identity theft**

On Oct. 3 a Westland woman told police that she had been contacted by her employer about someone using her personal information in an attempt to get state unemployment benefits. She said she hadn't filed for unemployment and noted she had been the victim of identity theft as recently as August.

**Vandalism**

A window was reported smashed on a vehicle parked in front of a home in the 33000 block of Hiveley overnight Oct. 10.

**Fraud**

A Westland woman told police Oct. 5 that she had reviewed her bank statement and found three fraudulent charges totaling \$478. She said she had last used her card on Sept. 30 at a convenience store.

**Larceny**

A resident in the 29000 block of Powers told police Oct. 5 that sometime since Sept. 25 someone had stolen the license plate from her vehicle while it was parked in the driveway.

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**Attempted robbery reported at Livonia convenience store**

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Livonia police continue to search for a man they say attempted to rob the 7-Eleven convenience store at Middlebelt and Roycroft on Monday night.

Police say the man entered the convenience store at 15550 Middlebelt, a few blocks north of Five Mile, at about 11:15 p.m. Monday, shortly after the store clerk began her shift. The clerk told police the suspect came running into the store from the north side of the building as she was cleaning the coffee counter.

She said she heard the click of a gun as the man walked toward her. Police say he then pointed the



DAVID VESELENAK

Livonia police say this 7-Eleven was robbed Monday night.

gun at the clerk and demanded she give him money. She told him she did not have any. The suspect then asked about the registers, and the clerk told him he had better turn around, as the police had just pulled into the parking lot. The man then fled the store, running out the doors and running northbound. He

did not receive any money from the clerk.

After the suspect ran, police say the woman locked the store doors and called her boss before calling 911. Police arrived, but said collecting evidence at the scene would be difficult because the suspect did not touch anything in the store and wore gloves

during the incident. A Farmington Hills K9 unit was called to try and track the suspect, though the track ended near some dumpsters just north of the convenience store.

Police say the suspect was a male about 20 years old and 5-foot-10. He was wearing a blue jacket with a gray hooded sweat-shirt underneath with the hood over his head. He was also wearing blue jeans, white shoes, light blue gloves and a light-colored handkerchief over his face. The weapon appeared to be a black semi-automatic handgun.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

**Wayne theft arrests due to teamwork**

**LeAnne Rogers**  
hometownlife.com

Teamwork by Wayne Police officers is being credited with two juveniles arrested for stealing a tow truck and car Friday.

About 12:30 a.m. a tow truck was stolen from Frazier Towing on Van Born. Security footage showed three people

breaking into the tow company yard, taking the truck and ramming the gate to leave the property, police said. A short time later, the tow truck was found abandoned nearby, police said.

After watching the video, Officer Robert Amore recognized one of the suspects. "Officer Amore had provided that information identifying

the suspect for shift change," Lt. Ryan Strong said.

The same day about 7 p.m., officers Nicholas Boruta, Chad Colwell and Matthew Whalen responded to a complaint about a reckless driver. Two males, both juveniles, were arrested when the suspected vehicle, reportedly stolen from another community, was

stopped.

"They all worked together and caught these guys in 12 hours. They identified one of the guys as having broken into the tow yard," Strong said. "They did a good job. We are so short-handed. It was great teamwork."

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**WAYNE COP CALLS**

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**Drunken driver**

At about 8:30 p.m. Oct. 4, police were called to the area of Merriman and Michigan Avenue about a disabled vehicle stuck on the railroad tracks. Officers found a 2003 Hyundai Tiburon

stuck on the tracks just west of Merriman. A man, later identified as a Wayne resident, was trying to push the car off the tracks.

The officer reported telling the man to come over the sidewalk and noted he was unsteady on his feet, as well as smelling heavily of intoxicants.

The man reportedly

told the officer he had been at a friend's house and had two alcoholic drinks.

He said that he lives nearby and accidentally turned onto the railroad tracks thinking it was Avon Street, police said.

A witness told police she was across the street in the 7-Eleven parking lot and went to check on the man after seeing him

drive onto the railroad tracks. The man was arrested for drunken driving.

**Larceny**

On Oct. 4, a Redford man told police Sept. 21 that he had been working at a home in the 34000 block of John and boarded up the building. He said he completed an inspection of the build-

ing and found the air conditioning unit, valued at \$3,000, was missing.

**Vandalism**

A resident in the 31000 block of Taft told police that overnight someone had broken the right side sliding door window, the rear quarter window and tailgate window on her van while it was parked in the

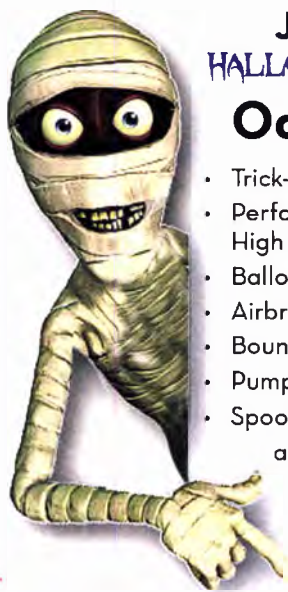
driveway.

**Vandalism**

Overnight Oct. 10, a resident in the 4200 block of Gloria told police that someone had sprayed-painted the hood of her car.

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# 'Old' never out of fashion at antiquarian book show

Ken Palmer  
Lansing State Journal

LANSING — Greg McDonald attests that his stereoview photograph of Old West gun-fighter Texas Jack and others at a location near Yellowstone is plenty rare. The only other copy resides in a historical society's collection in Montana, he says.

And his two electronic abstraction photographs, or "oscillons," by artist Ben Laposky are just as rare and even more valuable, he says.

"They are the only two known to exist outside of museum collections," the Saranac collector and dealer said from his booth at the Michigan Antiquarian Book & Paper Show at the Lansing Center Oct. 2.

The price? A crisp five grand each.

For decades, the biannual book show has been a place to find old stuff like oscillons, stereoview photos, postcards, ads, autographs, movie items and various other memorabilia. It was held for the 64th time on Sunday, Oct. 2, even if the number of dealers and patrons has fallen steadily over the years because of competition from the internet.

The show once drew more over 100 vendors and 2,000 patrons. On Sunday, there were 49 vendors from several states and Canada. And these days, attendance is more in the range of 800 to 1,000. But it's still one of the biggest shows of its type in the Midwest, notes organizer Ray Walsh.

"There are customers traveling long distances to get to the show," said Walsh, owner of Curious Book Shop in East Lansing. "We've got people from New Hampshire, Florida, Pennsylvania and Canada. If you're a collector or even a fan, this is the place where you can find the unexpected. There are many very interesting things you can't see on a computer. That's what makes it enjoyable. There is so much you can find that you didn't even know existed."



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Mike French of Toledo checks out the offerings at the annual Antiquarian Book & Paper Show at the Lansing Center on Sunday. His interests are mysteries and early American history.



ROBERT KILLIPS | LANSING STATE JOURNAL  
People browse for books at the Antiquarian Book and Paper Show held at the Lansing Center on Sunday.

Children's books, Michigan history, vintage postcards, sports material and movie items are big commodities, Walsh said. Prices ranged from

\$1 to around \$10,000. "High-end still sells," said McDonald, who now makes his living selling vintage photos, prints, original art and other

collectibles. McDonald said he's made it to all but two of the Lansing shows.

"I'm paying the bills," he said. "I'm not getting rich. But

I'm having fun. And you can't say that about every job."

Ann Johnson, owner of U.P. Treasures & Antiques in Manistique, specializes in Michigan merchandise. She had a selection of souvenir plates, ash trays, cigarette lighters, toys and View-Master viewers and wheels, along with other memorabilia. They were selling at a good clip, she said.

"This has been the best day I've ever had," she said.

Sunday's show was the first for Sheila McGuire. She found a couple of vintage postcards of St. Clair, where she lived before moving to Lansing two years ago, and papers from a "fairly tale play all written in old English" from the 1700s. "I love old books," she said. "Old-fashioned books are for me."

## LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474 (734) 744-2500

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of:

### Central Office - Window Replacement Re-Bid for the 2016-2017 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) under the section titled DISTRICT Purchasing Bids, 2016-2017 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, [www.buy4michigan.com](http://www.buy4michigan.com). Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Mandatory walk thru will be at 2:00 p.m. on October 20th, 2016, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Office, Central Office Complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154.

Sealed bids marked **Central Office - Window Replacement ReBid** will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of October, 2016, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

The Bid Opening will take place at 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of October, 2016, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification. This is a Prevailing Wage Bid.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be F.O.B. Destination. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos  
Administrator of Finance  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

### "Central Office - Window Replacement Re-Bid"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.

Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, [hlaul@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:hlaul@livoniapublicschools.org), 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Published: October 13, 2016

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10-16-0300 Motion by Sanders, seconded by Porter and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2016-06, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

## CITY OF WAYNE ORDINANCE NO. 2016-06

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 610 OF THE WAYNE CITY CODE BY ADDING SUBPARAGRAPH (e) TO SECTION 610.04 TO DEFINE AND RESTRICT THE TETHERING OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS.

#### THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That Chapter 610 of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended to add subparagraph (e) to Section 610.04, to provide as follows:

#### "Section 610.04 CARE OF ANIMALS

No person shall:

\* \* \*

(e) Inappropriately tether a domesticated animal in violation of this subparagraph. As used herein, tethering means the practice of securing a domesticated animal to a stationary object by means of a metal chain or coated steel cable for keeping a domesticated animal restrained. Tethering does not mean walking a domesticated animal on a leash, or for temporary grooming, or other professional service. It shall be unlawful for a person to:

- (1) Continuously tether a domesticated animal for more than three hours per day;
- (2) Tether a domesticated animal on a tether made of anything but a coated steel cable more than (10) feet in length;
- (3) Use a tether or any assembly or attachments thereto to tether a domesticated animal that shall weigh more than ten percent (10%) of the animal's body weight, or due to weight, inhibit the free movement of the animal within the area tethered;
- (4) Tether a domesticated animal on anything except a buckle-type collar or harness, or tethering on a choke chain or around the domesticated animal neck, or tethered to training collars such as choke or pinch-style collars, or in such a manner as to cause injury, strangulation, or entanglement of the domesticated animal on fences, trees, or other man made or natural obstacles;
- (5) Tether a domesticated animal without access to shade when sunlight is likely to cause overheating, or appropriate shelter to provide insulation and protection against cold and dampness when the atmospheric temperature falls below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, or to tether a domesticated animal without securing its food and water supply so that it cannot be tipped over by the tether;
- (6) Tether a domesticated animal in an open area where it can be teased by persons or an open area that does not provide the domesticated animal protection from attack by other animals;
- (7) Tether a domesticated animal in an area where bare earth is present and no steps have been taken to prevent the surface from becoming wet and muddy in the event of precipitation; or
- (8) Tether a domesticated animal less than four (4) months of age;
- (9) Tether more than one domesticated animal to a single tether;
- (10) Tether a domesticated animal to a stationary object which would allow a domesticated animal to come within five feet of any property line; or
- 11/Tether a domesticated animal without a swivel attached and/or equipped on both ends.

(12) A police officer or animal control officer, or his/her designee, may in his/her discretion order a more restrictive tethering requirement if circumstances require and it is not detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the domesticated animal."

**Section 2.** That all other provisions of Chapters 610 of the Wayne City Code, including subparagraphs 610.04(a) through 610.04(d), shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 4. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Adopted: October 3, 2016  
Published: October 13, 2016  
Effective: October 14, 2016

Matthew Miller  
City Clerk LO-000229037 3x10

# Alumna brings hat-wearing rat to Madonna U. pet blessing

Sharon Dargay  
hometownlife.com

Belle the rat showed off her Madonna University pride last weekend by wearing a tiny blue hat featuring the school's emblem to an annual heritage week event.

The well-attired rodent was one of the smallest animals with big fashion sensibility at the school's pet blessing. "I made it," Amanda Arcy said, referring to her rat's hat as she cupped the furry creature in her hands, allowing it to occasionally perch on her shoulder. Arcy, who graduated from Madonna last year with a degree in accounting, has attended the pet blessings, first as a student and now as an alumna, with her Dearborn family for five years. She brought other hat-wearing rats to the event in previous years and says the pocket-sized animals make good pets. She has had Belle since January.

Her father William and mother Nancy outfitted their dogs, Sudzee, S, a mixed breed, and Snickers, 8, a beagle, in Madonna University T-shirts for the event. Their bird and another rat watched the proceedings from the safety of their carriers.

"I think this is our fifth pet blessing," William Arcy said. "My other daughter is in Missouri, in vet school. She used to bring her dog to the blessing."

### God's creation

The Rev. Charles Morris, a Madonna faculty member, led the gathering through prayers and responses before sprinkling holy water on the pets and their families.

"They connect us to a bigger sense of God's creation," said Morris, who hopes to get a dog after he retires. "I don't know who is doing the blessing, if we're blessing them or they're blessing us."

Michael, 10, a cat with tuxedo coloring, has been a joy to Stephanie Dusute of Westland, a

2013 Madonna University graduate.

"I rescued him about five years ago. He was abandoned at a feral cat community. I got him through Caring for Cats," Dusute said. "He is a sweetheart. He greets me every day when I get home from work. He'll burrow under the covers at night."

She has two other cats at home, but only Michael is trained to walk on a leash, a skill that required persistence on Dusute's part.

"The reason we started the leash training is because he doesn't like the carrier," she said. "He cries and he cries when he wants attention."

Michael was the only cat in a harness amid dogs on leashes, including his two "cousins," Mouse, a great Dane, and Murphy, a beagle, both owned by Dusute's sister, Cassie Ristovski, a 2012 graduate, and her husband Steve.

The West Bloomfield woman said both dogs behave like angels most of the time, although Murphy once chewed through a water line in the couple's upstairs bathroom and Mouse occasionally likes to munch on a wall.

"Other than that, she hasn't done anything bad," Ristovski said of the great Dane. "She's still a puppy. She just turned a year, so she really likes to play."

### Feral Cat Day

Emma Kent never plays with the cats she feeds. She doesn't touch them, either. The Ferndale woman and Madonna University employee said she has trapped more than 100 cats over the past 30 years, had them spayed or neutered and then released them. She used the pet blessing event as an educational opportunity to promote Oct. 16 as National Feral Cat Day.

"When there is an animal event, I'll take information. So many people have a good heart, they want to take in the cats, but within three months, you have more kittens," said Kent,



Amanda Arcy with Belle, who is about a year old.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

who set up a display about TNR (trap, neuter, return) efforts to control feral cat population.

"Feral cats don't like to be indoors. They're like squirrels and rabbits."

Kent pointed out that both the Michigan Humane Society and the Huron Valley offer community cat programs and advice to individuals interested in TNR. She said feral cats are less likely to fight each other or pet cats after they've been spayed or neutered.

"Once they are spayed and neutered and in their area, they are going to keep other animals out. They are going to live peacefully in their area. If you move them out, you're just going to get a bunch more cats in that are not neutered and then you start all over again. They protect their territory."

"My next-door neighbor doesn't like animals, but has no problem with feral cats," she added. "They keep the rats under control."

All About Animals Rescue in Warren is offering a TNR package for \$10 on Oct. 15.

Through the rest of the month the cost is \$25, which includes sterilization, rabies vaccination and ear clip to signify the cat has been spayed or neutered. The organization also offers a class in feral cat colony management, the second Sunday of each month, except May. Call 586-879-1745 or email [tnr@allaboutanimalsrescue.org](mailto:tnr@allaboutanimalsrescue.org).

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# Westland Historic Village Park hosts Fall Festival

Enjoy at old-style Fall Festival 3-7 p.m. Saturday at the Westland Historic Village Park.

Look for antique bicycles which will be on display, a petting zoo, sack races, corn hole

games, a washer toss, an alternative to bobbing for apples, pumpkin decorating and more.

Parking with a shuttle service will be available at Westland's John Glenn High School on Mar-

quette, west of Wayne Road. The Westland Historic Village Park is on Wayne Road just south of Marquette.

For more information, call 734.326-3870 or email [whvp66@gmail.com](mailto:whvp66@gmail.com).

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NO. 3015

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 24 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3943 THERETO.**

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to the report of the City Planning Commission, dated July 13, 2016, setting forth its resolution 07-75-2016 recommending approval of Petition 2016-06-01-04, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on August 15, 2016, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2016-06-01-04 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

**Section 2.** Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

**Section 3.3942.** Petition 2016-06-01-04 submitted by Soave/Oro Construction, L.L.C. is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from R-U-F to R-2:

THAT PART OF LOTS NO. 2, 3 & 4 OF DUTCH MILL GARDENS, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH 1/4 OF SECTION 24, T 1 S., R. 9 E., CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLATS PAGE 70, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE SOUTH 00°15'10" E 2165.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE S 89°57'25" E 43.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 4 WHICH IS S 00°15'10" E 150.00 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE S 89°57'25" E 92.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF CB ESTATES, WAYNE COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 846 AS RECORDED IN LIBER 42774, PAGE 1995; THENCE S 76°29'39" E 30.89 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID CB ESTATES TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 76°29'39" E 46.32 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF LOT 3 WHICH IS S 00°15'10" E 150.00 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3; THENCE S 64°34'01" E 83.22 FEET; THENCE S 57°59'40" E 88.67 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF LOT 2 WHICH IS S 00°15'10" E 150.00 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2; THENCE S 65°16'31" E 82.74 FEET; THENCE S 72°41'53" E 78.66 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF LOT 2 WHICH IS S 00°15'10" E 150.00 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2; THENCE S 00°15'10" E 267.15 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE N 89°45'55" W (REC. AS N 89°46'40" W) 346.98 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LYNDON AVE. 43 FEET, (1/2 WIDTH); THENCE N 00°15'10" W 144.98 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF CB ESTATES; THENCE N 89°44'50" E 2.00 FEET ALONG A LINE OF CB ESTATES; THENCE N 00°15'10" W 272.28 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF CB ESTATES TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.710 ACRES.

and the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the changes made in this section.

**Section 4.** The attached map designated "Amendment No. 959 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

**Section 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 6.** Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 7.** This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and shall take effect immediately upon publication.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 8th day of September, 2016.

Dennis Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:  
Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney  
Dated: September 8, 2016

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED  
FROM R-U-F, RURAL URBAN FARM - MINIMUM 1/2 ACRE LOTS  
TO R-2, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - 80' X 120' LOTS

PETITION NO. 2016-06-01-04  
A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 24

AMENDMENT NO. 959 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 3015  
Adopted by the City Council on 9/7/16

MAYOR  
CLERK

LETTERS TO THE WAYNE COUNTY EDITOR

One bad apple

During my campaigning for the August primary election and throughout the days before the November general election period, I will have had nearly 3,000 conversations with Redford voters. I've met a wide range of good people who truly care about the future of our community. I would give all of them a five-star rating.

Unfortunately, the saying that one rotten apple can spoil the whole bunch seems to have come true as Election Day draws near. Someone decided to remove some of my campaign signs that had been legally placed on properties with the owner's approval. Perhaps the motivation was fostered by the view that I was a threat to the other candidates or perhaps it was just morose behavior or something in between.

One sign after removal was placed on another property without permission, which has created a community member's aggravation and led to threats against my personal integrity.

I am grateful for all of my new five-star friends and their support. With the support of the community, I will continue to work to do what I can to make Redford Township a better place to live and work.

Jim Brenner
township board write-in candidate
Redford Township

Totally unacceptable

Here is the wonderful "Home Town" story I had

delivered to my home on Sunday morning. I was shocked and appalled that you, being the paper's editor, would approve of such a photo for your front page. Page 3 had another photo of the couple's son wearing a creepy mask.

There is a reason this type of horror depiction is behind doors at a haunted house. People choose to go to these places to see this stuff. That is their business. To put it on the front page of a local newspaper where small children see it is totally unacceptable. I would consider canceling the paper if I didn't think the other information the paper provides is useful.

I would have posted this on your letters to the editor page, but I didn't see a way to do that using your website.

Jim Keimig
Livonia

Clerks shouldn't endorse

I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw that a candidate for public office had the endorsement of my township clerk. You see, Linda Obrec, conveniently a candidate for the job, has been boasting about being endorsed by Terry Bennett, the clerk who is retiring after two decades.

The reason I am so concerned, is because I have worked in the Wayne County Clerk's Office and know how important it is that the role of elections administrator is above reproach. I have heard Cathy Garrett say it after turning down numerous candidates for endorsements:

"Clerks don't endorse."

People love looking to Detroit and Wayne County for corruption, nepotism and dysfunction; however, here we have an example in our own backyard. I don't like setting this precedence and hope Clerk Bennett's successor does not continue it.

"Clerks don't endorse." This country can't agree on the color of the sky right now. However, I think we can all agree that those who are counting our votes owe it to the residents to stay neutral. We elect clerks to oversee and safeguard voting rights. Establishing trust in the process and ensuring it is run well and with integrity is the job of a clerk, and our current one is eroding that on her way out.

Trevor Turo-Anderson
Canton

Trump tactics in Canton

If I had to describe the 2016 election season in three words, I'd say: divisive, negative and hurtful. As a recent graduate of Salem High School, this will be the first general election I'm eligible to vote in. Growing up, I was taught to treat people the way I'd like to be treated, respect people even when we disagreed and, as Proverbs 18:21 says, I learned that "the tongue can bring death or life."

I'm particularly disgusted that the divisiveness, negativity and hate isn't just at the national level, it's infected politics here in Canton. Recently, respected community leader Michael Siegrist was attacked. The

charge? Being someone who struggled with substance abuse as a young man, Siegrist sought help, made amends to his community and has been sober for nearly 13 years.

Since then, he's spent his life trying to make a difference in his community, including mentoring young people who are struggling just like he did. The way he uses his life for the betterment of the community, how he conducts himself and his unwavering integrity and kindness serve as a model for me as a young person. This wasn't just an irrelevant attack, it's an insult to everyone in our community who's struggled and overcame. It tells young people that they can never escape their struggle. Is this who we are as a community? It's sure not the Canton I know.

Instead of sticking with the issues, it appears that the party of Trump is relying on scare tactics, disgusting and vile attacks and dividing people against people from the top of ticket all the way down to the township level. At the national level, Donald Trump is mocking people with disabilities, inciting violence, bullying anyone who disagrees with him and degrading women, Muslims and racial minorities. At the local level, the Republicans are attacking people who've struggled but come back! It's disgusting and vile.

As a young person, I often think about the community I'd want to raise my kids in. It's one where we treat each

other the way we'd like to be treated, we respect people who disagree with us (or who look different than us, live different than us, have different abilities or have had different struggles) and realize that what we say can bring life or death. Our words and actions matter, even in a political campaign. Our children are watching and actions speak louder than words. If we teach our kids to not bully someone and then adults running for public office choose to bully their opponents, what example are we setting?

I believe Canton is an exceptional community because of our people. We practice different faiths, we look different, have different backgrounds, have our own strengths and weaknesses, our own unique struggles and victories, yet we are united as one, stronger together than we would be without each other.

I pray that in Canton love will trump hate, unity will trump division and we'll build a community based off of mutual respect. And on election day, I'll vote for a team with a vision to move Canton forward TOGETHER focused on important issues like smart planning, financial management and transparency. I'm voting for Dr. Syed Taj for supervisor; Dian Slavens for treasurer; Michael Siegrist for clerk; and Sommer Foster, Steven Sneiderman, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and Dhaval Vaishnav for trustees.

Ethan Petzold

Disappointed in opt-out

It was disappointing when Livonia opted out of the SMART system years ago. Although many Livonia residents did not feel the impact of this decision, so many other people did and still do. In November, we have an opportunity to support public transportation by voting yes for the Regional Transit Plan for southeast Michigan. This plan will provide much needed rapid, reliable and regional public transportation that connects riders across many cities and four counties. Everyone is entitled to be able to get where they need to go, especially if owning a car is not an option. A yes vote is a step in the right direction for Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties.

Mary Edwards
Livonia

Choose Michael Siegrist

I've been a resident of Canton for 28 years. I have seen elected leaders come and go. I've seen games of all kinds. But I must say that I have never seen such a disgusting smear campaign than the one being waged against Michael Siegrist. Michael grew up in the same community I choose to raise my children. He was elected to the Canton Public Library board at the age of 24. He was made chair of the library board two years later by his colleagues, who were

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NO. 3017

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 135 TO TITLE 3, CHAPTER 04 (INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 135 is hereby added to Title 3, Chapter 04 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, which section shall read as follows:

3.04.135 Installment Purchase Contracts.

- A. The budget officer is authorized to approve on behalf of the City installment purchase contracts of personal property (each of which is identified hereunder as a "Contract") pursuant to Act 99 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended, being MCL 123.721 (the "Act"), for which all of the following is true:
1) the period over which the installments shall be paid does not exceed 5 years;
2) the period over which installments shall be paid does not exceed the useful life of the property acquired, as determined by the budget officer;
3) the outstanding balance of all purchases authorized by the Act, exclusive of interest, does not exceed 14% of the taxable value of the real property in the City at the date of the Contract; and
4) the annual debt service amounts payable under the Contract does not exceed \$15,000.00.
B. The budget officer is also authorized:
1) to determine the date of such Contract, the date of delivery of the goods thereby purchased, and the maturity schedule for payment;
2) where the interest on the payment obligation under the Contract is to be exempt from general federal income taxation (as opposed to alternative minimum or other indirect taxation) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), to take all actions within his/her control which are necessary to obtain and maintain such exemption, including but not limited to actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of moneys deemed to be proceeds of the Contract;
3) if applicable, to designate the Contract as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code;
4) to approve assignment of the Contract by the vendor to an assignee;
5) to open such accounts as will be necessary to effectuate the Contract and assignment thereof; and
6) to execute such documents, and take such other actions as may be necessary to effectuate closing of the Contract.
C. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Contract and deliver it to the vendor, and to execute such additional documentation as shall be necessary to effectuate the closing of the Contract. Such execution shall denote the City's undertaking to include in its budget for each year during the life of the Contract a sum sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Contract coming due before the next fiscal year, and to levy ad valorem taxes on property in the City each year in an amount necessary to make its debt service payments under the Contract, subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, September 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash,
City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 21st day of September 2016.

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: September 21, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3016

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SUBSECTION (X) TO SECTION 11.03 OF ARTICLE XI OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE."

This ordinance amends the zoning ordinance provision which enumerates and sets conditions for waiver uses in C-2 zoning districts. Specifically, this amendment creates a new subsection (x) pertaining to climate-controlled indoor storage facilities. Conditions include, but are not limited to, a three-acre minimum site size, a prohibition on outdoor storage at these facilities, and open hours not earlier than 7:00 a.m. nor later than 9:00 p.m.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 3016 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 3016 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, September 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash,
City Clerk

Ordinance No. 3016 was authenticated by me on the 21st day of September, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright,
Mayor

Approved as to form:
Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: September 21, 2016

CITY OF LIVONIA - 09/19/2016 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

- Present: Jolly, White, Bahr, Kritzman, Brosnan, and McIntyre
Absent: Meakin
Public Hearing Announced - Wednesday, October 5th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. - Annual Budget.
Items were received and filed.
#357-16 Approving minutes of the 1,808th Regular Meeting of the Council on September 7, 2016.
#358-16 Approving a wedding reception with music and a band, closing Susanna Street between Jamison and Ross on October 1, 2016, from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
#359-16 Accepting bid and authorizing sale of City-owned property at 15175 Santa Anita.
#360-16 Approving the City's participation in Hazardous Mitigation Grant Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and authorizing purchase of four (4) Federal Signal 2001 AC/DC emergency warning siren, the hook-up fees and installation.
#361-16 Accepting bid of Shaw Construction and Management, Livonia, MI for Fire Station #3.
#362-16 Approving the proposed amendments to the Interlocal Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement.
#363-16 Determining to conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, October 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Livonia City Hall, re: the reconstruction of Amrhein Road scheduled for 2017 Construction Season.
#364-16 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2017 Freightliner Single Axle Dump Trucks and authorizing the disposal of the replaced vehicles at public auction.
Vice-President Kritzman stepped down from the podium at 7:12 p.m.
#365-16 Accepting proposal to extend the Qualification Based Selection contracts with OHM Advisors, Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., Spalding Dedecker Associates, Inc., and Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc; substituting revised Attachment A for design of the 2017 Road Program.
Vice-President Kritzman returned to the podium at 7:13 p.m.
#366-16 Authorizing Engineering Department to negotiate with both Nagle Paving Company and Hard Rock Concrete, Inc. re: 2017 Road Repair and Replacement Program.
#367-16 Determining to take no further action on the matter of requesting the closure of the deteriorated lane along Seven Mile Road west of Farmington Road.
#368-16 Determining to take no further action on the subject of the I-96 Reconstruction Project.
#369-16 Determining to take no further action on the subject of a Water Distribution System Master Plan.
#370-16 Determining to take no further action on the subject of the FY 2012 State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project Plan and Sanitary Sewer Master Plan.
Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 135, Title 3, Chapter 04, (Installment Purchase Contracts) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.
Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0) was given to an ordinance adding Subsection X, to Section 11.03, of Article XI of Ordinance 543, as amended, known and cited as the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance.
#371-16 Accepting the Grant of Easement from Crosswinds Court Subdivision, Inc., for a 20' wide public utility easement in connection with the water main.
#372-16 Accepting the Grant of Easement secured without monetary consideration from Crosswinds Court Subdivision, Inc., for a 20' wide public utility easement in connection with the sanitary sewer.
#373-16 Accepting the Grant of Easement secured without monetary consideration from Crosswinds Court Subdivision, Inc., for a 20' wide public utility easement in connection with the storm sewer and drainage.
#374-16 Accepting a Quit Claim Deed from Leo Soave, President, Crosswinds Court Subdivision, Inc., in order to obtain the necessary Rouge Bluff Court road right-of-way in the Arbor Trail Estates Site Condominium.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk









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PREP FOOTBALL

# 'Family-first' values motivate RU

Panthers' incredible turnaround inspired by brotherly bond

Ed Wright  
hometownlife.com

Several core players on Redford Union's revitalized football team learned a valuable lesson during this past off-season: The grass isn't always greener on the other side.

And they weren't talking about the plush, real-grass surface of Kraft Field.

In the wake of the rebuilding program's steady momentum surge under new (and former) coach Miles Tomasaitis — the Panthers improved from 1-8 in 2014 to 3-6 last season — the

roster started unraveling. Two-way standouts Isaac Grant and Marquise Hathaway transferred during the latter part of the 2015-16 school year to Macomb Dakota and Detroit Loyola, respectively, and twins Brandon and Blake Hartsfield's family moved to Alabama, just to name a couple defections.

"But we all found out real fast that Redford Union was home for us; we couldn't stay away," said Grant, one of the team's glue guys. "I transferred back to RU, Marquise came back and the Hartsfield family came back from Alabama.

"Our motto now is, 'One team, one family.'"

Instead of a depleted roster,

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Pictured (from left) are Redford Union football players Brandon Hartsfield, Isaac Grant, Jacob Gagnon and Thorton Cain.

## Brown churning out yards at WSU

Livonia Churchill graduate Romello Brown is following up a breakout sophomore season for Wayne State University's nationally ranked football team with an even better junior year.



Brown

Brown, who was voted to the all-GLIAC second team following a 2015 season that saw him rush for over 100 yards in six contests, has already gained 882 yards on just 98 carries (9.0 yards per carry) in the Warriors' first six games.

Brown has scored eight touchdowns (second on team) and has two receptions for seven yards.

Brown was voted the Warriors' offensive MVP in 2015.

## Schedule updates

This week's KLAAs South Division football game between Livonia Franklin and host Plymouth will kick off Saturday at noon on the P-CEP's varsity turf field, not Friday night as initially scheduled.

Also, the Livonia public high schools' annual city cross country meet at Cass Benton Park in Northville will be held Friday afternoon.

The meet was pushed back to Friday after an unusually high heat index forced a postponement.

## D1 soccer districts

The boys soccer post-season tournament kicks off Monday throughout Michigan.

Several local teams will be looking to advance far into the brackets, including Livonia Stevenson, which opens its Division 1, District 5 action on Monday at 7 p.m. at Novi Detroit Catholic Central against Northville.

The winner of Monday's game advances to Wednesday's semifinal against Brighton, which drew a first-round bye.

The district's championship game is set for Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at CC.

Four local teams will be competing in the D1 District 6 tournament hosted by Plymouth.

Among the first-round games are Livonia Franklin against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Westland John Glenn against Wayne Memorial and Livonia Churchill against Salem.

The winners of the Franklin-Crestwood and John Glenn-Wayne games will square off in one semifinal final while the Salem-Churchill winner will face the winner of the Plymouth-Canton encounter.

## Reporting results

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

All articles will appear in the print edition of the Observer on Thursdays and Sundays and online at hometownlife.com.

MAKING REMARKABLE COMEBACKS POSSIBLE

# A POWERFUL 'PROJECT'

Sports are key part of Recovery Project's amazing success story

Ed Wright  
hometownlife.com

On a recent sun-drenched Friday afternoon in northwest Livonia, just a short stroll east of the aptly named Victor Parkway, a remarkable young man unleashed a series of Tom Brady-esque spirals on a sidewalk that runs parallel to an office suite that doubles as an inspiration factory.

For the small gathering of onlookers watching Travis Killingsworth zipping a football as far as 15 yards, it was difficult not to be awestruck — especially knowing that not too long ago the former high school football and hockey player entered the first-floor suite of the nearby Recovery Project in a wheelchair — unable to walk or talk.

Like a good percentage of the Recovery Project's patients, Killingsworth's life changed in the blink of an eye: At the age of 22, he suffered a devastating closed-head injury while skateboarding during a Fourth of

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Recovery Project co-founder Polly Swingle (left) and therapist Meghan Malley look on as Travis Killingsworth throws a tight spiral during a training session earlier this month.



Danny Heumann and Recovery Project therapist Megan Reid.

KLAAs SOCCER REPORT

## Franklin rallies to upend Stevenson, 3-2

Goalies make brilliant saves in tight contest

Ed Wright  
hometownlife.com

Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team rallied from an early 1-0 deficit Monday night to upend host Livonia Stevenson, 3-2, in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover game featuring fourth-place division finishers.

Both teams' goalkeepers — Stevenson's Drew Padgen and Franklin's Scott Beebe — kept their respective nets vacant with a series of brilliant saves during the opening 20 minutes.

Padgen went horizontal in the game's fourth minute to derail a rocket off the foot of Patriot Tyler Piper.

Beebe gloved Brady Brown's scorching laser at the 25-minute mark of the first half to keep the match scoreless.

The Spartans finally broke the scoring ice when Brown roped a free kick from just outside the 18-yard box into the top-left shelf of the net to give the hosts a 1-0 advantage.

It appeared as if Stevenson would carry an edge into the half until Franklin's Domenico Pelle scored in the final sec-



Stevenson's Justin Schultz (foreground) and Franklin's Austin Corona battle for possession Monday night.

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## RECOVERY

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July trip up north.

"It's success stories like Travis's that make this job so fulfilling," said Polly Swingle, who along with Charlie Parkhill is the co-founder of the Recovery Project along with serving as the facility's lead physical therapist. "When Travis first started coming here for neuro therapy, he was in a wheelchair. He couldn't say a word.

"Then one day, out of the blue, he started talking ... and now he's playing hockey during his sessions, and he's outside throwing a football. The day he started talking, there were people in here crying, they were so happy for him."

### A special space

The second you step into the Recovery Project's wide-open therapy room — there are no curtains or walls to separate the patients and their therapists — your eyes are drawn to the high-tech rehabilitation machines and the severity of the patients' injuries.

It only takes a moment, however, to be uplifted by a positive vibe that makes you realize you're in a special place for healing.

"There is a lot of hard work that goes on in here," said Swingle, a life-long resident of Livonia and a former swimmer at Livonia Stevenson, "but there's a lot of laughing, dancing, singing. We work hard, but we have fun, too."

"Having an open environment like this allows the patients to interact with one another and watch firsthand how other people who have suffered injuries similar to theirs are progressing," added therapist Meghan Malley. "Just the other day, one of the caregivers for another patient came up to one of my patients and said, 'Wow, you are really doing well.' That probably meant as much to my patient as if I told him what a great job he was doing."

Adaptive sports play a monumental role in many of the Recovery Project's patients' therapy — especially for those who lived an active lifestyle before they were stricken.

For instance, Trei Cools played hockey for 15 years before a car accident left him a C-4 quadriplegic and reliant on an electric wheelchair.

### Positive steps

Instead of sulking about his misfortune, Cools quickly bought into the Recovery Project's unique form of therapy and is currently a member of a power wheelchair hockey league that is based in Dearborn Heights.

"When I suffered my injury, I had given up all hope of playing sports again," Cools said. "But through the resources they have available here, and the sport-specific therapy they offer, I found out about power wheelchair hockey, which is perfect for me.

"I have to use an ace bandage to connect my stick to my chair, but when I'm out there playing, I feel like my old self again. It's such a great feeling being a part of team again. I love the cam-



John Fenlon (right) is pictured with members of his mountain biking team prior to suffering his closed-head injury.

FENLON FAMILY PHOTO



John Fenlon is pictured with family and friends during a recent get-together at his Howell home. Fenlon has returned to biking following a catastrophic closed-head injury.

FENLON FAMILY PHOTO

araderie with my teammates and I love the competition."

Malley noted that involvement in adaptive sports enhances many patients' mental outlook in the wake of their life-altering setbacks.

"No one wants to be defined by their injury," Malley said. "Being active in sports — whether it's wheelchair basketball, sled hockey or tennis — gives them back a sense of normalcy and a reason to get motivated about therapy."

Malley also finds satisfaction in the small, fractional progress some of her patients experience.

"I get inspired working with people who have a hard time doing the simplest things that you and I take for granted every day," Malley said.

"For instance, I have a patient who I worked with for close to a month just to get her to hold her head up out of her wheelchair head rest. It was the biggest deal when she

was able to turn her head and hold her head up.

"How can you not be inspired by something like that? Or when someone comes in here unable to move their legs, and now they're walking. We see that every day and it never stops amazing us."

### The goal: To ride again

John Fenlon's rich and fulfilling life was pushed to the brink of catastrophe on the afternoon of Oct. 9, 2013.

A fitness aficionado and member of a competitive mountain-biking team, Fenlon mounted his motorcycle on the fateful day three years ago and took off for a short trip to pick up something for dinner for he and his wife, Rebecca.

"It was going to be such a short trip, I didn't wear my helmet, and I normally did," Fenlon recounted.

Less than five minutes from his Howell home, Fenlon was struck by a car driven by a 15-year-old girl who had recently received her driver's permit.

Fenlon suffered a life-threatening closed-head injury that put him in a coma for several months and ultimately left him with no use of the right side of his body.

With the help of the Recovery Project's staff, the unwavering support of his family and friends (most notably, his wife Rebecca), and the dream of riding a bike again, Fenlon made incredible strides.

An adaptive three-wheeled bike was built for Fenlon, who reels off daily seven-mile rides with Rebecca cycling by his side.

"John is a living miracle," Rebecca said, flashing a loving glance at her husband. "Ever since his accident, he wanted to ride a bike again, and with the help of the staff here at the Recovery Project, he's able to do that. His train-

ers and therapists know exactly what muscles to work on that enable him to ride his adaptive bike.

"Later this month he's going to go for a long ride with members of his former team. It's very exciting."

### Still swinging

A tragic car accident 31 years ago took away Danny Heumann's ability to walk, but it didn't evaporate the New York City native's competitive juices.

A state-ranked tennis player prior to the accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down, Heumann discovered wheelchair tennis 17 years ago and a "love" story developed.

"Once I saw that wheelchair tennis was a good brand of the sport, I was all in," said Heumann, as he prepared for a therapy session at the Recovery Project. "Tennis is probably the only sport in which able-bodied people can play people in a wheelchair. The only difference is, I get two bounces and they get one.

"I love to torture the able-bodied people I play," Heumann added, smiling. "Even though my legs can't move, I can make sure theirs do by using all of the court. Win or lose, if they're tired, sweating and hunched over once the match is over, I know I did my job."

It didn't take long for Heumann to be sold on the Recovery Project's rehabilitation efforts.

"The focus here is on what I'm able to do, not my disability," Heumann said. "I love coming here; it's like a community. I live in Ann Arbor, so there are plenty of places I could go that are a lot closer to my home, but I'd never even think about going anywhere else. It's like family here."

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## PANTHERS

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the Panthers actually became fortified in the weeks leading up to the 2016 season when senior baseball and basketball player Jacob Gagnon joined the program for his first-ever season of football.

RU was also bolstered by the addition of former Detroit Cody running back Thorton Cain, who quickly earned the respect of his new coaches and teammates. Put it all together and you get a resurgent team that heads into Friday night's homecoming game against Dearborn Heights Annapolis with a 5-2 record and a legitimate chance of qualifying for the MHSAA postseason playoffs, which requires six victories.

"I grew up in Detroit and I moved around a lot because my family is a military family," said Brandon Hartsfield, a key linemen on both sides of the ball for RU. "Last year was my first at RU, and it felt like home right away. When we moved away this summer, it felt like I was leaving home, leaving my brothers. Sometimes you don't

realize how much you love a place until you're not there any more."

Asked for a one-word description of how this season has felt, Grant's response: Sensational.

"It's fun coming to practice," Grant continued. "We've worked extremely hard to get to this point, so it's not like we don't deserve the success we're having now."

The Panthers' turnaround has made widespread skepticism of the program — especially within the school's student body, the players noted — diminish.

"Last year, I'd look up at the stands and see a lot of empty seats," Hartsfield said. "Now, we need a police escort to get us off the field after games."

"I think people are starting to believe in us. There was a poll on Twitter before our game against Thurston (a 22-15 RU victory) and 72 percent of the voters thought Thurston would win and 27 percent picked us. Winning that game changed a lot of people's minds, I think."

Cain needed some convincing during the early days of his tenure at RU.

"I lived in Detroit, but my

mom didn't want me to go to DPS anymore, so I moved right down the street from the school," Cain said. "The first couple of days with the football team I wasn't sure how good we'd be because there weren't a lot of players here.

"But slowly, more people came out and we started to get it together."

The Panthers have found success the old-fashioned way: by running an old-school offense that includes a full-house backfield and two tight ends.

"We like to say that we take the punch right to the defense," Hartsfield said.

The team's success has spilled over beyond the football field, Grant said.

"It seems like the atmosphere in the school is better now that the football team is winning," he said. "A lot of us thought that last week's game was the biggest we'd ever played in our lives, but this week's is even bigger, because if we win, we're in the playoffs."

And if that happens, the grass at Kraft Field will never seem greener.

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Thorton Cain busts through a hole during a practice drill Monday afternoon.

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PREP TENNIS

# Stevenson nets KLAA 'B' title on tiebreaker vs. Lions

Spartans win 3 of 9 flights and have 2 runner-up finishes

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Livonia Stevenson needed a tiebreaker to edge upstart South Lyon and earn its second straight KLAA "B" boys tennis tournament crown held Oct. 4 at Novi High School and Novi Middle School.

Each team scored 20 points, but the Spartans won two-of-three head-to-head meetings to claim the title in the 11-school tourney that attracted teams which finished fourth, fifth and sixth in each of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's four divisions (South, Central, North and West).

"I'm proud of the way we competed and played today," Stevenson coach Don McCathney said. "We've really have had an up-and-down season so this was a great way to garner some momentum for regionals."

Livonia Franklin was a close third with 18 points, while Walled Lake Central (16), Milford (14) and Hartland (12) rounded out the top six.

Stevenson won three of nine flights and had two runner-up finishes.

In singles, Walled Lake Central's top-seeded Andrei Padurararu (No. 1) and Vivek Hanasoge (No. 2) both claimed titles.

Adurararu defeated Howell's Matt Wenzel, 7-5, 6-2, in the finals, while Hanasoge took three sets to down Stevenson's Jeff Della Mora, 6-7, 6-0, 6-2.

Meanwhile, South Lyon's unseeded Zach Duff (No. 3) was the surprise of the tourney winning four straight matches capped by a 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 victory in the finals over Franklin's No. 2-seed Justin Crawford. Duff also upended top seed Nick Scheske of Milford in the quarterfinals, 6-3, 6-3.

At No. 4 singles, Stevenson's Jacob Redd, the second seed, downed top seed Eric Liberati of Franklin in the finals, 7-5, 6-4.

Meanwhile, South Lyon's top-seeded duo of Justin Goodenow and Eric Montrief won three matches, all in straight sets, capped by a 6-3, 6-1 triumph in the finals over Milford's Owen Zamiara and Mike Coffey.

Central's top-seeded No. 2 doubles tandem of Vik Peddetti and Ethan Reider prevailed in three sets, while Franklin's Bobby Mason and Stephen Lai, the top seeds at No. 3, won a marathon three-setter, all decided by tiebreakers, against South Lyon's Sam Sitar and Brad Miller, 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-5).

At No. 4 doubles, Milford's Jacob Niffin and Seth Marianos upended Stevenson's top-seeded duo of Kevin Dunne and Caleb Williamson in three sets, 7-6, 4-6, 6-2.

Stevenson got its other victory at No. 5 doubles with a 6-0,

6-2 victory over South Lyon's Mike Mushna and Joel Katsuda.

"Our flight champions Jacob Redd (No. 4 singles), and Peter Akel-Brian Stemen (No. 5 doubles), played as well as they have all season," McCathney said. "Jeff Della Mora (No. 2 singles) avenged a two tough defeats against Franklin earlier this season with a strong straight set victory."

**KLAA 'B' BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS**  
Oct. 4 at Novi H.S., Novi M.S.  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 20 points (won tiebreaker); 2. South Lyon, 20; 3. Livonia Franklin, 18; 4. Walled Lake Central, 16; 5. Milford, 14; 6. Hartland, 12; 7. Howell, 9; 8. South Lyon East, 6; 9. Waterford Mott, 7; 10. Waterford Kettering, 1; 11. Wayne-Westland, 0.  
**FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS**  
**No. 1 singles:** Andrei Padurararu (WLC) def. Matt Wenzel (Howell), 7-5, 6-2; **semifinals:** Padurararu def. Cade Bunton (LS), 6-3, 6-2; Wenzel def. Adam Alger (LF), 6-1, 6-4.  
**No. 2:** Vivek Hanasoge (WLC) def. Jeff Della Mora (LS), 6-0, 6-2; **semifinals:** Hanasoge def. Josiah Ayudante (SL), 6-1, 6-3; Della Mora def. Jon Montie (LF), 6-0, 6-2.  
**No. 3:** Zach Duff (SL) def. Justin Crawford (LF), 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; **semifinals:** Duff (SL) def. Vito Das (WLC), 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; Crawford def. Scott Findlay (LS), 6-3, 6-4.  
**No. 4:** Jacob Redd (LS) def. Eric Liberati (LF), 7-5, 6-4; **semifinals:** Redd def. Calvin Bontekoe (Hartland), 6-3, 6-2; Liberati def. Jeremy Blatt (Howell), 6-2, 6-1.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Justin Goodenow-Eric Montrief (SL) def. Owen Zamiara-Mike Coffey (Milford), 6-3, 6-1; **semifinals:** Goodenow-Montrief def. Sam Period-Sam Kadambi (WLC), 6-2, 7-5; Zamiara-Coffey def. Austin Miller-Anthony Bosio (Hartland), 6-4, 6-2.  
**No. 2:** Vik Peddetti-Ethan Reider (WLC) def. J. Mullett-J. Wylie (Howell), 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; **semifinals:** Peddetti-Reider def. Graham Schuerman-David Fitch (LF), 6-4, 6-0; Joe Mullett-Josh Wylie def. Reid Sellers-Nick Ewald (Milford), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.  
**No. 3:** Bobby Mason-Stephen Lai (LF) def. Sam Sitar-Brad Miller (SL), 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-5); **semifinals:** Mason-Lai def. Alex Vetraino-Connor Mears (Hartland), 6-3, 6-4; Sitar-Miller def. Joe Blatter-Hunter Long (Milford), 6-2, 6-3.  
**No. 4:** Jacob Niffin-Seith Marianos (Milford) def. Kevin Dunne-Caleb Williamson (LS), 7-5, 4-6, 6-2; **semifinals:** Niffin-Marianos def. David Booth-Brandon Kisiel (SL), 6-4, 6-3; Dunne-Williamson def. Lane Kempf-Nick Foster (Hartland), 6-4, 6-1.  
**No. 5:** Peter Akel-Brian Stemen (LS) def. Mike Mushna-Joel Katsuda (SL), 6-0, 6-2; **semifinals:** Akel-Stemen def. Joshua Spaman-Hunter Mastroianni (LF), 6-2, 6-2; Mushna-Katsuda def. Cade Farhat-Tomazczeski-Thomas Cornell (Hartland), 7-5, 6-0.



Stevenson's Caleb Williamson puts everything he has into a serve during a match earlier this season. TOM BEAUDOIN

PREP GOLF



Churchill's Paige Peterson earned all-conference honors after shooting an 88. ED WRIGHT

# Livonia golfers excel at KLAA tournament

Stevenson places fifth in talent-rich event

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Several Livonia high school golfers toyed with perfection at Monday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls golf championship hosted by Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth Township.

Novi won the association title with a four-player score of 316, but Stevenson wasn't far behind after posting a fifth-place stroke total of 342.

Also representing Livonia well was Franklin, which carded a ninth-place 373.

Churchill finished 15th with a 398 score.

The first-place Wildcats were paced by medalist Abby Livingston's 73 and runner-up medalist Alexa Hatz's 75.

A trio of Stevenson golfers earned all-conference honors:

Megan Gronau (78), Anna Vento (85) and Kristen Szabelski (88). Callie Kimble also contributed to the Spartans' stellar finish by shooting a 91.

The Spartans are ranked No. 4 in the state in Division 1, according to the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association's poll. They will be competing on Friday and Saturday at the D1 state meet in East Lansing.

Franklin was led by all-conference standout Sophia Wygonik, who shot an 85. Olivia Napier and Sofia Cueva both came in with 93s, while Summer Horen registered a 102.

The Chargers were bolstered by an all-conference effort from Paige Peterson, who shot an 88. Also scoring for Churchill were Kelsie Nowicki (99), Ashley Harlock (105) and Jenny Rousseau (106).

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Stevenson's all-conference trio included (from left) Anna Vento, Kristen Szabelski and Megan Gronau. SUBMITTED

PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Redford Thurston's stock is spiking

Eagles finish 3-1 in Inner-City Invitational; topple Redford Union

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The 2016 season has been a renaissance of sorts for the Redford Thurston volleyball team.

On Oct. 6, the Eagles followed up a stellar 3-1 performance in the Inner-City Invitational by taking down crosstown rival Redford Union, 25-18, 15-25, 25-17 and 25-22.

"We stumbled in set two and started set three with a huge deficit, but we overcame it in gritty fashion," head coach Scott Gray said.

The victory over the Panthers improved Thurston's record to 10-6-1 overall and 4-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Leading the Eagles over the Panthers was front-row

star Jordan Cook, who picked up 14 kills, nine blocks and an ace.

Other key performers were Amanda Michels and Megan Abela, who each piled up three kills and an ace.

Abela also sparkled defensively with nine digs.

Other key contributors included Ronay Peguies (13 assists, three aces and seven digs), Cutrell Booker (11 digs), Carmia Lowe (seven digs), Jayla Lucas (five assists, three digs, one kill), Des Welch (two assists), Ayanna Norton (two kills) and Arianna Sutton (three digs).

Gray said the 3-1 effort at U of M Dearborn was a "team effort". Among the statistical standouts for Thurston were Cook, Peguies, Lowe, Booker, Madeline Zerial and Tristen Wesenberg.

Thurston was triumphant over Detroit Mumford, Detroit Central and Detroit Southwestern.

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Megan Abela executes a perfect pass. TOM BEAUDOIN

# SOCCER

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onds of the first stanza.

**Other scores**

In other KLAA crossover matches, Novi defeated Churchill, 3-0, in an encounter featuring third-place teams. The result upped the Wildcats' record to 9-2-4 while the Chargers slipped to 9-6-1.

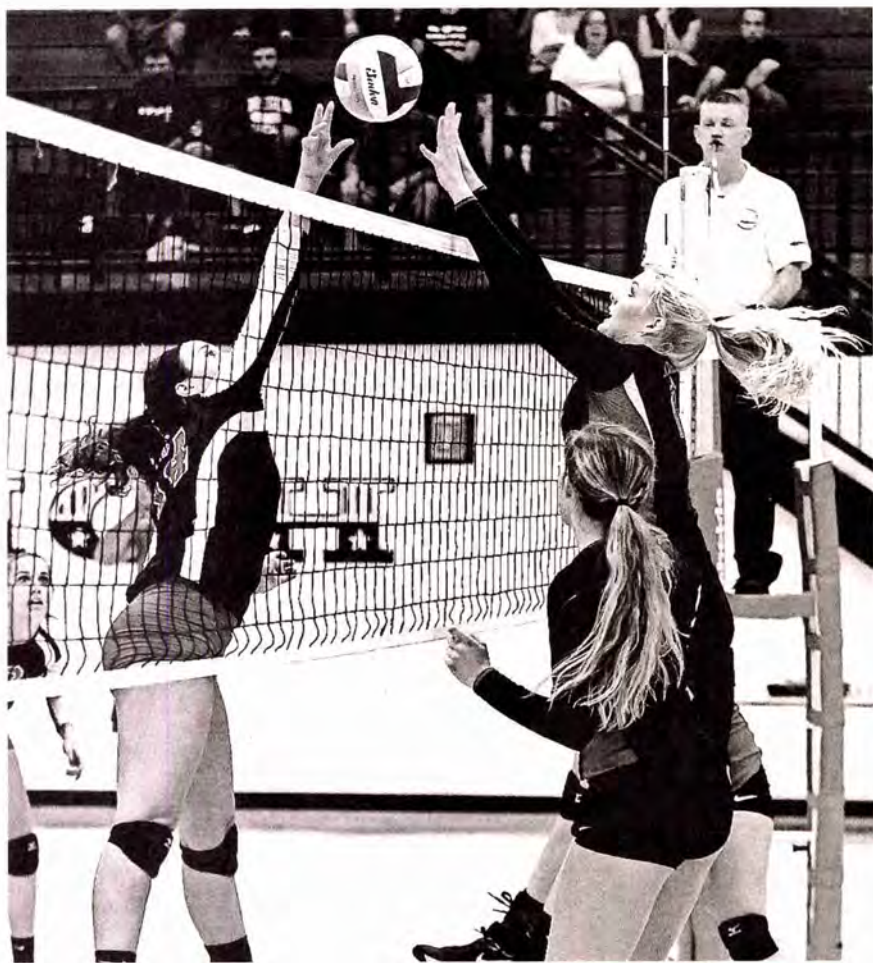
In the night's most dramatic contest, South Lyon nipped Westland John Glenn, 4-3, in a

game that wasn't settled until the penalty-kick stage. The loss dropped the Rockets to 7-9-1.

Wayne Memorial slipped to 1-12-0 following Monday's 3-1 loss to South Lyon East.

Wednesday's KLAA association crossover matchups include Walled Lake Northern at Churchill, Walled Lake Western at Franklin, Milford at Stevenson, Waterford Kettering at Wayne Memorial and Waterford Mott at John Glenn.

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Churchill's Annie Yost (right) matches up against Franklin's Hannah Nordstrom during the two teams' first match of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# Churchill digs out three-set win over rival Patriots

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In their rich tradition of assisting a noble charitable cause, the Livonia Churchill and Franklin volleyball teams squared off in the final KLAA South Division match of the season on "Support Your Troops Night."

The Chargers proved to have the deeper arsenal as they swept the host Patriots, 25-10, 25-18 and 25-13 to improve to 25-8 overall and 9-1 in the South.

The victory earned Churchill a co-division championship with Canton as both teams split their two-match, regular-season series.

Among the many stars that shined for Churchill was setter Megan Gendjar, who dished out 38 assists. The senior also added three kills and eight digs.

Defensive dynamo Ally Facione collected 21 digs while Sam Zona powered the offense with 15 kills.

Annie Yost was her usual productive self in the middle, netting 12 kills and a pair of blocks.

Annabelle Dunn also had a strong night with five kills.

Churchill returns to action on Saturday at the Birmingham Groves Invitational.

**Spartans turn in strong effort**

Stevenson's volleyball team failed to earn its first Central Division victory Tuesday night against Salem, but it wasn't due to a lack of effort.

The Rocks prevailed, 25-17, 25-18, 22-25 and 25-22 in the evenly-matched contest played at Salem.

The setback dropped the Spartans to 2-24-1 overall and 0-10 in the division.

Shining in the loss for Stevenson were senior outside Mallory Vensko (seven kills), senior setter Emily Ehrheart (three aces) and senior libero Kalyn Krusinski, who registered 31 digs.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# Franklin girls 5th at Wayne Co. Meet

Seibert leads the way with second-place finish

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Livonia Franklin's girls cross country team took the fifth at Saturday's Wayne County Invitational, but the Patriots were anything but quiet.

Led by emerging standout Erin Seibert's second-place finish, the Patriots amassed 146 points, which put them in a solid fifth place in the 30-team event.

Salem won the competition with 86 points — one less than Livonia Churchill.

Rounding out the top five were Grosse Pointe South (120 points) and Livonia Stevenson (138).

State power Northville's "B" team placed sixth with 155 points. Garden City was 11th at 322 while Livonia Ladywood finished 13th with 362 points.

The overall winner was Allen Park's Makayla Perez, who covered the 5K course in 18 minutes and 15 seconds.

Seibert's time of 18:57 is now fourth on the all-time Franklin cross country listings. She became just the fourth Patriot girl harrier to break the 19-minute mark.

Also scoring for Franklin were Camryn Zurawski (29th in 20:22), Hailey Kutrukis (31st in 20:26), Ashley de-Guise (42nd in 20:46) and Angie Hall, who placed 46th in 20:50.

Emily Esker (62nd in 21:17) and Kaylee English (98th in 22:42) also ran hard for the Patriots.

"I was extremely proud of the team; we ran very well today," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said. "The girls really bounced back after Tuesday's dual-meet loss to Churchill.

"Five out of six ran their best time of the season. Erin Seibert did an outstanding job, finishing runner-up in the county. She ran a very smart and efficient race. Runners 2-5 had a spread of 0:28 seconds, which is something we have been working toward.

"The fact that we were tightly packed with Stevenson means it will be very



Franklin's Sara deGuise is pictured during a meet earlier this fall.



Franklin's Kaylee English runs during a meet earlier this fall.

close at next Friday's city championship meet. I'm really excited to see what we can do the rest of the season as we continue to improve."

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# Franklin boys 10th at Wayne County meet

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Livonia Franklin's boys cross country team earned a 10th-place finish at Saturday's Wayne County Meet that was held at Willow Metro Park.

Grant Rudd led the pack of Patriots with a 28th-place finish in 16 minutes, 50 seconds.

Also competing for Franklin were Logan Evanchuk (60th in 17:20), Jackson Nordbeck (72nd in 17:35), Russell Rusnell (76th in 17:41), Joe Nichol (81st in 17:46), Trevor Doyle (86th in 17:49) and Bryan Hives, who placed 140th in 18:52.

On Tuesday, the Patriots dropped an 18-42 decision to Canton in a KLAA South Division dual meet held at Nankin Mills.

The Chiefs took the first three places thanks to strong efforts from Zac Clark (16:33), Shane Andrews (16:51) and Zach Carey (17:22).

Franklin's Rusnell placed fourth in 17:22, seven seconds ahead of Canton's fifth-place runner, Nick Socha.

Evanchuk crossed the line in sixth place in 17:31, but Chiefs



Churchill's Josh Mussen is pictured during a meet earlier this fall.

Andrew Lake (17:33) and Daniel Jimenez (17:33) took seventh and eighth, respectively.

Rounding out the scoring for the Patriots were Nordbeck (ninth in 17:46), Nichol (11th in 17:49) and Doyle, who was 12th in 17:54.

**Churchill out-strides Zebras**

Led by the one-two punch of Tyler Opdyke and Josh Mussen, Livonia Churchill closed its KLAA South Division schedule Tuesday afternoon with a 21-38 victory over Wayne Memorial.

Opdyke won the race in 16:38.3, a short stretch ahead of teammate Mussen, who was runner-up in 16:55.1.

Wayne's Blake Barber (17:09.2) and John Gatton (17:20.4) finished third and fourth, respectively, before the Charger trio of Eric Pensari (fifth in 17:39.9), Frank LaFave (sixth in 17:43.2) and Brendan McCoy (seventh in 17:43.9) sealed the deal for the winners.

Wayne was also bolstered by Jake Kalaf (eighth in 17:54.9), Trent Griffith (11th in 18:42.8) and Jon Boland (12th in 18:52.4).

Churchill's ledger included Dash Dober (ninth in 18:02.5) and Trevor Kornaga (10th in 18:06.7).

The result left the Chargers with a 3-2 dual-meet record in the KLAA South.

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Lutheran Westland's Drake Snyder closes in on an opposing goalkeeper.

PREP SOCCER

# Lutheran Westland doubles up Canton Prep

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On Monday, Lutheran Westland's boys soccer team avenged its lone loss of the season when it upended Canton Prep, 4-2.

Senior Luke Konkel was nearly unstoppable for the

winners as he netted three goals.

Freshman Austin Martin iced the victory cake with an insurance goal.

The triumph lifted the Warriors' record to 12-1-2.

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# LJAL Yankees walk off with title

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The Livonia Junior Athletic League 10U Yankees recently captured the Fall House League championship with a dramatic extra-inning walk-off victory.

The pitchers' duel was knotted at 0-0 until the Yanks pushed home a run to win the first-place hardware.



Submitted: Pictured are (back row from left) coach Shawn Koskyn, coach Joe Gulli, coach Matt Vanderveen (second row from left) Chris Ohtake, Bryce Cunningham, Ryan Chackungal, Garrett Ford, Dominic Gulli, Ferris Jordan, Eli Vanderveen, (front row from left) Nate Alexander, Shaun Blicharz, Drew Koskyn, Brady Hicks, Max Golden, Michael Nowell and Blake Brown.









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