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# Educators say school tax needed

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Area educators say voter approval of a countywide tax proposal on the Nov. 8 ballot would allow school districts to reduce class sizes, buy new textbooks, replace aging buses and hire quality teachers, among other measures.

It all comes down to whether voters are convinced to support a six-year, 2-mill tax plan that would generate \$80 million in the first year alone. Taxpayers would have to shell out as much as \$336 a year in the Northville district and as little as \$36 in Hamtramck and Ecorse, based on average home values listed on the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency website.



Officials say the tax plan would help them improve everything from instruction to buying new buses.

FILE PHOTO

The agency has proposed to distribute the money proportionately to the county's 33 school districts based on student counts. Steven Ezikian, Wayne County RESA deputy superintendent, said school boards in 27 of those districts passed resolutions to support putting the so-called enhancement millage proposal on the ballot. It would generate \$385 a year for every student.

"I can't predict what the people (who vote) are going to do," Ezikian said, "but we have support from most of our school districts."

According to Wayne County RESA, a homeowner with a home value of \$100,000 would pay \$8 a month, or \$96 a year.

Here's a snapshot of what some Wayne County districts

would receive from the tax — and what it would cost an average household in the community:

» Plymouth-Canton would receive \$6.7 million a year. It would cost a typical taxpayer \$204 a year.

» Livonia would get \$5.6 million a year, with an average household paying \$144.

» Northville would receive \$2.9 million a year at a cost of \$336 to households.

» Wayne-Westland would get \$4.5 million a year. The taxpayer cost: \$84 a year.

» Garden City would get \$1.5 million a year, with households paying \$84.

» South Redford and Redford Union both would receive

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Fred and Alex Kandah fly a drone in the parking lot of their business.

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## Sam 'Mr. Westland' Corrado dies at 82

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As the city's self-appointed booster, Sam "Mr. Westland" Corrado's motto was "Westland is the Bestland" and he meant it.

The longtime community activist and publisher of a shopper that went out citywide for many years, Corrado, 82, died Saturday afternoon. He is being remembered not just for promoting his city but for his involvement in charitable works.



Sam Corrado

"I've known Sam since 1976. The first time I met Sam, I was on the Westland City Council. Sam walked into the meeting with seven grocery carts of food (for charity)," recalled Glenn Shaw. "I'm not sure how he got those carts up to the council chambers — I guess he used the elevator. He liked to make a splash. He was always doing something for charity."

Another time, Shaw said, Corrado organized a drive to collect gently used shoes. "He said people were always collecting clothes but people need shoes, too," he said. "He was quite a guy. An active guy, a good guy. His intention was always to make things better."

Born in Detroit, Corrado was a longtime resident of Westland with Gale, his wife of 46 years.

"He was a salesman all his life. Sam sold records, then books and God knows what else," said Wayne City Councilman John Rhaesa, who knew Corrado for over 20 years. The two met when Rhaesa began doing graphic work for Corrado's "Accent Around Town" publication.

"Sam and I worked together over the years. We became friends. We'd go to (Detroit) Tigers games, to dinner and different events. We'd take our wives to the Chocolate Fantasy Ball (fund-raiser)," said Rhae-

# Ups and downs of drones: LIKE YOU'RE FLYING

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Troy Thomas loves to fly drones so much he knows exactly what day he ordered his first one on eBay last month.

Two days after he received it, he drove 40 minutes from his home in St. Clair Shores to Excel Drones in Garden City to see different drones firsthand instead of on a computer or phone screen. Even better, he was able to talk to experts about equipment options.

Flying a drone, he said, "is relaxing and sometimes a little frustrating."

### Feels like flying

Ashton Dillion, also from St. Clair Shores, said flying a drone and getting an aerial view from the camera "is pretty awesome. It's like being a bird, but a little faster."

That kind of enthusiasm attracted Excel Drones owner Fred Kandah to open a business last July at Middlebelt and



Fred Kandah mans the controls of the drone.

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### Ford Road.

The West Bloomfield resident's first experience with drones was when he was buying a building and he wanted to see the condition of the roof without climbing even one step on a ladder.

The response to the new store, which opened last July, has been positive, Kandah's son Alex said: "It's an experience unlike any other. When you're wearing the goggles, it's like you have become the drone. You're flying first person."

Ordering drones and parts online can be tricky for customers, Alex said: "We're trying to provide a one-stop experience. Whether you're a veteran or a beginner, you can feel confident that we have everything you need and want."

Prices range from \$20 to \$20,000 for fun and business. The average drone sells for about \$1,000.

Realtors use drones to show prospective buyers property without customers

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being present. They're instrumental for filming movie scenes and for the military. Drones are used for survey and topography analysis; high-resolution photography and videography; inspecting and spraying crops; infrared inspections of power lines and construction sites; security; search and rescue

missions; and medical supply delivery among hospitals and disaster scenes.

Some people take their drones on vacation to capture aerial footage they otherwise wouldn't get. Others want simple family pictures and videos using their drones. But most drone owners, who range in age from 5 to 80 years old, like flying drones as a hobby.

Kandah's 10,000-square-foot building also

provides space for a large open room to host "Build Day" the first Saturday of each month. He sells drones, educates people on their proper use, repairs equipment and "just for fun" lets people test them. He also hosts racing leagues for mini drones.

Big and small

The flight range can be anywhere from 1,000 to 3,000 feet or more. There are rules, however. For personal use, you

must respect people's privacy, because flying over private property can be restricted in some municipalities, Fred Kandah said. Flying for commercial purposes requires an FAA license, there are height restrictions of 400 feet and you can't fly within the restricted airspace of an airport.

Fred Kandah said he got tired of not being able to get the products and parts he needed before he opened the store.

"I found no easy way to get the information that was necessary to build and operate (them)," he said. "That's when I decided to make the investment and open Excel Drones. What's really cool is that you can get a good camera drone for as little as \$500 and they work with your wireless phone, tablet and (other electronic devices). The reality is a lot of people are curious and they have no idea where to ask questions.

They end up going online and getting bad information. Here they can look at something and get a straight idea."

Excel Drones is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information on mini drone racing leagues and drones in general, call Fred Kandah at 734-956-5232 or go to www.excelrc.com.

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sa. "He was always really high energy."

An Army veteran, Corrado was tagged "Mr. Westland" by someone and it was a nickname that he embraced. The walls of Corrado's home are covered with awards and tributes he received over the years recog-

nizing his community involvement. Those range from being recognized as Westland First Citizen, receiving the key to the city and having 10.5-acre park at Gladys and Flamingo, in the north end of the city, named in his honor.

"He truly cared about the community and loved to do things for other people. I talked to him two or three times a week," Rhaesa said. "He

always he wished he was younger so he could work on stuff in Wayne. He always encouraged Wayne and Westland to work together.

Rhaesa commented that Mr. Corrado, who had no children, had viewed himself and Westland Mayor William Wild kind of like his adopted kids. Corrado died peace-

fully at Angela Hospice in Livonia with his wife nearby.

"She fell asleep sitting in a chair nearby. When she woke up, he was gone. He couldn't die in Westland - he had to go to Livonia," said Rhaesa. "He was a funny guy. He used to say (in his shop- per) 'Sam sez because of you Westland is the best

land.' He spelled it 'sez.'"

Along with his wife Gale, Mr. Corrado is survived by two nieces and other family members. Visitation was Wednesday at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Corrado was a long-

time member of the Westland Community Foundation board. Shaw said that memorial donations can be made to help with funeral expenses through the Community Foundation. Call 734-595-7727 for information.

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Sam "Mr. Westland" Corrado (center) celebrating his birthday with Wayne Councilman John Rhaesa (left) and Westland Mayor William Wild.

TAX

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\$1.3 million, with Redford Union taxpayers paying \$60 a year compared to South Redford's \$72.

Superintendent Monica Merritt of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools said the tax would allow the district to reduce classroom sizes that increased by one student in grades 3-12 this school year, amid cuts to a \$153 million budget.

"That's definitely the No. 1 priority of ours," she said.

Merritt also said officials could make long-delayed textbook purchases and improve curriculum, among other measures. Some teachers are spending their own money to buy supplies, she said, and the district has laid off some staff and reduced programs to slash spending.

"That (tax revenue) would have a profound impact on the funding here (in Plymouth-Canton)," she said.

In the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district, John Albrecht, assistant superintendent for educational services, said officials there have decided — if the tax passes — to begin replacing aging buses, recruit and retain high-quality

staff and work to expand the district's instructional program. He said the district, based on the state foundation allowance, is among the county's most poorly funded districts at \$7,511 per pupil — the same amount Merritt cited for Plymouth-Canton.

"It is a significant challenge," Albrecht said, adding that Wayne-Westland has a \$103 million general fund budget.

In Livonia Public Schools, Superintendent Andrea Oquist said the district had to cut \$17 million over a five-year period ending in 2014 to compensate for revenue losses due to declining enrollment and state funding sources that failed to keep pace with the cost of doing business. Livonia gets \$8,200 per student in state funding, she said, but a loss of 300-400 pupils a year was costly — erasing \$800,000 or more a year in revenues.

The enrollment drop slowed to about 100 students this year. Still, Oquist said financial challenges make the county tax proposal ap-

pealing to the district, which has a \$145 million general fund budget.

"This is extraordinarily significant for us," she said.

While the board is expected to begin budget talks early next year, Oquist said the money could allow the Livonia district to hire and retain quality staff, buy textbooks and other classroom resources, enhance programs for struggling learners and protect programs, such as art and extracurricular activities, that parents have said should not be cut.

"We have worked so hard to keep cuts away from the classroom," she said.

In the Northville Public Schools district, the financial situation has stabilized after officials made \$10 million in cuts in 2010-12, including employee wage concessions, outsourcing custodial and busing services and shifting to a higher-deductible health plan.

Michael Zoph, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, said the enhancement millage, if approved, "certainly would increase our operating revenue." He said school officials would discuss possible uses for the money during budget talks late this year or early next year.

Under state law, school districts cannot place operating tax proposals on the ballot, but Wayne County RESA is able to seek an enhancement millage to help those districts.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING October 24, 2016 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm. regarding the Special Assessment Roll# 4228 (Sidewalk 2016). CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION No. 4 ROLL#4228 - SIDEWALK 2016 WHEREAS, at a Regular Meeting of the Council on April 18, 2016, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Determination for Special Assessment District 4228, and the City Clerk Treasurer was directed to prepare such roll; and WHEREAS, such roll has been prepared and is presented herewith; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Special Assessment Roll# 4228 (Sidewalk 2016) be filed with the City Clerk for public examination; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135, notice of such Public Hearing to be published in the newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be given by first class mail to the last known owner of each parcel affected thereby pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40, Section 40.06(c). Published: October 20, 2016

# Livonia Fire Department battles suspicious Sunday afternoon fire

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The Livonia Fire Department says a fire at a home Sunday afternoon in the 8900 block of Farmington remains under investigation as suspicious in nature.

Fire inspector Keith Bo said crews responded Sunday afternoon to the fire at the home near Farmington and Kentucky.

He said no injuries were reported as the owner was not home at the time of the incident. Bo said the resident came home and saw the front door slightly ajar and



LOYD ROMICK

Livonia firefighters responded to a fire Sunday afternoon at a home in the 8900 block of Farmington Road. Fire officials say the fire is suspicious in nature.

heavy smoke in the house.

"It was a small fire in the kitchen," he said.

Fire officials respon-

ded and were able to knock down the fire, which appears to have started in the kitchen. Bo said there was damage to

the kitchen table, the kitchen floor and heavy smoke damage throughout the house. Bo said the home should be able to be repaired. He said firefighters were able to respond quickly and extinguish the fire before it became more serious.

The fire remains under investigation as suspicious.

A message seeking more information on the fire was left Monday afternoon with the Livonia Police Department.

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# Westland apartment residents displaced by basement fire

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Residents of eight units at the Venoy Pines Apartments in Westland have been displaced due to smoke from a fire in a basement storage unit Friday night.

"It came in as a dryer fire. Our guys found heavy smoke in the basement, but not a lot of heat. They used a thermal imaging camera to find the source of the fire," said Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner. "We found the fire was in three fenced off storage units. One of the units was on fire."

With a dryer ruled out as the cause of the

fire, Stradtner said the fire marshal is continuing to investigate the cause of the fire. There was no fire damage to any of the apartments, but he said the eight units had suffered severe smoke damage.

"All of the basement had heavy smoke damage. One of the residents had all of her kids' stuff stored there," said Stradtner. "We cleared the building smoke for zero carbon monoxide levels like we always do. There was so much smoke in the heat ducts that people in eight units had to leave."

On Monday he said the residents still were not allowed back in their apartments.

# Boy finds dropped gun from Livonia shop break-in

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Livonia police are asking for the public's help in identifying several burglary suspects the agency says broke into a Livonia gun shop over the weekend.

Police say the suspects broke into The Gun Barn, 34018 Beacon, sometime in the early morning hours of Oct. 13. Footage shows the suspects, many wearing masks and gloves, forced their way into the business by smashing out the front glass door. After gaining entry, police say the suspects then broke into a locked display case and took about 20 guns from the business.



LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Suspects broke into The Gun Barn in Livonia and stole about 20 handguns last week, Livonia police said.

Roxanne Valenti, who lives near the gun shop, north of Plymouth Road and east of Stark, said her 14-year-old grandson found one of the handguns from the burglary laying on the ground the day after the burglary took place.

She said he called her after spotting a Smith & Wesson handgun laying near the street while

riding his bicycle.

"He was just riding his bike in the subdivision and saw a gun on the side of the road," she said in an interview with the Observer & Eccentric. "He said, 'Grandma, I found a gun.' And I said, 'Don't touch it.'"

She said they then called the police, who came and took the weapon as evidence.

The break-in is at least the second on the shop this year; the Gun Barn and another Livonia gun shop were broken into back in May.

Police ask anyone with information regarding the incident to call the department at 734-466-2470.

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# Dollar General theft suspect sought

Westland police are attempting to identify a suspect wanted for stealing money from a Dollar General Store employee.

The incident happened about 7 p.m. Oct. 10, at the Dollar General Store, 8208 N. Merriam Road. Police released a photograph and video of a woman seen entering the store office, then taking money from an employee's purse. The amount of money taken wasn't released.

Anyone who can identify the suspect is asked to call the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or 734-467-7914.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Westland police are trying to identify this woman wanted for stealing from an employee's purse at the Dollar General Store.

# Pot operation explosion injures Wayne man

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Police said a Wayne man was injured in an explosion resulting from his efforts to extract THC oil from marijuana in his garage.

The incident was reported about 8:15 p.m. Oct. 12 for the detached garage at a home in the 36000 block of Pinewood.

"The neighbors said the explosion shook the house. There was a lot of smoke and heavy fire," Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said. "The garage door and the side door were blown off."

The resident, about 30 years old, suffered second- and third-degree burns, primarily on his arms and legs, Stradtner said. At the hospital the man developed some respiratory problems.

When the explosion happened, the man was in the process of extracting



WAYNE-WESTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

A garage on Pinewood in Wayne was reported as a total loss following an explosion and fire.

THC oil — the active ingredient in marijuana — from marijuana he was growing in the garage, he said.

The marijuana is sprayed with propane to cause a freezing action which releases the THC oil as it thaws, Stradtner said. A flame is used to keep the oil warm as it collects. Once the oil had been extracted, the pro-

pane ignited the flame.

"It was like a flash fire. There would be percussion injuries and it sounds like an explosion," Stradtner said. "It totaled the garage."

Wayne Police Lt. Ryan Strong said the investigation into the marijuana grow operation is still open as police have not yet been able to speak with the injured man.

# Father's Day shooting: Jury hung in case

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A 49-year-old Redford man will face a second trial in the Father's Day shooting of his son after a Wayne County Jury recently failed to deliver a verdict.



Howard B. Lowry Sr. is charged with one count of assault with intent to murder and one count of felony firearm. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for Oct. 25 in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Margaret Van Houten. A date for the new trial will be selected at the hearing.

If convicted, Lowry could face up to life in prison.

Van Houten declared a mistrial Oct. 12 after the jury deliberated for three days without reaching a verdict. Lowry is currently being held on a \$1 million cash/surety bond.

Lowry is accused of shooting his son Marcus Ross, who attempted to break up an altercation at the family home in the 10000 block of Mercedes Street in Redford.

Lowry Sr. allegedly became enraged because of a cellphone being returned to his teenage son, Howard Lowry Jr., without his knowledge or approval. Ross testified in circuit court earlier this month that his father hit his younger brother several times before he intervened.

Lowry Sr. then screamed at Ross to leave the home. Ross testified that he started to gather his children's

diaper bags and intended to leave when his father returned to the living room with a shotgun.

Lowry Sr. then poked him in the abdomen with the weapon. Ross said he put his right hand up to his abdomen near the barrel before the shot was fired.

Ross spent eight days in the hospital after the shooting. He lost his right thumb and suffered internal injuries that forced him to wear a colostomy bag for months.

Despite those injuries, Ross testified at the first circuit court hearing that he didn't want his father to go to prison. He said he still loves his dad.

"He shot me," Ross said. "That was stupid. But I can't take away the father's he has been."

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# Celebration Lutheran Church moves to Westland

Celebration Lutheran Church at 9300 Farmington Road in Livonia, has voted to purchase and move to the site of the former Divine Savior Roman Catholic Parish, 39375 Joy Road in Westland.

Celebration, a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the largest Lutheran body in the United States, is a creation of a consolidation on Aug. 1, 2013, of the former Christ the King



Celebration Lutheran Church moves to Westland.

Lutheran in Livonia, and Prince of Peace Lutheran in Westland. About one

and one half years previously the former St. Johns Lutheran in Red-

ford had merged into Christ the King.

"We at Celebration are very excited about this new opportunity for ministry," said Pastor Fogle, founding pastor of Celebration. "This location is literally at the juncture of the cities of Westland, Plymouth, Canton and Livonia. We believe that we are fulfilling a great need there, especially since there are no other ELCA congregations in Westland, Canton or Ply-

mouth. In fact, the closest ELCA congregations from this location westward are in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti and Brighton areas."

"We are going to be in these cities for good. Not just for a long time, but also to be a positive force in and for the communities in which we find ourselves. Celebration welcomes all of God's children, no matter their age, the color of their skin, the contents of their

wallet, no matter whom they love, how they speak or whatever their abilities or disabilities. We also love the fact that we will now be known as Celebration on Joy. That alone says a lot about who we are as a community of faith."

Following remodeling work, it hopes to begin worshipping at its new site in December. Contact Celebrations at 734-421-0749 or www.celebrationlc.com.

## Peckham ends sub-minimum wage pay

Judy Putnam  
Lansing State Journal

LANSING - Peckham Industries Inc. has gotten out of the business of paying workers with significant disabilities less than minimum wage.

The 40-year-old non-profit vocational rehabilitation organization still employs between 70 and 80 of the workers, but, since the end of last year, their pay has been supplemented by Peckham Community Partnership Foundation, the nonprofit's fundraising arm, said Greta Wu, chief human services officer, in a written response to questions.

The workers are out of a group of 131 people with significant disabilities who are referred from the local community health program. Peckham, which has seven locations in Lansing, plus worksites in Charlotte; Battle Creek; Phoenix, Arizona and Coralville, Iowa, employs 1,800 people with disabilities.

The decision came after a confrontation a year ago at the state Capitol where Peckham officials and other advocates gathered to mark the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Protesters interrupted the program, arguing



The manufacturing facility of Peckham Industries, Inc. is near the Capital Region International Airport.

that the state Capitol itself didn't comply with the ADA, lacking the needed signage in Braille among other concerns. Peckham was targeted for paying workers with disabilities well below minimum wage while top officials, such as CEO Mitch Tomlinson, earned six-figure salaries.

Once employing a few hundred in sub-minimum or commensurate wage jobs, now all Peckham workers make at least minimum wage.

It's unclear what will happen to the jobs of those workers into the future.

"Continuation of these workers is dependent on our ability to continue the subsidy and the availability of jobs," Wu said.

She said Peckham has been reducing the number of workers earning

commensurate wage since 2013, when a program offering paid vocational training to special education students at the Lansing School District's Beekman Center ended.

The sub-minimum wage jobs are sometimes called 14(c) certificates, referring to Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

While it ended its 14(c) jobs, the organization still defends the practice. Wu said that nationally, the number of workers under a 14(c) certificate has gone down while the number served in non-work activities has gone up. The number of employed stayed the same.

"That is the nexus of our concern, that if 14(c) is eliminated, those individuals that used to work will now be relegated to

non-work outings and unpaid work," Wu said.

Paul "Joe" Hartz, a Mount Morris disability rights activist who is blind, was arrested at the protest for trying to cross a police barricade to protest the ADA anniversary event at the Capitol. Charges were dropped in August.

Even with the ending of sub-minimum wage pay, Hartz remains critical of Peckham and other similar worksites, which he said segregate workers with disabilities.

"They certainly have nondisabled people. They're the bosses," he said.

Workers with disabilities "aren't getting a choice. It's a pipeline. Real choice comes with having options, not with having one option," he said.

## Woman says purse stolen from car

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A brown checkered Louis Vuitton purse valued at \$2,800 was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 300 block of S. Byfield in Westland overnight Oct. 16. The woman said she had left the car unlocked and found it had been ransacked. Also reported missing were a pair of hot pink Nike shoes. She told police she had found her wallet with identification and credit cards in front of a neighbor's home.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the Landings Apartments, 6793 Lakeview, told police that overnight Oct. 15 someone had stolen the front grill from his 2008 Jeep Cherokee. The officer noted minor damage to the front bumper that resulted as the grill was removed.

### Vandalism

Several residents reported damage to vehicles overnight Oct. 16.

The passenger side door window was reported broken overnight Oct. 16 on a vehicle parked in the 600 block of Van Lawn.

In the 34000 block of Fernwood, a Dearborn woman reported finding the driver side front window shattered.

### Hit and run

Just before 6 p.m. Oct. 16, a resident in the 1200 block of Judith told police that he was inside his home and heard a collision. He said his car was parked in the street in front of his home when it was struck by a southbound vehicle. When he went to see what had happened, he said he saw a vehicle, possibly a green Dodge Caravan, heading south on Judith, then east on Hazelwood.

The vehicle had received minor damage to the driver side front panel as a result of the crash.

### Larceny from a vehicle

Two residents at a home in the 35000 block of Nancy told police that overnight Oct. 16 someone had entered

and searched their vehicles. An unknown amount of miscellaneous change was reported stolen.

### Larceny

The owner of D&B Grocers, 35400 Central City Parkway told police that on Oct. 10 that an older man was seen walking through the business parking lot, grabbed two bags of deposit bottles and walked off with them. Several employees checked the area and found the bottles stashed behind the nearby Value World. The man was gone when police arrived.

### Vandalism

On Oct. 11, a resident in the 500 block of N. Hanlon told police that someone had pushed his 14-foot boat and trailer into his car knocking a hole into the side of his car. He said the boat trailer and car were all parked on the front lawn of his home.

### Fraud

A Westland woman told police Oct. 13 that she was alerted by her employer, Providence Park Hospital in Novi, that someone had attempted to obtain unemployment benefits using her personal information. The unemployment claim was sought on Oct. 7.

On Oct. 11, a Westland man told police he was working at James Martin Chevrolet in Detroit when he was advised that someone was attempting to get unemployment benefits using his personal information.

### Suspicious circumstances

A resident in the 32000 block of Birchwood told police that just after midnight Oct. 14, he was sitting in his car when he saw a man trying to open doors on two parked vehicles. When the suspect opened the door on the man's vehicle, he said he asked the suspect what he was doing. The suspect then fled.

Officers made contact with the resident when they were checking the area after receiving a call about someone trying door handles on vehicles on Birchwood.

## Trailer, engine reported taken from garage

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A Wayne man told police Oct. 11 that someone stole his 1998 Woodland utility trailer, valued at \$2,000, along with a 1969 Oldsmobile Rocket car engine, valued at \$3,000. The man said he last saw the trailer and engine Sept. 1 parked on the side of his home in the 32000 block of Carlisle Parkway. He said he was delayed in making the report due to being out of town.

The owner of the engine, an Ann Arbor man, told police he saw a trailer that looked like the missing one a few days earlier in the area of Forest and Howe. He added that the trailer had

been painted blue.

**Break-in**

Two Yamaha electric guitars in hard cases were reported stolen Oct. 14 from a home in the 34000 block of Miller. The resident told police he arrived home from work about 4:45 p.m. He said he found his cats in the front yard, which was unusual since they had never been outside. Checking the house, he said he found the back door standing open.

The man said the two guitars, valued at \$1,000, were missing. The officer found no sign of forced entry.

**Fraud**

On Oct. 6, a Westland man told police that he had applied for a ware-

house job online through Craigslist. He said he received an email from a man offering him a job as a personal assistant. The employer send a package via UPS, including a \$1,200 check made payable to the Westland man, who was instructed to deposit the check into his personal account.

The man said he received several text messages and emails with instructions, including one telling him to withdraw \$1,100 from his bank in Wayne and deposit into an account at Bank of American in a third man's name.

After doing as he was instructed, the Wayne man found the check was fraudulent and the \$1,200 had been withdrawn by

the bank from his account.

**Rings missing**

A resident in the 34000 block of Glover told police Oct. 11 that he had hosted a birthday party Oct. 4 attended by approximately 20 people throughout the day. After playing horseshoes outside, he said he went inside to wash his hands and left his wedding ring, along with a ring he had inherited, sitting on the ledge.

He realized later that he had forgotten to put his rings back on, but when he went to retrieve them, the rings were gone. He said he looked for the rings for two days, but was unable to find them. After contacting his insurances company, he said he was instructed to file a police report.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**October 24, 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm.** regarding the 2016 Hubbard Road Reconstruction Project.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION (#2) DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY**  
**Hubbard Road (2016)**

WHEREAS, a report has been received from the City Manager on reconstructing Hubbard Avenue from Park Lane to Maplewood,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to hear the views of property owners in the proposed district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to call a Public Hearing for **Monday, October 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135 to solicit public comments on the necessity of paving Hubbard from Park Lane to Maplewood Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the hearing shall be given to each owner of or party in interest in property in the special assessment district to be assessed, whose name appears on the last local tax assessment record of the municipality, by mailing a notice by first class mail addressed to each owner or party in interest at the address shown on the tax records at least ten days before the date of the hearing; and by publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality, to be designated by the Council, or by posting notice thereof in three places within the municipality, the publication or posting to be not less than ten days prior to the date of hearing pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40, Section 40.04(A).

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## Make sure to research Medicare D drug plans

It's time again for open enrollment for Medicare D, the prescription drug plan. Between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7 is this year's period for open enrollment. It's the one time of the year where you can make changes in your prescription drug plan. My recommendation is that anyone on Medicare D should take this opportunity to re-look at their coverage and decide if your current plan meets your needs. Even if you've been happy with your current coverage, it still pays to re-look at your situation, because things change. Not only does your individual situation change, but so do plans. Not only are premiums on the rise, but plans have also been making other changes — such as charging you extra if you don't use a certain preferred pharmacy — and increasing your co-payments. Therefore, you just can't put things on automatic pilot; you want to take the time to re-look at your situation and select the plan that best suits your current situation.

One of the best places to start your search is the Medicare plan finder on Medicare's website ([www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan)). This tool allows you to enter your medication and quantities into the finder to see what plan best suits your needs. For someone who takes multiple medications, the key is to focus on the medications that cost you the most. In addition, let's not forget about convenience. You want to make sure that you use a plan that is economical and that allows you to pick up your medications at a convenient location.

For those of you that take expensive name brand or specialty medications, some plans now require you to take extra steps in order to receive your medication. In fact, some plans now have what they call step therapy, where



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

they first make you use a less expensive drug before they will cover you for the more expensive drug. The bottom line — you have to do your homework to make sure you get the plan that best suits you.

My recommendation is, after you've done your research and you've decided on a plan, you should contact the plan and confirm your research. When you do call, make sure you document whom you spoke to, the date and what they told you. In case you have a problem, this documentation may be important.

In shopping for Medicare Prescription D coverage, one of the mistakes that people make is they assume that if a plan is good for one spouse, it must be good for the other; it doesn't work that way. Each spouse needs to independently look for a plan. After all, your medications are different and the plan you use may also be different. Make sure when you do your research, you look at plans independently. In order to get the most economical plan, a husband and wife may have to pick up their prescriptions at different pharmacies. I know it's a hassle, but it can save you a substantial amount of money.

This is the one time of year that you can change your Medicare prescription drug plan; you don't want to miss this opportunity. It's a hassle and it's frustrating, but there's not much alternative. If you want to make sure you have the most economical and convenient prescription drug plan, now is the time to begin your research. Don't wait too long, because we all know how fast time goes by. Before you know it, the Dec. 7 deadline will be here. Good luck!



Stephanie Garrett of Canton Township dead lifts more than 325 pounds.

KELLY DOBSON

## Feats of strength: Contest draws a crowd in downtown Plymouth

**Matt Jachman**  
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Female fitness buffs got to strut their strength Saturday in downtown Plymouth during the city's Strongwoman contest.

The nearly four-hour event, with 27 women competing in three weight classes and a master's (over 40) division, was organized by Hale Strength and Shape, a women-only gym on Main Street. It was a fundraiser for the Relentless Detroit Foundation, which supports families with children who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses.

Competitors pressed dumbbells, lifted wagon wheels, pulled a truck and performed other feats of strength on Penman Avenue, just outside Kellogg Park, in front of a supportive crowd.

"Of all the competitions I've done, this one, the venue was the most fun," Erin Janowicz said. "It was an energetic group of competitors and a fun crowd. It was nice competing in our hometown."



COURTNEY HESSENBRUCH  
Erin Janowicz of Plymouth Township competes in the dumbbell press with a 60-pound weight.

"We had beautiful weather and a big crowd," said Courtney Hessenbruch, who runs Hale with her husband Kurt. "All the women did really well. ... It was a great event."

Janowicz said the spectators appeared to

be a mix of contest fans, families helped by Relentless Detroit programs and people who happened to be in the park or on downtown streets and stopped to watch. People got into the spirit of the contest, she said.

"That's the Strongman and Strongwoman community. It's a really supportive and encouraging, uplifting type of sport," she said.

Of the 27 competitors, Hessenbruch said, 16 train at Hale. Three — Emily Schnabel, Nicole Walters and Katie Ebach — are eligible for an international contest to be held in Louisville, Ky., later this month. Three of Saturday's competitors came from other states.

For Janowicz, who has been training at Hale since March of last year, it was the fourth contest. She took sixth place in the 123-pounds-and-un-

der division in June during a national contest in Louisville.

Saturday's winners were Schnabel in the lightweight division, Emily Banules in the middleweight division and Walters in the heavy-weight division. The master's division winner was Jackie Tiede.

Hessenbruch said money for Relentless Detroit was raised through competition sponsorships. As the contest has to pay for the use of the street and any city services, the net amount raised hadn't been calculated as of Tuesday.

The contest was sanctioned by United States Strongman Inc., which helps promoters to organize strength contests around the country.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS

#### CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN CLOTHING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, November 1st, 2016 at which time the RFP's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Proposals must be submitted on the Forms section found on the MITN website. Each response to the proposal must be provided to the City of Livonia in triplicate and electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed proposals in response to this request will not be accepted.

All proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN CLOTHING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, name of bidder and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any proposal does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Edward Davis  
Superintendent, Parks & Rec

Dennis K. Wright  
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# Ford defines contaminated groundwater area

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Ford Motor Company says it has defined the area affected by spilled vinyl chloride that got into the groundwater near its transmission plant in Livonia.

The company said the third round of testing done this summer showed the full area where the chemical had gotten into the groundwater east of the plant on Plymouth Road. Testing shows the rough boundaries of where the chemical is present in groundwater and includes going as far east as Brewster, as far north as the CSX railroad tracks, and as far south as some residential properties on Standish.

"It's really good news," said Todd Walton, manager of site assessment and remediation for the Dearborn auto company. "We've fully delineated the extent of the vinyl chloride."

Ford informed resi-

dents in a letter sent to residents last month.

The results are the most recent for the company after it announced earlier this year it had detected vinyl chloride in the groundwater that was drifting off of the plant's property. The company said the vinyl chloride was a result of trichloroethylene being introduced in the groundwater sometime in the plant's history. The substance was used as a parts cleaner until the 1980s.

The company has since held public meetings with area residents and samples several areas in the Alden Village subdivision north of Plymouth and east of Stark. Once it was determined the chemical could have drifted into groundwater off the plant's property, Ford was required to inform those residents.

The contamination has not affected any drinking water for any residents, Ford says, as drinking



A worker drills in the Alden Village subdivision earlier this year. Ford says it has identified the extent of groundwater contamination in the area and will work to monitor it in the long run.

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water in Livonia comes from the Great Lakes Water Authority and is not drawn from groundwater.

"There's no impact to them and there's no risk," Walton said.

#### Next steps

With the contaminated area defined, Ford says its next steps include

setting up permanent wells in the area to continue testing the groundwater for continued sampling.

Walton said the company plans to submit documentation to the state Department of Environmental Quality detailing where the approximately 15 wells will be located and when

sampling will occur. The permanent well locations are still being determined; if those testing sites would need to be located on private property, the company would negotiate with the property owner on how best to possibly place the well, Walton added.

The permanent sampling sites wouldn't be

visible to those who don't know they're there, Walton said, with them being flush with the surface.

"Nobody will even notice them," he said. "We're looking to having them installed by the first quarter (of 2017)."

Sampling will then be taken frequently to determine if the contamination levels remain low, Walton said.

Ford is also installing means to keep the contaminated groundwater from drifting further east from the transmission plant property. That system is also expected to go online in the next few months.

"I think a really good thing to let everyone know is that we are putting a groundwater remediation system on the east side of our property to insure that we stop any future migration," he said.

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# Livonia Fire armed to save pets with new oxygen masks

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The Livonia Fire Department is always prepared to administer oxygen to fire victims when they respond to a blaze. Now, it's ready to administer some help to fire victims' pets as well.

The agency recently accepted a donation of several pet oxygen masks to place on its rescue squads to help pets affected possibly by fires in the city. The donation, which came from Invisible Fence of Wixom, is designed to provide firefighters a more form-fitting mask designed for dogs, cats and other pets if they are in need of treatment.

Dr. Heather Robertson, a veterinarian with Animal Emergency Center in Novi, showed several firefighters the proper way to administer oxygen to pets on one of her rescue dogs from the hospital. She said while her facility doesn't see a lot of animals injured in house fires, it doesn't mean they don't happen.

"We probably see under 10 fire emergencies per year," she said. "Hopefully, it would be great to say you're not going to have any fires associated with animals, but I don't think that's practical as so many people have pets."

Several other communities have had the masks donated to them in



DAVID VESELENAK

Dr. Heather Robertson, a veterinarian at Animal Emergency Center in Novi, demonstrates to Livonia firefighters how to use a pet oxygen mask on her rescue dog, Jack.

the area, including the Novi Fire Department.

Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead said the department did have some pet oxygen masks

from years before, but were out of date and in need of replacing. Having the new masks, he said, will benefit the department in the long

run when it comes to rescuing animals at house fires.

"We have used them since that point in time. We haven't gained any

new ones and there are new designs now out," he said. "Over the years, we've certainly pulled out some pets and you do over the course of your

career."

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# Wild: Hawthorne Valley art center proposal not viable

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After a second presentation on a proposed art center for the former Hawthorne Valley property, Westland Mayor William Wild called the proposal not viable and said that the city will look at other possible developments for the site.

"I haven't seen anything that I view as viable. The concept is very intriguing, but part of our job is to make sure that what we do is viable," Wild said. "I'm not convinced (the proposed art center) is viable. After talking with the council, we will be taking another whack at it with the residential proposals."

To allow an additional presentation about the art center proposal, council had voted to delay consideration of selling the nearly 15-acre portion of the former banquet center/golf course on Merriman, north Warren. An offer of \$300,000 had been received, along with plans for a proposed

development as a self-storage facility.

The city also had received proposals to purchase the property for development as residential brownstones and a second proposal for condominiums. One purchase price offer was for \$100,000, the other for \$300,000. Wild had said earlier neither project had their financing in order.

Don Wakefield, backer of the Great Lakes Arts District, proposed that the city turn the property over to the arts group for \$1. "You usually get the property first (before fundraising). Then you develop strong partnerships," he said.

With a goal of also acquiring the entire 59-acre golf course property, Wakefield described a center that would be a hub for all types of artistic activities, from music to culinary arts. A rough estimate of \$3 million to \$5 million was given as being necessary to get an art center started.

"We can't get funding without the property. If nothing happens in 12-18 months, the city could



The closed former Hawthorne Valley banquet center/golf course now owned by the city of Westland.

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take the property back with the improvements (made for the art center)," Wakefield said. "We would need to own the property. It will take everyone, including all of you, to make the project go forward."

Wakefield made comments that the group might be able to put together seed money to match the purchase offer from the self-storage owner, then said in the short term the group might be willing to lease the site from the city.

"But to put that kind of money into it and benefit the city, we'd need to own it. Art centers don't go broke in my 40 years in the art business," Wakefield said. "If you want tourism, if you are willing to work with us, \$3 million to \$5 million will need to be raised. We

want it to be really special. It could be open for a couple of years on a small scale like a sculpture garden."

Based on a private discussions, Councilman Michael Kehrer said Wakefield had been willing to lease the property from the city, with benchmarks to be met for progress of the art center.

"The partners want more control. If you are going to build a fantastic attraction, you want to control it," Wakefield said. "I understand the city can sell the property and make a profit. This project benefits the community better than the few dollars you will get from selling it."

Phil Martinez, until recently owner of the Northville Sports Den, said that he had commit-

ted \$100,000 to the arts center and would have two friends making similar commitments. Those investment partners would own the property and lease it to an art center nonprofit, he said.

"What happens with the property if in two or three years you decide you can't make it go, if you get the property for \$1?" City Attorney James Fausone said. "Have you discussed this? It's easy to get into, hard to get out."

Martinez said that he and the other investment partners would maintain ownership of the property should the art center concept not succeed. At that point, they would be able to sell the land or develop it.

"We're not looking to make a dollar on this. It would be charitable con-

tribution," he said.

While supportive of an arts center, Councilwoman Christine Bryant said she wanted a proposal that was viable and didn't want the property sitting for several years. "Are you going to be able to get grants if investors own the property or the city leases it to you?" she said.

The investors would be partners of the nonprofit operation, Wakefield said.

The \$300,000 sale price for the Hawthorne Valley property is an effort to recoup costs the city spent dealing with maintaining the site and addressing vandalism, Wild said. The city also has liability due to the deteriorated buildings on the site, he said, with the city insurer wanting the buildings demolished.

"I'm still surprised there is no business model, site plan or financial plans. You want us to turn over the property for \$1. The city is assuming all the risk," Wild said. "The investors can put in \$300,000 and then put a lien on the property. We're not true partners in what you are proposing. The city is taking it on the chin."

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OUR VIEW

# Voters should OK RESA school millage

When voters head to the polls Nov. 8, they're going to not only have to cast votes in a variety of races and on a number of proposals.

Wayne County school districts are hoping voters will not only pay particular attention to the Wayne RESA millage proposal. They're hoping voters will pass it, and we think they should.

The RESA millage, labeled the Regional Education Enhancement Millage, is a proposal to levy 2 mills of tax for six years, with the funds generated being divided among the 33 school districts in Wayne County, based on each district's student enrollment.

The tax, which would raise some \$385 per student, is about the only way local districts, most of whom have made millions of dollars in cuts over the last several

years, can get additional funding for programs. Foundation allowance funding isn't keeping up with the times, and Lansing has shown no propensity for increasing it much.

We'd like to avoid the "Lansing is actually spending more on education than ever before" lament from local legislators, who will say the increase has been diverted to retirement programs. Say what you want; there seems to be fewer dollars going into classrooms.

We'll also spare you the traditional "voting for this millage will cost you less than a meal at McDonald's" reference, and point out that proponents say it will cost the homeowner of a house with a home value of \$100,000 about \$8 per month.

Naturally, officials in most local districts have

passed resolutions urging RESA to put the measure on the ballot. That's because in recent years districts have reduced programming, staved off the buying of textbooks and other classroom materials. They've privatized things like transportation and custodial services. In a way, that's helped them become leaner and more efficient, forced districts to take a serious look at spending habits and patterns

But you can only cut yourself so much before it really starts bleeding, which is where most of Wayne County's local districts are now. They're bleeding, and they're running out of Band-aids. The Wayne RESA millage, while not a cure-all, can help clot the wound.

It's a tax that won't necessarily sit well with taxpayers, particularly those in "donor" districts



JULIE BROWN

Voters will decide a RESA millage Nov. 8 in Wayne County.

like Plymouth-Canton. But with no willingness to change Proposal

A coming out of Lansing, it's the only way to get sorely needed dollars to

local districts, and we believe voters should approve it.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

### 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, 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. and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Admission is free and all are welcome.

### Colbeck hours

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and district manager Penny Crider will meet with the public from 11 a.m. to noon, Friday, Oct. 21, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

### AMVETS flea market

The AMVETS Post 171 will host an indoor/outdoor flea market from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23, at AMVETS Memorial Hall, 1217 Merriman Road, Westland. The event is a fundraiser for veterans. Food and drink is sponsored by the Sons of AMVETS. Call 734-721-9440 to reserve a spot.

### Annual Fall Festival

The Garden City Presbyterian Church will host its annual Fall Festival 4-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road. The church will also host a Trunk and Treat. There will be a number of car trunks decorated for Halloween handing out of lots of candy and goodies. The church will have free food: hot dogs, chips, and drinks. There will also be crafts and games for the children, as well as pumpkin decorating. All "trunks" are welcome.

### Boo Bash tournament

The Canton Sports Center and WCSX-FM (94.7) are teaming up



Garden City Presbyterian Church will host its Fall Festival.

Oct. 22 to present the 12th annual Boo Bash Adult Softball Tournament, in conjunction with the Great Pumpkin Smash. These two fall favorite events will be held at the Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Festivities kickoff with WCSX's live broadcast starting at noon, followed by Family Day Fun and Games 4-7 p.m. Kickers Sports Bar & Grill will hold a Costume Contest, as DJ Royce spins the tunes all day. Costume winners will be announced at 7 p.m. and will receive some great prizes. Two live bands will provide outdoor entertainment, including Looking Back, a Bob Seger tribute band, 5-7 p.m. and Mad Rabbit, 8-10 p.m. Participants can also enjoy the free Pumpkin Smash starting at 10 p.m.

Men, coed and women divisions are available with teams guaranteed two games Saturday. Team awards and raffle prizes will be awarded throughout the day. The cost is \$250 per team, which includes umpires, softballs and awards. For more information, go to csc.canton-mi.org or contact the Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600.

### Trinity House music

Trinity House in Livonia will feature for Brooks Williams and Antke Duvekot at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. Brooks is ranked in the "Top 100 Guitarists" and has picked alongside Taj Mahal, John Hammond, Paul Jones, Chris Smither, Little Feat, Maria Muldaur, Shawn Colvin and Leo Kottke. For tickets, go to www.trinityhousetheatre.org.

### Southern Soiree

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents the annual fundraiser dinner concert "Southern Soiree" Friday, Oct. 21, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale. The \$75 ticket includes dinner, silent auction with a southern flair and an evening of lighthearted music featuring the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Volodymyr Shesluk. Go to www.livonia-symphony.org for more information or to order tickets or call 734-591-0266.

### Polish dinner dance

The St. Paul Council of the Knights of Columbus from St.

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

### Beaumont yoga in park

Beaumont Healthy Wayne presents Yoga in the Park 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The event is free. The class is taught by certified yoga instructor Chelsea Vonfinlet. Bring yoga mat, beach towel or blanket. Class most appropriate for ages 9 and older.

### Community shred day

Garden City will host a commu-

nity shred day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the city hall parking lot, 6000 Middlebelt Road, enter off Central from Ford Road. Up to five paper grocery bags or cardboard banker's boxes of sensitive paper documents from Garden City residents and businesses to shred at no charge. All participants must be in line by 12:45 p.m. While you're there, you may also drop off food donation to the H.O.M.E. Pantry.

### Genealogical close encounters

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will present "Close Encounters of the Genealogical Kind" with William J. Priest on Nov. 5, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Priest, an acknowledged genealogy expert, will present four topics: Genealogy Standards: What are they and why do we need them; Using notes and events to their greatest potential; Organizing your paper and/or electronic records; Planning a successful genealogical research trip.

The seminar runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with doors opening at 9 a.m. Cost is \$20 before Oct. 22; \$30 after. Door prizes awarded after each topic presentation. Box lunches are available. A registration form providing more information can be found on the website www.wwcgs.org

### Turkey Trot

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Dorian Bellinger

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#### EMERGENCY BOILER SWITCH

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Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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### NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO FORFEIT

TO: **Jermaine Powers**  
You are hereby notified that on May 18, 2016, pursuant to MCL 333.7521. The Redford Police Department seized the following property of which you may have interest:

**\$16,111.00 in U.S. Currency.** If you claim an interest in the Currency you must, within twenty (20) days of the first publication of this notice, file a claim with the Redford Township Police Department, 25833 Elsinore Redford MI 48239 (313) 387-2571, and post a bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the value of the property or two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), whichever is greater, with the police department. Failure to file a written claim and post a bond will result in the forfeiture of the seized items to the Redford Police Department.

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### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ELECTION NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

Absent voter ballots for the City of Wayne General Election of Tuesday, November 8, 2016, are available through the Wayne City Clerk's Office, at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan for those persons who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for a ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the Wayne City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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LETTERS TO THE WAYNE COUNTY EDITOR

**Support Crystal Frank**

I have lived and worked in Livonia for over 30 years. My wife Sue and I have had five children go through Livonia Public Schools. We had two children at Webster's (ACAT) Alternative Classroom for the Academically Talented and one in Webster's (MoCI) Northwest Wayne County's program for students with cognitive impairments. We also have had children at Roosevelt, Adams and Taylor Elementary Schools, Riley Upper Elementary, Holmes Middle School and Stevenson High School.

Through those years, we were enormously blessed with highly committed and high quality Livonia School Board decision makers. Over time, Livonia citizens are privileged to choose new school board leaders. We are excited and passionate about candidate Crystal Frank.

We have been acquainted with her extended family for four generations and they are known for a high level of civic involvement, volunteerism and leadership. Crystal is no exception. She learned from some of the best. She is currently the PTA president at Webster. Her strengths include her ability to engage and collaborate with both the community and school leadership and her keen understanding of current fiscal opportunities and challenges.

Randy Gasser  
Livonia

**It's Crystal clear**

We support Crystal Frank for Livonia Public School Board. We have known Crystal and her family for many years and are 100-percent convinced she will do an exceptional job with representing our fellow Livonia resident's high standards and values.

Crystal is active in our schools, is a strong advocate for children and is a great mother and wife. We all know there are challenges facing Livonia Public Schools and a strong, compassionate person like Crystal will help navigate these challenging times and bring clarity to the upcoming decisions that need to be made.

- C - caring/compassionate
- R - real/genuine
- Y - outh advocate
- S - strong/committed
- T - thoughtful
- A - active in community
- L - loyal/dedicated

Dana and Beth Knochel  
Livonia

**Foster for Canton trustee**

I am writing today to express my strong support for Sommer Foster for Canton Township trustee.

Sommer has been a driving force for improvement throughout the Canton community, and her presence on the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees has been one of the ways she has shown her commitment to our community. Currently vice chairman of the CPL board, Sommer was instrumental in keeping our library one of the jewels of our community. In her position, she helped oversee three phases of renovations that updated the library's infrastructure while working hard to ensure that the bond financing was paid off five years early, saving taxpayers nearly \$300,000 dollars.

Sommer also worked to steer CPL toward the future through strategic planning and investments in employee compensation and professional development.

Sommer is proud that the CPL received \$10,000 dollars and national recognition from Library Aware and wants to bring that level of suc-

cess to Canton Township. I urge you to vote for Sommer Foster for Canton Township trustee on Nov. 8!

Ellen Pare  
Information Services Librarian  
Canton Public Library

**Vote for Foster**

Over the past couple of years, I have had the blessing of working with Sommer Foster as a member of the Beloved Community, a group that has been working to promote racial equity in the Plymouth-Canton community. In my time working with Sommer to address this important issue, I have come to deeply appreciate and respect the commitment, wisdom, and spirit she brings to all she does. Sommer currently serves as the leader of the Beloved Community and has been instrumental in establishing and promoting an annual MLK essay contest in our middle and high schools that helps our youth ponder and express their own ways of promoting a more just and loving world.

Sommer has also taken the lead in creating community gatherings to mourn and mark the tragic shootings that took place in Orlando, Durham and San Bernardino. Such gatherings helped to draw our community together to seek healing and wholeness together.

In addition to benefiting our community through her involvement with the Beloved Community, Sommer has served on the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition and has helped to plan two Not in Our Town events, which again drew our community together in a way that affirmed that Canton will be a place that not only welcomes, but celebrates diversity.

To that end, Sommer also was the driving force in working with township officials to

approve a Human Rights Ordinance that protected the rights of people who have historically been discriminated against.

Somehow, in addition to doing all this work for our community and finding time to be a loving and attentive mom, Sommer has served as the vice chair of the Canton Public Library board.

As a resident, pastor, and voter in Canton, I am delighted that Sommer is seeking election to our township's Board of Trustees. I wholeheartedly endorse her and urge you to vote for her on Nov. 8.

Bryan Smith  
Canton

**Kellogg design makes sense**

The DDA's proposed project design for Kellogg Park has attracted an amazing amount of attention. The Plymouth Cultural hall auditorium was packed. It was terrific to see so much public interest.

I was there as well, for I had many questions regarding why the proposed design had the features it did. Why not just leave the park as is, and merely replace the fountain? Why the wall along Main Street? Why the planter area around the fountain? Why realign the paths? Why remove trees?

Big concerns for sure. But after listening to what landscape architect and plan designer Mark Russell said, it all made sense.

I'm an architect, and am also very interested in urban design - how our built environments shape our perceptions. I've done a lot of reading on the subject, so when Russell mentioned certain 'buzzwords,' I understood exactly what he was striving for.

After hearing many of the citizen comments, I'm convinced many people have difficulty articulating why they like the public spaces

they like - they know they adore Kellogg Park, but are unaware of the physical components and the critical relationships between those components that make for a wonderful public space.

Kevin Lynch wrote a famous book in the '60s called "Image of the City" in which he documents how city dwellers envision their city. He calls it "imageability." He also introduces five critical elements that define urban space: paths, edges, districts, nodes and landmarks.

What makes a great urban park like Dupont Circle, or Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia, or Union Square in New York? They all have grassy areas and trees, and are nice places to enjoy the outdoors. But they don't exist in isolation. What happens on the edges of great urban parks is what makes them successful.

The interrupted low-brick wall along Main Street is an example of an edge. It not only defines the edge of the park along the main-drag of Plymouth, but addresses the dirt/mud pits that form every year along that edge where the long line of benches reside. It has a purpose. And the plantings area around the fountain plaza creates a space, within a space, that can be used for other activities other than looking at the fountain. I could go on, but there are real reasons for these features employed successfully by parks that we prefer.

Change is hard, especially when people have an image of the park indelibly burned in their minds, and where much emotion and memories are intertwined. While many of the physical features proposed may, or may not, survive the cutting room floor, I'm convinced that the basic strategy of re-imagining the park - all we've learned about how to

design successful urban park spaces - will produce an even better Kellogg Park.

I encourage all to dive into learning about how successful public spaces work, and once you do, I'm certain you'll agree the proposed plan does have merit and is worthy of exploring further.

Scott Silvers  
Plymouth

**Vote Siegrist for Canton**

Our son is unique. There are many educators who have made a tremendous impact on his life, but none have been as impactful as Mrs. Linton. Our son has a hard time sitting still and was not successful in other settings. Mrs. Linton's care and guidance has allowed us to erase the doubts we experienced as parents and we are thrilled that William is thriving in his educational life.

Michael Siegrist, a member of the board of education, went out of his way to help me secure a Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award that we presented to Mrs. Linton last month. Michael showed his commitment by helping recognize such a wonderful teacher, and hopefully our district, will have more of that in the future. I am proudly casting my vote for Michael Siegrist for Canton clerk because of his integrity and commitment to our community.

Art Colling III  
Canton

**Trump signs**

Recently the media has shown yard signs that back Trump, and were supposedly made by individuals claiming to be veterans and union retirees. I certainly don't back that fool who made these signs as a counter point.

James Huddleston  
Canton

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Franklin flexes muscle against Plymouth

The Patriots at 6-2 travel to Novi Friday

Ed Wright  
hometownlife.com

Powered by an arsenal of gridiron weapons that included a "Nuke" and an ever-improving spiral launcher, Livonia Franklin's football team turned Saturday's matinee against host Plymouth into a "Patriots Day" celebration.

Flexing its muscles from the opening kick-off, Franklin steamrolled its way to an unexpectedly one-sided 40-7 victory over the Wildcats in a game that kicked off at noon.

With its playoff-qualifying sixth win securely under wraps, the 6-2 Patriots will look to strengthen their bid for at least one post-season home game when they travel to Novi on Friday in a KLAAs Kensing-ton Conference crossover matchup featuring two second-place divisional teams.

Plymouth saw its post-season hopes dashed as it suffered its fifth setback of the season against three wins. The Wildcats will put the wraps on uncharacteristically tough year Friday night at Livonia Stevenson.

First-year senior quarter-

See FRANKLIN, Page B2



Plymouth running back Darius Timmons fights for extra yardage as Franklin's Ke-mauri Heard offers resistance.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

## RU dancers in spotlight

Redford Union dance team captains Olivia Blackmer and Lara Sopko are two of more than 800 high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the country that will represent the camp brands of Varsity Spirit in the second annual Varsity Spirit Spectacular at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla. Dec. 1-4.

The individuals invited to perform in the parade are part of a select group of 10th- to 12th-grade captains, co-captains and officers who attended a Varsity Spirit summer camp this summer hosted by Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), Universal Dance Association (UDA), National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), National Dance Alliance (NDA) and United Spirit Association (USA).

Olivia and Lara will perform in an exclusive pre-parade performance through Disney's Magic Kingdom Park before of hundreds of fans. Besides enjoying a sunny trip to Orlando, performers will have the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and dancers from across that nation and enjoy a magical holiday season at Walt Disney World Resort parks.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity that Varsity has provided to learn and grow as a dancer," said Sopko. "I'm also looking forward to representing the Redford Union Panther Dance Team and bringing back what I learn to my team."

## Madonna awards show approaching

The nominees for Madonna University's 10th annual Blue and Gold Awards (BGAs) have been released and all 11 of Madonna's athletic teams from the 2015-16 are represented among the nominees.

The awards ceremony is slated for Sunday, Oct. 23 and will be held at the Emagine Theater in Novi from 4-7 p.m.

This is the first time the BGAs will be held in a theater setting in the 10-year history of the event.

Awards will be presented across several categories, including Male and Female Athlete of the Year, Team of the Year, One Shining Moment, the Coach Bernie Holowicki 3-7-12 Award and the Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa Leadership Award.

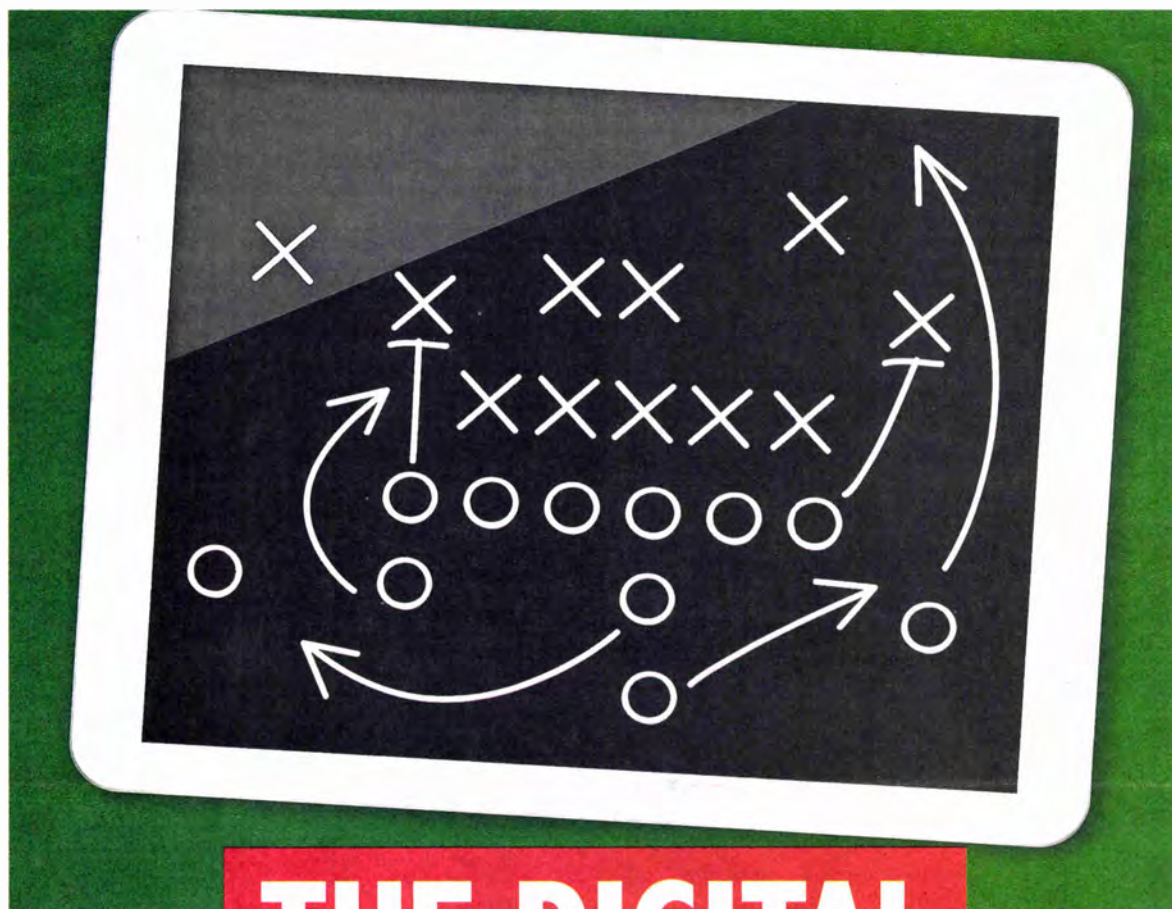
Many other individual and team awards will be doled out as part of the new-look night to honor the many accomplishments of Crusader student-athletes and coaches.

Once again the highest honor the Madonna Athletic Department bestows upon a student-athlete - Mister and Miss Crusader - will cap off the evening.

Mister and Miss Crusader go to the male and female student-athlete who distinguish themselves in competition but are even more impressive in their academic achievements and leadership qualities. The nominees for the Mister and Miss Crusader awards will not be released until the day of the event.

Tickets for the annual event are extremely limited and are only \$10 per person. All tickets must be purchased by October 16 as there will be no ticket sales at the door.

To view a list of the nominees, visit madonnacrusaders.com.



# THE DIGITAL BLITZ

Tech boom making impact on area football sidelines

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Following the same path to extinction as leather helmets and the wishbone offense, the one-time irreplaceable football coaching tool known as the chalkboard (and its loyal accomplice, the chalk) is facing a bleak future.

After all, what high school coach in his right mind would choose to scribble X's and O's on a dull-green erasable surface when he has a state-of-the-art iPad or a 50-inch high-definition television set at his disposal?

A technological revolution is playing out on sidelines around the gridiron globe and, while it probably would make Knute Rockne and Vince Lombardi cringe at first sight, the tech boom is creating stunning new ways to make in-game adjustments, scout upcoming opponents and simply teach players how to play better and safer.

With the innovative software company HUDL serving as the wedge buster, football coaches can literally show their players what they did wrong or right a few

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Members of the Plymouth football coaching staff show players replays of plays that just unfolded during Saturday's game against Livonia Franklin.

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

## Ladywood, Stevenson play well at state meets

Blazers earn runner-up trophy; Spartans ninth

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Consistency was everything this past weekend for Livonia Ladywood's girls golf team, which finished second at the Division 4 state meet held at Forest Akers West Golf Course in East Lansing.

The Blazers carded identical five-player rounds of 351 on Friday and Saturday to finish runner-up to Macomb North-west, which came in at 666. Kalamazoo Hackett was

third at 715.

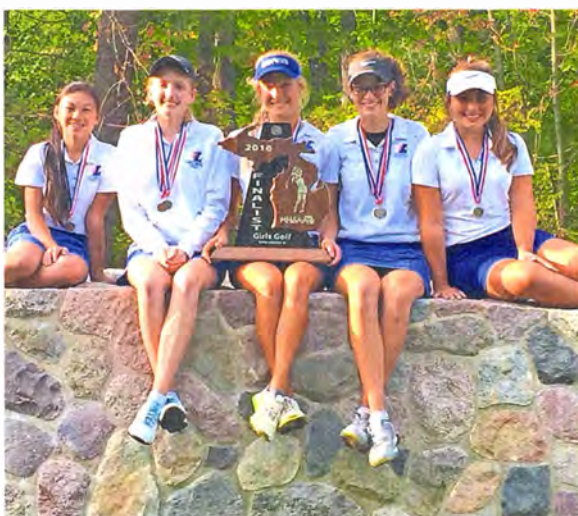
Blazing the fairways for Ladywood were top-10 finishers Gabrielle Scopone, whose back-to-back rounds of 83 put her in ninth place among individuals; and 10th-place standout Lydia Cranmer, who carded 18-hole rounds of 86 and 81.

Also scoring for Ladywood were Jordyn Rioux (85-87), Evelyn Krueger (97-100) and Natalie Malkowski (137-142).

### Division 1 results

Livonia Stevenson overcame a shaky first day to finish ninth

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Members of Ladywood's golf team pose with their Division 4 runner-up trophy.

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## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Divine Child kickers end Garden City's season, 5-0

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Displaying the grit and upbeat resilience it displayed all season, Garden City's boys soccer team played visiting Dearborn Divine Child tough for a half Monday night before falling, 5-0, in a Division 2 district opener.

The loss ended the Cougars' season at 6-13.

"I'm very proud of these kids," said GC head coach Jeff Szygula. "Even though we played a very competitive schedule this season, they never quit. We were in pretty much every game we played this year. We just didn't have enough depth or firepower to finish off some of the better teams we played."

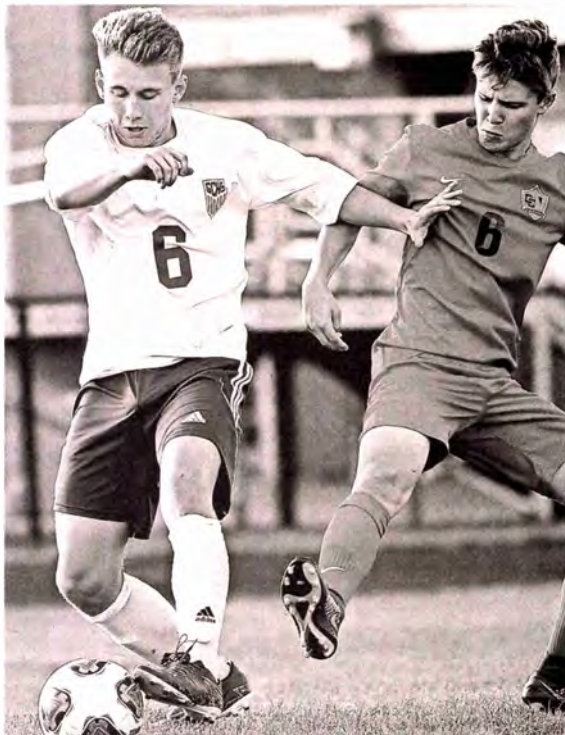
For the first time in 20 years, the Cougars did not have a junior-varsity team to help replenish its roster when injuries or other obstacles arose.

The low turnout of players was in part due to a 16-player senior class that played in 2015.

"The boys tried their best and they're making no excuses," said Szygula.

The Falcons pounced on the Cougars early and carried a 2-0 lead into the half.

"We had to try and open up our offense in the second half because it doesn't matter if you lose 2-0 or 5-0, and they took advantage of it on a few occasions," said Szygula. Szygula delivered high



Garden City's Tommy Fisher (left) gets to the ball before a Divine Child defender Monday night.

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praise to seniors Jacob Sadowski, Robert Ujkaj, Ian Tesarz and Brandon Gonzales.

"Those guys did everything that was asked of them,

and more," said Szygula. "Most importantly, they served as outstanding role models for the younger players."

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A Franklin assistant football coach tapes every play with an iPad. The plays are then wired to sideline iPads so players can view the replays instantly.

## DIGITAL

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minutes ago on wired-in computer devices.

"Drawing up X's and O's on a chalkboard or whiteboard was OK, but the problem is, they don't move," Livonia Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said. "With the technology available today, we can show them images that move, so it's obviously much more effective."

And it's not just in-game situations that have been positively impacted by the evolving technology.

"When I started out coaching freshman football about 20 years ago, a coach would have a big camera on his shoulder and we'd use the old VHS tapes," Livonia Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "As far as scouting an opponent, the varsity head coach would give me a \$5 bill and a camera on Friday nights and send me out to Chelsea or Monroe or some place."

"Now, with HUDL, it's so much easier because we can access our opponents' game tapes online, the day after the game. It frees up more time for coaches to actually coach."

### The game-changer

HUDL was founded in 2006 by David Graff, Brian Kaiser and John Wirtz, three friends who originally met while students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The company soon transformed from a modest start-up in the country's heartland to a worldwide must-have for coaches of all sports.

HUDL offers tools to edit and share video, study related play diagrams and create highlight videos — chalkboards not included.

What makes the software so attractive is that it's available online, so coaches and players can access their highlights everywhere they carry their cellphones — in other words, everywhere.

"Before HUDL came along, our coaching staff used to meet on Saturday mornings and we'd have to burn the game film 10 times so that each coach would have a copy," Kelbert said. "It was very, very time-consuming — and as far as the players seeing the tapes, they were at the mercy of when we'd have them ready. Now, they can watch them at home on their phones."

"We film our practices, too, so the players can see what they're doing and the coaches can better evaluate the players. This technology is one of the best things to happen for high school football, because it gives us more time to actually work on technique."

During Saturday's game at Plymouth, a Franklin assistant coach armed with an

iPad was perched atop a 15-foot-high tripod just beyond the north end zone at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium.

The Patriots also had a coach videotaping the game from the press box, so that they had two distinct angles of every play.

Once a group of players left the field, coaches could immediately critique them in living color on their iPads.

Some area football programs have even taken the technology a step beyond the modest-sized iPad screens.

"I know of some schools — South Lyon East is one — that actually have a 50-inch TV on the sidelines so the players can watch the plays on a bigger screen," Micallef said.

### Cost concerns

With increased technology comes increased costs, which isn't a huge issue for most programs that pay for the annual HUDL subscription and the various devices out of their general fundraising budget.

However, schools that are located in less-than-affluent communities can be hamstrung, to some extent, when it comes to squeezing the high-tech offerings into their football budget.

"I thought it was neat when the MHSAA approved the use of this technology a couple years ago," Redford Union head football coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "But what it did, in a way, is create a situation of haves and have nots. Obviously, it's easier for football teams in more affluent communities to fund raise than it is for teams in districts like Redford Union."

"Although we may not have the level of technology on our sidelines during games that other teams have, we do use HUDL for scouting purposes and for evaluating our own team. The advancements that have come along in just the past five years have been huge."

### It's only just begun

The pace at which the technology boom is spreading could mean that today's iPads are tomorrow's chalkboards.

"Some college programs are already using virtual reality software to give their players more mental reps of what they're going to see in the upcoming games," Micallef said. "It will definitely filter down to the high school game; it's just a matter of cost and accessibility."

"I could see a day when drones are used for filming, too, just to give us a perspective from above the play," Kelbert added. "And 10 years from now, who knows what new technology will be developed?"

It's enough to make Vince Lombardi shake his head and throw down his clipboard.

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## FRANKLIN

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back Jacob Clark gave the Wildcats fits as he completed 3 of 6 passes for 38 yards, rushed for 93 yards on 11 carries and commanded the Patriots' read-option offense with precision.

The team's top rusher one year ago, Clark embraced the challenge of switching to QB during the most-recent off-season.

"Every year, about a month after the season ends, the coaches meet with us and ask us our goals for the next season," said Clark. "During the meeting, coach Kelbert asked me if I would mind switching to quarterback to help the team, and I said, 'Of course.'"

"The throwing has been the toughest part to learn. Running the read option kind of came naturally; it's kind of a simple concept."

### Bombs away

Franklin's balanced power running game was led by Nyassinu "Nuke" Crowell, who churned out 102 yards on just eight carries.

Crowell busted into the end zone three times on runs of 6, 56 and 19 yards.

The Patriots were also bolstered by strong ground games from Isaac Moore (55 yards on seven hauls) and Chris Nebasil, who pin-balled his way to 40 yards on five attempts.

Franklin found its groove in the opening six minutes and was never derailed.

After scoring on their opening drive — a nine-play, 63-yard gem that was capped by Crowell's 6-yard run — the Patriots' defense forced a Plymouth three-and-out.

Franklin junior punt re-



Franklin running back Isaac Moore follows Jax Gasaway's block into the end zone during Saturday's game at Plymouth.

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turner Johnny DiPonio made a statement for his team's special-teams unit when he zig-zagged his way to a 40-yard return, giving the visitors possession on the Wildcats 35.

Three plays later Crowell reeled off a 13-yard scoring run — helping his cause with an impressive stiff arm at the 5 — to pad Franklin's lead to 13-0.

The Patriots forged a 27-0 halftime lead thanks to TD runs of 56 and 2 runs by Crowell and Moore, respectively.

The winners' second-half scoring consisted of a 21-yard TD run by Crowell and a pair of 41-yard field goals by Jake Giacobbi.

Plymouth avoided a shut-out when Darius Timmons followed up his own interception with a 1-yard plunge.

"Everything with our offense starts with our offensive line and we build from there," said Clark. "We have two of the best receivers in

the area in Jake Giacobbi and Ke-mauri Heard, and Nuke is a phenomenal running back."

Franklin out-gained Plymouth 387-188 in total yards and racked up 21 first downs compared to the Wildcats' nine.

Back-up quarterback Zack Beadle was a bright spot for Plymouth as he completed four of eight passes for 58 yards and ran for 55 yards on six carries.

Timmons ran for 43 yards on eight carries.

Among the defensive standouts for Franklin were Jacob Mass (several tackles and a sack) and Forrest Hertein, who picked off a pass.

"We did what we needed to do," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert. "I was expecting a little more push from Plymouth, but our kids came in focused, ready to play and they executed the way we wanted them to."

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## GOLF

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overall in the Division 1 state meet held at Forest Akers East Golf Course in East Lansing.

After each of the five Spartans shot at least 10 strokes above their 18-hole averages on Friday, before rebounding on Saturday to finish at 339.

"I think it may have been first-time jitters," Stevenson head coach Curtis Hay noted, referring to the Spartans' day-one performance. "We were seeded as high as third

coming in, but ended up 14th after the first day.

"The girls did not want to finish their season on a bad note and they all improved significantly on the second day ... when we were the most improved team. I am very proud of them and all they accomplished this season."

Stevenson senior co-captain Kristen Szabelski closed her high school career with a solid 36-hole score of 170 (86-84). Junior Anna Vento carded a phenomenal round of 80 on Saturday after opening with a 91.

Also scoring for the Spartans were Madi Maurier (91-

89), Megan Gronau (95-86) and Rachel Crachiola (105-92).

Rochester won the D1 team championship with a score of 618, 21 shots lower than runner-up Novi.

Traverse City West's Anika Dy was the medalist after shooting rounds of 72 and 71.

Three Livonia golfers qualified for the D1 state meet as individuals. Franklin's Sofia Cueva shot rounds of 89 and 88 while teammate Sophia Wygonik shot 95 and 87.

Churchill's lone representative, Paige Peterson, fired rounds of 107 and 98.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# Kensington teams clash in cross-overs

Stevenson upends Zebras, Patriots fall to Cougars

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Livonia Stevenson's volleyball team earned its third win of the season Tuesday night by sweeping Wayne Memorial, 25-12, 25-9, 25-15, in a KLAA Kensington Conference cross-over match.

The host Spartans are now 3-24-1. Wayne slipped to 0-12. Several Spartans sparkled throughout the triumphant night, including senior middle Beth Scupholm, who had a team-high eight kills; junior middle Claire Beaudoin, who smashed seven kills; and senior setter Emily Ehrheart, who distributed 13 assists.

**Patriots tumble**

Things were looking good early for Livonia Franklin's volleyball team Tuesday night, but the Patriots ultimately dropped a four-set match to host South Lyon East: 21-25, 25-6, 25-18 and 25-12. Hannah Nordstrom led the Patriots with seven kills to go

along with her three service aces. Paige Brothers contributed five kills and Bella Facione registered 21 digs and four aces. Franklin slipped to 4-8 overall while the Cougars improved to 20-11-3, according to the KLAAstandings.com website.

**Churchill edged**

Livonia Churchill lost a four-set decision to host Northville Tuesday night, 11-25, 25-11, 25-11, 25-16.

The Chargers are now 25-11 overall, according to the league website.

**Lakeland stymies Northern**

Lakeland's Kaitlyn Hawke had something to savor and had a big smile on her face walking off the floor Thursday night in her final home volleyball match.

The scrappy 5-foot-4 setter helped celebrate senior night by racking up 43 assist-to-kills as the host Eagles wrapped up the second seed in the KLAA's North Division with a 19-25, 25-14, 26-24, 25-14 win over rival Walled Lake Northern.

The victory avenged a five-set setback to the Knights on Sept. 22 as both teams finished 7-3 in the division. (Brighton won the division with a 10-0 record.)

"I think the seniors... we were all intense because it was senior night, and we just wanted to get it," said Hawke, who also served seven aces and added six kills. "We wanted to win for our school and our seniors. I was very proud of them."

**Novi too much for Canton**

In Tuesday night's match featuring the two Kensington Conference first-place divisional teams, Novi toppled Canton, 25-12, 25-14, 25-13, to improve its record to 33-1 overall.

The Chiefs, who tied Churchill atop the South Division, will take a 17-2 record into Saturday's conference tournament.

**John Glenn falls to Rocks**

In the KLAA cross-over encounter featuring fifth-place teams, Salem netted a 25-14, 25-16, 25-22 triumph over visiting Westland John Glenn.



Stevenson's Claire Beaudoin prepares for a swing during a match earlier this season.



Franklin's Nick McNabb (right) wins a 50-50 ball against a Crestwood player.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Zebras stun John Glenn in shootout

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Wayne Memorial's boys soccer team pulled off a Mission: Impossible-like feat Tuesday night — without Tom Cruise.

Playing the final 30 minutes a man down due to a red card, trailing 1-0 with just under five minutes left in regulation and facing a team — Westland John Glenn — that had outscored it by a combined 10-1 in two regular-season games, the Zebras rallied to earn a 2-1 victory that included two 10-minute overtimes and a five-player-per-team shootout.

Now 4-12 overall, Wayne will face Dearborn Heights Crestwood Thursday afternoon in a Division 1 semifinal game at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity soccer field.

"I told the boys all year that they could play with the other teams in our division; they just had to believe in themselves and play with heart, and that's what they did tonight," said Wayne head coach Brad Dewar.

"I told them at practice yesterday that this is a new season; forget about the regular season. I can't even put into words how awesome this is."

As far as Dewar knew, the Zebras' last district victory came six years ago against John Glenn.

"We beat Livonia Franklin a couple years ago which was

big for us, but tonight's win has to be the biggest win in Wayne's soccer history in several years," Dewar said.

While it took pretty much the entire roster to pull off the upset, there were a handful of Zebras who stood out.

The winners' most impactful player may have been Diego Ochoa, whose ball skills generated feedback from the crowd.

Zebra goalkeeper Austin McGrann also stepped up when his team needed him most, stopping all but one of the barrage of shots the Rocks delivered.

"Austin probably made 20 saves tonight that he usually doesn't make; he was outstanding," Dewar said.

The Zebras' only goal in regulation was delivered by Miguel Martinez, who headed in a rebound of a Liam Herdon shot.

Following the two scoreless overtime sessions, John Glenn shot first in the shoot-out and missed its initial attempt when the ball banged off the right post.

Wayne then proceeded to bury all five of its penalty kicks.

Tyler Ison scored the first before successful PKs from Ochoa, Ryan Carney, Martinez and Gavin Herdon, who was celebrating his birthday.

"I made sure my veterans were out there for the shoot-out," Dewar said. "And they came through, just like I knew they would."

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Franklin stymied by Crestwood, 3-1

Patriots' season ends in disappointing fashion

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A season illuminated by hundreds of bright moments ended on a gray note for the Livonia Franklin boys soccer team.

After notching a series of high-level accomplishments — most notably a 1-1 draw with state power Canton and a 3-2 victory over longtime nemesis Livonia Stevenson — the Patriots saw the curtain come down on their season with Tuesday night's 3-1 setback to host Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a Division 1 district first-round matchup.

The result gave Franklin a 7-6-3 record in Mike Bona's first year at the helm.

"It was not our best performance, that's for sure," lamented Bona. "Crestwood gets

my respect. They're a fast team and they worked hard.

"We were playing on their smaller grass field and we're used to the faster turf surface, so our touches weren't as accurate as they usually are, but we make no excuses. Crestwood is a very good team."

Franklin fell into an early 2-0 hole, which is a rare event indeed, Bona said.

"My assistant coach and I were talking and neither one of us could remember a time when we trailed by two goals this season, except late in the Plymouth game," Bona said. "When we did fall behind early this year, we usually managed to get back in it, but it didn't happen tonight."

Facing the two-goal deficit, the Patriots received a surge of energy late in the opening stanza when Shareef El-Kildani scored off an assist from Austin Corona.

"At halftime we talked about trying to play the ball

through the gaps they were giving us," Bona said. "We also wanted to clean up our first touches."

Scott Beebe started the game in goal for Franklin and yielded the first two goals. Zach Robinson gave up one goal during his time between the posts.

"Overall, I think we were a little inconsistent this season," Bona concluded. "We had games in which we played with some of the best teams in the state, tying Canton and losing to Plymouth, 1-0. And I think our win against Stevenson was the first time Franklin had ever beaten them."

"I feel bad for the seniors. I know they were expecting more after going as far as they did last year. I'm looking forward to getting the returners back next season and continuing to get better."

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Wayne's Gavin Herdon attempts to clear the ball out of the 18-yard box as John Glenn's Cameron Simpson approaches.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Clarenceville wins homecoming game, 34-14

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Livonia Clarenceville's football team treated the alumni to a homecoming victory Friday night with a 34-22 win over Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

The Trojans spotted the Bulldogs an 8-0 lead in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference crossover game and

rallied to score six of the next seven touchdowns. Clarenceville led 20-8 at the end of one quarter.

Sophomore quarterback Terrence Ealy Jr. made his first varsity start and got the Trojans started with a 42-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Nolan.

Clarenceville failed to convert on a two-point conversion attempt, but it got an addition-

al two points with a safety to tie the score at 8-8.

The Trojans produced two rushing touchdowns before the quarter ended. The Bulldogs scored the only touchdown of the second with a 65-yard pass to make the halftime score 20-14.

Dion Turner extended the Clarenceville lead to 34-14 with a pair of 1-yard rushing touch-

downs. Robichaud passed 27 yards for a TD to make the final score more respectable.

Brandon Belanger led the Clarenceville rushing attack with 62 yards, which included a 15-yard touchdown run. Turner was next with 56 yards. Ealy was 3-of-11 passing for 42 yards.

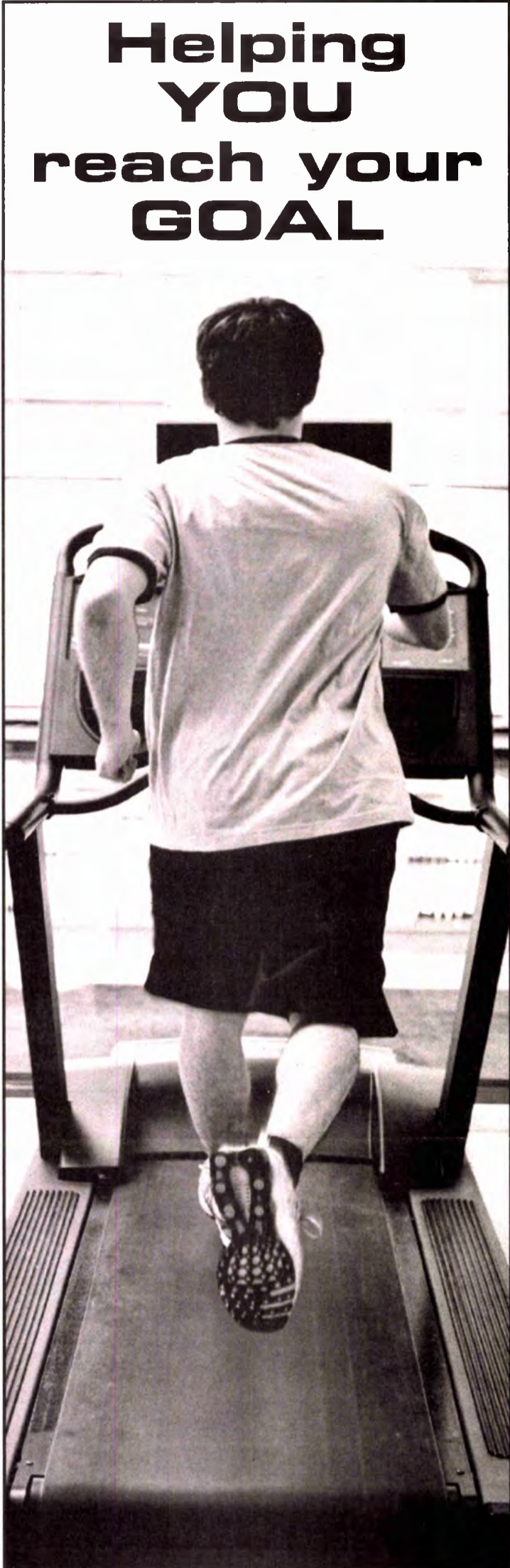
Jorden Ralph and David Means led a solid defensive

effort by the Trojans with five tackles, one sack and one tackle for loss each.

Clarenceville (2-6), which finished fifth in the six-team WWAC Red Division, will play host to Riverview Gabriel Richard in the season finale Friday. Robichaud was winless in the Blue Division and is 1-7 overall.







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  - 126 Hellenic vowel!
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## SUDOKU

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

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

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

## DENTAL VISIT WORD SEARCH

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

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

Crossword Answers

OVENS	EGGED	SPIEW	NEMO		
RELTO	IMAGE	ERMA	AMID		
BRTGITTE	BORDE	AUX	BANE		
TOE	OHNO	ITD	COINS		
SET	RATE	NOTT	OOCH	ABLES	
IGH	FER	WAIS	TEON	SEIA	
RICE	GOR	MAN	REIS	ING	SEIA
HASON	RUR	EDU	OTILED		
TESTER	SHERRY	SEIN	FIELD		
TREE	OVA	HANS	ALA		
OLLA	CLARET	STICK	SPAY		
RIO	BOSC	OOH	MEDY		
CABERNET	SINGER	DARING			
ARESO	TION	CAF	MINTOR		
	POLITICAL	CHAMPAGNE			
SPIA	DOS	ITDO	SLOPE	RUE	
WYNTON	MAR	TALA	CLINE	ART	
ARDEN	NIE	RE	S	BRIG	
ADREN	BRINGS	SOF	LAUTERNE		
ITEM	ARIA	WOZZY	TEENA		
SEWS	RIEL	LOPES	ADDIT		

Word Search Answers