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Crews are taking down the long-vacant former Thomas Gist Academy in Westland.

Demolition of former school gets underway

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A long-vacant former school in the Annapolis Park Subdivision was being demolished last week.

"That school was a pain in the neck," resident Reasther Everett said. "When they began to tear it down, I wanted to shout. I'm not a shouting lady."

Located on Dancy, the former Thomas Gist Academy had been an Inkster public school until the building was closed and later sold to People's Community Baptist Church located on Annapolis in Westland.

"I'm one of the people who was there when they built the school as part of the community," said Everett, whose adult children attended the school. "I blame the city, the

community and the church for not saving the building for a community center. It was a nice building to start."

The longer the building sat vacant and boarded up, the more it deteriorated and became a safety concern.

"Everything they take out of the building was gone. There were homeless people in there," Everett said. "It was dangerous. I was really concerned about the residents on the border with the school."

The Westland City Council approved using \$60,000 in federal funds for the demolition of the building located next to Stottlemeyer Park.

Along with the demolition, the city has also agreed to a land swap with the church. The church will receive about 1 acre of land located

to the rear of their building; the city received the school property.

"The land swap has already been executed," said Westland Mayor William Wild, with the school property being added to the south end of Stottlemeyer Park.

Once the school site is completely cleared, Everett said the reconfigured park offers a lot of possible uses.

"We could have seniors walking or people walking their dogs. We have so many plans for it," she said. "Next year, the city will celebrate its 50th anniversary. It's the whole city, not just downtown. We need to plan something so they all come to us."

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Murder defendant to have mental exam

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A criminal responsibility examination has been ordered for a man accused of killing a Wayne resident with an ax.

Jesse Wayne Gunderson, 26, is charged with first-degree murder in the Oct. 3 death of his step-grandfather Danny Dart, 58.

On Tuesday, Gunderson had been scheduled for a probable cause hearing in Wayne 29th District Court. He was referred for psychiatric examination to determine if he is competent to stand trial.

As a result, a preliminary examination scheduled for Oct. 13 has been canceled and a new probable cause conference has been set for Dec. 1.

A retired Ford Motor Company employee, Dart was killed Sept. 26 by a blow to the head with an ax while in the backyard of his home in the 4500 block of Chamberlain.

Gunderson had been staying at Dart's home for several weeks before Dart was killed. Dart and his wife, Gunderson's grandmother, had taken in Gunderson when he showed up unannounced at their home.

Since his arrest, Gunderson has been jailed without bond.



Gunderson

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Wayne's mental health treatment court expands

The first mental health treatment court for misdemeanor defendants in Wayne County was established by Wayne 29th District Court in 2013.

Now, the 29th District Court is collaborating with nine other district courts in Wayne County to launch the Western Wayne County Regional Behavioral Health Court.

"Over the past two years, I have seen firsthand how beneficial mental health courts can be for everyone involved," 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack said. "So I applied for a grant through the Office of the State Court Administrator to fund a larger regional court."

Approved last month, the grant is \$312,000 for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. The grant funds will be used to expand the existing 29th District Mental Health Treatment Court by adding personnel to handle the increased caseload. Mack will continue to preside over the mental health court docket.

It is anticipated that the regional program will become fully operational



Mack

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Canoe races, entertainment highlight Wayne's Rouge-a-Palooza this weekend

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There will be canoe races, educational displays, food, games and live music at the third annual Rouge-a-Palooza in downtown Wayne on Saturday.

"The real reason for it is to celebrate efforts to clean the Rouge River. Countless hours have been put in by volunteers and this is an opportunity to showcase the efforts," said Mathew Mulholland, a Rouge-a-Palooza organizer. "Just come out and celebrate the Rouge River with us. In the lower Rouge, we're the community leading the charge when it comes to cleaning up the river."

The one-day festival is set for noon to 10 p.m. at Goudy Park, off Wayne Road just north of Michigan Avenue.



PERRY RECH

Scott Spielman and Jeff Barch dig in as they approach the finish line of last year's Logjam Classic canoe race in Wayne. They finished in sixth place.

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ROUGE

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A big highlight of the festival is the annual Logjam Classic Canoe Race, a three-mile canoe sprint that ends at Goudy Park. Winners will take home a cash prize as well as trophies made of wood cut from an actual Rouge River logjam.

For less competitive folks, the Friends of the Rouge will host their annual group canoe/kayak trip through the Lower Rouge Parkway in Wayne. Canoe/kayak rentals will be available for the race and group trip, as well as throughout the festival. For more information, contact FOTR at 313-792-9900. Contact Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental at 248-685-2379 to reserve a canoe.

"I canoed down the river the last two years. It was like you're up north," Councilman Albert Damitio said. "I

thank all of you for clearing the debris. There was a lot in there."

One of the goals of the event is to educate the public about the Rouge River and ways people can help continue the cleanup efforts. With that in mind, there will be a number of environmental and nature exhibits. Families can learn about the fish and animals that call the Rouge River home.

New this year will be the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center, which is a hands-on interpretive educational experience, as well as the National Park Service, Michigan Audubon Society and the U.S. Coast Guard.

With an eye of encouraging guests to stay later, the musical lineup has been expanded. Returning are George Bedard and the Kingpins. In between will be Chris Bathgate, an American indie folk singer-songwriter as well as musician and Rouge-A-Palooza staples Corn Daddy



Matt Noble-Richardson (right), assistant naturalist for Wayne County Parks, shows off a garter snake. He will be back at Roue-a-Palooza on Saturday in Wayne.

PERRY RECH

(Americana, roots), Troublesome Creek (bluegrass) and Tyrone Hamilton, a well-known local performer. In addition, fly-fishing folksinger Alan Cayne and the Huron River Flute Circle

will perform on a second stage.

Liquid Monk, a metro Detroit-based funk/fusion/jam band that will close the festival, taking the stage at 7:30 p.m. Wayne Rotary will

once again organize a build-your-own-boat race for the kids. Wayne Main Street, an organization spearheading improvements to downtown Wayne, will raffle off two kayaks and host a rubber

duck race with cash prizes.

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by Dec. 1 or Jan. 1, 2016, at the latest.

The courts that will be participating in the new program along with 29th District and Westland 18th District Courts — which have concurrent jurisdiction — are 16th District Court in Livonia, 17th District Court in Redford Township, 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights, 21st District Court in Garden City, 22nd District Court in Inkster, 23rd District Court in Taylor, 24th District Court in Allen Park and Melvindale and 34th District Court, which serves Romulus, Belleville, Van Buren Township, Huron Township and Sumpter Town-

ship. Mental health treatment court review sessions are currently held every two weeks. It is anticipated that the sessions will be held weekly when the regional program becomes fully operational.

Hegira Services Inc., a community mental health managed-care provider located in Westland, will continue to provide the majority of the mental health and substance abuse treatment, and will continue to oversee treatment for participants who are already receiving services through other community providers, such as Adult Well Being, Lincoln Behavioral and Community Care.

The services also include educational and employment or community service opportunities, relapse prevention programs, housing assistance, food assistance and medication assistance.

There are currently 27 participants in the 29th District Mental Health Court. It is anticipated that the regional program will have at least 50 participants by the end of the fiscal year.

In order to qualify for the program, the defendant must suffer from a severe mental illness, developmental disability or a co-occurring disorder, and the nature of the illness must necessitate clinical intervention. Also, the defendant

must be convicted of a misdemeanor crime and reside in Wayne County.

"District court judges encounter mental illness on an almost daily basis. Jails and prisons are full of mentally ill offenders," Mack said. "Some are violent and need to be removed from society. But most are not, and, many times, their untreated mental illness caused their criminal behavior."

The primary goal of mental health treatment courts is to obtain mental health and substance abuse treatment for mentally ill individuals who find themselves in the criminal justice system, to ultimately reduce jail populations and hospitalizations.

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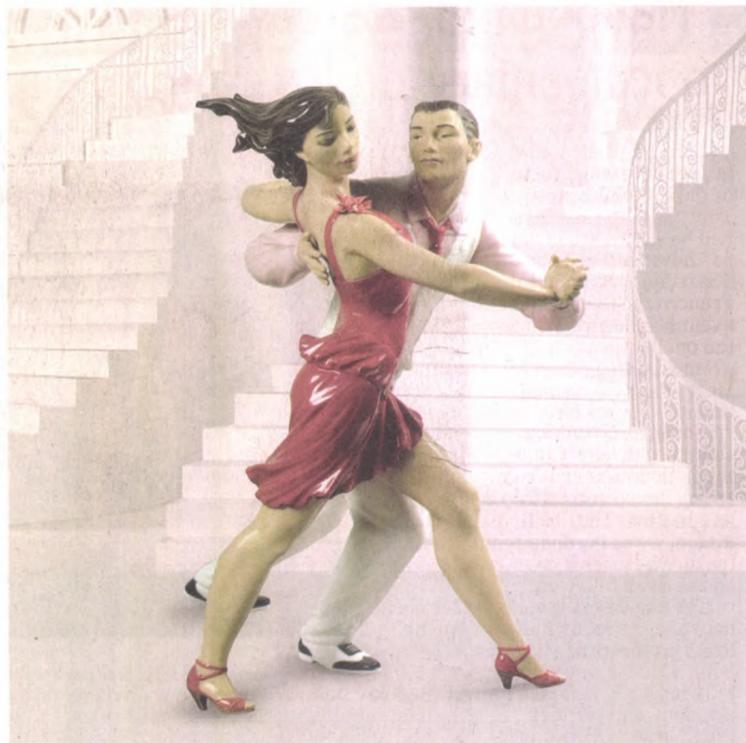


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Schoolcraft College hosts free STEM-based Mind Trekkers event

Schoolcraft College will host Michigan Technological University's Mind Trekkers event for the community from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

Mind Trekkers staff (from MTU's Center for Pre-College Outreach) and volunteers will take over several buildings on the college's main campus in Livonia on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile to showcase dozens of experiments and demonstrations exploring STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

The Mind Trekkers event is free and open to the public. While the demonstrations and activities are geared toward students in grades K-12, adults, including parents, grandparents and guardians, are sure to find something that sparks their interest as well.

According to the Mind Trekkers website, www.mindtrekkers.mtu.edu, the "STEM Road Shows brings the wow of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to the hands and minds of K-12 students under the guidance of the Mind Trekkers team, consisting of undergraduate and graduate students from MTU."

Demonstrations and workshops will explore topics such as using 3D cameras, the ballistics car that is propelled by only a ball, fluorescent rocks, how hovercrafts work, how many nails can be balanced on a single nail head, vortex cannons and wind energy, just to name a few.

With the Mind Trekkers as their guides, students really will walk on liquid, see and taste ice cream made in seconds with liquid nitrogen, be totally encased in a soap bubble and have many more mind-expanding experiences that are designed to reveal the science behind what appears to be magic.

"We are very excited to be selected by MTU and Mind Trekkers to host this event for students and their families in southeast Michigan,"



MTUS MIND TREKKERS

Have you jumped on water without splashing? Join MTU's Mind Trekkers at Schoolcraft College on Saturday, Oct. 10, and try it out.

said Charles Hayes, associate dean of sciences at Schoolcraft College. "STEM education is a big part of the programs we offer at Schoolcraft, so it is a natural fit for us to serve as the host for this year's event."

"And as a community college, we are always looking for opportunities to provide resources and programs for our entire community, especially children and their families. Mind Trekkers is a great way for kids of all ages to explore the vast array of subjects and opportunities that science and technology have to offer," he said.

Prior to the community event on Saturday, Schoolcraft and MTU are hosting more than 2,000 middle-school age students from surrounding school districts, including Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Northville, Garden City and Clarenceville, on Friday, Oct. 9.

The Mind Trekkers experience has been called a "science carnival."

"Our goal is to create a spark ... to catalyze the moment and create an environment of excite-

ment and interest in science and technology," said Cody Kangas, director of the Center for Pre-College Outreach at Michigan Tech. "Mind Trekkers are eager to help youth across the country find their enthusiasm for exploring STEM principles and careers while they are young."

This is the first year Mind Trekkers have traveled to Schoolcraft College for a festival. The group travels throughout the United States at schools, festivals and expos. In 2014 through 2015 alone, Mind Trekkers will have impacted more than 210,000 students across the nation.

This year's Festival is sponsored by Bosch, Denso, ITC, Cooper Standard, DTE Energy, Quaker, the Schoolcraft College Foundation and Schoolcraft College.

For more information about the Mind Trekkers event at Schoolcraft College, visit www.schoolcraft.edu and click on the Mind Trekkers logo on the homepage banner or visit www.mindtrekkers.mtu.edu.

Madonna to host award-winning documentary on loss and healing

Turning tragic loss into healing is the focus of the documentary *Transforming Loss* that will be shown at Madonna University at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, in the Franciscan Center. The event is free and open to the public, thanks to a grant from the Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation.

The award-winning film chronicles six families who journeyed from tragic loss into growth and healing. The documentary was produced by Judith Burdick, of Bloomfield, following her own grief experience. At age 31, with two small children, her husband of 10 years was killed in a scuba diving accident, and Burdick found herself alone, overwhelmed and unprepared for what her life had become.

Knowing she needed to find a way to get through the loss and to help herself and her children heal, she returned to Michigan to earn her bachelor's degree in psychology and her master's in Clinical Psychology. Now, 24 years later, she has a practice dedicated to individuals with a wide range of emotional and psychological issues and focuses on providing individual and group therapy grief support.

Through the heart-wrenching losses of



The documentary was produced by Judith Burdick.

spouses, parents and children, the film's families take the viewer through the incredible transformation process of healing and embracing life again.

Kelly J. Rhoades, Ph.D., professor and chair of Hospice and Palliative Studies at Madonna University, said the Madonna community was fortunate to be hosting the powerful documentary.

"Loss is a universal human experience that can ultimately transform our lives in ways we could have never imagined, taking us far beyond mere coping or surviving," she said. "While viewing, we are invited to witness the intimate processes of six families and their remarkable experiences

toward navigating through grief in a way that brings healing and hope for the future.

"I am honored to be able to share this profound documentary on a larger scale to those in the community who may be grieving, and to those who may find themselves in the position of helping those who grieve. We will have plenty of time to share stories and dessert following the film. Please join us for an evening of connection and inspiration."

A panel discussion and dessert reception will follow the film. RSVP your plans to attend to lwiersing@madonna.edu or 734-432-5716. For more information about the documentary, visit www.transforminglossdocumentary.com.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

People and their canines will be at Mies Park in Livonia for Bark for Life of Livonia/Redford.

Bark for Life of Livonia/Redford honors canine caregivers

The American Cancer Society will hold its third annual Bark for Life of Livonia/Redford Saturday, Oct. 10, at Mies Park, 32499 W. Chicago, in Livonia.

The fundraising event honors the lifelong contributions of canine caregivers to cancer survivors. Families and their dogs come together from noon to 3 p.m. to celebrate their furry friends. There will be doggie games, dress-up contests, music and food.

People and their dogs can participate in these

activities with the chance to win great prizes from Bark sponsors. For people interested in adding to their family, several local charities will be on-site with adoptable pets in search of their forever homes.

"The Bark For Life event is an opportunity for people to celebrate canine companionship and fight back against cancer with their dogs," said Heather Kline-Kelm, the Committee Chair for this event.

"Every person and dog who has been touched by cancer is invited to

participate."

The event is part of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life events in the area. Funds raised through the events help the American Cancer Society save lives by funding groundbreaking research, supporting education efforts and providing free information and critical services for cancer patients.

To register for the event or for more information, visit www.relayforlife.org/barklivonia-redfordmi or call Liz Evans at 248-663-3452.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Break-in

A woman living at an apartment at 3783 Marcello Drive returned home to find a piece of paper with a name and number on her living room coffee table Oct. 4.

The woman had been gone for several hours and when she returned she discovered the note. When she called the phone number a person answered but hung up, claiming not to know her. She told police she also found a ring missing from a jewelry box she stored in a drawer in her dresser and a tube of mascara and body spray missing from on top of it.

The woman said she thought someone had a copy of her key and that she planned to call maintenance to get the locks changed.

Suspended license

A Garden City man was ticketed for driving with a suspended license and making a prohibited turn after he was seen by police turning onto westbound Ford Road from Venoy on a red light

Oct. 5. The intersection was posted for no turn on red light.

The driver also had two warrants out of 35th District Court in Plymouth and 1st District Court in Monroe, police said.

Vandalism

The owner of Independent Vapor at 3437 Ford told police that someone used a cinder block to break the front store window overnight Oct. 4. The suspect wasn't able to break the inner pane of glass.

Harassment

A woman stopped police in the area of Marquette and Middlebelt on Oct. 5 to tell them her brother was threatening her home in the 29000 Marquette and her family.

Police talked to the woman's mother who said her son had threatened to kill her and break into the home. She said her son was going through a divorce and wanted her to come to his home so his wife could not enter. The woman refused and said her son became upset

and threatened to smash her car and break into his sister's home.

The sister said her brother had some items stored in her garage but has never lived at the house. Police talked to the women regarding a personal protection order and trespassing.

Stolen bicycle

A resident in the 7000 block of Moeller told police that a pink Schwinn bike was stolen from her garage overnight Oct. 4. The woman said the garage had been closed but unlocked and that entry was most likely through a rear door.

Larceny from vehicle

A resident reported a crossbow and headphones were stolen from his truck while it was parked in the driveway of his home in the 28000 block of John Hawk overnight Oct. 2. The man said he believed the truck had been locked. He also pointed out that the side door to his garage had been tampered with, although he was unsure when that happened.

A resident in the 1000 block of Cardwell told police he found \$20 in cash, an ATM card and credit card missing from his wallet, which he had left in his unlocked vehicle while it was parked in his driveway overnight Oct. 2.

Vandalism

A screen door was damaged on home in the 600 block of Deering on Oct. 2 by an explosion.

A resident summoned police to the home after hearing the explosion. He told police he was driving by the house when he saw a suspect walking away from the side door of the house.

When he arrived at his house, four doors down, he heard a loud explosion coming from the area of Deering and Florence. He investigated and discovered damage to the screen door and debris from some type of firework or explosive.

When contacted by police, the homeowner had no idea who the suspect might be.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

A resident of the Wilderness Park Apartments, 7201 Wilderness Park, told police Oct. 5 that overnight someone had stolen his driver's license and credit card from his wallet, which was left overnight in his unlocked vehicle.

Vandalism

On Oct. 1 a resident in the 2400 block of S. Christine told police that someone cut two tires on her fifth wheel trailer, causing \$150 damage.

A resident in the 34000 block of Beechnut told police Oct. 1 that she is in the process of moving out of the rental house. When she arrived back at the home, she said the window pane in the front entry door was broken.

The woman told police she thought someone was attempting to break in but her dog may have scared the person off.

A resident in the 30000 block of Beechnut told police Sept. 20 that just before mid-

night he got into the shower and heard a loud noise. Investigating, he said found the front window had been shattered.

The resident told police he went to move his wife's car, which was parked in the street, when he noticed the tire pressure light was on. Three tires on the vehicle had been cut and were flat. There were scratches all over the vehicle.

On Oct. 1 a resident in the 2300 block of S. Brandon told police that two Chevrolet Silverados, a 2015 and 2009, were both damaged overnight. The 2009 was reported to have a rear tire slashed and the window on the cap broken. The other truck had a punctured tire.

Hit and run

On Oct. 1 a resident in the 8100 block of N. Beatrice told police that just after midnight he heard tires squealing. He said he looked out to see a vehicle fleeing. Checking his vehicle, he said the driver's side mirror of his vehicle was

knocked off.

Fraud

A Westland woman told police Sept. 30 that someone fraudulently used her debit card at a Motel 6 in California. The total charge was \$853. The woman said she still has her debit card and was being reimbursed by her bank.

Larceny

A resident of the Warren Woods Apartments, 33225 Warren Road, told police Sept. 29 that he was in his vehicle in the parking lot when he saw a man riding away on his bicycle.

The resident said he yelled at the suspect who rode a short distance before falling off the bike and running away. The bike was recovered but the resident said he found that his basement storage unit had been broken into and a second bike was missing.

By LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Vandalism

The touch screen was reported cracked on a Redbox kiosk outside Walgreens, 32742 Michigan Ave., Sept. 23. The person reporting the \$700 damage told police she had been alerted to the vandalism by a store employee.

Vehicles damaged

A resident in the 5200 block of Walker told police that overnight Oct. 1 someone had damaged two vehicles parked in his driveway. A 2014 Kia Cadenza had two tires slashed. Two tires were also slashed and the passenger side keyed on a 2015 Kia Sportage. The damages were set at \$2,000.

Police said a similar vandalism was reported in the 4400 block of Third around the same time.

Also on Oct. 1, three vehicles parked in the 4100 block of Fourth were reported damaged. The rear tire was reported slashed on a 2000 Dodge Intrepid, a tired

slashed and the paint scratched on a 1994 Ford Ranger pickup truck and two tires slashed on a 2007 Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck.

A tire was also reported slashed on a 2014 Chrysler 300 in the 4100 block of First.

Two tires were reported cut on a 2015 Dodge Challenger and one tire cut on a 2015 Chevrolet Camaro parked in the 35000 block of Elm on Oct. 1. One resident noticed the damage and alerted her neighbor that his car was also damaged. Both vehicles were parked in the street.

Stolen vehicle

A Crown Point, Indiana, woman told police she was visiting at Westwick Square Apartments, 32560 Bluebird, Sept. 25 and parked in a visitor parking space. She later reported her 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix had been stolen. She said she left the car locked and had the keys.

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Trott hosting ceremony to honor Southeast Michigan's Vietnam vets

U.S. Rep. Dave Trott will host a ceremony honoring Vietnam veterans of the 11th Congressional District for their courageous service. The event is set for 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, Livonia.

Trott will award veterans with the Congressional Vietnam Veteran Pin to mark the 50th anniversary of the war.

"Our Vietnam veterans served our nation with selflessness and

bravery — and they deserve the recognition of a grateful nation,"

Trott said. "With this year marking the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, it is especially important that our veterans and their families are recognized for their extraordinary sacrifices to protect our nation. I am honored to



Trott

be organizing this ceremony and looking forward to meeting many local heroes from Southeast Michigan."

More than 400,000 Michigan citizens served the nation during the Vietnam War and 2,651 soldiers from Michigan were killed during the conflict.

To be part of this ceremony, veterans and their families are encouraged to register at www.trott.house.gov/vietnam



Fallon Draffen, age 5, displays a flag and dove she made to help celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace.

Livonia Montessori students celebrate Day of Peace

The clear, young voices of children singing *Light a Candle for Peace* rang out through the halls of Livonia Montessori School in celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace, recognized each year on Sept. 21.

In the days leading up to the special Peace Day celebration, preschool and kindergarten students spent time practicing the song, reading books about peace, having discussions and making paper doves. On Sept. 21, students and staff proceeded around the school to sing and carry candles and flags of different countries.

"Even the youngest children are able to learn and participate in activities and discussions about peace, tolerance and acceptance of others, which is an ongoing part of our curriculum," said Patty Porta, the school's administrator. "We have a wonderfully diverse group of students who easily identify with children and families from around the world."

Throughout the school year, students experience an individualized learning environment for preschool and kindergarten based on the Montessori method. Respect for children, a strong commitment to non-violence and a deep belief in the value of education are all principles upon which the school functions.

Every week, the school hosts "Walk-in" Wednesday from 9:30-11 a.m. for families interested in learning about authentic Montessori programs. Also, those interested in scheduling a personal tour at their convenience are welcome to call Livonia Montessori School at 248-474-4764.

Located at 31840 W. Seven Mile in Livonia, Livonia Montessori School is a nonprofit educational community affiliated with the American Montessori Society, Michigan Montessori Society, and the Association of Independent Michigan Schools. For more information, visit livoniamontessori.org.



Bree Black, age 4, (in foreground) and Nora Stimar, age 5, prepare to join classmates and parade around the school singing "Light a Candle for Peace."



GARDEN CITY DDA
Tony Grabanica, owner of the Garden City Cafe, celebrates after winning the 2014 Chili Cook-Off in Garden City.

Garden City DDA expands annual Chili Cook-Off

It's going to be hot in downtown Garden City

The 2014 Best Chili winner, Garden City Café, is challenging local restaurants to enter their favorite chili recipe at the eighth annual Chili Cook-Off. The event takes place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the Farmers Market area located at Central north of Ford and east of Middlebelt.

The Downtown Development Authority, the event organizer, has added a restaurant category this year to their cook-off.

"Be sure to visit your favorite, along with Garden City Café," said Kim Dold, DDA executive director. "We have Albert's on the Alley, Leon's, Taps, Sport Venue and Varsity Club."

Also new this year, Nankin Transit will be offering free parking shuttles. There will be two buses running continuously from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. She gave a huge "thank you" to Nankin Transit and Garden City Councilwoman Pam King for arranging the shuttle service.

"We're asking our event goers to park at the Garden City High School on Middlebelt and hop on one of the buses," Dold said. "We are hoping to alleviate the parking issue for the businesses that are lo-

cated near the Cook-Off."

The DDA is breaking records with 18 amateur teams competing for the title of Best Chili, People's Choice and Best Table Theme.

There's cash prizes and awards along with live entertainment by the Fast Eddie Band, hay rides, a petting zoo, Best Tent, Beer Tent and food.

Vendor Alley is back again, bigger and better, and "we've got Hot Rods and Hot Bikes," Dold said.

Rick's Custom Cycle is sponsoring the Bike Show. Guests can vote for their favorite. Biker Bob's Harley Davidson will be on site offering free rides on a stationary bike.

Garden City Miniature Golf also is offering free golf to children 10 and under with a paid adult during the Cook-Off hours.

Teachers and parents from Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus will be in the Children's Area, offering free crafts, games and face painting to keep the little ones busy. They will be raffling off a couple of goodie-filled baskets to benefit the Ben Carson Reading Room. So-Cal is once again this year donating the use of its large bounce house.

"Tell the kids to keep an eye out for a few of

their favorite characters," Dold said. "We got a hot tip that Superman and Batman will be in the area. There may even be a few beautiful princesses helping out in the Children's Area."

The Garden City Business Alliance and the DDA, will make sure that the party doesn't stop at 5 p.m. Once the Chili Cook Off winds down, the Afterburn starts in the beer tent.

The Afterburn will keep things hopping with Bonnie and the Working Girls live.

"They will be heating up the stage under the entertainment tent," Dold said. "Plan on staying, enjoying a few brews, a bite of food, and the company of good friends."

The Afterburn runs until 9 p.m.

Still not ready to go home? Head over to Albert's on the Alley to groove to a couple of hot bands: D'Sperience, a tribute to Jimi Hendrix; and Banned From Hell, a Black Sabbath cover band.

Albert's is also offering a special on the first drink if you show your wrist band from either the Cook-Off or the Afterburn.

Proceeds from the Chili Cook-Off each year benefit several Garden City charities.

For more information, go to www.downtownGardenCity.com.

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National Guard paralegal begins career as assistant prosecutor

Michigan Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Steven Schultz will transition to a new job as an attorney next month at the Wayne County prosecutor's office.

The Wayne resident has 24 years of military service, 22 of which he has served in the Michigan Army National Guard with the past 16 years as a paralegal and the last six years as a full-time paralegal technician and staff sergeant in the Lansing-based Joint Forces Headquarters judge advocate general's office.

Along with taking care of the legal duties necessary for the Michigan National Guard, he and others on the staff supervise law-student interns. One student, Jaclyn Vidusic, thought Schultz, the son of Patricia Schultz of Garden City, would make a good lawyer and began pestering him about enrolling in law school.

According to Schultz, she was relentless and gave him the dates and times when the law school entrance exams were held. Schultz finally relented and said jokingly that it was because of her "bullying" he took the exam. When he received the test results, he sent his score (170 out of a possible 180) to Thomas M. Cooley Law School and received an offer to attend at no cost.

"I did well enough on the test that I couldn't



Staff Sgt. Steven Schultz assists a soldier with legal questions at the Lansing-based Joint Forces Headquarters, Michigan National Guard, on his last day as a full-time military paralegal federal technician on Sept. 29. Schultz, who served for 16 years as an enlisted paralegal, has accepted an attorney position with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

say no," Schultz said.

To assist with other costs, Schultz had Montgomery GI Bill benefits he received because of his 2007-2008 deployment to Iraq and prior active duty Army service. Because his tuition was covered by Cooley, the GI Bill money paid for ex-

penses, such as an apartment in Lansing, so he didn't need to commute home while working full time and attending Cooley's night school from May 2011 to January 2015.

This month, Schultz announced to his office that he accepted a position with the Wayne

County prosecutor's office and will begin working next month as an assistant prosecuting attorney.

It may be a big transition from wearing a military uniform and boots Monday through Friday and one weekend a month to wearing a suit and tie

on week days and a military uniform just one weekend a month. Another transition may happen if he changes his enlisted-members' military rank and responsibilities to officer. In the near future, Schultz will submit an officer commissioning packet, and if

approved, he will receive a direct commission into the Michigan National Guard as a first lieutenant.

Before completing his juris doctorate degree, Schultz received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Wayne State University in 2008.



On a recent trip to Cleveland, Mike and Carol Garrett of Garden City visited the "A Christmas Story" House and Museum. According to the Garretts, "they actually filmed much of the movie in this house. Our tour guide was kind enough to take our picture by the infamous leg lamp. Apparently they found some glue, as the lamp seemed to be in great condition."

Wish You Were Here

From Ohio to Tennessee, folks have been busy this summer season and are glad to share their adventures with out readers.

If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.



Kerry and Cheryl Partin and son Derek Partin recently traveled to Gatlinburg, Tenn., and stayed at the beautiful White Oaks Lodge and Resort. "We actually traveled down south, so Kerry and Derek could attend the NASCAR Bristol Race on Saturday, Aug. 22," Cheryl Partin said. "Sadly, Derek had to return home to Garden City on Monday, but Kerry and I stayed on for the rest of the week to do some golfing and sight-seeing around Gatlinburg. We continued on to Nashville for a few days, seeing the amazing nightlife and honky tonks in downtown Nashville and also checked out the Grand Ole Opry!"

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chili Cook-Off

The Westland Democratic Club will host its annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center, located on Grand Traverse, east of Venoy.

Call Debra Fowlkes, secretary of the Westland Democratic Club, at 734-326-9242 for more information.

Smart Drivers Program

The AARP Smart Drivers Program will be at HYPE Athletics of Western Wayne, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13-14.

The cost is \$15 for AARP members — membership numbers are required — and \$20 for all others. Anyone over age 50 can take the class. Participants will learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies and the new traffic laws and rules of the road.

There is no test to pass. Upon completion of the course, a certificate will be issued. Some home insurance companies offer discounts to those that complete the course.

For more information, call Nancy at 734-71-7460.

Spaghetti Dinner

St. Mel's Men and Women's clubs will sponsor a spaghetti dinner 4-7 p.m. Sunday,

Oct. 18, at the church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$8 for adults and \$4 for children age 12 and under. Kids age 3 and under are free.

All proceeds will benefit the St. Mel's anniversary in 2016.

Business Alliance

The Garden City Business Alliance meets on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Michigan Massage Professionals, 6755 Merriman. Garden City. New members welcomed.

For more information, visit the GCBA gcbiz48135.org, email gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com or call 734-788-9319.

Craft/Vendor Show

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 396 will hold its fall craft and vendor show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights. Admission will be \$1.

There will also be a bake sale, 50/50 and raffle. Food also will be available. All proceeds will go to help veterans and their families. Rent a space for \$35.

For more information, call Debbie Fox at 734-756-6109 or Kathy Spisz at 248-477-8594.

Campaign highlights health benefits of walking, addresses barriers to access

The U.S. Surgeon General has issued a call to action to address major public health challenges, such as heart disease and diabetes.

Step It Up! The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities articulates the health benefits of walking while addressing the fact that many communities unacceptably lack safe and convenient places for individuals to walk or wheelchair roll.

"A walkable community is a crucial component of a vibrant downtown,"



Murthy

said Lindsey Wooten, executive director of the Wayne Main Street program. "Increasing the walkability of our downtown will enable people of all ages and abilities to be less dependent on cars and increase the overall well-being of members of this community."

Data consistently shows there are safety and accessibility issues

that make communities less walkable. A 2013 study by the U.S. Department of Transportation, for example, found that three out of every 10 Americans reported that no sidewalks existed along any streets in their neighborhood. In many communities, violence — and the perception of violence — may prove a barrier to walking.

"Everyone deserves to have a safe place to walk or wheelchair roll. But in too many of our communities, that is not the reality," said Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, U.S. Surgeon

General. "We know that an active lifestyle is critical to achieving good overall health. And walking is a simple, effective and affordable way to build physical activity into our lives. That is why we need to step it up as a country ensuring that everyone can choose to walk in their own communities."

The Surgeon General calls on community planners and local leaders to create more areas for walking and wheelchair rolling and to prioritize the development of safe routes for children to get

to and from schools. The call to action suggests these designs include sidewalks, curb cuts, crosswalks, safe crossings for the visually impaired and more green spaces.

The Surgeon General further calls on city managers, law enforcement and community and public health leaders to address safety concerns by better maintaining public spaces, working with residents to promote a shared sense of community ownership, ensuring proper street lighting and fostering neigh-

borhood watch programs.

The report discusses the health benefits of walking and calls on individuals to make walking a priority in their lives. Fewer than half of U.S. adults get enough physical activity to reduce their risk of chronic disease; only a quarter of high school students get the recommended amount. Physical inactivity contributes to heart and lung disease, diabetes and cancer. Building walking into daily life can reduce disease and save money.

Westland Red Lobster GM receives Lighthouse Club Award

Amy Hartzell, the general manager of the Red Lobster in Westland, has been presented with the company's top honor — The Lighthouse Club Award.

The prestigious award, which has been an integral part of the company's culture for nearly 20 years, is presented annually. It recognizes general managers for

demonstrating outstanding leadership and living Red Lobster's core values of Respect, Integrity, Genuine Caring, Hospitality, Teamwork, Excellence and Fun while also achieving top financial performance in the company's previous fiscal year.

This is the first time Hartzell has received this recognition.

"Amy is a true leader and is dedicated to working with her team to deliver exceptional dining experiences while demonstrating the art of hospitality," said Chip Wade, Executive Vice President of Operations for Red Lobster. "Delighting guests is always Amy's number one priority, which is why the Westland Red Lobster is

among the top-performing locations throughout the country."

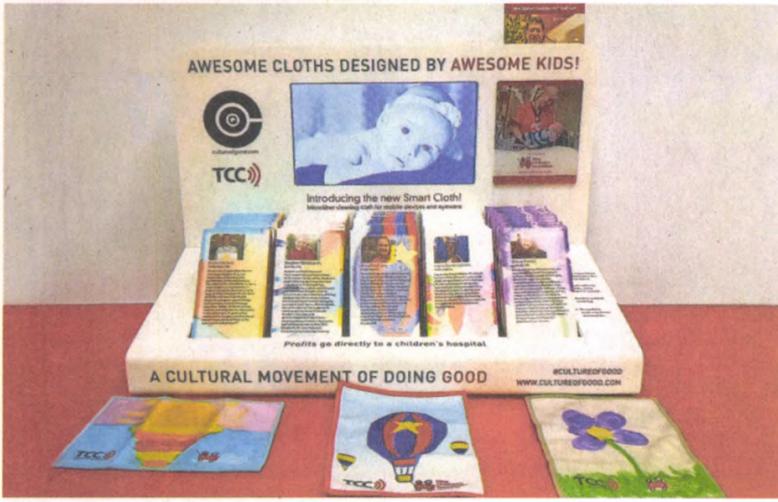
This year, Hartzell joins an elite group of 34 general managers selected from the more than 700 Red Lobster restaurants in North America, making this a truly exclusive honor. Hartzell accepted this award on behalf of the entire Westland team.

"Great teamwork is what allows our location to perform at such a high level," Hartzell said. "Red Lobster sets a high standard for quality service and I'm proud of the way that our Westland team reaches and exceeds this standard every day."

The Westland Red Lobster is located at 5774 N. Wayne Road.



Amy Hartzell
RED LOBSTER



TCC at 36610 Ford in Westland is selling screen cloths created by young patients at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health.

Screen cloth sales benefit Riley Hospital

TCC in Westland is among more than 350 stores nationwide that are now selling screen-cleaning cloths that feature artwork created by five patients of Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health.

The screen cloths can be purchased at each store for \$10 with 100 percent of the sales going back to Riley Hospital.

TCC is the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the U.S. The Westland store is at 36610 Ford Road.

"It is rare for a hospital to have an opportunity with national reach like this, and we're honored that TCC is leveraging its assets to make a difference for the children of Riley Hospital," said Jim Austin, chief marketing and corporate partnerships officer for Riley Children's Foundation.

On Aug. 25, nearly 1,000 TCC employees from across the country dressed in superhero capes and costumes to

participate in the first-ever "Rally for Riley." During a presentation outside of Riley Hospital, TCC CEO Scott Moorehead made an official check donation to hospital executives and then invited all employees and attendees to form a human chain around the hospital, symbolizing a "hug" for the 300,000 patient visits that occur at Riley each year. This was the first time an organization has linked its employees around the hospital.

"As part of our continued efforts to give back and make a difference in the lives of children across the country, there was no doubt in our minds that we wanted to get involved with Riley Hospital," Moorehead said. "Simply writing a check isn't what we're about at TCC. Instead, we developed a plan to give back to Riley Hospital in a way no one has before. It's a privilege to help brighten the days for the children of Riley Hospi-

tal, and I couldn't be more proud."

The Riley Hospital donation falls on the heels of TCC providing 100,000 backpacks full of school supplies to children across the country through its Culture of Good program, an initiative in which the company gives back to every community it does business. The Culture of Good includes three additional annual programs: providing canned goods to local food banks, giving supply packs to 3,500 teachers across the U.S., and volunteering time to improve the environment. To date, TCC has donated nearly \$3 million through its Culture of Good.

To learn more about the company, visit www.TCCRocks.com. Consumers can connect with TCC on social media at www.facebook.com/tccTalk and [@TCCTalk](https://twitter.com/TCCTalk) on Twitter. To learn more about Riley Hospital, visit www.rileykids.org.

Michigan SOS unveils text-in-line program

In theory, texting or calling to secure your place in line at a Michigan Secretary of State office to avoid a long in-person wait is brilliant. But in practice, the new "Text-In-Line" program offered at 11 Metro-Detroit locations is just as frustrating as the Michigan SOS has ever been.

After the Michigan SOS sent me my annual birthday present of owing them more than \$100 to renew my tabs (worst birthday present ever), I decided to give their new system a test-run.

About three hours before I was done with work, I texted the Southfield location to get in line. The line ended up being an hour and a half long and didn't fit into my work schedule. I left the Southfield line and texted Troy. When I texted Troy, I was told I was already in line in Southfield. That was strike one.

Thinking that I may have made an error, I texted the Southfield line again and asked for more time. I was told I



wasn't in that line. So which was it? According to Southfield I was in no lines, but according to Troy I was in too many lines. That was strike two.

I probably spent 30 minutes that day, texting, calling, Tweeting and trying to figure out this new system.

Nothing worked. Users can also call their local branch to get in line but the services are connected and I repeatedly received error messages and found no resolution by reaching out via social media.

The thought behind the program is this: You can go about your day while waiting for your turn to come. I was committed to making this a reality, but each day I encountered another problem.

Sensing a pattern of two- to three-hour wait times, I once texted at 9

a.m. to get an appointment around lunchtime. It almost worked. I was told of a two-hour wait but moments later received another text indicating I had reached the front of the line.

When users near the front of the line, they get a text from the SOS office, which, in theory, is also helpful. But seconds later, I reached the front of the line and the series of updates from the SOS office had been useless. Strike three.

A full week after trying to align my visit to the Michigan SOS through its new system, I finally made it work, but barely. My window came sooner than I had anticipated and I had to repeatedly text for additional time.

When I arrived I had a short wait and renewed my tabs seamlessly. But overall, the experience didn't necessarily save time, relieve frustration or improve my opinion of the SOS.

Jon Gunnells is a social and digital media manager for a Detroit-based marketing agency.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Medical appointment

Dr. Ashok Jain has been appointed senior vice president and chief medical officer of Beaumont Hospital-Wayne.

Dr. Jain is a practicing radiologist and began his career at Oakwood Hospital-Wayne in 1982, where he held several leadership positions. Before being elected chief of staff in 2011, he was chief of Radiology and vice chief of staff.

In his new role, Dr. Jain will work alongside the hospital's president and Beaumont Health leadership to oversee overall hospital performance and develop the vision and strategic plan for clinical activities.

His responsibilities will also include delivery of care and excellence for patients, physicians and staff; recruiting and retaining a diverse clinical staff; promoting the growth of clinical programs, and overseeing continuing medical education opportunities.

"As a physician and proponent of ensuring the highest standards for patient safety and clinical quality, I know Dr. Jain will add tremendously to the future of our hospi-

tal," said Eric Widner, division president, Beaumont Hospital-Wayne. "I look forward to working together in order to achieve the highest results for our patients and staff and to pave the way for future endeavors."

Dr. Jain has also served on various boards and committees throughout his career, including the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, the Wayne County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society, American College of Radiology and Radiological Society of North America.

Jain earned his medical degree from MS University of Baroda in Gujarat, India. He completed his residency at Harper Grace Hospital and Wayne State University School of Medicine. In 1994, he obtained a master of science degree in medical practice administration from Madonna University.

He and his family reside in Bloomfield Hills.

GMAR honors members, veterans

The Greater Metropolitan Association of REALTORS® (GMAR), Michigan's largest local board of REALTORS®, is throwing a huge party at the Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit on Nov. 6. The event is open to the public and tickets cost \$50 per person. They are on sale

at www.GMARonline.com/calendar.

"We usually have a Holiday Party each year to get all our members together for a good time before the year ends. We felt that was becoming old hat and decided to shake things up a bit by just having a huge party at a great venue to celebrate our wonderful members, as well as honor our veterans," said Katie Weaver, 2015 Chairman, GMAR Member Services Committee, the group in charge of planning and coordinating the party.

The ticket price pays for parking, appetizers, dinner, dessert, midnight Coney from Lafayette Coney, three drinks, freebie giveaways, raffle prize giveaways, red carpet souvenir photo, music and dancing.

Each year, GMAR chooses a charity to benefit from monies made at their events. This year's charity is The Vet Program (Suits for Soldiers). Learn more at www.thevetprogram.org. Several sponsors have already given to this event and more are welcome. Contact GMAR if interested at 248-478-1700 or info@gmaronline.com.

Tickets are available to the public at www.GMARonline.com/calendar (hover over and click "Register Now") or download a flier there by clicking the "More Info" link.



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The event is free, but registration is required. Space is limited. Please call 734-655-1182 or visit smarymercy.org and click on Classes & Events.

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OUR VIEWS

'Hear the Beep Where You Sleep:' Smoke alarms are early warning of fire

When it comes to a fire, smoke alarms are a critical early warning system.

A survey in *Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires*, a report released in September by the National Fire Protection Association, found that in 2009-2013, fires in homes with no smoke alarms caused an average of 940 deaths per year (38 percent of home fire deaths). An additional 510 people per year (21 percent of home fire deaths) were fatally injured in fires in which smoke alarms were present but failed to operate. Power source problems were the leading cause of smoke alarm failures.

According to the report, almost all households indicate having smoke alarms, yet smoke alarms were present in slightly less than three-quarters (73 percent) of reported home fires and operated in roughly half (53 percent). When present in reported fires large enough to activate them, they operated 87 percent of the time. Hardwired smoke alarms were more likely to operate than those powered solely by batteries.

The death rate per 100 reported fires was more than twice as high in homes with none or no working smoke alarms (1.18 deaths per 100 fires) as it was in homes with working smoke alarms (0.53 deaths per 100 fires). The lowest fire death rates were seen in homes with hardwired smoke alarms and sprinklers. Victims in homes with working smoke alarms were more likely to have been in the area of origin. They were also more likely to be 65 or older, to have a physical disability or to have tried to fight the fire themselves, according to the report.

This week is National Fire Prevention Week, established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on Oct. 8, but did most of its damage on Oct. 9.

The goal of the week is to inform and educate the public about fire prevention. This year's theme is "Hear the Beep Where you Sleep," a reminder that smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom and on every level of a home, including the basement, and routinely tested and maintained to make sure they work.

"Homes need to be equipped with multiple smoke alarms, especially in all the bedrooms, because half of home fire deaths occur at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are sleeping," State Fire Marshal Richard W. Miller said. "Many homes still have only one smoke alarm and that is simply not enough. Having working smoke alarms throughout the home can truly make a life-saving difference."



Members of Garden City Fire Department and Garden City Hospital pose with Sparky during the department's 2014 open house in observance of National Fire Prevention Week. This year's open house will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the fire station on Ford Road, north of Middlebelt.

A working smoke alarm can provide extra time for a family to escape, especially children and senior citizens who are most at risk and need extra seconds to get out safely. An average of three children per day die in home fires and 80 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

The State Fire Marshal along with the NFPA recommend that homeowners choose a smoke alarm that bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Hardwired smoke alarms are more reliable than those powered solely by batteries.

They also recommend that:

- » For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound.
- » Use both photoelectric and ionization smoke alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms, also known as dual sensor alarms. An ioniza-

tion smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires.

- » Test all smoke alarms at least once a month by using the test button.

- » Replace batteries once a year.

- » Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or sooner, if they do not respond properly when tested.

Miller also recommends that families know and practice two ways out of the house in case of fire. The best defense against fast-moving fire is having an escape plan "because a home can be totally engulfed in flames in less than three minutes," Miller said. "Conduct a fire drill at night at least twice a year to make sure all family members recognize the sound of the smoke alarm, can respond instinctively to its signal and follow an escape plan."

LETTERS

Thanks for help

I would just like to thank the Westland Police Department, EMS and Animal Control for the outstanding job of responding and reacting to a vicious dog attack incident on Sept. 19 (Vinland and Forest). My sister Sue Walker and her fur babies, Romeo and Theodore, were viciously attacked by a neighbor's dog that had gotten loose.

By the time I got there, EMS had my sister's hand wrapped and were trying to calm her down. Animal Control Officer Matt Anderson helped me to transport her two dogs to the Animal Shelter and then to Westland Veterinary Hospital. He definitely went above and beyond the call of duty.

With tensions being high and emotions overwhelmed, all personnel were very kind, caring and patient with all involved. I would also like to thank the residents of Vinland Street and Fernwood Street for their kindness and bravery to step in and help my sister and her dogs. Such a sad and scary situation for everyone. My sister is out of the hospital and her dogs are home now, all are on the road to recovery.

Mindy Candea
Dearborn

Thanks, volunteers

For the last six weeks while I have been laid up recuperating from a total knee replacement of my right knee, three people took care of the flowers that are planted next to

the Garden City Public Library at the Maplewood Center. These volunteers deadheaded the flowers, pulled up weeds and watered the flowers when the weather was dry.

Thank you for your hard work: Patricia Collins, Garden City homeowner and frequent visitor to the senior programs at the Maplewood Center; Janet Smith of the Library Board; and last but not least, my husband Paul who took care of the watering.

Nancy Bailey
GC Library Board

Who do you call?

I was watching a newscast about the search for three suspects in the murder of a police officer in Illinois. The station cut to a group of miscreants marching, beating drums and taunting police by chanting "Pigs in a blanket."

The flower-power, draft-dodging pot heads of the '60s coined the word pig to insult police. As a deputy sheriff at that time, I remember departments throughout the country embraced the word and modified it to P.I.G. — Pride, Integrity, Guts.

Ninety-nine percent of the men and women in law enforcement are decent, honorable officers. They are the ones who run toward danger. You don't call Ghost Busters and you certainly don't call those protesters since they are the ones causing the mayhem that requires a police response to begin with.

James Huddleston
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

A house divided can't stand — gun violence is killing America

We are better than this. Outside of those regions who are at war with their neighbors and themselves, America holds the dubious distinction of being No. 1 in the world in the slaughter of innocent people from handguns wielded by our fellow human beings.

Collectively, we ought to be embarrassed, ashamed and disgusted. Yet what we are is divided.

In 1858, Abraham Lincoln, the public voice for rationality, proclaimed, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." He might just as well have been prophesying our 21st century future — he was right then and is just as right today.

As a nation, we should not be continually witnessing the senseless slaughter of innocent citizens by our own people just because we are petrified to seek common sense solutions in dealing with gun violence in our country.

Rather than coming together to seek a shared vision and common agenda on our national human stain, we retreat to our respective political corners and shoot political talking points from the left and the right at each other. It is absurd. It is tragic. This must end if the violence against each other is to end.

Enough is enough

When will enough be enough of senseless gun violence?

It matters not whether it occurs every day on the streets of Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., or whether it emanates from a gunman who opens fire in a community college in Oregon, or in schools in Newtown and Charleston. These massacres have become all too common.

Our national pain will not fade until our nation's leaders take decisive action on multiple fronts to address this violent horror in our midst.

Yet, once again, politicians merely debate who is at fault. Let me make it easy for them — we all are at fault.

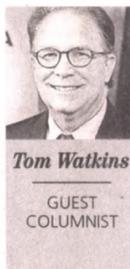
If we do not come together now as a nation to address this madness, we risk giving up the very soul from which this great nation began.

When are Americans going to recognize that senseless slaughter can be minimized and prevented if we mesh quality mental health services with sensible, enforceable, and strong gun ownership laws? When will we demand that violence not be peddled as the norm which passes for entertainment in our living rooms and movie houses?

At a minimum, our national response must address the current easy access to guns and make sure there is appropriate treatment for people with mental illness.

When will the "pols" in Congress be made to fear the wrath of the American voter's power more than the loss of support from the National Rifle Association?

Americans say they are fed up with senseless gun violence. But haven't we as a nation grown far too complacent about protecting the status quo? That very status quo is killing our citizens and rotting the moral fabric of this country from the inside out.



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

A little less talk; a lot more action

America, we have a problem. When the rate of children killed by guns in the United States is 19.5 times higher than similar high-income countries in the world, America, we have a problem.

It will take no less than an intense, well-funded campaign to get congressional votes to help mandate a stop to the gun madness in this country. Thoughtful Americans must organize and advocate for a balanced approach to gun law in America including, at a minimum:

- » Establishment of sensible gun controls allowing for sale and legitimate gun ownership for sport, self-protection or collection purposes. Ban the sale of assault weapons with ammunition clips capable of shooting dozens of high-powered bullets in seconds.

- » Address the culture of violence perpetuated by Hollywood, the video and entertainment industries. Video games, masquerading as "entertainment," are corrosive to young minds and do not support a healthy and stable society.

- » Make available, and affordable, quality mental health services for people with serious mental illness. Start the conversation about the use of these services in our communities to help each other. Stress efforts to end the stigma that often prevents persons in need from seeking treatment.

Creating sensible laws, keeping weapons off our streets and out of the hands of deranged people — this is not a violation of America's Second Amendment right. Sensible gun laws do not interfere with the rights of legitimate gun ownership. Anything less is inadequate.

The most recent Pew Research Center survey about gun rights and control, conducted this summer pointed out: "Almost eight in 10 people surveyed support laws to prevent people suffering from mental illness buying firearms, while 70 percent backed the creation of a database on gun sales and almost 60 percent wanted to see assault weapons banned."

The children at Sandy Hook Elementary School were just 6 or 7 years old when they, their families, and their community's lives were destroyed. Our leaders promised to act then, and predictably, did not. This failure continues to kill us.

Congress, Mr. President: Do something, do anything. But let's stop allowing people to die in vain. As a nation, we are literally killing ourselves.

At Sandy Hook, we had 20 little reasons to act. We added nine more reasons in South Carolina this year. Last week, we added nine more reasons at Umpqua Community College.

I believe we as a nation are capable of solving the most intractable problems if we, the American people, come together and act. As a nation, those innocents who died deserve more than mere condolences.

Gun madness is killing America. For God's sake — and ours — let's DO something.

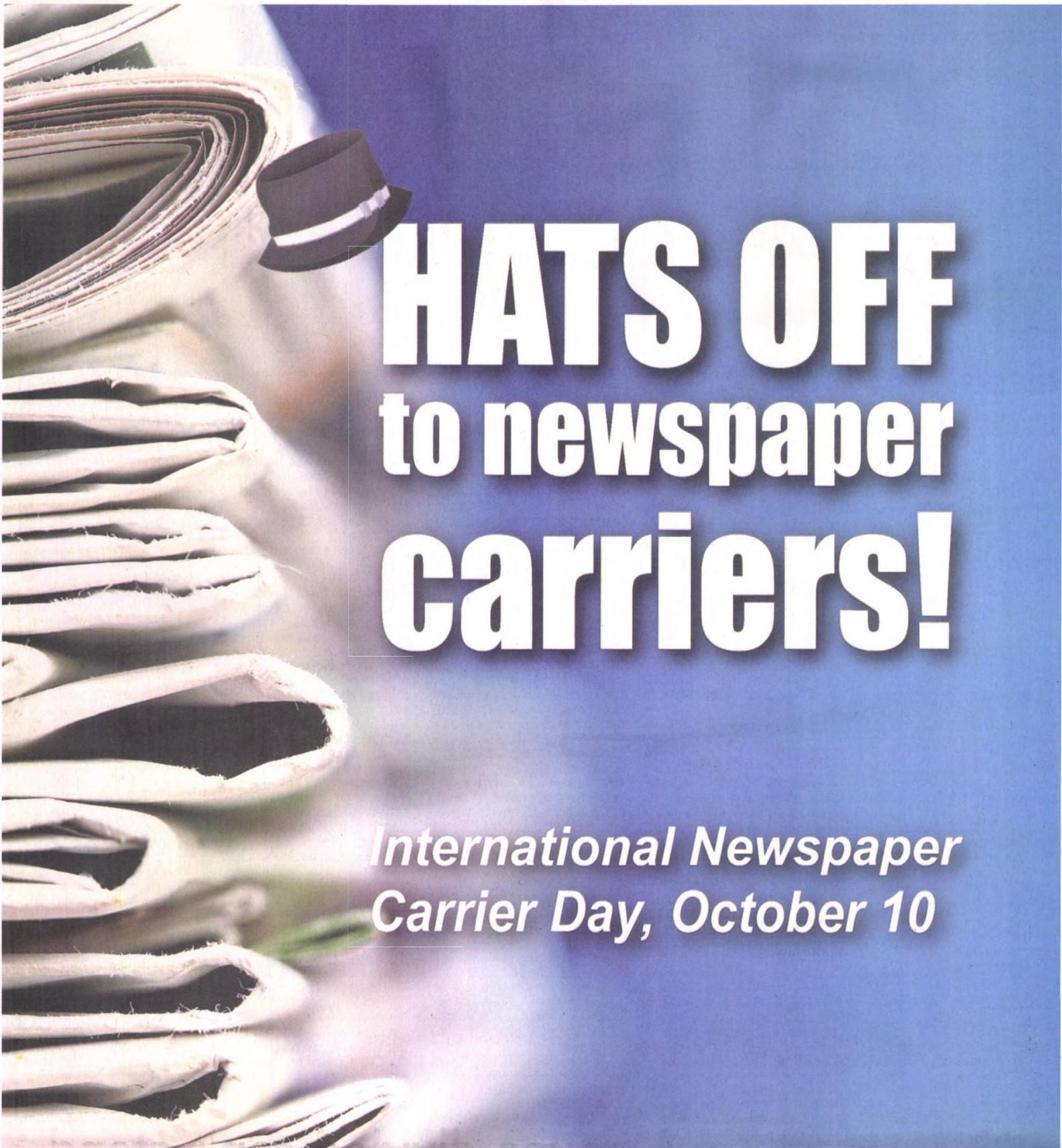
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Livonia mayors for Meakin

We take this opportunity to endorse the candidacy of Brian Meakin for Livonia Mayor. Both Brian Meakin and his opponent, Dennis Wright, have long histories of commitment to Livonia, its families and charities. When considering the leadership needs of mayor, the tremendous responsibilities the position bears, we feel that Brian Meakin's experience and leadership make him the best choice for Livonia.

As a Councilman for 10 years and a former Zoning Board of Appeals member, Brian Meakin has a clearer insight into the complicated administration of our community. Brian has shown expertise at budgetary and administration issues. His leadership on the Council with budgetary and development issues guarantees Livonia will remain a community with extremely low taxes and great services. Brian has shown that he is not afraid of challenges and taking a leadership role in securing millage funding for our Livonia Police Department. Brian has a keen financial understanding, has been actively involved in the budgetary process on the Council for the last 10 years, as well as serving as Chair of the Livonia Employee Retirement System, which handles over \$400 million in assets.

Brian has the charisma and ability to speak to the community, developers, large corporations and heads of state. He is not afraid of challenges as shown when he attended the League of Women Voters and demonstrated his qualities to the community who will elect him. We believe Brian Meakin has the vision to move Livonia forward, attract new families, businesses and keep our community a safe, great place to raise your children.

Jack Kirksey
Mayor of Livonia
Jack Engebretson
Former Mayor of Livonia

Bahr, McIntyre well-qualified

I am writing this letter in support of planning commissioners Scott Bahr and Kathleen McIntyre for Livonia City Council.

They are well qualified for the office, and I invite you to take a close look at them to see if you agree with me. I have served with them on the Livonia Planning Commission for a number of years. They are well qualified to move to the next level of city government. Their service on this commission has prepared them to make many of the decisions they will have to make on City Council. I say this because the Planning Commission is an advisory body to the City Council. The Council makes the final determination on matters before them.

I endorse Scott Bahr and Kathleen McIntyre without reservation for the office of City Council. With the turnover on the Council this year, it is even more important that the best candidates be elected.

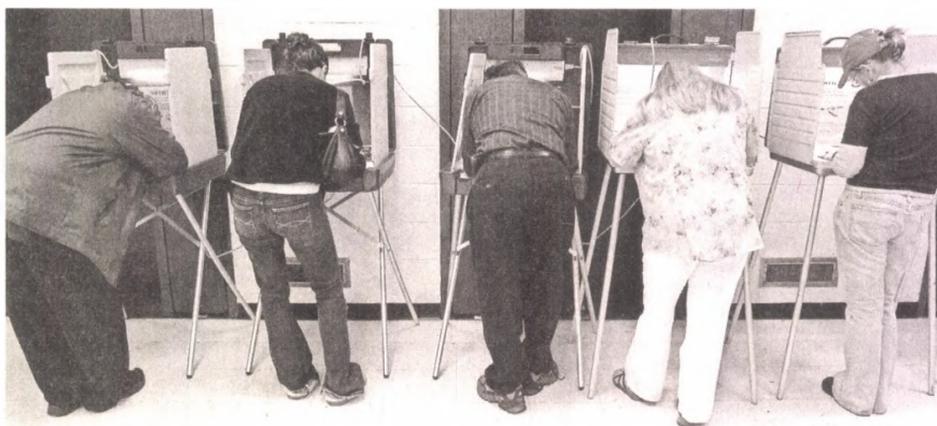
R. Lee Morrow
Chairman, Livonia Planning Commission

Vote for White

We have never felt compelled to write a letter to the editor of our local newspaper before meeting Cathy White, a candidate for Livonia City Council. We have actually known her for about 10 years and any time we wanted to know what was happening in City government, we went to her for the information we needed since she was a lawyer in the City's Law department for many years.

We are excited about the possibility of having Cathy White serve on the City Council. She has demonstrated a strong commitment to the City, not only working for the City for 29 years but also serving in a leadership role for City elections (Election Inspector Chairperson and Receiving Board Member), as an officer for the Friends of the Wilson Barn, as a member of the Livonia Cable Commission, and as a member of the Livonia Board of Review.

We urge all voters to compare the efforts she has given to Livonia groups and organizations to the community service records of other candidates. She has also been an active member of her church, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. Not content to be simply a parishioner, she has served as a Lay Reader, Usher and as a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Team, a mission outreach group serving needy communities trying



Livonia voters will head to the polls Nov. 3 in an historic local election where they will pick a new mayor, new treasurer, new clerk and at least three new city council members.

FILE PHOTO

to rebuild after natural disasters). She raised her family in our City and knows that maintaining excellent City services will attract new families and benefit those who have lived in Livonia for a long time. She was recently endorsed by the Livonia Police Officers Association. We know that she will support our first responders to make sure that we are a safe community.

We are confident that when Livonia residents become familiar with her extensive knowledge and involvement in City government, they will join us in voting for Cathy White on Nov. 3.

Norm and Sue Soucy
Livonia

Scheel has integrity

Integrity, strength, dedication, commitment, involvement, passion. These are just a few of the characteristics that come to mind when I hear the name Lynda Scheel. Characteristics necessary in the person who will fill the shoes of our outgoing treasurer. Characteristics we should expect in all of our elected officials.

I have been extremely fortunate to have served with Lynda on the School Board and observe her in both a professional and personal capacity. She is always informed, knowledgeable and prepared. She puts her heart and soul into everything she does. Lynda brings with her the type of work ethic we should all aspire to. All who come in contact with Lynda are treated with respect and compassion. While Lynda has strong ideas she also comes into each situation with an open mind. I have absolutely no doubt Lynda will make an outstanding treasurer and continue the strong tradition of integrity and professionalism we, as residents of Livonia, have come to expect.

Please join me in supporting Lynda Scheel on Nov. 3.

Mark R. Johnson
Livonia

Support Scott Bahr

I wanted to take a few minutes to write a letter of support for Scott Bahr for Livonia City Council. I have known of him for many years through his father. Phil has been a good friend via the Chamber and neighbor in Livonia since 1978. Scott is of the same age as our children.

I have known of Scott personally for the last 15 years or so through my position as Registered Principal and Registered Rep with LPL Financial. I did a seminar for his neighborhood association and discussed other financial topics with him. He has also addressed our Livonia AM Rotary club on several occasions.

I have noticed that Scott is well dressed, well spoken, and thorough in his promises and actions, just as his father has been. I think for an elected position, the fact that Scott has grown up in and still lives in Livonia, has given him a unique perspective about what Livonia's needs are in the future. He is a very level-headed fellow who can work effectively with other council members and city officials to move Livonia forward and to improve its standing within the county and the state.

He is someone I would certainly trust to always do the next right thing in city government. My wife and I will give our support to Scott in his run for city council.

Bob and Teri Carris
Livonia

Vote Scheel for treasurer

I have known Lynda Scheel for many years, dating back to her time as President of PTA Council for Livonia. When she served on the Livonia School Board, she faced a number of very difficult decisions and pressures. Her job as Board President was not easy, but she was resolute and very effective in the job.

Lynda's work on the Livonia City Council has been similarly effective, and she always is prepared, thorough, and friendly. All of these positions have bolstered her skills in leadership, which should ensure her success as Livonia's next Treasurer. Please vote for Lynda Scheel for Livonia Treasurer by absentee ballot or at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Pat Tancill
Livonia

Re-elect Brandon Kritzman

Four weeks from today all the voters in Livonia who care about the continued prosperity and future of our city will go to their polling place and vote for candidates of their choice.

My wife and I will be supporting Brandon Kritzman's re-election. He has a proven track record of success while serving on the Livonia City Council the past four years. (His record is there for anyone to review.)

Although we have never met with Brandon personally we have had contact (e-mail) with him regarding a few issues in the city. Those issues were reviewed and we were happy with the end result.

Brandon is a good man who is dedicated to his family, the city of Livonia, the city council, and serving all the citizens in Livonia.

Before you head to the polls on Nov. 3 please review his track record and cast your vote for him.

Donald and Barbara Kleinknecht
Livonia

Kritzman for City Council

I have known Brandon Kritzman for several years and on many occasions shared our thoughts and ideas about our city, where we are today and where as a city we are heading. Brandon's views and ideas can be found elsewhere — on the web or in other media.

Let me share my thoughts about Brandon the man and our candidate for city council.

Above all else, Brandon wants to be a family man, a husband to Rebecca and the father of five beautiful daughters. Talk to him and he tells you how he puts his whole family in his car for a night out at the Dairy Barn on Five Mile Road or perhaps the Looney Baker. Little things mean a lot.

He is active in things he thinks are important like coaching soccer or advising the Livonia Family YMCA. You might find him at Livonia Chamber of Commerce meetings or perhaps in years past before the family grew at the Livonia Jaycees. Little things mean a lot.

He's a registered architect. Architects are big dreamers and gifted with an inner drive to accomplish big things, characteristics which translate nicely if you want to be a community leader. Little things mean a lot.

He has also owned his own business and was the designer of the Nehasil Memorial Park. He was elected to City Council on his first try. Now he is running again and I am asking you to vote for Brandon Kritzman on Nov. 3.

Kritzman, family man, proud father, business professional and civic leader. After second thought, not so little things and they mean a lot.

Conrad Schwartz
Former Livonia City Councilman

Vote for McIntyre

Livonia citizens are fortunate to have many qualified City Council candidates running in the Tuesday, Nov. 3, election.

I strongly support Kathleen McIntyre for Livonia City Council. Kathleen is an accomplished, experienced leader who is extremely well prepared to serve on the City Council. I have known Kathleen for a decade, first work-

ing with her when she was representing Ford Motor in Livonia and its 10 other Michigan plant communities. Livonia's elected officials and city staff appreciated Kathleen's responsiveness, knowledge and integrity.

Kathleen's transition from representing Ford to the City to serving the City (in 2011 she moved from Ford Governmental Affairs to the Ford Fund) has been very successful. Formerly as a member of the Livonia Zoning Board of Appeals, and now as a member of the both the Planning Commission and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, she is well-prepared, thoughtful in her decisions and reaches out to citizens to ensure that their voices are heard.

Kathleen and I have served together on the board of the Livonia Community Foundation and she is always among one of the first board members to step up and do whatever needs to be done — she has been a key contributor to the Foundation's success. I also know that she works equally as hard on the board of The Senior Alliance (Area Aging on Agency 1C), and is well-liked and respected by Livonia's senior citizen community.

Kathleen is an outstanding member of our community who has made many contributions. She will be an outstanding City Council member who will work tirelessly and effectively for Livonia's bright future.

Terry Marecki
Wayne County Commissioner
9th District

Meakin lost my vote

I really have to rebut Brian Meakin's guest column in Thursday's *Livonia Observer*. Mr. Meakin did not represent the people of the City of Livonia. I have never seen folks so mad in Livonia over politics regarding what happened to our garbage contract. Those four folks on the City Council did not take our needs or wants into consideration. Hundreds of people showed up at City Council to voice their support of Waste Management. We have had a "Cadillac" garbage service for the past 20 years and they took it away from us to save \$5 per house per year. And then they overrode the most popular mayor in the history of Livonia's veto — what arrogance!

We continually hear from our friends in Canton and Plymouth Township of the terrible service they get from Rizzo. All you have to do is drive down the streets just west of me in Plymouth Township on Fridays to see what a mess Rizzo leaves the streets. I know that every time I will see one of those hideous red trucks down my street next year and notice the things they do not pick up, I and many other Livonia residents will remember Laura Toy, John Pastor, Susan Nash and especially Brian Meakin.

Mr. Meakin does not understand the meaning of the term "representative." Many politicians don't understand that they work for us. Many do. Mayor Kirksey understood it — the title to his farewell article in the City of Livonia Newsletter was: "It's been an Honor and a Privilege to Serve You." You don't. Your "Meakin for Mayor" sign was in front of my house. It isn't any longer. You lost my vote.

Richard Williamson
Livonia

Bahr for City Council

We write to encourage everyone to go to the polls on Nov. 3 and vote for Scott Bahr for Livonia City Council.

We moved to Livonia over 11 years ago, and we love it! It is a great place to live, shop, work and raise a family. It is a city that works, and one of the things that has made Livonia such a place is the quality of our city leadership and city

staff.

By electing Scott Bahr to council, we will help ensure that legacy of leadership continues. Scott Bahr will bring to the table integrity, experience, creativity and a love for Livonia and its citizens. We believe he will help Livonia remain a city that works, for all of us.

Tim and Cindy Terhune
Livonia

Wright a man of character

Since the day he announced his candidacy for mayor, Dennis Wright has had my vote. My husband Joe and I have been blessed to know Dennis for over 10 years. Back in early 2007, I was in the hospital with some minor complications during my second pregnancy. Joe was there with me, and my mother was at our house with our 2-year-old daughter. While at the hospital, we received a frantic call from my mom that our hot-water heater had broken and was flooding our basement. Not wanting to leave me at the hospital alone, my husband thought to call Dennis at his hardware store to see if he could offer any help or guidance on how to deal with the situation.

Upon hearing of our dilemma, Dennis said, "Don't worry about a thing, I'll take care of it." He then went over to our house to help my mom get the flooding under control. He found us a new hot water heater as well as someone to come and install it. It may not have been a big deal to Dennis to do what he did, but it meant the world to Joe and I at that moment. And it is actions like Dennis' that I feel truly define a person.

Dennis has shown that he is a man of truest character. One of hard work, compassion, honesty, and integrity. And that is someone that I want as the Mayor of Livonia.

Paula Steele
Livonia

Wright man for the job

Being born and raised in the city of Livonia, over the years I have met/dealt with many different types of people. There are people that tend to sit on the sidelines and watch things happen and there are people who actually make things happen. I am compelled to express publicly how I feel about one individual who clearly does/has done an exceptional job of making things happen. His name is Dennis Wright and he is running for Mayor of Livonia. I met Dennis when he owned Wrights Hardware in Livonia and he always offered the best customer service I have ever experienced from any retailer to date! Companies should take note! Currently Dennis is doing great work as our City's Treasurer.

Dennis Wright is a solid "Team Player," a hands-on kind of guy that fully understands exactly what it takes to get things done! Being the successful business man that he became, I am positive that he will bring to us very clear direction and concise vision for/about the future of our city. Dennis is also a great communicator. I know that Dennis will use all of these fine skill sets he has from his vast business and life experiences to effectively govern our city and bring good people together to assure each and every one of us ... Livonia's oldest and newest residents continued success.

I am publicly pledging my vote for the office of Mayor of the City of Livonia today to Dennis Wright.

Deborah LaRocque
Livonia

Make it Wright

I have known Dennis Wright on a personal level for many years, first as the owner of Wright's Hardware and then as our city treasurer. I can vouch for the fact that Dennis is a man of integrity who loves Livonia and truly cares for the people he comes in contact with on a daily basis. Dennis also has a deep respect for our city's history and an appreciation for the men and women who have served our city — now and in the past.

He is a collaborator who is not afraid to bring people of diverse backgrounds together to listen to their concerns and address the issues important to them. He is indeed a man who will bring people from all walks of life together to work for the best interests of Livonia. That is why I encourage you to support and vote for Dennis Wright for mayor of Livonia.

Leo D. Neville
Livonia

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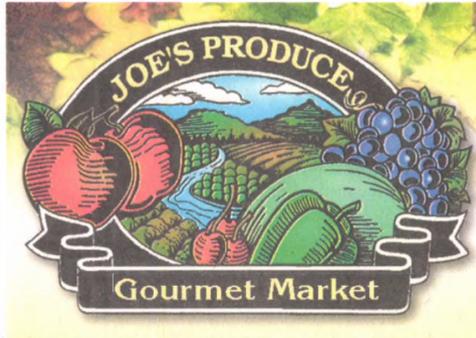
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Stakes are high for Livonia rivalry clash

Churchill, Franklin carry momentum into pivotal encounter

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Given their history, proximity and tradition, the Churchill and Franklin football teams could both be 0-6 and the air would still be thick with intensity once Friday's game kicks off at 7 p.m. at Franklin.

Since both teams are in the midst of promising seasons – the Chargers are 4-2 and 3-1 in the KLAAs South Division and just one game out of first place, while the Patriots are 3-3 overall and 2-2, respectively – and battling fiercely for the six wins that will earn them post-season berths, the atmosphere will

be nothing short of electric for this week's rivalry showdown.

Both rivals enter Friday's game with tons of momentum following convincing homecoming-night victories. Churchill upended previously-unbeaten Canton, 33-14, while the Patriots buried Wayne Memorial, 30-6.

"It's been a couple years since we've beaten Churchill, so the boys are very focused and working extremely hard," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert. "I love the way this team competes. The kids are giving it everything they have on every play, which is something



ED WRIGHT

See RIVALRY, Page B3 Franklin junior Chris Nehasil follows Rob Erwin through a hole earlier this season.

PREP PROFILES



ED WRIGHT

Westland John Glenn junior swimmers Kera Sells (left) and Sidney Aloisi have excelled in the pool for the Rockets this season.

WATER ROCKETS

Junior dynamic duo of Sells and Aloisi give John Glenn swimming team solid one-two punch

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

You can usually tell how driven, dedicated and successful a high school swimmer is by what time he or she sets their alarm clock ... *in the summer.*

That annoying buzzing sound ends Westland John Glenn junior standouts Sidney Aloisi and Kera Sells' pleasant dreams at 5 a.m. sharp most mornings – and they're not getting up to let the dog out.

The dynamic duo are so committed to meeting their potential in the pool that they often hit the water way before most people hit the snooze button a few times.

"I'm usually in the water by 5:15 in the morning and looking at that black line (at the bottom of the pool) for two straight hours," Aloisi said, smiling. "It's demanding, but it's worth it. When I touch the wall after I win a race, it makes all the effort and time I put into this worthwhile."

"I'm always a little tired," Sells agreed, "but we wouldn't do it if we didn't like it. After our afternoon practices, I usually go home and take a nap, then get up and do homework. There's not a lot of time to rest."

And the diligent work-out schedule for the rapid Rockets doesn't just take a toll on their muscles and joints.

"It's mentally demanding, too," Sells said. "During practices, it's 95 percent physical and five percent mental, but during meets or competitions, it's more like 95 percent mental and five percent physical."

Aloisi's name is already on the Rockets' impressive school-record board thanks to the time of 25.20 seconds she posted in the 50-yard freestyle during a meet last season. The effort was not only a school mark, but also the lowest 50 free time registered for a female swimmer in the KLAAs South Division.

Although Sells has yet to put her name on the board, she's getting closer – and if and when she sets the mark in the 100-yard butterfly (her best event), she'll be displacing someone she knows

well – her sister, Ashley, who graduated from John Glenn in 2009.

"They're both tremendous kids and hard workers," said Jim Sells, who is John Glenn's head coach and the father of Ashley and Kera. "They both come to practice with a very positive mind-set. They know what they want and they're goal-driven."

"It's been a little tough for Kera because I swam, her mom (Jill) swam and her sister swam, so there's some pressure on her to keep the family tradition going. But she's working hard to meet her goals, which include making a state cut and swimming in college someday."

Both Sells and Aloisi started swimming competitively when they were just 5.

"I swam until I was about seven, then I took a few years off to try some other sports and see if I liked anything else better. I love being in the water, so I missed and ended up returning to swimming in seventh grade."

"One of my first meets back, I won the 50 free and it made me feel so alive. I've loved it ever since."

Sells' aquatic career also started in kindergarten and has gone pretty much non-stop since.

By the time she was 9, Sells was winning state-level events in the butterfly.

"I picked it up pretty fast when I was young," Sells remembered. "I progressed pretty quickly, got good and then I stayed around the same speed for a while before getting a little faster each year."

Despite setting a school record in the 50 free last season, Aloisi missed qualifying for the Division 1 state meet by just one-hundredth of a second. The near-miss is one thing that has driven her this season.

"My goal this season is 25.09, which is the Division 1 state cut," she said. "I'm confident I can make it."

Both Sells and Aloisi are outstanding students with grade-point averages right around the 4.0 mark.

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FANTASTIC FUNDRAISER

Great cause inspires Heroes runners

Proceeds help First Responders Memorial

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The weather was crisp, the atmosphere was upbeat and the cause was incredibly important for Saturday's Heroes on Hines 5K and Half Marathon races that guided runners through picturesque Hines Park.

Close to 700 participants competed in the event, which raises money to help fund maintenance and upkeep of the First Responders Memorial, which is located at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

Participants were presented with finishers' medals for the first time this fall, but for an overwhelming majority of the runners, receiving the awards was secondary to helping bolster the appearance of the impressive memorial.

What helps make the event unique are the law enforcement-related divisions that are offered. A first-responders division gives area police and fire departments a chance to build camaraderie and create friendly competition, while the Community Spirit Award is presented annually to the department that has the most finishers in both races combined.

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department earned first place on Saturday with 26 finishers in either the 5K or half marathon. The Livonia Fire Department finished second with 15 participants, one more than the third-place Sumpter Police Department.

The Livonia Fire Department earned the team award, which is based on adding its members four fastest chip times. All members of the teams were required to be first-responders.

The Wayne County Cup – which is presented to the highest-finishing team in the half marathon – went to the Selfridge Air National Guard Base Fire Department.

Livonia resident Donald Alexan-

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DAVID RIES

Courtney Handren (2095) gets off to a swift start during Saturday's Heroes on Hines 5K race.

OUTDOORS

Logjam Classic canoe race showcases Rouge River

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

One of the big highlights of the Rouge-A-Palooza festival this Saturday (Oct. 10) in Wayne is the annual Logjam Classic canoe race.

The three-mile canoe sprint that ends at Goudy Park in downtown Wayne cuts through the heart of the Lower Rouge Parkway – undeveloped Wayne County parkland that is starting to show off its beautiful fall colors.

Rich Lauth and Mike Garon, last year's winners, finished in an impressive 27 minutes, 55 seconds, shaving nearly

10 minutes off the winning time from 2013. They beat 2013 champs Steve Landfair and Westland's Michael Parsons, who finished in second place, by about five minutes.

According to organizer Kurt Kuban, a dozen teams competed in the race last year.

"I'm hoping we can get a few more teams involved this year," said Kuban, who has been helping clean up the Rouge River for more than a decade. "It's a pretty challenging course, with lots of twists and turns, and a few duck-underers – as we like to call them.

"I know there are a lot of canoeing enthusiasts living in the area. If they're looking for a challenge, this is it. I've canoeed the route many times, and I can say the Rouge River is full of surprises."

Winners will take home a cash prize, as well as trophies made of wood cut from an actual Rouge River logjam. In addition, the winning team will have their names engraved on the Logjam Classic "log."

Despite the name of the race, however, there are currently no logjams that will cause contestants to get out of their canoes or portage around

obstacles, Kuban said. "We've had volunteer crews out there opening up all of the obstacles," he said.

Rouge-A-Palooza, which focuses on the ecology and recreational aspects of the Rouge River, features live music, food trucks, kids activities and paddling on the Rouge.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the start line at 3600 Commerce Court in Wayne. The race begins at 10 a.m. The cost to enter is \$30 per team. Each contestant will get a Rouge-A-Palooza T-shirt as part of the registration cost. Some of the proceeds will help restora-



2014 Logjam Classic winners Rich Lauth and Mike Garon (36) pass another team near the finish line in Wayne's Goudy Park.

tion efforts on the Rouge River.

If you don't have a canoe, but would still like to participate, Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental will be renting canoes during the Rouge-A-Palooza festival which takes place from noon to 10 p.m. at Goudy Park. Contact Heavner Canoe & Kayak

Rental at 248-685-2379 to reserve a canoe.

Will you be this year's champ?

To register your team, or for more information visit <https://rougeapalooza.wordpress.com/logjam-classic> or call Kurt Kuban at 734-716-0783.

Kowalske on MHSAA SAC



MHSAA

Livonia Stevenson senior Benjamin Kowalske (bottom row on right) is set to begin his second year of serving on the MHSAA Student Advisory Council.

PREP PROFILE

IN THE SWING OF THINGS

Payne puts hurt on the ball – both on the course and on the court

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Whether it's rocketing a tennis serve at close to 90 miles per hour or splitting a fairway with a 250-yard drive, Livonia Franklin two-sport star Kendall Payne knows how to set the tone in her two favorite sports.

A tennis player since the age of 5 and a golfer for the past six-plus years, the 16-year-old senior knows a thing or two about swing mechanics.

An instant-impact athlete at Franklin, Payne has been the girls golf team's No. 1 player since her freshman year and the Patriots' tennis team's No. 1 or 2 singles player each of her three springs on the court.

Her dual hobbies – both of which require precision and consistency – play off one another well, she said.

"Actually, the swings are pretty similar in golf and tennis," Payne said. "Playing tennis as long as I have, I've built up a lot of arm strength and conditioning that help me hit the golf ball as far as I do."

Payne's athletic endeavors have been set in motion by her dad, Randy, who is a tennis instructor at the Southfield-based

Franklin Athletic Club.

"My dad started getting me into golf when I was 10," Payne said. "Actually, my coach now at Franklin (Jason Rammler) was the one who gave me my first lessons."

"I had a natural swing right away, but I didn't start picking up on the little things you need to do to be a good player until my freshman year at Franklin."

Competing in sports as much as she does – especially ones as demanding as golf and tennis – has taught Payne to control her emotions when things get a little rocky.

"I do get frustrated sometimes when I hit a bad shot," she said, smiling. "When I do, I take a deep breath and move onto the next shot. I've learned that if you don't move on, your next shot isn't going to be any better than your last one."

Payne's tennis skills are so sharp that she gives lessons to young players at the FAC.

"It's fun and they're pretty receptive to what I tell them," she said. "I'm not good enough yet to give golf lessons. I'm still working on getting my own swing to where I want it."

"Most of the time I'm able to out-drive the other players in my foursome,

and I usually hit the ball pretty straight, but I'm still working on my short game."

Payne realized her vast golf potential during several tournaments this past summer. Her pinnacle came during the Motor City Invitational hosted by Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course, where she carded a sizzling 18-hole round of 81 and walked away with the first-place trophy in her age division.

"Everything was working for me that day," she reflected. "I was getting the ball on the greens and making my putts. At one point I had seven pars in a row."

The high school format is appealing to Payne because of its more-casual style of play.

"It's competitive, but at the same time it's nice and fun compared to tournament golf in the summer," she said. "I like being able to talk to my teammates and being able to help each other."

A stellar student with a 3.5 grade-point average, Payne admits she would love to play collegiate golf.

"If I can get an offer from a school that offers the field I want to get into, that would be fantastic," she said. "But if I end up going somewhere just for academics, I'd like it to be Michigan State."

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ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin senior Kendall Payne takes a post-practice swing Tuesday afternoon.



ED WRIGHT

Kendall Payne hits a forehand shot during a match last spring.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Garden City searching for baseball coach

The Garden City High School athletic department is searching for a new varsity baseball coach to replace Steve Herman, who stepped down after being named an assistant principal at the school.

Interested candidates should send their resume to Garden City athletic director Rob Phillips at phillir@gardencityschools.com.

Madonna alumni basketball game

Madonna University head women's basketball coach Carl Graves announced Oct. 5 that the annual alumni game will take place on Saturday, Oct. 24 with a 1 p.m. tipoff at the Activities Center.

All former Madonna women's basketball players are encouraged to at-

tend. Alums are asked to RSVP to Graves at cgraves@madonna.edu.

MU's Gibson excels on trails

Competing on one of the biggest stages in program history, the Madonna University men's cross country team finished 28th at the Greater Louisville Invite at E.O. Tom Sawyer Park on Saturday, Oct. 3.

For the third straight race to open his career Gibson led MU with a time of 26:55. Fellow rookie Matt Cohan was next across the line for the Crusaders with a time of 28:24 and a spot in 125th in the 306 runner field. Bryan Giczewski ran a time of 29:56 over the 8K course with Seth Globke crossing the line in 30:05. Ryan Carrigan rounded out the limited Madonna contingent with a time of 31:43.

The Crusaders are now idle until Oct. 9 when they travel to the state's capital for the Greater Lansing Invite.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Cougars remain in hunt for WWAC title

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A perfectly-placed shot capped off a magnificent performance by Garden City's surging boys soccer team Monday night against visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Knowing that another loss in the hotly-contested Western Wayne Athletic Conference would likely cost them a shot at the title, the Cougars were clutch throughout Monday's 1-0 victory, which was ultimately decided by senior AJ Staley's laser shot into the goal's upper-90 from roughly 23 yards out with five minutes to play.

The Cougars carried the ball up the left side of the pitch before Staley settled it just outside the 18-yard box before steering it toward the middle and ripping a high, hard fast ball past the T-Birds' keeper.

"It was a really nice play by AJ, and the shot was perfect - their keeper didn't have a shot at stopping it," said GC head coach Jeff Szygula, whose team improved to 8-6 overall and 6-1 in the WWAC.

"We celebrated for a few seconds, but then we re-focused because we knew they'd be turning up the pressure with five minutes left."

The result left the Cougars deadlocked atop the WWAC standings with one-loss Dearborn. The Cougars still have a daunting schedule remaining, including Wednesday's game at Dearborn Heights Crestwood and a Monday game against Dearborn Fordson, which has a loss and a tie in the conference standings.

Goal-keeper Ian Tesarz kept the net clean



Garden City senior AJ Staley scored the only goal in Monday's 1-0 victory over Dearborn Edsel Ford.

for the winners by making seven saves, Szygula estimated - but he had a lot of help from his friends, particularly center-back Vinnie Barkerian.

"Ian made a couple nice saves, but we did a good job overall of locking down the box and making them shoot from outside the box. A lot of their shots went high or wide."

Stevenson rocks Lions

Livonia Stevenson senior forward Ryan

Theisen notched a hat trick to lead the Spartans to a 7-0 triumph over South Lyon Tuesday night.

The win improved Stevenson's record to 8-4-2 overall and 4-3-1 in the KLAAC Central Division heading into Thursday's division finale at Salem.

The Lions tumbled to 2-10 and 1-8, respectively.

"Good result for us tonight," noted Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "Salem on Thursday will be another great test for us."

Theisen scored all three of his goals in the opening 19 minutes as the Spartans rolled to a 4-0 halftime lead. Ian Henzi, Val Qejvani and Tyler Gregory assisted on Theisen's goals.

Henzi scored his first of two goals in the 16th minute off a pass from Qejvani.

Stevenson's second-half goals came from Gregory, who was assisted by Qejvani; Henzi (from Qejvani) and Justin Schultz, who got a helper from Sandro Lytwyn. Spartan goal-keepers

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we haven't had the past couple years."

A victory over Franklin combined with a Canton triumph over Plymouth would put the Chargers in the hunt for a division title.

"We have quite a few goals that should motivate us," said Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo. "Obviously, we're always fired up when we play Franklin, but we can also earn a share of the division title if we win and Canton beats Plymouth, and we still need two wins to qualify for the playoffs."

Both head coaches admitted they have their work cut out for them Friday night.

"Churchill has a very athletic team," said Kelbert. "Their linemen are athletic, their skill-position players are athletic. Our biggest challenge will be to contain them."

"They're a much-improved team," DeFillippo said of the Patriots. "They're a lot like us in that they're a blue-collar, hard-nosed team that likes to play physical."

Both teams are strong at the all-important quarterback position. Franklin senior Denzel Adams and Churchill junior Evan Cummins can beat opposing defenses with their arm or their feet.

"Their quarterback might be the best athlete in our division," DeFillippo said of Adams. "He scares you because you can do everything right defensively, but with his escapability, he can still make a big play out of nothing."

"Evan has gotten better each week for us. He has all the tools you want in a quarterback. He had quite a few turnovers early in the season, some of them due to his lack of varsity experience. But his decision-making has been excellent the past couple of games and we haven't been turning the ball over, which is huge."

"Denzel's biggest improvement has been with his passing, which means defense have to play us honestly," Kelbert said. "If they stack the box to stop the run, he can beat you throwing the ball."

"Churchill's quarterback is the one who makes their offense go. Like Denzel, he's a good runner, but he'll make you pay with his arm if you pay too much attention to stopping the run."

The Chargers have owned the series in recent years, having won four straight games against the Patriots dating back to a 12-7 win in 2011.

Prior to that stretch, Franklin had won six straight games from 2005-10 against their rivals.

Heading into Friday's match-up, Churchill has outscored its six foes, 184-106, while the Patriots have tallied 223 points and given up 165.

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der won the 5K male division with a time of 17 minutes, 36.3 seconds. Canton's Lark Haunert was the female 5K champion, covering the course in 2:35.8.

The male half-marathon winner was Hunor Tamas Csutak of Plymouth, who registered a sterling time of 1:13.25.3. Ypsilanti's Erin Larusso won the female half marathon in 1:32.01.4.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

All-around effort lifts Chargers over Wildcats

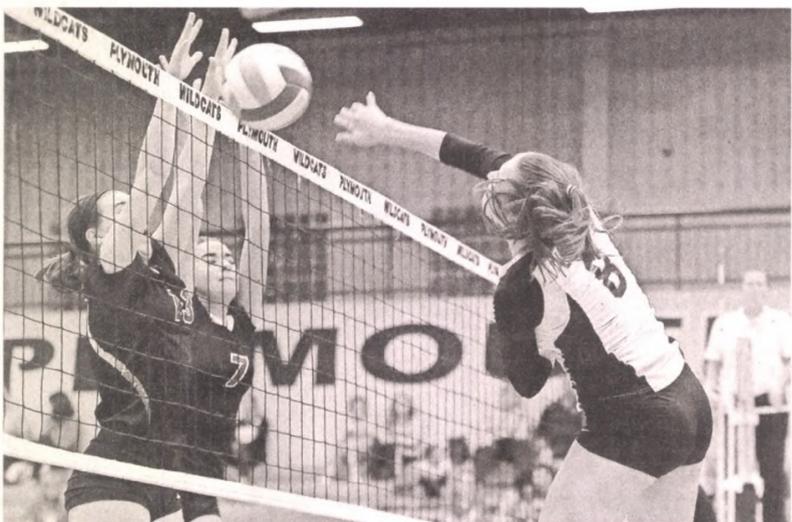
Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill senior volleyball stand-out Rayna Yetts was swinging like Miguel Cabrera Tuesday night against Plymouth, finding gaps in the Wildcats' defense with regularity while bashing more than a few ground-shaking kills.

But it was the across-the-board consistency the Chargers displayed that impressed head coach Mark Grenier more than anything else in his team's 25-17, 25-21, 25-22 victory over Plymouth.

Churchill improved to 26-16 overall and 7-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division while the Wildcats slipped to 4-4.

"We're starting to jell and play well together," said Grenier, whose team will face-off against unbeaten South Division



Churchill's Laura Hall (left) and Annabelle Dunn team up for a block on Plymouth's Jordan Schamp.

front-runner Canton on Thursday at home. "We have a lot of kids contributing in a lot of different ways.

"Rayna is playing outstanding all the way around, our libero (Alysa Facione) is passing well and playing great defense, and then there are girls like Megan Gendjar, who is a right-side hitter and plays DS and brings a lot of intangibles to the court. A lot of what Megan brings doesn't always show up on the stat sheet. She had 17 digs, but she does a lot more than that."

While Grenier was in a complimentary mood, Plymouth coach Dave Nichols was understandably frustrated by the performance of the Wildcats, who were snake-bit all night by errors - both forced and otherwise.

"I'm highly disappointed in how we played

tonight," Nichols said. "I don't want to take anything away from Churchill - they played extremely well - but we were unfocused and unprepared to play."

"We had been playing better the past couple of weeks, but we took a step back tonight."

Yetts paced the winners with 15 kills. Sam Zonca was also a force at the net with 11 put-downs.

Facione was nearly flawless in the serve-receive department, handling serves at a 94-percent clip. She also added 11 digs.

After falling into a one-set hole, the Wildcats bounced back and led briefly, 13-12, in the second stanza after Jordan

Schamp threw down a floor-denting kill. However, Churchill rode a productive service run by Annabelle Dunn to seize a 17-13 lead, which they would never relinquish.

The third set pretty much mirrored the first two. After trailing by as much as 19-11, the Wildcats showed some spunk to rally to take a 22-21 lead thanks to long service run by Daniella Barile and spectacular front-row play from Schamp, Alexa Ebeling and Kaitlyn Rocker.

However, an off-target serve by the Wildcats - one of few errors from the service line by either team throughout the match - knotted the set at 22-all before Churchill earned the final three points on two consecutive Plymouth errors (both unforced) and a match-securing kill by Gendjar.

Northville Invitational

Churchill placed third overall in Saturday's highly-competitive Northville Invitational.

The Chargers split with the Mustangs in pool play before falling in a tight match to the hosts in bracket play.

"It was a good day for us," said Grenier. "We beat a good West Bloomfield team. We're a young team, but we're starting to string some good matches together."

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Redford Union Schools Custodial Services Contract Maintenance/Grounds Services Contract Request for Proposal

Redford Union Schools is accepting bid proposals for Custodial, Maintenance/Grounds Services Operations. Proposals must be delivered to Redford Union Schools, Board of Education Administrative Offices, Attention: Greg R. McIntyre at 17715 Brady, Redford, MI 48240 by 2:00 p.m. on Friday October 23, 2015 EST at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. **Bids must be sealed and clearly labeled "RFP CUSTODIAL, MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS SERVICES CONTRACT"**. No telephone, e-mail, facsimile, or verbal quotations will be accepted. Redford Union Schools is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, illegible or postage-due mail. The Owner reserves the right to waive bid irregularities and to reject any or all bids. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, October 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at 17715 Brady, Redford, MI 48240. The meeting will include a guided tour of the facilities. RFP specifications may be obtained by contacting Terry Arriola at arriola@redfordu.k12.mi.us

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **October 21st, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Snow Removal Services

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
Controller

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the November 3, 2015 General Election on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Patriot front-runners shine at 'Legends' invite

Douglas, Floyd both turn in amazing performances

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's elite long-distance runners brought their "A" game to Saturday's Coaching Legends Invitational hosted by Huron Meadows Metropark.

In the girls division, Patriot senior standout Natalie Douglas continued to excel, turning in a personal-best time of 18 minutes, 39.8 seconds, which was good enough for 11th place in the talent-saturated event.

Douglas became just the second Franklin girls runner to eclipse the 19-minute mark.

In the boys race, Patriot senior Tony Floyd broke his existing school record of 15:51.0 with a blazing time of 15:41.2.

"Natalie ran a very good race," said Franklin girls cross country head coach Dave Bjorklund. "She knew there would be several girls to push her and she responded with another PR."

Franklin boys coach Pat Koelzer was equally praising of Floyd's fabulous outing.

"Tony ran an outstanding race," raved Koelzer. "He was pushed the entire time by a group of five guys who really ran hard, which is one of the reasons we attend this meet. He was in a battle for the top three right until the end. He has aspirations of finishing well at the MHSAA State Finals and this should prepare him very well for that."

Team-wise, the Patriot girls placed 11th with 290 points. Birmingham Seaholm finished first with 57 points, followed by Northville (73) and Brighton (92).

Traverse City Central's Sielle Kearney won

the race with a time of 17:25.4.

In addition to Douglas, Franklin's finishers included freshman Erin Seibert (47th in 20:01.8), Camryn Zurawski (74th in 20:34.5), Julie Wonch (102nd in 21:41.3) and Ally Stabler (106th in 21:54.8), Emma Devine (112th in 22:17.7) and Kaylee English, who was 114th in 22:24.4.

"Seibert and Zurawski continue to do a great job as our second and third runners," Bjorklund stated. "If we can close the gap to our fourth and fifth runners, we should be very competitive by the end of the year. As a team I thought we scored well, considering the field was loaded with many of the top 10 teams in the state."

Seaholm captured the boys' title as well, racking up just 72 points - 135 fewer than the ninth-place Patriots.

Rounding out the top three were Monroe (107) and Pinckney (112). Churchill was 10th with 233.

Joining Floyd on the trails were teammates Grant Rudd (16:48.6), Matt Lepper (59th in 17:57.0), Logan Evanchuk (61st in 18:00.8), Mike Mackiewicz (68th in 18:07.7), Greg Thaxton (91st in 18:31.7), Jackson Nordbeck (103rd in 19:05.9) and Russell Russell (105th in 19:07.9).

Canton boys nip Patriots

Floyd won the race, but the host Chiefs won the battle, so to speak, 23-36, in a KLAA South Division dual meet held at Cass Benton Park.

The victory gave the 4-0 Chiefs a share of first place with Churchill in the division while Franklin slipped to 2-2.

Floyd's winning time was 16:33 - 28 seconds faster than runner-up Zac Clark of Canton. Shane Andrews (17:07) and Nick Socha (17:32) went 3-4 for Canton before Rudd cross

the line in fifth at 17:46. Evanchuk (11th in 18:39) and Trevor Doyle (12th in 18:43) also figured in the scoring for Franklin.

"Coming off of a close dual meet loss to Churchill last Tuesday, and a very competitive meet Saturday at the Coaching Legends Invite, we seemed a little bit sluggish today," observed Koelzer. "This is not really surprising as our team is very young. Ultimately, Canton has too much depth for us to handle at this point, though Floyd, Rudd, and Lepper did their best to make the meet close."

Charger boys sprint past Zebras

Churchill successfully set up next Tuesday's first-place dual against the likewise unbeaten Chiefs by taking care of Wayne Memorial, 15-50, Tuesday afternoon.

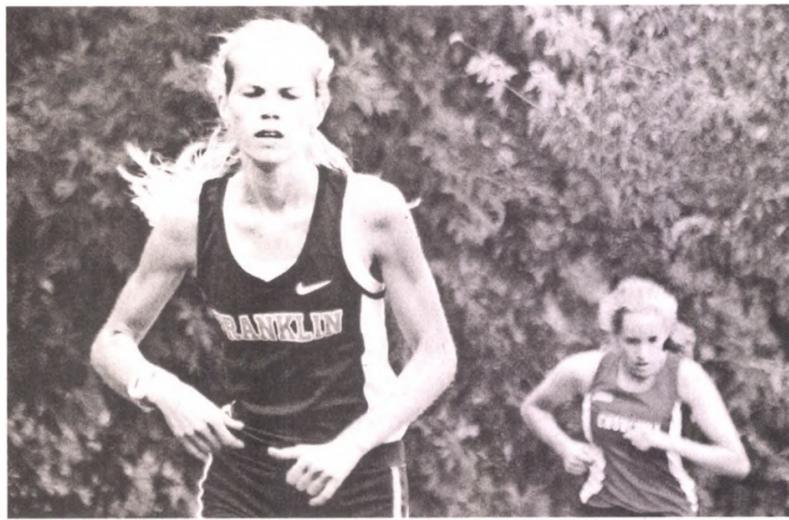
Josh Mussen's fine season continued as he won the race in 18:08 - 19 seconds faster than runner-up teammate Noah Hagood and 29 seconds before Charger Clint Cowen crossed the stripe. Closing out the top-five sweep for the Chargers were Jon Hovermale (18:50.3) and Delson Christian, who was clocked in 18:50.3.

Alex Piper (18:50.8) and Frank LaFave (18:51.3) ran strong, but did not figure in the scoring for the winners.

"We ran better as a team; the pack is getting better," said Churchill head coach John McGreevy. "The boys ran hard on a tough course. However, our times have to get better to be competitive in the big meets coming up, starting Saturday at the County meet."

Franklin girls topple Wayne

Franklin out-distanced host Canton, 21-38, in a race that left both teams with 3-1 records in the KLAA South Division.



Franklin's Natalie Douglas, pictured during a meet earlier this season, became just the second Patriot female runner to eclipse the 19-minute mark at Saturday's Coaching Legends Invitational.

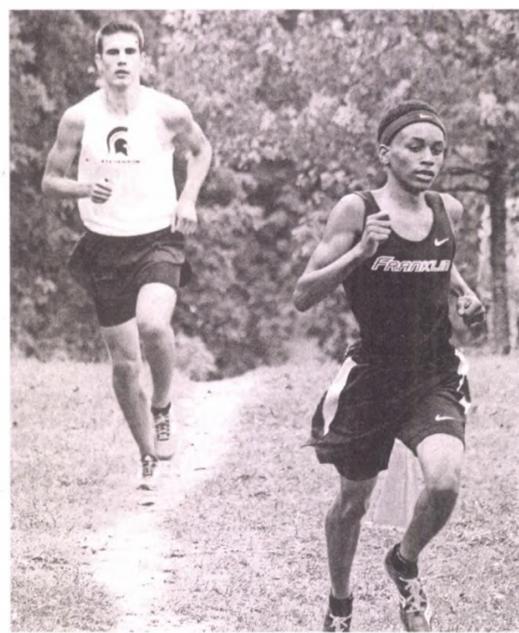
Douglas was the Patriots' mainstay, winning the race in 18:54. Also scoring for the Patriots were Seibert (second in 20:11), Zurawski (fourth in 20:44), Stabler (sixth in 21:50) and Natalie Martinez, who was eighth in 22:10.

Wonch placed ninth in 22:17 while English was 10th in 22:33.

Canton was led by third-place Anna Nagel-hout (20:14). Also scoring for Canton were Kate Cotham (fifth in 20:46), Kayla Neme (seventh in 21:56), Carly Smith (11th in 22:47) and Olivia Pahl, who was 12th in 23:00.

"Coming off a strong showing Saturday at the Coaching Legends Invitational, I thought we ran well on a much tougher course," said Bjorklund. "Canton is a good team, and we needed to be on our game to win."

"Natalie, Erin, and Camryn continued to do an outstanding job for the team as our top three runners. Stabler continues to impress and ran a very tough race. The rest of the team as a whole did a nice job of



Livonia Franklin Tony Floyd, pictured during a meet earlier this season, chopped more time off his existing school record in the 5K during Saturday's Coaching Legends Invitational.

pushing their fourth through seventh runners back.

"Our team is excited about competing in the

Wayne County meet this Saturday."

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Predators capture fall championship



The Livonia Predators recently captured the 14U Upper Fall Ball League championship thanks to a seven-run rally in the top of the sixth inning in a 9-7 victory in the title game. Pictured are (top row from left) coach Mike Hayes, Grant Ingersoll, Josh Elkins, Jason Cantrell Jr., Nathan Raniszewski, coach Jason Cantrell, (bottom row from left) Micheal Hayes, Justin Cantrell, David Rozmys, Brady Bushart, and Steven Flowers. Not pictured are Jalen Lewis and Logan Calimazzo.

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Oct. 9

Farmington Harrison (5-0, 5-1) at Farmington (3-2, 4-2)
Rochester Adams (1-4, 2-4) at North Farmington (2-3, 3-3)
Livonia Churchill (3-1, 4-2) at Livonia Franklin (2-2, 3-3)
Westland John Glenn (0-4, 0-6) at Wayne Memorial (0-4, 0-6)
Canton (3-1, 5-1) at Plymouth (4-0, 5-1)
Garden City (1-3, 2-4) at Belleville (4-0, 5-1)
Redford Union (0-4, 1-5) at Redford Thurston (2-2, 3-3)
Dearborn (3-1, 3-3) at Livonia Clarenceville (1-3, 1-5)

Saturday, Oct. 10

Parkway Christian (4-0, 4-2) at Lutheran Westland (1-3, 1-5), 1 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson (3-1, 5-1) at Salem (2-2, 3-3)

Last week's record

Overall record

Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Adams	Adams	N. Farmington
Franklin	Churchill	Churchill
John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Canton	Canton	Canton
Belleville	Belleville	Belleville
Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn
Parkway	Parkway	Parkway
Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
11-2	11-2	8-5
62-17	60-19	50-29

PREP FOOTBALL

Shamrocks topple U-D Jesuit, 21-7

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central inched closer to its 26th football playoff appearance in school history Friday night with a 21-7 Central Division win over University of Detroit Jesuit in a game played at Ferndale High School.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the division, can wrap up a postseason spot next Friday at home with a win against Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep.

Victor Dirita's 54-yard punt return for touchdown with 2:33 left in the opening quarter catapulted CC to a 7-0 halftime advantage.

Freshman quarterback Austin Brown then scrambled his way into the end zone for a 47-yard TD run with 9:46 remaining in the third quarter to increase CC's lead to 14-0.

Philip Schmitz then scored on a 10-yard run with 3:46 remaining in the game to put the Shamrocks up three scores, 21-0. (Cole Gingell was three-for-three on extra points.

U-D Jesuit (4-2, 0-2) averted the shutout with 1:52 to play when Mike Sims hit Scott Nelson on a 28-yard TD pass. Niccolo Seilo's PAT completed the scoring.

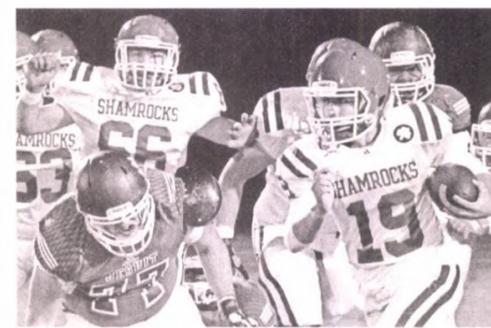
Catholic Central outgained the Cubs, 293-240, in total offense.

Brown was CC's leading rusher with 90 yards on 11 carries and was 5-of-12 passing for 71 yards. Cameron Ryan added 75 yards rushing on nine attempts.

Sims was 14-of-32 passing for 153 yards and one interception (by CC's Alex Bock in the first quarter). The Cubs rushed for only 87 yards, but had the edge in first downs, 14-12.

The Shamrocks' top tackler was Isaac Darkangelo, who had five solo and six assists. Austin Darkangelo and Tyler Morland also got into the act with two solo and four assists each. Jack Ross had four assisted tackles and a half-sack, while Tyler Laurentius contributed three solo and one assist.

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CC freshman quarterback Austin Brown (19) turns the ball upfield on U-D tackler Jimmy Pierce (77).

DENNIS BARNES

RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

ANIMAL BLESSING

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11

Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Dogs, cats, hamsters, goldfish, ferrets, snakes, spiders, rats and other pets may attend this outdoor blessing, on leash or carried in appropriate containers for their species. The Rev. Leonetta Bugleisi will talk about the importance of animals and Bell, Book and Canto will provide the music

Contact: 248-478-7272

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25

Location: Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and more. \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and older, children under 12 are admitted free

Contact: detroitlutheransingers.com

FAMILY DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 5:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under and include dinner, live entertainment. The event also includes a raffle of cash prizes from \$100-\$3,000, a gift basket raffle and 50/50 raffle

Contact: www.stsimonandjude.com; stsimonandjude@gmail.com

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The documentary, *A Chorus in Miracles* by James Twyman, was created as a homage to the book *A Course in Miracles*. Admission is \$10

Contact: 734-421-1760; office@unityoflivonia.org

PEACE WALK

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10

Location: Wellspring Lutheran Services New Directions Centers for Youth Achievement, 28000 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will sponsor its annual "Footprints of Peace Track & Trail 5K Fun Walk." Includes an obstacle course for kids. Register at footprintspeace.com

Contact: 248-553-3380

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Grand opening with 20% mark-up on items, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9; and bag sale, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 10

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Includes specialty boutique, housewares, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only

Contact: 248-477-1410

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington

Details: Bag sale, \$4, will be Friday

Contact: 248-474-6573

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Oct. 16, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17

Location: St. Genevieve-St. Maurice, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: \$5 admission Oct. 16 and free admission Oct. 17; \$1 bag sale 2-3 p.m. Oct. 17. Sale items accepted 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 14-15 at the church activity center

Contact: 734-261-5920

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of

Farmington Road, north side of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Sale includes clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books, boutique, baked goods and \$3 and \$6 bag sale on Saturday.

Contact: 248-553-3380

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free-will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPads, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or

734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

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NEIDHARDT, DOUGLAS PAUL

Age 56, passed away in Garden City after a brief illness on October 4, 2015. Beloved husband of Stephanie Buchanan for 16 years. Loving step father of Emberley and Landyn Neidhardt. Memorial Gathering Friday 5 - 8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. Remembrance Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Cherry Hill and Ford Rd.).
www.santeiufuneralhome.com



TYSZKIEWICZ, RONALD

Long time Garden City resident, Ronald Tyszkiewicz, age 75, passed away after a lengthy illness. A selfless community servant, Ron was dedicated to the community and residents of Garden City for many years. Ron served 3 terms as Mayor Pro Tem on the City Council. Ron was also past president and trustee, serving 2 terms on the Garden City School Board. Ron was very active for many years with the Garden City Jaycees, where he served as president. Ron was involved in the early years of Santaland, Santaland Parade and the Junior Miss Program. Following the Garden City Jaycees, Ron became a member of the Michigan and U.S. JCI Senate. Ron was a past president and life member of the MI JCI Senate and past national vice-president of the U.S. JCI Senate. Ron was a board member of the JCI Senate Foundation. While his children were going up, Ron was involved with GCYAA Baseball program, a Boy Scout Den Leader, the Garden City High School Athletic and Band Boosters. Ron was ever present at all of his children's events, either on the sidelines, in the bleachers or coaching. He was their biggest supporter. He was also present at his grandchildren events, attending as many as possible. Ron is survived by his wife Millie, his children, Kimberly (Steve) Hodges, Kenneth (Sheri), Kurt (Kimberly) and Kristin (Shawn) Green and grandchildren, Emily, Taylor, Bradley, Natalie, Brooke, Trevor, Ethan and Quinn. Visitation will be Friday October 9 from 2 - 8 pm, at the John N Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd and Cherry Hill), Garden City. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, October 10 at 10:00 am at St. Linus Church, 6466 N. Evangeline Street (corner of Hoss), Dearborn Heights. Memorials suggested to the JCI Senate Foundation, Alzheimer Association or Smile Train.

BARTUSH, J. ADDISON

CORRECTION ON TIME: Memorial Mass 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 9 at St. Paul on the Lake Church, 157 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. Memorial visitation 5:30 to 7:30 pm Thursday at the A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave at Vernier Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods.



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Announcements & Notices

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Announcements & Notices

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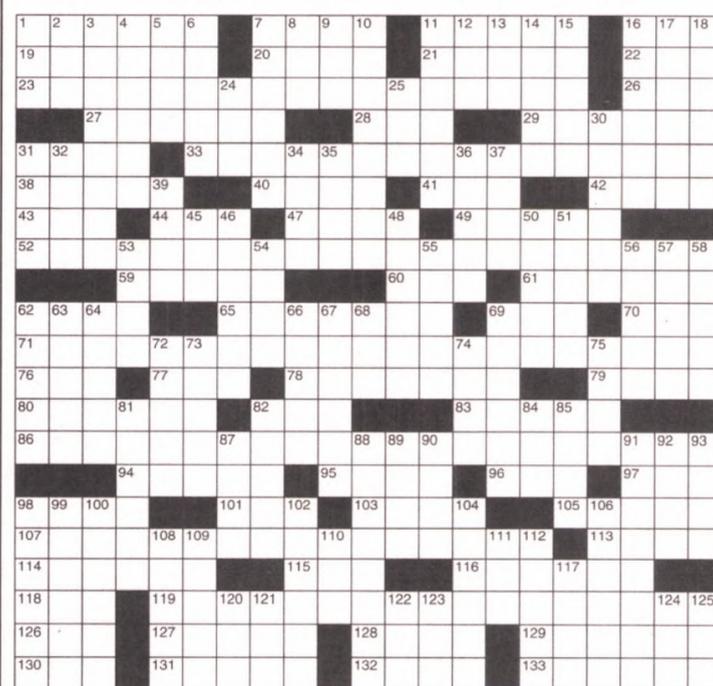
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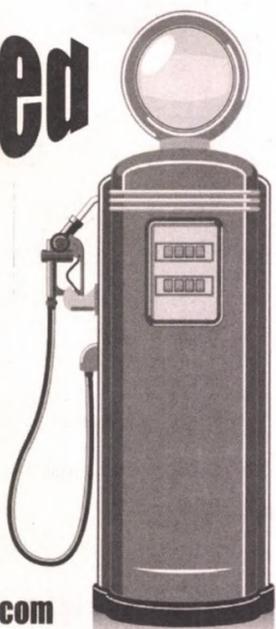
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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Ousts</p> <p>7 Fig. on a new car sticker</p> <p>11 Isle of Minos</p> <p>16 Pro music providers</p> <p>19 Lost lady in "The Raven"</p> <p>20 "That clarifies it"</p> <p>21 Saabs, say</p> <p>22 Use scissors</p> <p>23 Enron scandal figure was inactive?</p> <p>26 Suffix of fruit drinks</p> <p>27 — Pie (cold treat)</p> <p>28 Sternward</p> <p>29 Lucas of film</p> <p>31 By way of, briefly</p> <p>33 "Three's Company" actor started dozing?</p> <p>38 See 82-Across</p> <p>40 Money owed</p> <p>41 Floral wreath</p> <p>42 Pappies</p> <p>43 Lyric writer Gershwin</p> <p>44 Lyric work</p> <p>47 Toe part</p> <p>49 "Lulu" composer Berg</p> | <p>52 Watergate whistleblower had anxiety?</p> <p>59 Island near Molokai</p> <p>60 — for "apple"</p> <p>61 Charles of CBS News</p> <p>62 "CSI" actress Elisabeth</p> <p>65 Solar system members</p> <p>69 Ending for pent- or hex-scandal</p> <p>70 Citi Field stat</p> <p>71 Reds great met a tough challenge?</p> <p>76 Santa — (hot desert wind)</p> <p>77 Unveil, in poetry</p> <p>78 Swiss resort lake</p> <p>79 Greek mountain</p> <p>80 "Is there an echo —?"</p> <p>82 With 38-Across, they have film bloopers</p> <p>83 "This —!" (fighting words)</p> <p>86 Teen sleuth noted the subtle difference?</p> <p>94 "Gladiator" actor Davis</p> | <p>95 Mrs. Addams, to Gomez</p> <p>96 Bygone flight ints.</p> <p>97 "Aquarius" network</p> <p>98 Chilly</p> <p>101 Hereditary helices</p> <p>103 Small needle case</p> <p>105 Have one's cake and eat —</p> <p>107 "The Ward" actress hallucinated auditorily?</p> <p>113 Te — (giggles)</p> <p>114 Blueswoman Smith</p> <p>115 Fuzz figure</p> <p>116 Machine for sowing</p> <p>118 Become old</p> <p>119 "The Great Ziegfeld" figure caused a road jam?</p> <p>126 UNLV part</p> <p>127 Valuable store</p> <p>128 River of Pisa</p> <p>129 Not coastal</p> <p>130 Pack carrier</p> <p>131 Targeted</p> <p>132 In order</p> <p>133 States of change</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Bugling beast</p> <p>2 Winning sign</p> <p>3 Cochlea site</p> <p>4 Relative of an attaché</p> <p>5 Trying trip</p> <p>6 Take effect</p> <p>7 What to call an English nobleman</p> <p>8 Retirees' fund org.</p> <p>9 Marina del —</p> <p>10 Like a smug know-it-all</p> <p>11 OPEC, e.g.</p> <p>12 Mai tai liquor</p> <p>13 Sked guess</p> <p>14 Pacific island nation</p> <p>15 Actor Will</p> <p>16 U.S. capital and environs</p> <p>17 Deemed</p> <p>18 Infuses</p> <p>24 Wellness gp.</p> <p>25 Awry</p> <p>30 Horse-track has-been</p> <p>31 Slim and fit</p> <p>32 Greek Juno</p> <p>34 Eatery card</p> <p>35 Impose — on (forbid)</p> <p>36 Pages (through)</p> <p>37 "— & Stitch"</p> <p>39 Long couch</p> <p>45 Room with a 39-Down</p> | <p>46 Pass</p> <p>48 Hate</p> <p>50 Horse to bust</p> <p>51 All mixed up</p> <p>53 Abstract artist Paul</p> <p>54 Scrabble pick</p> <p>55 Tight-fisted type</p> <p>56 Karloff of film</p> <p>57 Timber wolves</p> <p>58 City near Minneapolis</p> <p>62 Seville locale</p> <p>63 Hair dye</p> <p>64 Fan of the Jazz, usually</p> <p>66 Attorney or heir follower</p> <p>67 Nutty candy</p> <p>68 Misc. abbr.</p> <p>69 Nails the test</p> <p>72 Actors Cukin and Calhoun</p> <p>73 Pages for think pieces</p> <p>74 Handling the matter</p> <p>75 Kind</p> <p>81 Schools, to the French</p> <p>82 "Hero" co-star Davis</p> <p>84 NYC-to-Seattle dir.</p> <p>85 Berry from Brazil</p> <p>87 Bike, e.g.</p> | <p>88 Weight-loss strategy</p> <p>89 Narrow strip of land: Abbr.</p> <p>90 Feng —</p> <p>91 Russian news agency</p> <p>92 Penetrating woodwind</p> <p>93 Sarges, say</p> <p>98 Jewish mystical tradition</p> <p>99 Last letters</p> <p>100 Dwell (on)</p> <p>102 Like insteps and rainbows</p> <p>104 Hip place</p> <p>106 Winter bug</p> <p>108 Gaucho rope</p> <p>109 "The Dance" artist</p> <p>110 Female goat</p> <p>111 Fetch</p> <p>112 Sans — (font style)</p> <p>117 Pioneer Boone, to townsfolk</p> <p>120 — de plume</p> <p>121 Hail, to Ovid</p> <p>122 Rap's Dr. —</p> <p>123 A, in Italy</p> <p>124 Opal ending</p> <p>125 LPs' successors</p> |
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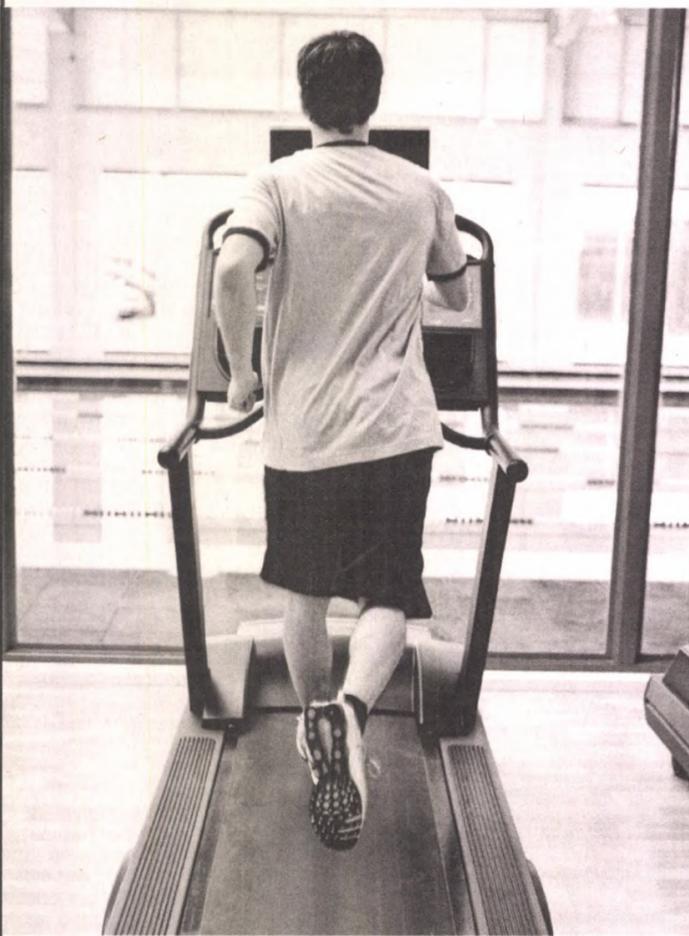
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World view: Gina Yashere jokes at being British with Nigerian roots

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

British comedian Gina Yashere will make her Detroit-area debut Friday, Oct. 9, at the Kola Restaurant & Ultra Lounge, in Farmington Hills.

Yashere, raised in London by Nigerian parents, now lives in New York, and performs to sellout crowds throughout the world, including in Japan, Dubai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, Canada, South Africa, and in Europe. She made her comedy debut at the Edinburgh Festival in 1997, selling out almost immediately, and then broke into the American comedy scene on *Last Comic Standing*. She's also known for her appearances on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* as Madame Yashere, *The Surly Psychic*.

The *Observer* caught up with Yashere to find out more.

Q: How would you describe your comedy? What inspires you to write and perform humor?

A: My comedy is a mixture of observation, and storytelling, covering my life and what interests me. I'm inspired by life!

Q: Was *Last Comic Standing* your first appearance in the U.S.? Why did you appear on the show — and then move to the U.S. — after having such success in the U.K.?

A: It was my first TV appearance in the U.S. The previous year I'd flown myself out to Oakland to compete in the Bay Area comedy competition, to test if I could perform to American audiences. It's been a dream of mine to live in the U.S. since I was a child. I always felt that my Mum had chosen the wrong country! As a comedian, the way I see it, if you make it in the U.S., you've automatically made it everywhere in the world. I'd reached as far as I could go in the U.K. as a black, female comic. I wanted to expand worldwide. And I love a challenge. I get bored very easily, and I'd been in the U.K. all my life. Time for new experiences.

Q: How does your Nigerian heritage, your British upbringing and being a woman influence your comedy?

A: Most of my comedy focuses on my experiences, and being black, British and Nigerian form a big part of that. I was born and raised in England, pounded yam and okra stew was my staple at home, not fish & chips. My experiences differentiate me from the average U.S. comedian.

Q: Do you change or tailor your act to suit different audiences around the world? Do some observations play better in say, Minneapolis or Detroit than they would in Singapore or Malaysia?

A: My act is pretty much the same wherever I go — me talking about me. The difference is, that when I go to a new place, I like to immerse myself in the local culture, and then incorporate what I've experienced into the opening few minutes of my show. So I have routines about Australia, Malaysia, India, China, and all the place I've traveled to.

Q: Any idea why you are highly sought-after in Asia?

A: The comedy scene in Asia is about to explode. I've been doing shows there on and off for the last 10 years, and I've built a following of people who enjoy my stuff. It's that simple. I've been hustling!

Q: Where have you found the most receptive, comedy-loving audiences to be?

A: One of my favorite audiences are Malaysians. English is not their first language, but they speak it well, and understand foreign humor to boot. They come out to enjoy themselves, and there is none of the "seen it all before" cynicism.

Q: Who is funnier, U.K. or U.S.?

A: Hard question. Neither. But the best places in the world to see comedy are New York and London.

Yashere will perform at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and \$40 for VIP admission. They're available at Kola Ultra Lounge after 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, at 32523 Northwestern Highway.

For more about Kola, visit kolalounge.com. For more about Yashere, visit ginayashere.com



Gina Yashere

MOVIES OPENING

Friday, Oct. 9

99 Homes: In this timely thriller, charismatic and ruthless businessman, Rick Carver, played by Michael Shannon, is making a killing by repossessing homes — gaming the real estate market, Wall Street banks and the U.S. government. When he evicts Dennis Nash, played by Andrew Garfield, a single father trying to care for his mother and young son, Nash becomes so desperate to provide for his family that he goes to work for Carver. As Nash falls deeper into Carver's web, he finds his situation grows more brutal and dangerous than he ever imagined. Rated R.

Freeheld: Film tells the true love story of Laurel Hester, played by Julianne Moore, and Stacie Andree, played by Ellen Page, and their fight for justice. Rated PG-13.

Goodnight Mommy: The film, opening exclusively at the Birmingham 8, tells the story of twin boys who play a dangerous game of make-believe that blurs the line between nightmare and reality as their mother recovers from cosmetic surgery. Stars Susana Wuest, Elias Schwarz, and Lukas Schwarz. Rated R.

He Named Me Malala: Opens in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Grand Rapids. The film is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley. Rated PG-13.

Pan: Peter, played by Levi Miller, is a mischievous 12-year-old boy with an irrepressible rebellious streak, but in the bleak London orphanage where he has lived his whole life those qualities do not exactly fly. Then one incredible night, Peter is whisked away from the orphanage and spirited off to a fantastical world



"Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension" opens Oct. 23.



Vin Diesel stars in "The Last Witch Hunter," opening Oct. 23.

of pirates, warriors and fairies called Neverland. There, he finds amazing adventures and fights life-or-death battles while trying to uncover the secret of his mother, who left him at the orphanage so long ago. Rated PG.

Friday, Oct. 16

Bridge of Spies: This dramatic thriller is set against the backdrop of a series of historic events and tells the story of James Donovan, a Brooklyn lawyer who finds himself thrust into the center of the

Cold War when the CIA sends him on the near-impossible task to negotiate the release of a captured American U-2 pilot. Stars Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Amy Ryan, Scott Shepherd, and Alan Alda. Rated PG-13.

Crimson Peak: When her heart is stolen by a seductive stranger, a young woman is swept away to a house atop a mountain of blood-red clay. It's a place filled with secrets that will haunt her forever. Stars Mia Wasikowska, Jessica Chastain, Tom Hiddleston, Charlie

Hunnam and Jim Beaver. Rated R.

Goosebumps: Upset about moving from a big city to a small town, teenager Zach Cooper, played by Dylan Minnette, finds a silver lining when he meets the beautiful girl, Hannah, played by Odeya Rush, living right next door. But every silver lining has a cloud, and Zach's comes when he learns that Hannah's mysterious dad is in fact R.L. Stine, played by Jack Black, the author of the bestselling *Goosebumps* series. Rated PG.

Steve Jobs: Set backstage at three iconic product launches and ending in 1998 with the unveiling of the iMac, Steve Jobs takes viewers behind the scenes of the digital revolution to paint an intimate portrait of the man at its epicenter. Michael Fassbender plays Steve Jobs, the pioneering founder of Apple, with Kate Winslet starring as Joanna Hoffman, former marketing chief of Macintosh. Steve Wozniak, who co-founded Apple, is played by Seth Rogen, and Jeff Daniels stars as former Apple CEO John Sculley. Not rated.

Friday, Oct. 23

Burnt: Chef Adam Jones, played by Bradley Cooper, wants to land his own kitchen and his third elusive Michelin star, but will need the best of the best on his side, including the beautiful Helene, played by Sienna Miller. Not rated.

Jem and the Holograms: As a small-town girl catapults from underground video sensation to global superstar, she and her three sisters begin a one-in-a-million journey of discovering that some talents are too special to keep hidden. Stars Aubrey Peeples, Stefanie Scott, Aurora Perrineau, Hayley Kiyoko, Ryan Guzman, Molly Ringwald and Juliette Lewis. The film is based on the Hasbro animated television series. Rated PG.

The Last Witch Hunter: Kaulder, who has spent centuries hunting down rogue witches, discovers the Queen Witch he killed long ago has been resurrected. She seeks revenge, causing an epic battle that will determine the survival of the human race. Starring Vin Diesel, Elijah Wood, Rose Leslie, Ólafur Darri Ólafsson, Julie Engelbrecht, and Michael Caine. Not rated.

Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension (In 3D): The horrifying conclusion to the *Paranormal Activity* films stars Chris J. Murray, Brit Shaw, Olivia Taylor Dudley, Dan Gill, Ivy George, Jessica Brown, Chloe Csengery, Don McManus, Hallie Foote and Cara Pifko. Not rated.

Rock the Kasbah: A has-been rock manager from Van Nuys, Calif., stumbles upon a once-in-a-lifetime voice in a remote Afghan cave in this dramatic comedy inspired by stranger-than-fiction, real-life events and directed by Oscar winner Barry Levinson. Stars Bill Murray, Zooey Deschanel, Leem Lubany, Kate Hudson, Danny McBride and Scott Caan. Not rated.

Fall for baking trends

As the weather turns cool, you can look forward to warm flavors and new takes on comfort foods inspired by the 2015 Baking and Decorating Trends from the Wilton Test Kitchen.

Middle Eastern and North African flavors have become increasingly popular ingredients in baking and other sweet treat making. Wilton's Cinnamon and Aleppo Pepper Braided Loaf recipe is reminiscent of classic cinnamon bread, but served with a side of sass as it weaves in a mild, almost citrus-like heat with Aleppo peppers.

For dessert, tap in to the "fruitful possibilities" trend with a Hard Apple Cider Tart. The tart plays up crisp, light apple flavor with a refreshing bite of hard cider. Produce sections are piled high with ever-expanding selections of fruit. Each kind boasts its own signature flavor, texture, fragrance and color.

And nothing says fall like pumpkin. Try Wilton's Pumpkin Cake Roll and Pumpkin Spiced Baked Doughnuts.

For more flavor and recipe inspiration, visit wilton.com/treatology.
Courtesy of Family Features



CINNAMON AND ALEPPO PEPPER BRAIDED LOAF

Serves: 12-14

Filling:

- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon crushed Aleppo pepper

Bread:

- 1 package (16 ounces) hot roll mix
- 1 cup warm water
- ¼ cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- ½ cup all-purpose flour

Heat oven to 350 F. Prepare 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with vegetable spray. In small bowl, stir together butter, sugar, flour, cinna-

mon and Aleppo pepper bowl until well combined. In large bowl, stir together hot roll mix and included yeast packet. Add water, butter, egg and egg yolk; stir until dough forms (dough will be very sticky). Turn out onto well-floured surface and knead ½ cup flour in until smooth dough forms, about 5 minutes. Cover and let rest 5 minutes.

Roll dough into 20-by-12-inch rectangle. Spread filling evenly over dough surface. Roll up from long end as for cinnamon rolls, pinching seam and ends to seal. Cut log in half lengthwise. Twist pieces together and place in prepared pan in "S" shape, tucking ends under. Cover pan and let rise in warm area 15 minutes.

Uncover loaf and bake 30-35 minutes or until loaf is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped. Let cool in pan on cooling grid 5 minutes then turn out onto grid to cool completely.



HARD APPLE CIDER TART

Serves: 10-12

Crust:

- ½ cup (1 stick) butter, melted
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon Wilton Pure Vanilla Extract
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour

Filling:

- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Pinch of salt
- 2 medium red baking apples, such as Braeburn, cored and sliced ½-inch thick

Glaze:

- 1 bottle (12 ounces) hard apple cider
- 3 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

Heat oven to 350 F. Prepare 9-inch tart pan with vegetable spray.

In large bowl, stir together melted butter, sugar, vanilla and salt. Add flour; stir until just combined. Evenly press into bottom and up sides of pan. With fork, prick dough all over. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Remove tart from refrigerator; bake 12-14 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely.

In small bowl, combine sugar, cinnamon and salt. Arrange apples in tart pan in overlapping circular pattern, working from outside in. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar mixture. Bake on cookie sheet 55-60 minutes until apples are soft and crust is golden brown. While tart bakes, make glaze. In large skillet, cook cider over medium heat until liquid has reduced to 2 tablespoons. Reduce heat to low; add corn syrup and sugar. Stir continuously until sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and cool.

Re-warm glaze over low heat, if needed, and brush on tart when it is removed from the oven. Cool tart completely in pan on cooling grid.

Prevent home break-ins when traveling or selling your home

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

There are steps you can take to reduce the likelihood of a home break-in while you're away for vacation.

"First of all, you should contact your neighbors you know and trust," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard in a county podcast on crime prevention. A family member or trusted neighbor can pick up mail and newspapers while you're away, Bouchard said.

He noted the U.S. Postal Service and newspaper offices can also be notified to stop delivery, although Bouchard prefers having a trusted family

member or neighbor handle this job. That limits the knowledge out there that you're out of town, he said.

Local police departments and sheriff's departments can often check on home security while you're away, he said, even checking to be sure doors are locked. You should always make your your doors and windows are locked before you go away.

Your home alarm should be activated, along with making plans to plow and shovel snow, as well as keeping up with lawn care. A neighbor can make sure fliers aren't left on your front porch. "It's an obvious, tell-tale sign you are not home," Bouchard said.

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He also recommends putting lights on timers that switch on and off at slightly different hours, to avoid obvious patterns. Exterior lights should be on motion detectors, and shrubs trimmed to help your neighbors watch out for your home.

Those selling homes also need to think about safety. The Berkley police recently reported a rash of home break-ins of homes up for sale on the market.

Berkley police noted that home photos had been posted online of properties for sale; they recommend furniture be put in such rooms before pho-

tos are taken and posted online to advertise homes for sale.

"Unfortunately it's one of the dark sides of our business," said Realtor Tony Schippa of Remerica United Realty of Novi. He's a Plymouth resident and past president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

"When it comes down to it if thieves are going to break into a house, there are a couple things they look at," said Schippa, in the realty business about 15 years. He noted a lot of builders no longer use copper piping, rather choosing something like PVC, as thieves have targeted copper piping.

"We tell our clients 'Put your

valuables away'" such as jewelry or artwork, the Realtor said. He had a condo listed with valuable artwork a potential buyer found offensive. "That's probably my most valuable piece," the condo owner later told Schippa.

"If they're going to break in, they're going to case the neighborhood," Schippa said. On photos of homes being sold, he noted, "You never know if somebody's just moving in or moving out."

"We tell people to keep the home staged because it shows better than an empty house," he added. Businesses can stage properties well.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 18-22, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Address	Sales Price
BEVERLY HILLS	
17386 Dunblaine Ave	\$295,000
31243 Fairfax Ave	\$253,000
22332 Metamora Dr	\$410,000
16989 W 14 Mile Rd	\$231,000
BIRMINGHAM	
881 Arlington St	\$1,325,000
1158 Birmingham Blvd	\$1,050,000
1825 E Maple Rd	\$212,000
2859 E Maple Rd # 14	\$60,000
1657 Hanley Ct	\$343,000
1620 Henrietta St	\$390,000
1708 Humphrey Ave	\$680,000
683 Kimberly St	\$430,000

608 Lewis St	\$373,000
1878 Maryland Blvd	\$455,000
1013 N Adams Rd	\$187,000
1041 N Old Woodward Ave	\$256,000
600 W Brown St # 105	\$272,000
1904 W Melton Rd	\$242,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1541 Sodon Lake Dr	\$250,000
106 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$135,000
543 Kingsley Trl	\$508,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 67	\$112,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
5690 Forman Dr	\$880,000
1960 Golf Ridge Dr	\$628,000
2645 Hickory Ct	\$373,000
1903 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$323,000
7120 Lahser Rd	\$635,000
217 Norcliff Dr	\$777,000
2626 Norwood Rd	\$511,000
5054 Sebring Ct	\$405,000
2163 Somerset Rd	\$145,000
4747 Walnut Lake Rd	\$385,000

1890 Ward Rd	\$97,000
5100 Woodlands Trl	\$438,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4391 Forest Hill Dr	\$408,000
3250 Greenlawn Ave	\$118,000
4995 Parkgate Dr	\$455,000
8642 Ringwood Dr	\$179,000
1635 Salishan Ln	\$360,000
1821 Union Lake Rd	\$350,000
FARMINGTON	
23157 Cass Ave	\$173,000
32718 Grand River Ave Unit D8	\$43,000
36629 Lansbury Ln	\$220,000
33936 Schulte Dr	\$180,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
37814 Avon Ln	\$271,000
25412 Carrollton Dr	\$340,000
30116 Club House Ln	\$235,000
30139 Club House Ln	\$177,000
21728 Colgate St	\$172,000
32362 Craftsbury Ct	\$198,000
36045 Guilford St	\$265,000

31436 Hunters Circle Dr	\$168,000
28850 Lonikay St	\$198,000
36245 Old Homestead Dr	\$285,000
23700 Paddock Dr	\$280,000
22820 Purdue Ave	\$138,000
30772 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$237,000
34730 Rhoswood St	\$229,000
31636 Rocky Crst	\$251,000
23520 Sans Souci St	\$115,000
29455 Sylvan Ln	\$178,000
29912 Tanglewood Dr	\$118,000
36686 Valley Ridge Dr	\$86,000
33469 W 14 Mile Rd # 18	\$815,000
27216 Winterset Cir	\$291,000
FRANKLIN	
30200 Woodside Ct	\$399,000
NORTHVILLE	
45229 Galway Dr	\$255,000
21107 Stanstead Rd	\$338,000
NOVI	
27486 Albert St	\$304,000
47673 Brittany Ct	\$539,000
27602 Cromwell Rd	\$342,000
23150 Donnington Ct	\$725,000

29304 Douglas Dr	\$238,000
40929 Malott	\$168,000
27125 Maxwell Ct	\$302,000
27965 Middleton Dr	\$232,000
24823 Overlook	\$607,000
24901 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$600,000
134 Wainwright St	\$101,000
23347 Winsborough	\$375,000
28267 Wolcott Dr	\$380,000
41920 Wolfe Pass	\$420,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28130 Everett St	\$30,000
30830 Everett St	\$144,000
22550 Hallcroft Trl	\$192,000
27075 Marshall St	\$151,000
18317 New Hampshire Dr	\$126,000
18317 New Hampshire Dr	\$150,000
23555 Riverview Dr	\$199,000
27421 Shagbark Dr	\$82,000
27720 Spring Arbor Dr	\$120,000
24235 Tamarack Cir	\$170,000
18860 W 10 Mile Rd	\$430,000
29153 Wellington Rd E # 34	\$74,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 8-12, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

CANTON	
41480 Alleghany St	\$158,000
41556 Bedford Dr	\$106,000
1945 Brookline St	\$180,000
8242 Chatham Dr	\$655,000
43412 Cherry Hill Rd	\$55,000
3555 Denton Rd	\$193,000
1072 E Lemont Ct	\$218,000
1485 Fairfax Dr	\$210,000
7085 Foxridge Dr	\$256,000
43730 Fredericksburg St	\$162,000
48591 Gladstone Rd	\$465,000
43132 Hanford Rd	\$193,000
44426 Hanford Rd	\$243,000
241 Harvard St	\$235,000
1468 Hendrie	\$367,000
48538 Iyrbidge Ct	\$424,000
6425 Kings Mill Ct	\$380,000
47171 Labana Dr	\$338,000
1444 N Sheldon Rd	\$164,000
1955 Paddock Ln	\$190,000

45030 Patrick Dr	\$240,000
180 Roseland Dr	\$178,000
51223 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$210,000
42059 Woodbridge Dr	\$164,000
GARDEN CITY	
28438 Block St	\$94,000
28537 Brown St	\$115,000
30817 Brockton St	\$67,000
29000 Dawson St	\$48,000
29025 Hennepin St	\$45,000
28674 Krauter St	\$37,000
201 Lathers St	\$900,000
28722 Leona St	\$65,000
LIVONIA	
14050 Alexander St	\$123,000
14209 Arcola St	\$135,000
19767 Ashley Ct	\$345,000
14999 Aubumdale St	\$90,000
18927 Bainbridge Ave	\$182,000
30026 Bentley St	\$105,000
29513 Bobrich St	\$46,000
29541 Bobrich St	\$36,000
18945 Brentwood St	\$113,000
28473 Cleveland St	\$101,000
9087 E Deborah Ct	\$150,000
14383 Ellen Dr	\$208,000
9326 Florida St	\$160,000
15667 Gary Ln	\$282,000
20210 Gillman St	\$135,000

19533 Hardy St	\$240,000
14898 Hix St	\$178,000
35877 Leon St	\$210,000
16944 Levan Rd	\$164,000
29851 Lori St	\$140,000
14072 Marie St	\$150,000
29228 Meadowlark St	\$155,000
32526 Myrna St	\$355,000
8858 Parkside Dr	\$263,000
34656 Pembroke Ave	\$328,000
10060 Seltzer St	\$137,000
20205 Shady Side St	\$240,000
11255 W Clements Cir	\$100,000
14374 Yale St	\$173,000
NORTHVILLE	
16962 Algonquin Dr	\$455,000
44745 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$415,000
17165 Briar Ridge Ct	\$676,000
50286 Briar Ridge Ln	\$690,000
50412 Briar Ridge Ln	\$715,000
44592 Broadmoor Cir N	\$440,000
19620 Cardene Way	\$195,000
16700 Dover Dr	\$275,000
525 Fairbrook Ct	\$55,000
48133 Four Seasons Blvd	\$164,000
48341 Four Seasons Blvd	\$800,000
18994 Grande Vista Dr	\$495,000
42271 Ludlow Ct	\$240,000
19577 Mariner Ct	\$120,000

19553 Northridge Dr	\$105,000
400 Orchard Dr	\$204,000
49751 Parkside Dr	\$165,000
19287 Surrey Ln	\$248,000
16400 Sutters Lane Ct	\$140,000
PLYMOUTH	
877 Blunk St	\$150,000
41182 Chestwood Dr	\$155,000
49551 Donovan Blvd	\$355,000
40579 Firwood Dr	\$263,000
13440 Glenview Dr	\$320,000
10108 N Canton Center Rd	\$355,000
11812 N Canton Center Rd	\$330,000
40166 Newport Dr	\$117,000
51149 Northview	\$350,000
11619 Parkview Dr	\$205,000
45227 Pinetree Dr	\$370,000
42130 Riversoaks Dr	\$210,000
101 S Union St	\$210,000
14588 Village Ct	\$372,000
REDFORD	
27035 Bennett	\$110,000
9569 Centralia	\$91,000
10023 Crosley	\$70,000
19295 Dalby	\$50,000
26106 Fordson Hwy	\$76,000
13962 Garfield	\$100,000
9707 Lenore	\$77,000
11418 Lucerne	\$98,000

24444 W Chicago	\$61,000
WAYNE	
35545 E Michigan Ave	\$62,000
4251 S Hubbard St	\$36,000
WESTLAND	
35036 Rock St	\$36,000
6970 Central City Pkwy	\$110,000
34806 Cherry Hill Rd	\$95,000
29054 Currier Ave	\$114,000
229 Darwin St	\$78,000
776 Denice St	\$96,000
1142 Denice St	\$95,000
35642 Farragut Ave	\$81,000
451 Filbert St	\$100,000
34030 Hunter Ave	\$105,000
34852 Linden Ln	\$120,000
33227 Parkwood St	\$97,000
301 Pattingill St	\$143,000
7706 Princeton Ct	\$63,000
7806 Rivergate Dr	\$95,000
1233 S Sutton St	\$125,000
35854 Somerset St	\$127,000
7885 Terri Dr	\$142,000
616 Van Sull St	\$112,900
33451 Wexford St	\$135,000

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