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# Main Street facade grant program expands in Wayne

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Wayne Main Street is expanding the reach of its facade grant incentive program.

For the remainder of 2016, owners of any commercial building used for commercial purposes in the city may apply for the grant. Businesses approved are eligible for

reimbursement of up to 50 percent of the project's total cost, up to \$10,000.

Proposed improvements must meet Wayne Main Street's stringent design guidelines, however. Executive Director Lindsey Dotson said the idea is to help improve the appearance of buildings in Wayne Main Street's downtown district.

"We're bringing history back to our store fronts," she said. "We want to be sure we're funding something that's well thought out."

The nonprofit's grant program started in 2014. Originally, it was the city's downtown district, which runs along westbound Michigan Avenue, between Sophia Street in the west to Third Street in the

east. The district also includes Wayne Road, from westbound Michigan Avenue to Glenwood Road in the north.

With only one project approved and completed since the start of the program, Wayne Main Street's Board of Directors recently approved the expansion. Dotson said the

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David Ostafinski and his wife Susan enjoy running marathons together.

## Marathoner's dream: Run 100 miles in 24 hours

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David Ostafinski has just 24 hours to achieve his dream of running a 100-mile marathon.

The Livonia man came close to his goal in 2005, when he logged 90 miles at a 24-hour event in Toledo, Ohio.

He kept the dream alive over the next 11 years, running in shorter events, including the annual Detroit Free Press Marathon, which he used as a "training run" earlier this month. When a friend signed up for the Tunnel Hill 100, a 24-hour marathon on an old railroad-bed-turned-hiking-trail in southern Illinois, Ostafinski knew it was time to revisit the challenge. He'll run the Tunnel Hill 100 on Nov. 12.

"I was younger at the time. I ran at a faster pace. I'm 64 now," Ostafinski said, comparing the 2005 and 2016 events. "I guess I never gave up on that dream. When you have the dream to do something big, you don't lose it. If I'm ever going to do it, this is the time."

There's more at stake this time around than just a personal victory. Ostafinski also hopes to raise \$10,000 for digging clean water wells in Africa through World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization. He set up a race donation page on World Vision's website and has raised just under \$2,000. If he succeeds, the Tunnel Hill 100 will be his biggest event in terms of both mileage and dollars raised for charity.

Ostafinski has run marathons since the 1970s and figures he has about 75 under his belt. His wife Susan trains with him and ran her first marathon in 2001. Her personal best is 62 miles during a 24-hour, 100-mile event. He's retired from Detroit Diesel and trains year around.

### Charitable cause

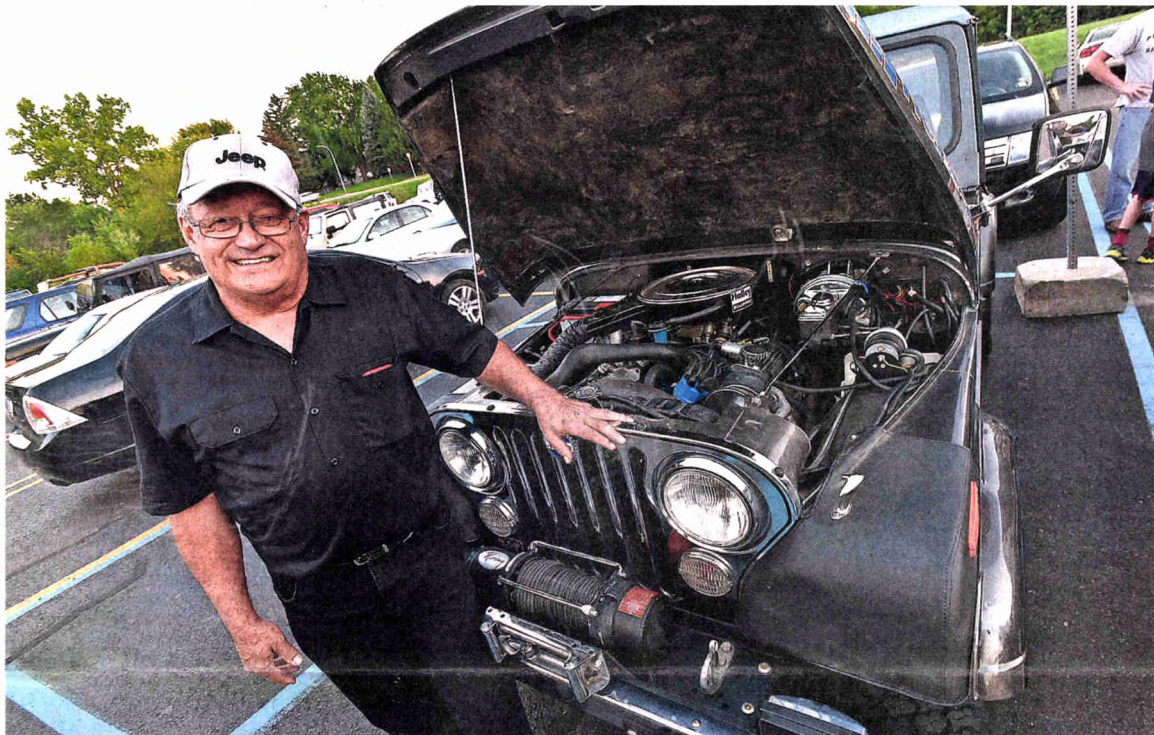
The couple started combining marathons and fundraising for water wells in 2012, when the church they attend, NorthRidge in Plymouth Township, asked members to run in the Chicago Marathon to raise money for World Vision.

"For every \$50 we receive toward the clean water program, it guarantees an individual clean water for life. When you put it into those simple terms — you can save a life for 50 bucks — people can say, 'I can literally make a difference,'" he said.

Church members continued fundraising while running the Detroit Free Press Marathon the following year. NorthRidge executive director Bryan Amann said runners collected approximately \$1.5 million for clean water over three years. The church's running ministry, RidgeRunners, turned its attention to fighting human trafficking last year. It completed its second marathon for the cause earlier this month.

Ostafinski decided to continue running for World Vision

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David Thompson of Plymouth with his Jeep. The body is a 1980. The chassis is a 1976. Thompson was an engineer for American Motors when it was purchased by Chrysler. He worked with the Toledo Jeep factory before moving to trucks.

# IT'S A JEEP THING

Enthusiasts gather every week to swap stories, peek under hoods

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Greg Koenig is just one member of Wicked Jeeps' Southeast Michigan chapter that loves to get together and share updates to their vehicle. That includes the improvements he's made to his 2015 JKU.

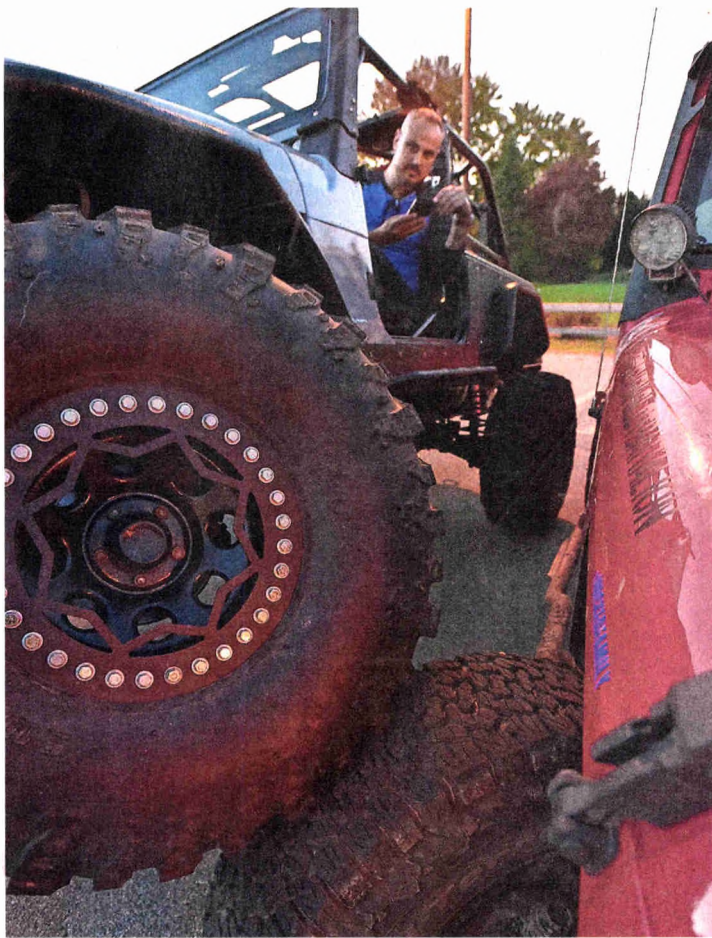
"It's just a way for people to get together and talk about Jeeps," the Dearborn resident said. "We have in our club vintage Jeeps ... we have a couple that go back into the 1945, 1946. Of course, they don't drive them here. But they trailer them around."

The local chapter of Wicked Jeeps, a group of enthusiasts, recently held its weekly meetings at One Under Craft Beer and Eats, 35780 Five Mile, in Livonia. They've met there the last few Mondays and expect to do so until they find another location later to meet at, which is to be determined.

Seeing dozens of Jeeps, ranging from Wranglers to Grand Cherokees, is commonplace in the parking lot the last few weeks at One Under. Members will grab a meal and head to the parking lot to talk all things Jeep with other members. Swapping stories, peeking under hoods. It's all part of the Jeep culture. And they accept everyone, be it a single Jeep lover or a whole family.

"It's family friendly, everybody's

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Members of Wayne Main Street (from left): Cindy Schofield, treasurer; Pat Rice, board member and Business Empowerment Committee chair; Carolyn Marnon, Secretary & Design Committee chair; Lindsey Dotson, executive director; Paul Visingardi, building owner/grant recipient; Cindee McClure, president; and Theodora Brooks, board member and Design Committee member.

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expanded boundaries of the program will be permanent, but that commercial building owners within the district will

get the first shot at grant funds from January through June.

"This change was made because we had \$20,000 budgeted in 2016 to help up to two façade grant applicants with grants of up to \$10,000 each," Wayne Main Street Design Chairperson Carolyn Marnon said. "Unfortunately, none of the businesses in our Wayne Main Street district have applied yet. We decided we would broaden our area for this particular grant to possibly help a business that was very close to our district make some improvements in their façade."

Interested commercial building owners must submit an application to the nonprofit's design committee for review. Grants are provided on a first-approved, first-funded basis. By improving the appearance of the building facades, the program aims to improve the economic viability of the downtown.

Dotson stressed that small projects, such as replacing doors or windows, are encouraged just as much as larger ones. No matter the size of the project, applicants must get at least two estimates for work from legitimate contractors.

Those interested in learning more about the façade grant program can go to [www.downtownwayne.org/business/grant](http://www.downtownwayne.org/business/grant), where the application and more information can be found.

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David and Susan Ostafinski of Livonia run a marathon last year in Hines Park.

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and hopes he'll complete the Tunnel Hill 100.

"It's been a long time since I started an event I wasn't sure I could finish," he said. "This 100, I'm not sure what will happen. I've done 30 miles, 50 miles. I have a greater degree of confidence to make it to the end. You get beyond 50 and a lot of things can happen."

Ostafinski and his wife have run in other 24-hour events that were held at schools and parks, where they ran or walked laps on a course. The couple took five-minute breaks every five miles and stopped

occasionally to eat and drink.

"We bring chairs. Some people bring tents so they can lay down," Ostafinski said. "You want to be moving and be nourished as well and hydrated. That is one of the bigger struggles for me, to maintain that balance."

Other challenges include fighting boredom while running or walking laps and "mentally getting through the night" without rest.

Ostafinski likely will face a different set of difficulties while running the Tunnel Hill 100. Although food and water will be available along the course, he won't be able to set up a chair. He'll have to rest on the ground or lean against a

large rock. He'll also wear a headlamp at night on the dark and unfamiliar terrain.

"It's not like a 24-hour marathon, where your car and tent are nearby, which is probably a good thing. With those temptations, you're more likely to slow down and stop to sleep," he said.

The course is mostly flat and scenic, with a gravel surface. It includes a railroad tunnel and several bridges.

"I don't know if I'll finish the 100, but I hope so," he said.

Donate to Ostafinski's 100-mile, 24-hour marathon for World Vision's clean water efforts at [www.teamworldvision.org/participant/dave](http://www.teamworldvision.org/participant/dave).

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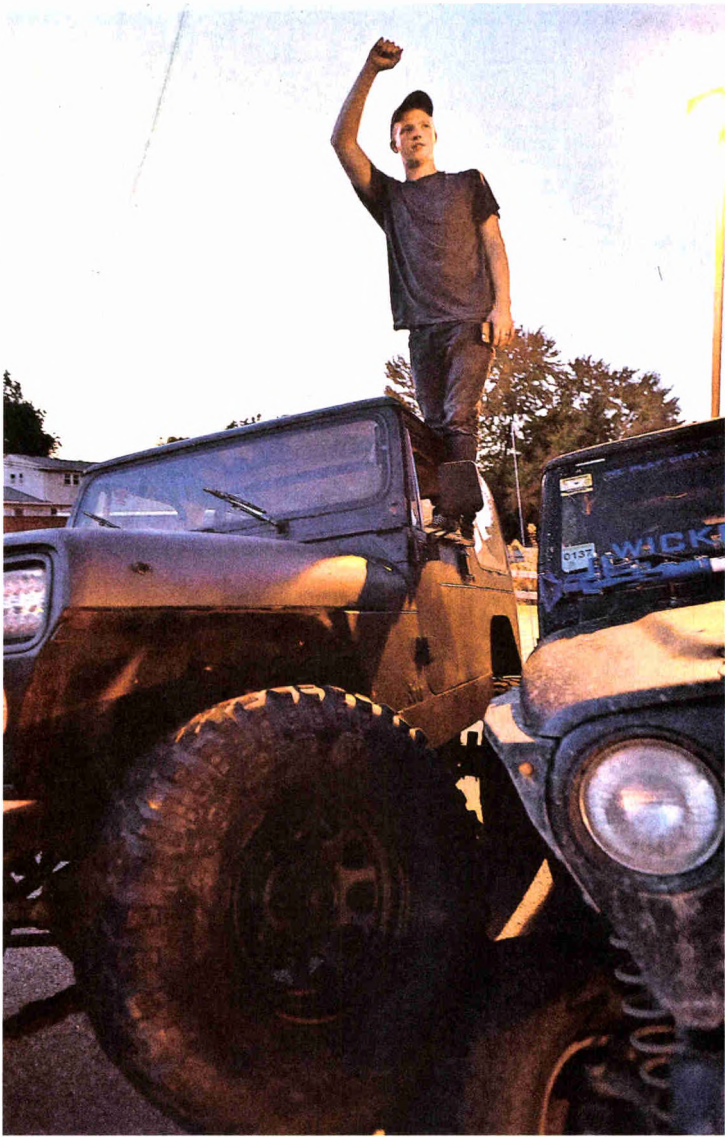
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Matt Hinkle of Garden City is triumphant after successfully stacking his 1994 YJ model Jeep.

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welcome, stock Jeeps to hardcore," said Aaron Marquis, the club's president who lives in Toledo, Ohio, but hopes to move to Michigan soon. Several thousand people are affiliated with

the club's Facebook page and the weekly meetings can see several dozen Jeeps show up.

### Jeep culture

One of those members who showed up with his Jeep at last week's meeting was Redford Township resident Matt Taylor. He built his Jeep Cherokee from the

ground up. It took him a month to complete the build, including creating his own front and rear bumpers.

"I just went all out," the former Canton Township resident said.

Taylor's attitude toward the vehicle's is similar to many others' in the group: once they owned a Jeep, they



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
"Stacking" their Jeeps in the One Under parking lot.



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Nicolas Jefferson has owned his 2011 Wrangler Unlimited Sport for two years. He describes it as a work in progress, with steel bumpers, a winch, rock lights and larger tires. He is from Westland.

couldn't see themselves owning anything else.

"I traded a rear-wheel drive import for my first Jeep," Taylor said. "My uncle's, like, 'Once you get a Jeep, you're never going to get rid of them.'"

Marquis said the Jeep culture is one that truly

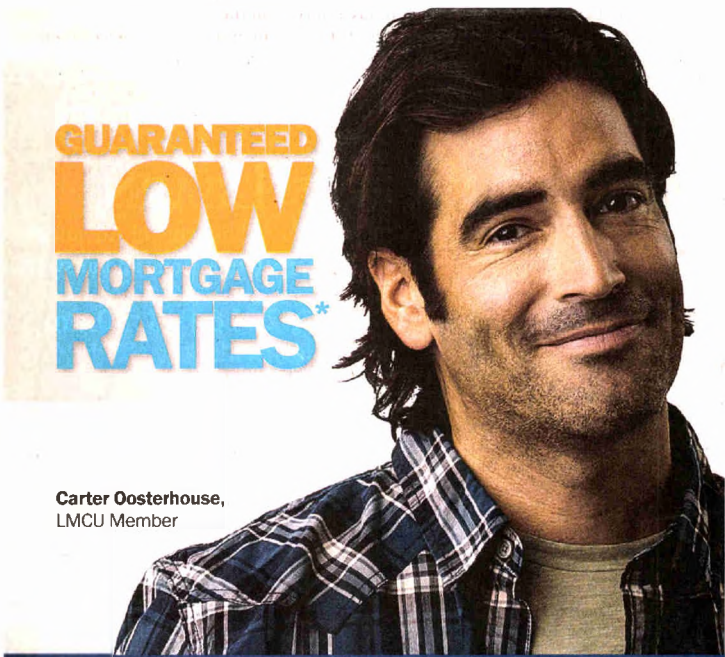
grows when one purchases a Jeep. It's a special bond, he said, Jeep owners have with each other about their vehicles.

"If you've never owned one and you buy one, you start to see other Jeeps more," Marquis said. "As you get

more into the Jeep culture, you start to see more Jeeps.

"It just grows and grows and starts to feel like you're a part of the culture."

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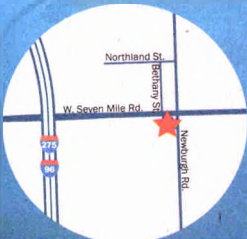
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# O&E newsroom loses nine to layoffs

Tuesday was a sad day for community journalism as we lost nine hometownlife.com/Observer & Eccentric newsroom colleagues to layoffs. The move was part of an overall 2-percent workforce reduction by Gannett Co. Inc., the parent company of the O&E. Three advertising employees also were laid off.

So what happens now? As a reader and ad-



vertiser, you can expect the continued professional reporting the Observer & Eccentric has delivered for decades. We will focus our resources in those communities that have the strongest

growth potential, while not losing sight of the important news from throughout Wayne and Oakland counties.

We will look for stories that cut across municipal boundaries, whether it is covering common issues like government funding, stories of great individual accomplishment or stories that garner interest beyond a specific geography.

Watchdog journalism has been a part of our makeup from the beginning. Our reporters have been a staple at city council, township board, planning commission and school board meetings for years. We will continue to monitor what's going on. But we'll also be relying on our readers to tell us about their concerns, accomplishments and breaking stories.

Over the years, our veteran sports reporters have been some of the remaining few who still wander the sidelines at our local high schools. We'll still be there, even if not as frequently. Rest assured, our commitment to high school sports remains. We will look for more stories within the game, features on student-athletes and issue-oriented pieces.

The Observer & Eccentric has been a national leader in community journalism for more than 40 years. We've been the backbone in many of our communities for more than 100 years and we will continue to lead.

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## Online auction to benefit braille books project for children

Win great items for yourself or holiday gift-giving and help blind children at the same time by bidding in an online auction Nov. 1-14 benefiting Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a nonprofit in Livonia.

Hot items include Disney Park Hopper Passes; Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers tickets; an Apple iPad; two-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island; overnight stays at Michigan lighthouses; signed vinyl by Kid Rock, viewing of the "Live in the D" show with host Chuck Gaidica; tickets to the Henry Ford, Detroit Zoo; ski lift tickets, restaurant gift certificates, lunch with Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright; a Livonia Police Department ride-along; and more.

See the 175-plus items or make a cash donation at [www.biddingforgood.com/braillebooks](http://www.biddingforgood.com/braillebooks).

Seedlings hopes to raise \$10,000 for 1,000 braille books for blind and visually impaired children around the world. Every \$10 donation to Seedlings makes another braille book possible.

"Blind children are at a disadvantage when it comes to learning to

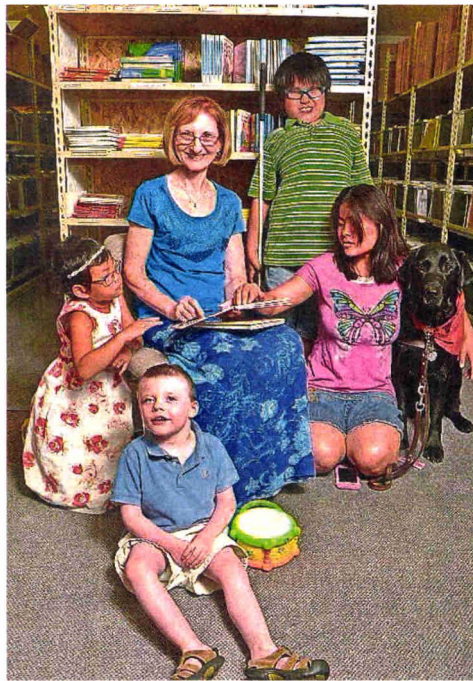
read," Seedlings Founder/Director Debra Bonde said. "For every 100 books a sighted child might have, a blind child might have only five because braille books are scarce and often expensive."

Seedlings gives half of its books away for free, and the other half are sold for an average price of \$10 a book.

Braille literacy is key to a life of independence and opportunity, according to the National Federation of the Blind. Children fluent in braille have an 80-percent chance of being gainfully employed as adults compared to only a 20-percent chance if they are not.

"A sighted person who can't read has a hard time getting a job, and it's no different for a blind person," Bonde said. "Seedlings' mission is to increase the opportunity for braille literacy by making braille books available and affordable."

Michigan businesses have been generous in donating great auction prizes to Seedlings, which was founded in Detroit in 1984, said Karen Smith, Seedlings' Community Outreach manager. "Our auction



Founder/director Debra Bonde with some of the blind and visually impaired children Seedlings serves.

catalog has been described as a bucket list for Michigan residents," she said.

Other great items include a Family Membership to the Henry Ford, tickets for Pictured Rocks Cruises and the S.S. Badger, family pass to Huckleberry Railroad and Crossroads Village, passes to the Motown Museum and Frederik Meijer Gardens, vouchers to the Ford Rouge Factory Tour and spots

on the Wheelhouse Detroit Bike Tour.

Seedlings' supporters nationwide will also find wonderful deals at [www.biddingforgood.com/braillebooks](http://www.biddingforgood.com/braillebooks), including tickets to the Toledo Zoo, Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and Creation Museum in Kentucky. Gift cards are also available for Amazon.com, American Express, chain restaurants and national retailers.

## Cantor makes three appearances

Adat Shalom Synagogue and Temple Israel are pleased to bring to the community Cantor Jack Mendelson, who will be featured on three occasions during the weekend of Nov. 4-6.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, the weekend will begin with a combined Kabbalat Shabbat service at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. The clergy of both congregations, along with Mendelson, will join together in what promises to be a most memorable experience.

The Shabbat celebration will continue the following morning, when Mendelson and Hazzan Daniel Gross will co-lead Shabbat morning services at Adat Shalom, 29901 Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. "Hearing Cantor Mendelson in his element, on the bimah leading services, is something not to be missed," Gross said. Services begin at 9 a.m.

Finally, the highlight of the weekend will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Temple Israel, when Mendelson will present his one-man show, "The Cantor's Couch," an up-close and personal production about his own life. In a simple setting on a psychologist's couch, Men-



Mendelson

delson will talk about the defining moments in his life in a show that is full of humor, drama

and heartwarming emotion.

In the performance, he paints a picture of a bygone day in Jewish America when Jews would flock to synagogue to hear the golden voices of cantors as if it were a concert hall. He recounts a relatable story of a childhood riddled with anxiety and doubt, mixed with joyous memories of music and celebration – all told with the expertise and comic timing of a master storyteller.

Mendelson's collaborator and accompanist will be Cantor Jonathan Comisar, who composed original music for this production. It is directed by Tony-nominated Eleanor Reissa.

The entire weekend is open to the community at no charge, but reservations are required for the Sunday afternoon performance at Temple Israel. Please register at [temple-israel.org/cantors-couch](http://temple-israel.org/cantors-couch), contact Maya at [maya@temple-israel.org](mailto:maya@temple-israel.org) or call 248-661-5700.

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This BP station was broken into early Friday morning.

## Livonia BP gas station broken into

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Livonia police are searching for a burglary suspect who broke into a local gas station early Friday morning.

Police say a man between the ages of 25 and 30 broke into the BP gas station at 17151 Middlebelt on the northwest corner of Six Mile and Middlebelt at about 5 a.m. Friday.

Capt. Robert Nenciarini of the Livonia Police Department said the suspect broke the door's glass and gained entry

to the convenience shop on campus and took several cartons of cigarettes.

"They smashed the front door with a hammer and snatched up the smokes," he said.

He said the suspect fled the scene driving a black vehicle.

Anyone with information regarding the break-in is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

This isn't the first break-in of the BP station on that corner: in March 2015, police say two men were pulled

over during a traffic stop on Merriman. Police discovered several cartons of cigarettes and connected the two men to the break-in that took place earlier that night at the BP station.

The suspects in that case were both sent to prison. One convicted of the crime remains locked up in prison and is serving a 1-60 year sentence, while the other was released on parole earlier this year.

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## Livonia man reportedly loses more than \$1,100 in Craigslist scam

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A Livonia man is out several hundred dollars in yet another Craigslist scam police are warning the public about.

The victim, a 67-year-old Livonia man, came into the police station the afternoon of Oct. 21 to report the swindle. He said he posted an ad on Craigslist to sell a Lincoln gas tank. After a while, someone he did not know texted him requesting information on the gas tank.

The two then decided on a price of \$275 for the gas tank. The suspect sent the Livonia man a certified check for

\$1,500 for the gas tank. The victim called him to inform him the check was too much, though the suspect told him some of that money was for shipping costs for the tank. He instructed the seller to use money for the shipping costs and to send back the rest of the money to an address in North Dakota.

The Livonia resident withdrew the remaining money, which totaled around \$1,100, and put it in a money order. He then mailed it to the North Dakota address provided to him.

He later said he had not heard anything back from the suspect and has tried to call him on both

phone numbers he has for him. Both lines were disconnected. He later came into the police station to file a police report.

Craigslist recommends those who use its service to be wary of such scams and to never accept money orders or checks for more than the agreed-upon amount and then send money back. The website says these kinds of transactions are almost always fake and to not trust them.

More information on avoiding scams on Craigslist can be found on the company's website at [craigslist.org/about/scams](http://craigslist.org/about/scams).

## Man arrested for drugs, fake credit cards

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A 28-year-old Redford Township man who checked into hotel using a fraudulent name and credit card will probably be checking into a jail cell soon after police arrested him on multiple charges.

The incident unfolded Oct. 20 when Bloomfield Hills Police were dispatched to the Radisson Hotel at 39475

Woodward Ave. because of the fake credit card. When they searched the man's hotel room, they found multiple fraudulent credit cards, illegal drugs packaged for distribution, and personal pieces of ID that did not belong to the man.

Police also seized multiple cellular phones from the suspect's room, along with computer items. The

suspect was arrested for fraud, possession with intent to deliver dangerous drugs, identity theft and possession of a stolen financial transaction device.

The suspect was processed at the Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Department, and then released pending the outcome of the investigation and a review of the charges by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

## Livonia police briefs: purse taken from Family Dollar employee

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Livonia police were called Wednesday evening to Family Dollar, 29250 Joy, on the report of a stolen purse.

A store employee said a man came in asking for money and a phone charger he could borrow to charge his phone. A clerk let him borrow her charger, and he plugged his phone in near the counter. The employee then left to go help someone else in the store, but came back to find her purse and its contents missing. After reviewing the security footage, the man was seen picking up the purse and leaving the store with it. The employee told police she believed the man lived nearby and was a regular in the store.

### Retail fraud reported

Police were called to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, Sunday afternoon, on the report of a retail fraud.

A store employee told police the suspects were seen at a self-checkout area with several items, including baby clothes. The suspects scanned some items and eventually placed

them into a bag with items that were not scanned. The suspects then reportedly tried to leave without paying for some of the items in the bag. A store employee stopped them and tried to keep them at the store, but they reportedly fled the store and drove away in a vehicle northbound on Middlebelt.

### Shoplifting suspect arrested

Police were dispatched Wednesday evening to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud.

A loss prevention employee told police they were watching a suspect in the store who was putting items into his backpack. He was seen purchasing diapers but reportedly did not pay for the items that were in the backpack. Items in the backpack, which were recovered, including socks, shorts and watches, police said. He also had a belt that belonged to the store that he had put on, police said. When he tried to leave, police arrested him. He was taken to the police station for processing.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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**ELECTION 2016:**

**LIVONIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

# Eight candidates seek four seats in Livonia schools

Eight candidates, including two incumbents, are seeking to fill four open seats on the Livonia Board of Education. Two of the seats are open because incumbents Dianne Laura and Eileen McDonnell are not seeking re-election. The remaining two seats are those of incumbents Tammy Bonifield and Dan Centers, who are seeking re-election.

Newcomers in the race are Karen Bradford, Crystal Frank, Donald Glance, Jodi Rice-White, Jason Anderson and Kylee Anderson.

The Observer asked candidates to respond to a Q&A regarding school district and educational issues. Glance, Jason Anderson and Kylee Anderson did not respond. The following are responses from the participating candidates

**1. What is essential for the school board to move the district forward to become a "destination district?"**

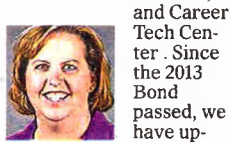
**Tammy Bonifield:** I believe the district is already a destination

district. I know this from personal experience. My husband and my sole purpose for moving to Livonia

was to provide our two children with a great education. Marketing is a big part of continuing to attract families. We must continue to reach out to families in the district that make choices other than public education, as well as encouraging families to move into the district. Continuing to find new avenues, such as social media to reach younger parents, as well as improving on current marketing is necessary. I would also like to expand our program offerings that encourage families to move into the district, such as enhanced preschool, STEAM programs and the Career and Technical Center.

**Karen Bradford:** We already are a destination district! We have an outstanding K-12 general education program. In addition, Livonia Public Schools offers a variety of additional programs such as Young 5s, ACAT, MACAT, MSC, CAPA,

Global Education, International Baccalaureate, and Career



Bradford

and Tech Center. Since the 2013 Bond passed, we have upgraded facilities, increased additional technology in the classrooms, as well as building three new state of the art Performing Arts Centers. Our teachers and staff are highly skilled and bring their expertise to the classroom every day. Our community is supportive of LPS and we will continue to thrive as a destination district in the future.

**Dan Centers:** The Livonia Public Schools District remains a destination for young families.

We must continue the work of providing schools that are physically and emotionally safe for kids. We are ensuring physical safety through the renovations at our schools. We are installing secured vestibules, updated cameras, and security systems. Also, we have created new district climate goals and trained our entire staff to meet the psychological needs of students. Finally, we need a board that pushes for the best educational opportunities for our students. We are doing that with new data approaches. Also, we are preserving important programs for gifted, special needs, dual-language and performing arts students. Finally, we need to work with parents and teachers as valued partners.

**Crystal Frank:** As an active volunteer in Livonia Public Schools over the last seven years, I have learned that LPS has room to improve how we engage families. My goal would be to reach out to our families to build a stronger partnership. It is imperative to not only talk to parents, but to

really listen to their needs in order to best educate the children in our care. LPS should re-evaluate the way the district interacts with parents and seek innovative ways to cultivate that relationship in order for every student in LPS to be successful. For example, Open Houses and Parent Teacher Conferences need to be re-evaluated to best use that opportunity to build a strong relationship for the growth of our students.



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**Jody Rice-White:** As a lifelong residence of Wayne County and a Housing Broker for Real Estate, Livonia has always enjoyed a great reputation of being for the family



Rice-White

The senior generation has always given back to the community through being life long residents and we are now starting to see a new trend of younger families. Time will be the best element as we see our next generation of youth enjoy what Livonia offers. Keeping high morals, very limited judgment and fair decisions is how I will be part of this movement.

**2. What do you believe the school board must do to address declining funding and declining enrollment?**

**Tammy Bonifield:** Although enrollment is declining, LPS continues to educate approximately 1 percent of the state's student population. Based on the state's calculation of school aid funding, declining enrollment leads to declining funding. There was an in depth demographic study completed by the district this year showing that enrollment is leveling off over the next five years, thus funding should begin to level off. The board continues to look for cost containment as well as opportunities for revenue enhancement, such as leaving some positions unfilled, aggressively conserving utilities and supplies, bringing in additional students, and selling unneeded pieces of property. The state Legislature needs to provide adequate funding for Public Schools, for which

the School Board must actively advocate.

**Karen Bradford:** Declining funding along with declining enrollment has been plaguing us for the last few years. It is difficult when the State constantly fluctuates funding and we are left with the difficult task of balancing our budget while trying to maintain our excellent programs for our students. We need to address funding at the state level. Locally, we need to continue to look at ways to generate revenues, be it applying for grants, leasing our facilities, selling excess properties, or offering limited school of choice, etc. In addition, we currently operate an energy reduction program, which continues to save our district annually.

**Dan Centers:** I am proud of the work we have done in the last two years to help address the consequences of declining enrollment. The district has worked to grow unique offerings like our Japanese immersion program. We have worked to solicit private and home school families to our district. Additionally, we have made cell-tower agreements and sold property as revenue enhancements. If I am re-elected, I will look to continue to find unique ways to help Livonia Public Schools.

**Crystal Frank:** We must continue to improve our standards for learning and making LPS the best choice for students. While there are fewer children in Livonia, we must retain students and attract new families. Our preschool program should be expanded to capture young children early and attract new students whose parents work in our community. Once established in our district, parents would be more likely to choose LPS for K-12. I am in favor of accepting a very limited number of students from other districts into specific grades or programs where we have available seats. Our magnet programs, such as the International Baccalaureate and ACAT, have attracted many students, enriching the programs. These address declining enrollment and bring additional long term funds to our district.

**Jody Rice-White:**

Declining funding is not new to the middle class society of Livonia as we have all adjusted our budgets, cut-up our credit cards and stopped over-priced contracts. We need great teachers, low legacy costs and minimal administrators. We want to practice what we preach so families that are choosing to drive miles to out-of-area charter and private schools will see what the state Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1 pertaining to education encourages through LPS as "Religion, Morality and Knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind..." As the Voice in the Field of Dreams states "If you build it, they will come!"

**3. If elected, what would you do to further involve the community in the schools?**

**Tammy Bonifield:** There are so many opportunities for the community to become involved in the schools. I spent many years participating with PTA, keeping me very involved and eventually leading to a seat on the school board. I would continue to encourage the community to attend sporting, music, theater and other events. I think the new auditoriums will provide a great resource for the community to interact with the schools and students. The district maintains a very informative website and the community can register to have emails sent automatically to them. I would continue to hold community forums to not only inform the community but also to get feedback on some of the tough decisions that need to be made.

**Karen Bradford:** We have great community support in Livonia and have formed wonderful partnerships with many businesses throughout the city. ZF TRW Automotive recently gifted monies to our district to promote reading literacy and enhance our reading programs for our youngest learners. This is just one example of the many businesses who support LPS on a regular basis. Every year, LPS Foundation hosts Bounce Back to School and invites our families and community out to start the school year. In addition, we have community members

donate time volunteering in our ELVS, Masterworks, Motor Moms/Dads programs, etc. I would continue to promote all these partnerships and programs. Community involvement positively affects our students, goes directly into the classrooms, and enhances student learning.

**Dan Centers:** One of the most enjoyable aspects of being a Livonia School Board Member is talking with the community regarding the great things happening at Livonia Public Schools. I am proud to be active at community events as a member of the Board of Education, and as a member of the Livonia Jaycees. When I am around town, I encourage others to connect with LPS. There are many chances to attend plays, musicals, robotics, or sporting events. Additionally,

there are great opportunities to volunteer in our schools, or with the Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation. The best way to be informed about our district is to visit or get involved.

**Crystal Frank:** My goal is to enrich our district by more intentionally engaging our community. I would build alliances with Livonia leaders in order for us both to thrive. I would reach out to businesses to communicate our needs and work toward a solution. For example, there is no longer funding for Reading Recovery, that assists elementary students who struggle with reading. Our community can partner with LPS by volunteering time to assist these students. My goal would be to encourage community members to donate time to work with these kids. We can reduce the learning gap between struggling learners and their peers by spending one on one tutoring time with each student.

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# Livonia resident running for circuit judge

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Circuit court judge candidate Kelly Ann Ramsey says she's prepared her whole life for a seat on the court.

One of eight candidates running for four non-incumbent seats on the circuit court for Wayne County, Ramsey said she learned a love of the law when her father would bring her to work with him. That job, a



Ramsey

Detroit police officer, meant she would find herself sitting in the back aisles during court cases in the courthouse downtown.

"I spent my summer going to Frank Murphy Hall of Justice and I loved it," the Livonia resident said. "I was just

kind of fascinated by the whole thing."

Ramsey, Melissa Cox, Matthew Evans, Wanda Evans, Robert Ficano, Thomas Hathaway, Brian Morrow and Regina Thomas are all seeking one of four non-incumbent positions on the Third Circuit Court bench this election season. The terms run for six years. Judge seats are listed under the non-partisan side of the Nov. 8 ballot and must be voted

on separately from the partisan section.

Growing up in Detroit, Ramsey moved to Livonia seeking a solid place to raise and educate her daughter. She settled on Livonia and has lived here ever since. A graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Wayne State University, she served as a referee in the circuit court's family division for 23 years before retiring last year. She has also served as a

Wayne County assistant prosecutor and currently serves as a special assistant attorney general as a part of the Sexual Assault Kit Task Force.

She's also been involved in several organizations, including the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, as well as the co-founder of For The Seventh Generation, an organization that provides enrichment to disadvantaged children.

If elected, she said she would like to focus on continuing to serve families and children in Wayne County, saying "we've kicked the can down the road" when it comes to some services dedicated to those people.

"We need to shift our attention and provide real and meaningful services to children and families," Ramsey said.

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**4. Do you favor local or state control of education in Michigan? Why?**

**Tammy Bonifield:** I favor an adequately funded public school system that meets the needs of the community, while providing an outstanding education that prepares students to meet the challenges of a fast paced global economy. I see the need to have a well-balanced mix. I do feel strongly that Michigan is overpowering, over regulating and over testing our districts. As classroom funding declines, the state continues to increase legislation that further depletes dollars that directly impact students. Rather than grabbing at power, let's think about what makes sense.

**Karen Bradford:** I believe we need a balance of both state and local

control over education in Michigan. The state funds us and we have statewide testing. This testing measures many outcomes for our district. We should be accountable to them. However, statewide decisions which are made in one district may not be suitable or in the best interest of another, in which I would favor more local control. I believe that our local parents and educators should have decision making authority over what is best for their students and community.

**Dan Centers:** Over the last two decades, the state of Michigan has asserted greater controls over public schools. Local districts can no longer raise money in their individual community for operational needs. As a result the Michigan State Legislature is responsible for funding local schools. In many ways this has been disastrous. In recent years, funding has been cut significantly and schools across the state are making cuts to student services and closing schools. The recent adequacy study showed that Livonia Public Schools, and most other districts, are underfunded by hundreds of dollars per student. Additionally, recent laws have created unfunded mandates, undermined parents and educators, and created a

looming teacher shortage. It is time to fully fund public schools and empower our local professional educators.

**Crystal Frank:** With four children spread over four LPS schools, I have clearly witnessed the need for local control over school districts, especially one the size of LPS where we have such a diverse learning population. Each community has its own identity and the vital decisions that affect it cannot be dictated by the State. There is currently legislation before the state that would mandate certain students be retained in a grade level without input from parents or teachers. We must return education back to the control of educators, parents, and local school boards. We cannot continue to take away parental choice from the people who know and work with individual students on a daily basis.

**Jody Rice-White:** For sure local! Starting today! Parents and the community should manage how they want their standards to be for their children. We want civic leadership, righteous law enforcement and moral and ethical behavior promoted. As a Christian, I love the 10 Commandments that help make our job easy as we all speak one language while say-

ing the Pledge of Allegiance to One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. This will encourage unity in our local community. We don't need the state school board making our district "change" and "redefine" laws and standards as many of them have missed the mark that was clearly defined by our forefathers just a few generations back. Vote in good leadership, Count on them to do the right thing, and let's all be part of the solution!

**Candidate biographies:**

**Tammy Bonifield:** She and her husband and two sons have lived in Livonia for 14 years. Bonifield has been an accountant for 26 years and holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Michigan Technological University. She was elected to the Livonia Board of Education in 2012 and currently serves as board secretary. She is the currently the chair of the board's policy committee.

**Karen Bradford:** She and her husband and four children have lived in Livonia for 21 years. She is a substitute teacher in the Livonia schools and an ACAT Tester at Webster Elementary School. Bradford has a bachelor degree in elementary education from Saint

Mary's College in Indiana and master's degree in reading from Eastern Michigan University. She has actively been involved in LPS, serving as president, vice president, and secretary of PTA's at Jackson Center, Hoover, Riley, and Holmes. She has served as a committee chairperson for the Stevenson Senior All Night Party.

**Dan Centers:** He was born and raised in Livonia and graduated from the Livonia Public Schools. Centers is currently the Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Officer for Madonna University. He holds a bachelor degree with a certificate in elementary education and is currently

working on a master's degree in business administration. He has earned the status of "Certified Board Member" through coursework with the Michigan Association of School Boards."

**Crystal Frank:** She and her husband and four children have lived in Livonia for nine years.

Frank has worked as a customer service manager for Ford Motor Company in the Sales & Marketing Division. She is current a community volunteer. Frank has a bachelor degree in organization communication from Miami University. She currently is the Web-

ster Elementary PTA president and has been the vice president of Cass PTA.

**Jody Rice-White:** She purchased her first home in 1987 in the southwest portion of Livonia, where Washington Elementary once stood. In 2012, She moved a mile down the road to Westland/Livonia School jurisdiction to live on an acre near Churchill High School. She was a real estate agent 1983-2010 and currently teaches pre-licensing classes for the real estate industry. She has a bachelor degree in business and marketing from Madonna University and a degree in secondary education in family and consumer science with a minor in digital media and speech communication. Rice-White was the 2015 primary winner for Westland City Clerk, but lost with 22 percent of the vote in the general election. She is part of an Educational and Property Rights Task Force Team; Co-Director of Days For Girls International and State Committeewoman for the 13th Congressional District. She is an advocate promoting more transparency and accountability for school bullying, on and off campus, and promoting and encouraging morality per the state Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1 pertaining to Education.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan: Notice is hereby given that the General Election will be held in the City of Garden City on, **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places. Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

- President and Vice President of the United States of America
- Representative in Congress 13th District
- State Representative
- State Representative Partial Term
- State Board of Education, Vote 2
- University of Michigan Regent, Vote 2
- Michigan State University Trustee, Vote 2
- Wayne State University Governor, Vote 2
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner
- Supreme Court Justice, Vote 1
- Supreme Court Justice Incumbent Position Vote 1
- Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position, Vote 2
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position, Vote 16
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position, Partial Term Vote 1
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 4
- Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position, Vote 2
- Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Member, Vote 2
- Garden City School Board, Vote 3

The following proposals will also be voted on:

**AUTHORITY**  
**A PROPOSAL AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN (RTA) TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT**

The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment: • at a rate of 1.2 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value); • for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035; • that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval; and • to be used upon the affirmative vote of an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act. If this new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to the RTA. It is estimated that \$160,907,285 will be collected in the first year. Should this assessment be approved?

YES NO

CITY

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #1**

Shall Section 2.03 of the Garden City Charter be amended, effective at an election scheduled for November 2017, to provide that a person elected to the office of Mayor shall be elected for a four-year term and that, in the event of a mayoral vacancy, the Mayor Pro-Tem shall hold office until the next regular general City election when the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term (if any)?

YES NO

CITY

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #2**

Shall Section 2.05 of the Garden City Charter be amended to provide that all Council members shall be elected for four-year terms commencing at an election scheduled for November 2019 and with Council member elections staggered every two years thereafter?

YES NO

**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count. Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2016. The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale - Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District

YES NO

I, ERIC R. SABREE, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

**WAYNE COUNTY**

Taxing Authority	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	11/03/2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	08/07/2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	08/02/2016	0.25 mills	2020

**OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES**

Schoolcraft Comm College	10/07/1985	.05 mills	Unlimited
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**GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS**

Garden City Schools	06/11/2001	3.1 mills	2005 thru (not to exceed 30 years)
	08/2012	18 mills	2018 non-homestead
	11/2014	2 mills	2020

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**

City of Garden City	08/2015	3.5	2020
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The places of voting for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2016 will be as follows:

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precinct 2	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 3	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 6	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Burger School (Formerly Henry Ruff School) 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicap accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 7, 2016 to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

**ALLYSON M. BETTIS**  
**CITY CLERK**  
**CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN**

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The Uke Kings will perform at Mini Uke Day at the Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

# Strum your 'jumping flea' at Mini Uke Day

Sharon Dargay  
hometownlife.com

Ben Hassenger is both a king and an ambassador in the world of ukulele.

"It's a self-appointed title, Michigan's ambassador of the ukulele. And I didn't get a sash or anything like that," said Hassenger, with a laugh. "I really try to be the hub of ukulele activities across the state. There are at least 20 active ukulele groups in Michigan. I call it the great uke state."

The Lansing-area resident is a member of the musical trio, The Ukulele Kings, co-founder of the Lansing Area Ukulele Group, and organizer of The Mighty Uke Day festival, Interlochen's Uktoberfest, and the Midwest Uke Camp. He also takes credit for helping to name the Farmington-area's ukulele group, Motor City Ukes.

He's planning a one-day festival that will include workshops, an open mic, group strum-alongs, and an evening concert. Mini Uke Day will run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the concert starting at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile, in Livonia. Tickets are \$45 for four workshops, \$18 for the concert only or both for \$55. The concert features The Ukulele Kings and Andy Andrews, a ukulele musician and teacher. Tickets are available at mightyukeday.com and at the door.

Here's a few of Hassenger's thoughts on ukulele in Michigan:

**Q:** First, how do you pronounce ukulele?

**A:** The original Hawaiian pronunciation is oo-koo-lele. What that means in the Hawaiian language is jumping flea. In the mid-1800s there were a lot of Portuguese working in the islands. They had their own instruments that were predecessors to the ukulele and the native



Andy Andrews of Hawaii will play ukulele at Mini Uke Day, Nov. 5, in Livonia.

Hawaiians were amazed how quickly their hands moved up and down the strings, like a jumping flea.

**Q:** What's the ukulele's appeal?

**A:** I like to say it's the ultimate folk instrument because it brings folks together. I think that's the beauty of the ukulele, getting people together, sharing something together, face to face, in a group, working together. It's an incredibly social instrument. You just kind of share the joy of this little jumping flea.

**Q:** Does it cost much to get started?

**A:** That's one of the nice things about ukulele. I like to say it's a very accessible instrument. It's easier to learn how to play than a lot of instruments. It's easy to carry on an airplane, or stick in your car. But it's also accessible price-wise. You can get a playable ukulele for 50-60 bucks. Now, there is a thing called ukulele acquisition syndrome. It's a very contagious disease. It seems like you never have just one ukulele.

**Q:** How many do you own?

**A:** Of the ukuleles I play, I probably have 10. But then, because I teach a lot of school programs, I

easily have 100 ukuleles in my house right now. It's ridiculous.

**Q:** What kind of music is considered ukulele music?

**A:** You can play all kinds of music. People think, well, a ukulele is just Hawaiian music or silly music. But you can also play jazz, pop, folk, rock, country, hip-hop. There's a band out of Traverse City and they're almost like a Goth band and they play the ukulele. It's incredibly versatile. It's popping up everywhere.

**Q:** What unusual song have you played on ukulele?

**A:** I worked up "You Shook Me All Night Long" (AC/DC) on ukulele.

**Q:** Do you think the ukulele is a trend that will fade?

**A:** I think people play it and genuinely like the instrument. It's not a gimmick. I mean, all the Beatles were huge ukulele fans, especially George Harrison. It has a huge history with all the British rockers, like Pete Townsend and all those people. If anyone goes into it with an open mind and picks it up, they can't help but love the instrument.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs, which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the General Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

**Location:** Civic Center  
6000 Middlebelt  
Garden City, Michigan 48135

**Date:** November 2, 2016  
Wednesday

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Allyson M. Bettis  
City Clerk  
734-793-1620

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# Don't allow taxes to unduly influence strategy

**Q: About a year ago, the company that I worked with for more than 30 years closed its doors and went out of business. At the time, I received severance pay, which was a year-and-a-half of my salary. I have been living off that money and it will be up in a few months. I am in my late 60s and I have decided to retire. I will be collecting Social Security, but that will not cover my needs. My question to you is, from a strategy standpoint, where should I get the additional income I need? I have three buckets of money: a traditional IRA, Roth IRA and personal investment account at Vanguard. Between the three accounts, I have nearly \$1 million and I will need about \$2,000 a month in addition to Social Security. What accounts should I access first? I have been told that I should first use my personal account before I touch my IRAs. Do you agree?**

**A:** No, I do not necessarily agree with that strategy. That strategy is based upon the theory that, since your traditional IRA is subject to tax, it would make sense to defer paying the tax for as long as possible. I feel that theory is based upon taxes and I have always been a believer you never want to let the tax tail wag the dog. As far as I am concerned, you want to do things that make good economic sense, not only for today, but also into the future. In addition, I do not believe that one strategy works for everyone. You always need to look at your individual situation and make decisions that work best for you, not necessarily what works for everyone else.

In reviewing your situation, one thing you need to keep in mind is that since you are in your late 60s, in just a few years you will have to begin taking minimum required distributions from your traditional IRA. The Roth IRA can continue to grow tax-free for as long as you choose, but you will be required to take minimum required distributions, from your traditional IRA. In many situations such as yours, it pays to begin to withdraw first from your traditional IRA, reducing



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

your future minimum required distributions.

Although I do not ever want to let the tax tail wag the dog, it does not mean I do not want to take taxes into consideration. Taxes are important and we certainly do not want to pay more taxes than we have to. That being said, what I would recommend is taking a look at your tax situation and, in order to supplement your income needs, withdraw first from your traditional IRA, but only enough to keep you in the same tax bracket. Then, for additional monies you may need, I would then take it from the personal account. I would let the Roth IRA continue to reinvest and grow tax-free into the future.

Once you begin taking your minimum required distributions, I would follow the same strategy. If after taking your minimum required distributions you need additional money, I would first look to withdraw from the traditional IRA, but

only withdraw enough to keep you in the same tax bracket. Remember, minimum required distributions are only the minimum; there is nothing to say that you cannot take more.

I recognize that the general belief is you should let your IRA grow for as long as you can before you tap into it. This is based on the belief that since traditional IRAs grow tax-deferred, it's always better to defer your taxes for as long as possible. That sounds like a good strategy, but what people don't realize is that sometimes, when you defer your taxes, you are deferring yourself into a higher bracket; the deferral did not save you taxes, it cost you. Therefore, do not be caught up in the mistaken belief that tax deferral is always good, because it is not. In many situations, you would be much further ahead by paying the taxes today versus in the future.

Good luck!

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to questions, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

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## NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO FORFEIT

TO: **Jermaine Powers**

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

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

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## CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

**AGENDA**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
**November 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Livonia City Hall – Gallery (5th Floor)**  
**33000 Civic Center Drive**  
**Livonia, MI**  
**(734) 466 2259**

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-11-76:** Joyce Frederick, south side of Ohio (32641) between Wisconsin and Maryland, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall privacy fence within the side yard, which is not allowed. Privacy fences cannot extend beyond the rear of the home toward the front of the lot.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 – all comments must include name, address and signature.

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Livonia Observer

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## CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN ADVERTISEMENT SOLICITATION FOR 2017-2019 PARKS AND RECREATION "L" MAGAZINE

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on **Tuesday, December 6th, 2016** at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

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

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the bid must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN SOLICITATION FOR 2017-2019 PARKS AND RECREATION "L" MAGAZINE, name of vendor and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.**

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

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

Edward Davis  
Superintendent, Parks & Rec  
Dennis K. Wright  
Mayor

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## Author pens novel partly based in Livonia

**David Veselenak**  
hometownlife.com

Livonia native Steven Arnett has finished and published his third book. And much of the book's setting will be familiar to many folks who have lived in Livonia for many years.

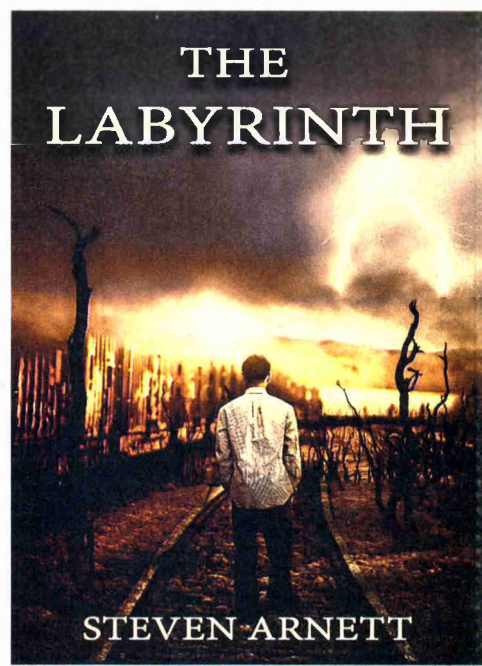


Arnett

"The Labyrinth," a thriller chronicling the history of a man run over by a car in New Hampshire after he is discovered by a local sheriff and tells the tale of a (fictional) murder that took place in Livonia.

Arnett said growing up near the Plymouth and Middlebelt intersection behind the Wonderland shopping center inspired him to include local details in his novel, including the former wooded area north of the intersection near the railroad tracks.

"I remember that area behind the old Sibley's lumber yard. In those days, behind the lumber yard, it was all woods and fields," he said in an interview with the *Observer*



"The Labyrinth" is the most recent novel published by Livonia native Steven Arnett. It takes place partially in Livonia.

*er and Eccentric.* "It just seemed to be a good fit for the story."

After graduating from Bentley, Arnett attended Michigan State University, where he majored in English literature. Later on, he decided to give writing a shot. Since then, he's written two other books: "Winners and Losers" and "Death on Lake Michigan."

Arnett said his most recent novel was one he's worked on for many

years, making significant changes in recent months to prep for publishing. It was released earlier this fall.

"During the last year, I revised it quite a bit," he said.

"The Labyrinth" is available on several e-book platforms, including Amazon, Barnes and Noble's Nook and iBooks.

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## Ask Dr. Stewart



Dr. James Stewart offers treatment for sleep apnea and chronic snoring from his practice in Livonia, MI. Today, he discusses how sleep apnea can endanger your overall health.

### SLEEP APNEA IMPACTS YOUR OVERALL HEALTH

**Dear Dr. Stewart:** Does sleep apnea lead to any other problems besides feeling really tired during the day?

**Dr. Stewart:** Yes. Obstructive sleep apnea has been shown to impact a patient's overall health. Without treatment, the frequent episodes of waking up due to sleep apnea can lead to low blood oxygen levels and increasingly active hormonal levels, a combination that can cause a higher risk of hypertension, stroke, and heart attack. Sleep apnea has also been linked to acid reflux, weight gain, persistent headaches, and even type 2 diabetes. If you experience potential symptoms of sleep apnea, such as chronic snoring and daytime exhaustion, you should seek a diagnosis right away.

If you have questions about your sleep difficulties contact Dr. Stewart by calling 734-425-4400 or visiting [sleepbettermichigan.com](http://sleepbettermichigan.com).

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

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

### School Bus Bid for the 2016-2017 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

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

**Sealed bids marked School Bus Bid will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day November, 2016, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan.** Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of November, 2016, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Harry C. Lau  
Administrator of Facilities and Operations  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48154-5474  
**"School Bus Bid"**

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

Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Todd Dickson, Transportation Supervisor, [tdickson@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:tdickson@livoniapublicschools.org), 734.776.1806, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

**LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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# RTA vote: A path to independence for some riders

Jay Grossman  
hometownlife.com

Natasha Palffy recently rode on a SMART bus for the first time by herself. It was a great feeling of accomplishment for the 15-year-old Birmingham teenager, who is legally blind.

"She uses cabs and Uber, but with buses it's a little more difficult because you have to know the schedules," said her father, Carl Palffy. "But the goal is to make her more independent as she gets older and public transportation is certainly a key toward achieving that goal."

To Peggy Branch, public transportation means freedom for her daughter Maggie. The 17-year-old Birmingham teenager has fragile X syndrome, which is an autism spectrum disorder.

"She's probably never going to be driving – at least not for the foreseeable future," Branch said. "Work is definitely in Maggie's future, but getting her to and from a job is going to be the challenge."

Voters in southeast Michigan will decide Nov. 8 whether to allow the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan to levy 1.2 mills over a 20-year period for the purpose of constructing and operating a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

The Regional Master Transit Plan will connect more than 2,600 miles and four million residents. It will also increase paratransit services by at least 33 percent to help provide greater independence for seniors and people with disabilities.

The millage will collect about \$161 million the first year. Branch believes it's going to be



Natasha Palffy, 15, catches a bus near Woodward and Maple roads in Birmingham.

JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Maggie Branch (right) with her mom and brother around Christmas.

money well-spent, especially for young people with disabilities who will likely rely on public transportation for most of their lives.

"The more these kids can do things on their own, the more it will boost their confidence

and give them that feeling of independence and adventure," she said. "It lets them say, 'Hey, I can do this by myself' and that's a pretty big deal."

**Learning to ride**  
Wendy Ernzen's 14-year-old daughter Nicola

has autism and will likely never drive. Even so, Ernzen said she wants to carve out as much independence for her daughter as possible.

"We're hoping she gets into some type of vocational program one day," Ernzen said. "And public transportation gives parents like me a lot of hope, because that's something she could master. The routes are typically the same and she's very schedule-driven. That's why I think something like this would work with her."

Maggie already works at a neighborhood business called Simply Good Kitchen that's three blocks away from her house. Peggy Branch said reliability and safety are two priorities if her daughter started taking the bus.

"Safety is a huge issue," Branch said. "What if someone gets in a fight on a bus? Anything out of

the ordinary and these kids are easily flustered."

Ernzen said she likes the RTA plan because it will expand the number of stops and pickup times. The plan will also benefit her family with the creation of some east-west routes.

"The RTA plan could open up a new world for our daughter," Ernzen said. "She could live along the Woodward corridor and catch her BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) stop to get to her therapy in Berkley, attend vocational training at Oakland Community College in Royal Oak or catch a Tigers game with her sister downtown."

If the millage fails, Branch and Ernzen said the responsibility of providing transportation for their kids falls onto their shoulders. In Nicola's case, for example, the existing bus system has too many changeovers and delays for her to

comfortably navigate. SMART does offer an ADA shuttle service, providing the rider qualifies.

"We are not alone," Ernzen said, citing national statistics that 1 in 68 children have been identified with autism spectrum disorder. "Not to mention all the other people with different disabilities and the thousands of seniors who no longer can drive. Perhaps some can rely on other family members or self-driving cars, but what will the rest of these people do?"

Branch added, "It's all about getting our children ready for work and being a productive member of the community. That's something every parent wants for their child."

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**NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO BE HELD DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017 COMMENCING JANUARY 18, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 20, 2017.**

To all persons interested in the meetings of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals:

<b>PLACE:</b>	Westland City Hall 36300 Warren Road Westland, MI 48185
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>REGULAR MEETING DATE</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b>
January 18, 2017	December 27, 2016
February 15, 2017	January 24, 2017
March 15, 2017	February 21, 2017
April 19, 2017	March 28, 2017
May 17, 2017	April 18, 2017
June 21, 2017	May 30, 2017
July 19, 2017	June 27, 2017
August 16, 2017	July 25, 2017
September 20, 2017	August 29, 2017
October 18, 2018	September 26, 2017
November 15, 2017	October 24, 2017
December 20, 2017	November 20, 2017 (Monday)

The minutes of each meeting of the regular meetings listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office of the City of Westland not more than eight (8) business days after the date of said meeting.

Approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five (5) business days after the meeting at which the minutes of the meeting are approved.

This notice is given in compliance with Act. No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976.

Richard LeBlanc  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF LIVONIA  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

**Petition 2016-10-02-19 submitted by Animal Care Clinic of Livonia** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(b) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a veterinary clinic at 28450 Joy Road, located on the northwest corner of Joy Road and Harrison Avenue in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36.

The above-mentioned petition will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

**Ian Wilshaw, Chairman**  
**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

**Petition #2844- J. Roosa-35842 Schley**  
Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code to install a 6' high privacy fence in the east & west side yds. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

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**CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN  
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Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

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# A house divided: She's a Democrat, he's a Republican

Jay Grossman  
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If only Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton could get along like the Imermans.

Larry Imerman is a Republican precinct delegate from Bloomfield Township. His wife Miriam is the Democratic precinct delegate for the same area. Politically speaking, they're the odd couple.

And yet, listening to the two talk politics over breakfast at Nello's in Royal Oak, one can remember the good old days when the two parties seemed to get along better.

"We're a house divided," Miriam said, "but look at how we reach across the aisle and help each other."

She then passes the pepper to Larry.

A study by the Pew Research Center indicates bipartisan politics is practically at an all-time low, with Democrats and Republicans more divided than at any other point in the past 20 years. Michael Traugott, a research professor with the Center of Political Studies at the University of Michigan, points out the same division exists in many households across America, where families don't want to see their kids marrying across the aisle.

According to a Stanford University study, 33 percent of Democrats and 49 percent of Republicans polled in 2010 said they would be displeased if their daughter or son married someone of a differing political ideology. When the same poll was conducted in the 1960s, only 4 percent of Democrats and 5 percent of Republicans said they'd be displeased.

Traugott said the polarization can be traced back to the 1990s and the



Miriam and Larry Imerman of Bloomfield Township are precinct delegates, only he's a Republican and she's a Democrat.

number of instances where members of Congress refused to cross over to vote with their colleagues from the other party.

"In the mass electorate, citizens have begun to internalize what it means to be a Democrat and a Republican and how the two sides differ from each other," he said about the political divide. "Over time, this has produced a growing dislike of the other side."

**More pepper, please**

Back at Nello's, Larry and Miriam talk about

how they went door-to-door together on the campaign trail.

"If the person at the door was a Democrat, Miriam would step up and introduce herself," said Larry, who first ran as a precinct delegate in 2012. "If they were a Republican, I'd take the lead."

Miriam first ran as a write-in candidate in 2014, when she saw that no other Democrats in her area were running for precinct delegate.

"I'm your conduit to the Democratic Party," she said. "I'm there to encourage you to vote

and participate."

The two-year position requires delegates to serve as liaisons between their precincts and the party. Delegates also meet at the county and state level to nominate party members for certain offices, such as university regent.

Larry said the political landscape is changing within the local Republican Party. He cited conservative political groups, such as Battle Cry Michigan, that were recruiting candidates to run for precinct positions last summer in order to

build a power structure from the grassroots level.

At the same time, he also noted Republicans in his precinct picked Ohio Gov. John Kasich over Trump in the August primary.

"In terms of position, I try to reflect that moderate middle-of-the-road Republican position," he said. "I'm economically conservative - I'm not conservative on most social issues."

The two met on a fix-up date in 1987 and married a year later. Larry was already a staunch Republican going back to his college days at Washington University, where he took an economics course from a professor who had done his Ph.D. dissertation under Milton Friedman. Miriam grew up in a Democratic household.

"What can I tell you?" she said. "My dad voted for Adlai Stevenson."

Overall, it's clear the two agree with each other on a number of issues - except when it comes to Clinton and Trump.

## Political heartburn

Larry said the reason Trump is doing well is because of his message.

"I think the voters like that's he a successful businessman," he said. "Trump tells it like it is and he does not represent a Republican establishment that has failed their constituency in numerous ways. ... In the U.S., we always hope our kids will be better off than we are and I think that dream has died with a lot of people."

Miriam said Clinton supporters appreciate her experience and breadth of knowledge when it comes to politics.

"She knows the issues inside and out," Miriam said. "And I think people know she'll make decisions based on intellect and not on emotion."

Miriam then mentions how the "trust issue" with Clinton has been overblown by the media - and that's when breakfast starts to heat up a little.

"She's ethically challenged," Larry says in a matter-of-fact way.

"Name me a politician who isn't," Miriam challenges him.

"You can't minimize what I'm saying," Larry tells his wife.

"Sure I can," Miriam tells her husband. "Look at me, I'm doing it right now."

Ketchup anyone? "She's made some big mistakes," Miriam said of her candidate. "There's no good rationale for the emails - for someone who has spent 30 years in public life she should have known better. But between the two candidates, I have no problem whatsoever pressing the button for Hillary."

Miriam believes a segment of the population won't support Clinton for no other reason than she's a woman. Larry said Trump's complete lack of experience in politics could hurt him at the polls. As for the rhetoric, both believe their candidate could say just about anything at this point and it wouldn't affect the outcome.

And yet, they both finish breakfast in a good mood. If nothing else, the election has charged up the voters.

Said Miriam, "What's that old quote about democracy? It's the worst system in the world except for all the other ones." Every democratic nation has its rough-and-tumble politics. But right now, you have an incredibly engaged electorate and, if a few more people become engaged, I think that's for the good."


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## Thomas J. Hathaway

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The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 03-16: A request for a Special Use permit in a C-2 Zoning classification at the following property:

**LOTS 2 AND 3 SMITHS LINCOLN PARK SUB T1S R10E L42 P7 WCR**  
**Property more commonly known as 27253 Seven Mile Rd.**  
**(Parcel #79-008-01-0002-000)**

**THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING. THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.**


It is further required that a copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business on November 3, 2016 to be considered.

**David Allen, Chair  
Planning Commission  
Charter Township of Redford**

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Amended Zoning Map No. 02-16: A request to rezone the following property from C-1 (Local Business) to C-2 (General Commercial).

**Lots 31 and 32 except the W 7 FT THEREOF HITCHMANS EDEN PARK SUB T1S R10E L52 P34 WCR**  
**Property more commonly known as 18800 Beech Daly**  
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## PREP FOOTBALL



Franklin's Chris Nehasil walks into the end zone for a third-quarter TD.

NANCY ERWIN

## Franklin passes first playoff test in 49-28 win

Brad Emons  
hometownlife.com

Livonia's Franklin's offense will never be confused with old San Diego Chargers' "Air Coryell," but the Patriots demonstrated Friday night that they can throw the football when called upon.

In Friday's MHSAA Division 2 opener at Brownstown Woodhaven, the Patriots used a balanced attack to ring up a 49-28 victory over the host Warriors and advanced to next Friday's regional championship game at Temperance Bedford.

Senior dual threat quarterback Jacob Clark pulled a Dan Fouts, completing 7-of-13 passes for 175 yards, including a pair of third-quarter touchdowns, a 24-yarder to Ke-Mauri Heard and the other on a 46-yard rope to Jake Giacobbi, as the Patriots extended their halftime lead from 21-6 to 35-6.

*"We've been working on that all season long trying to get better at it and I think that's the best we've thrown the ball. ... It's something we keep trying to get better ..."*

CHRIS KELBERT  
Franklin coach

"We've been working on that all season long trying to get better at it and I think that's the best we've thrown the ball," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "That touchdown to Giacobbi was the best ball I've seen Clark throw. It's something we keep trying to get better at and we were able to do it tonight."

Franklin also ran for 240 yards on 41 attempts, led by senior Nyassinu Crowell, who finished with 132 yards on 17 carries and three TDs.

"Our linemen are always good up front pass blocking and Clark can get out of the pocket and make something happen," said senior Chris Nehasil, a two-way standout in the backfield and secondary for the Patriots. "He found the open receivers tonight. We had a great week of practice, worked hard and it paid off."

After the Patriots were stopped on fourth-and-four at the Woodhaven 45 on their opening possession, the Warriors struck just four plays later when quarterback Alex Theisen hit Raekown Castelow on a wheel route for a 41-yard TD with 7:57 left in the first quarter. The

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## PREP FOOTBALL

## RU holds on for wild 41-34 playoff win

Mike Rosenbaum  
Correspondent

Warren Fitzgerald's offense ground through Redford Union's defense for 365 rushing yards Friday, but the Panthers' defense stifled the host Spartans when it counted the most. Redford Union stopped Fitzgerald five times on fourth down, including twice in the final quarter, leading the Panthers to a 41-34 victory in a Division 3 state playoff contest.

Offensively, the Panthers ran their power-based attack to near perfection, gaining 412 yards on the ground. On its last drive, in fact, RU ran the ball a bit too well for their coach's liking.

With the score tied at 34-34 late in the fourth quarter, the Panthers threw Fitzgerald's Najon Moore for a 4-yard loss on a fourth-and-one try with 4:02 remaining. At that point, Redford Union coach Miles Tomasaitis was hoping to run the clock down as far as possible, to prevent the powerful Spartans' offense from counter-punching in the closing minutes.

But Isaac Grant had other ideas. The RU junior gained 21 yards on the drive's second play, 11 on the next snap and then, on second down from the 18, he fired through the middle and dragged would-be tacklers across the goal line with 1:33 remaining.

"I didn't want to give them any more time on the clock than I had to," Tomasaitis said. "If I had my way, I would've scored with 17 seconds left. But unfortunately, my backs decided that they didn't want to do that. They just broke the runs. It was nerve-wracking with them getting the football back."

The Spartans drove the ball to Redford's 34, gaining a first down with 43 seconds left. But they moved no farther

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Eric McCarter (right) leaves the Fitzgerald defenders in his wake en route to this long scoring run for Redford Union.

## USA HOCKEY

## World-class talent in Five Nations

Tim Smith  
Hometownlife.com

The cream of the hockey prospect crop — players who might become a new wave of NHL stalwarts such as Patrick Kane, Dylan Larkin and Auston Matthews — will have the chance to rise up this week at USA Hockey Arena.

The 2016 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament is slated to run from Tuesday through Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Plymouth Township arena on Beck Road north of M-14.

Among participants in the tournament will be the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team. Also in the tourney mix are Finland,



Sweden, Switzerland and the Czech Republic. (Concurrently, the NTDP U17s are playing in the 2016 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge tourney, hosted in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada.)

"It's a tremendous honor for a USA hockey player to represent his country at any time," said Team USA Under-18 first-year head coach John Wroblewski, a former player in the NTDP. "It's an even greater honor to defend our crest on home ice."

"It's my first tournament on home

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U.S. NTDP Under-18 goalie Dylan St. Cyr of Northville makes a stop during a game earlier this season. He and his teammates will compete Nov. 1-5 in the Five Nations Tournament at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.



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GUEST COLUMNIST

# Be safe and prevent 'boo-boos' this Halloween

Halloween has always been one of my favorite times of year and, now that I have several of my own trick-or-treaters, I think a lot more about making sure kids are safe. Here is a list of tips to keep your children safe this Halloween and, hopefully, prevent "boo-boos" as well.

- » If you're driving on Halloween:
- » Turn your headlights on, even if it is dusk and they haven't automatically turned on yet.
- » Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- » Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs – and don't assume they see you coming.
- » Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- » At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- » If you're a parent of a trick-or-treater, have a plan:



Joe Guettler  
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- » Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- » Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- » Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- » Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- » Establish a return time.
- » Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.

» Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

Here are a few safety tips about costumes:

- » Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- » Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- » Masks should have eye holes that allow a reasonable field of vision.
- » Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween).
- » If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of reflective tape should be used to make children visible.
- » Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or

flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.

» Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

Kids need to understand and follow these rules:

- » Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- » Walk — do not run — from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- » Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- » Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.

Happy Halloween!  
For more information and links to useful sites, go to [www.performanceorthopedics.com](http://www.performanceorthopedics.com).

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Thorton Cain rumbles up the field during Friday's wild win over Warren Fitzgerald.

## PANTHERS

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and – fittingly – the drive ended on fourth down, with Ryan Tate sacking quarterback Chris Eddy to secure the victory.

"Defensively, we came up big when we had to," Tomasaitis said. "I'm not really happy overall with how many yards we gave up, but we made some great plays when we needed to."

Fitzgerald, which entered the game 8-1, received the opening kickoff and needed just 55 seconds to reach the end zone, as Eddy's 30-yard run set up a 2-yard Moore touchdown. The Panthers needed much more time, but achieved the same results on a 13-play, 79-yard drive that took 6:45 off the clock. The drive featured a 5-yard run by Thorton Cain on fourth-and-one from the Fitzgerald 48 and was capped by Grant's 6-yard run.

Eddy's 14-yard scoring run early in the second quarter gave the hosts a 14-7 lead, but the Panthers responded, as Cain's 40-yard run set up Marquise Hathaway's 3-yard TD carry.

RU got the ball back midway through the quarter after a fourth-down stop at Fitzgerald's 33. The Panthers faced a fourth-and-six from the 13, but Grant swept left for 12 yards, setting up a Cain 3-yard TD run two plays later. Evan

Albright's extra point gave the Panthers a 21-14 lead.

In the closing minute of the half, Eddy engineered a 72-yard drive in just 56 seconds, as his 30-yard keeper set up another 2-yard Moore dive and the teams entered halftime tied at 21-21.

The Panthers almost literally owned the third quarter, returning the kickoff to their 33 and then grinding out four first downs to reach Fitzgerald's 24. But thanks to a pair of sacks, RU turned the ball over on downs at the Spartans' 30, having held the ball for all but the last 1:08 of the quarter.

The teams then exchanged touchdowns on their next four possessions. Fitzgerald got TD runs of 2 and 12 yards from Moore. Sandwiched in between was a two-play Panthers drive featuring Cain's 53-yard scamper and a 12-yard Grant scoring run. Their next drive was just as quick, as Eric McCarter busted a 72-yard scoring run on second down. Each team missed its extra point following their fifth touchdowns, leaving the score at 34-34, and setting the stage for RU's late-game heroics.

Grant led the Panthers with 157 yards on 20 carries. Cain ran 14 times for 145 yards, while McCarter gained 101 yards on just six carries. Hathaway chipped in 23 yards, but Tomasaitis noted that Hathaway's lead blocking for his fellow backs was "just fantastic. He was knocking people on their butts and it was fun to watch."

## TOURNEY

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soil and I look forward to seeing how our team owns up to the challenge."

The first test for Wroblewski's team, which includes Northville's Dylan St. Cyr in the nets, as well as forwards Josh Norris (Oxford), Logan Cockerill (Brighton) and defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield), is 7 p.m. Tuesday against Switzerland.

### Anticipation grows

Also thrilled to compete in the high-profile tourney is NTDP Under-18 forward Randy Hernandez, a Florida native in his second season in the program since it relocated from Ann Arbor to Plymouth.

"It's going to feel so great to play in the Five Nations Tournament," Hernandez noted. "Representing your country and competing against the best countries in the world is unbelievable."

"We've been working so hard as a team and I can't wait to show what we're made of."

Each team will play four games, with three points awarded for a win, two for an overtime draw and one for an overtime defeat. The first-place team will be determined based on final point standings.

Hernandez and other players on the U18s had the same international experience on home ice last February, during the well-received Five Nations Under-17 Tournament. That tourney ended on a high note with Canada and Team USA playing before a packed

### FIVE NATIONS FACTS

#### Tuesday, Nov. 1

Finland vs. Sweden 3:30 p.m.  
USA vs. Switzerland 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 2

Switzerland vs. Czech Republic 3:30 p.m.  
USA vs. Sweden 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, Nov. 3

Sweden vs. Switzerland 3:30 p.m.  
Finland vs. Czech Republic 7 p.m.

#### Friday, Nov. 4

Switzerland vs. Finland 3:30 p.m.  
Czech Republic vs. USA 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Nov. 5

Czech Republic vs. Sweden 3:30 p.m.  
USA vs. Finland 7 p.m.

**Where:** USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth.

**Tickets:** On sale at the USA Hockey Arena box office and at [usahockeyarena.com](http://usahockeyarena.com). Tickets are can be purchased by phone at 734-453-6400. Tournament passes, which include tickets to all 10 games, start at \$30, and weekend packages start at \$20. Season ticket holders for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program will receive a special discount on tournament packages. Single-day tickets, which vary from \$5 to \$12, are also now available and include access to both games that day.

house at USA Hockey Arena.

According to USA Hockey, 63 players on the radar of National Hockey League Central Scouting will be skating for the five teams. The last time the U18s won the tourney was in 2013-14.

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NANCY ERWIN

Franklin's Nyassinu Crowell (right) gets an opening helped by blocker Isaac Moore.

## FRANKLIN

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extra point, however, was no good after a bad snap from center kept it at 6-0.

Keyed by a fourth-and-four conversion with an 18-yard first-down screen from Clark to Heard, Franklin scored with 1:53 left in the first quarter on Crowell's 1-yard TD run and took a 7-6 lead after Giacobbi's PAT.

With 8:42 left in the second, the Patriots went up 14-6 on a 39-yard draw play by Crowell.

An 8-yard shanked punt by Woodhaven with 8:03 left in the half gave the Patriots the ball at the Warriors' 46.

And after converting a pair of third downs, Brandon Smiley took a Clark handoff and ran 16 yards for a TD with 4:55 left in the half, putting the Patriots ahead 21-6.

The Patriots then stopped a Woodhaven drive when Jalen Wellons fumbled at the 20 as the ball popped into the hands of Nehasil with 3:02 left in the half.

Franklin got down to the Warriors' 21, but Giacobbi's 38-yard field-goal attempt had plenty of leg, but was wide left, keeping the count at 21-6.

The Patriots outgained Woodhaven in the first half, 248-137.

After Woodhaven went three-and-out on its first second-half drive, the Patriots took just three plays to score, on Clark's 24-yard TD pass to Heard with 8:59 remaining in the third to make it 28-6.

After the Patriots' held on fourth-and-two at the Woodhaven 46, Clark hit Giacobbi for a 46-yard TD pass to make it 35-6 just 2:07 later.

"We do have a lot of really good skill players that we can spread the ball around," Kelbert said. "One time you take away the running back and the quarterback hurts you. Take away the run game and we've got some kids that are fast. Giacobbi is one of the fastest kids with great hands and Ke-Mauri will catch anything. It forces defense to play honest and not load up the box on them."

On fourth-and-11, Theisen scrambled out of the pocket and hit Castelow on a screen for a 38-yard TD pass. The Warriors' attempt for two points was good as

Theien hit Jalen Smith on a slant to cut the deficit to 35-14.

A 50-yard return by Smiley on the ensuing kickoff put the ball on the Woodhaven 35 and, four plays later, Nehasil went in from 4 yards out, pushing the Franklin lead to 41-14 with 1:59 left.

"We made a couple of adjustments, a couple of different guys in a couple of different places, but we stuck to the game plan," Nehasil said of the halftime talk.

Castelow, however, went 75 yards on the ensuing kickoff to the Patriots' 18. And on fourth-and-11, the Warriors' Jalen Wellons scored on a run to slice the deficit to 42-21.

Woodhaven showed no quit, pulling to within 42-28 when Theisen and Smith hooked up for a 13-yard TD pass on a fourth-and-eight with 6:14 left in the game.

The Patriots then went three-and-out and were forced to punt for the second straight time with 5:13 left, but they got a break when the Warriors' Josh Dodd roughed Giacobbi on the punt, giving Franklin an automatic first down.

Three players later, Crowell broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage for a 26-yard TD run and the Patriots were up 49-28 with 3:31 remaining.

Franklin was able to cleanly secure two Woodhaven onside kick tries in the final quarter to close out the victory. But the Warriors, led by Wellons' 140 yards rushing and Theisen's 66, finished with 326 total yards, including 225 on the ground. Franklin finished with 415 total yards.

Woodhaven (7-3) was able to convert each time on fourth down to score its three second-half TDs.

"Tackling wasn't up to par," Kelbert said. "It wasn't where it needs to be. That's a big issue."

But the Patriots, who reached last year's Division 2 state semifinals, live to play another day. They will go on the road again Friday at Bedford, which advanced with a 43-7 pre-district win over host Wyandotte Roosevelt.

"Playoff football is not supposed to be easy," Kelbert said with a chuckle. "We just made it a little bit harder."

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Chiefs ground game pummels Mustangs

Tim Smith  
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The fact Tim Baechler had to take his Canton Chiefs back to Tom Holzer Field to face Northville for the second time in two weeks wasn't something he was crazy about in the first place.

He really disliked the idea after his offense coughed up the football on the opening series of Friday's Division 1 first-round playoff game against the Mustangs — leading to an early 7-0 deficit.

But the veteran coach reached into his bag of tricks and pulled out senior running backs Julian Thornton here, Markus Sanders there and Reid McDonnell everywhere.

Canton racked up more than 500 yards on the ground and defeated Northville, 55-29, led by McDonnell's career game of 255 rushing yards, four touchdowns and a crucial interception that helped stem a second-half comeback bid by the Mustangs. The Chiefs (8-2) now advance to face Saline on Nov. 4.

"You play them a second week in a



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Canton defenders, led by junior linebacker Lou Baechler (middle) put the hurt on a Northville ball carrier during Friday's contest.

row, (Northville head coach Matt Ladach) brings out new stuff, new plays," Baechler said. "Literally, it's impossible to stop everything. I'm glad we're out of here."

"To play a team back-to-back and win in the playoffs is very hard to do. We dominated them, we put more on them, we won by more than we did the

last time (42-27 on Oct. 21). So that's good.

"But we played very sloppy, we had a couple stupid penalties. And that first turnover was the stupidest thing I've ever seen in my life."

Baechler was referring to a play where senior quarterback Jake O'Donnell could not get the handle of a snap, dropped back and hurried a short throw that landed in the hands of Northville's Ryan Doroudian, who returned the fumble 54 yards down to Canton's 1-yard line.

The Mustangs took the early 7-0 lead on senior Jack Burke's quarterback keeper with 6:56 to go in the first.

## Quick response

The Chiefs were able to score the equalizer on the subsequent series, with Thornton (182 yards rushing) shooting through the left side of the line and scampering 48 yards for the score.

McDonnell capped off Canton's 61-yard drive in 13 running plays with a 5-yard TD, about 4:30 into the second half. The Chiefs set up that drive by stopping the Mustangs on a fourth-

down run.

Northville (7-3), by deferring the opening kickoff of the night, got the ball to open the second half with a chance to get some momentum. Burke, however, injured his foot in the series and limped off, never to return.

## On a roll

On Canton's next series, it was McDonnell again, racing up the gut for a 56-yard touchdown to make it 21-7 with 8:42 left in the third.

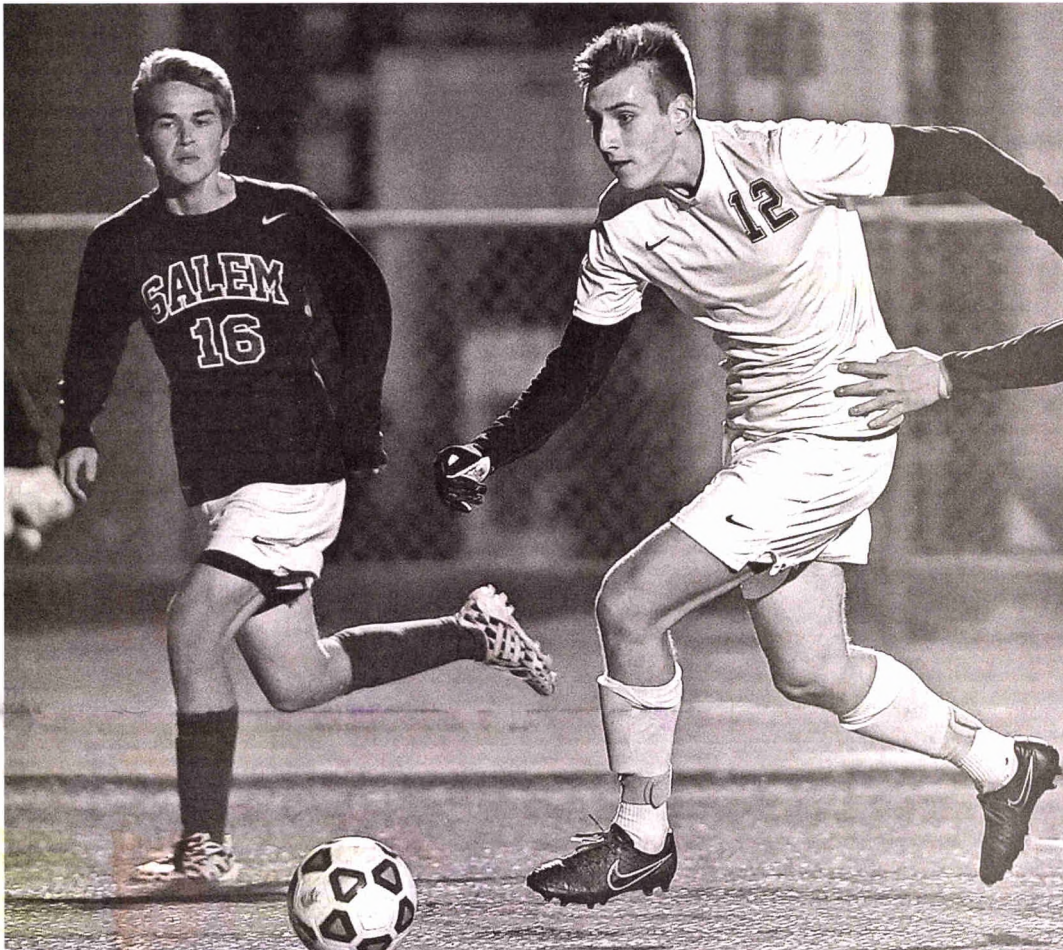
He topped himself just two minutes later, ripping through the line and rolling 69 yards for another TD. That launched Canton's six-touchdown half, which followed Baechler's move to a double-wing formation that the Mustangs did not have an answer for.

Canton padded its lead to 35-7 with 3:11 remaining in the quarter, on a short plunge (2 yards) by McDonnell.

Northville didn't fold its tent, however, as Jonathan Michalak (10-of-27 passing) scored on a 1-yard run.

The teams traded touchdowns just 13 seconds apart to make it a 42-21 Canton lead going into the fourth.

## BOYS SOCCER



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Novi's Kyle Bandyk splits Salem players Michael Schroeder (left) and Shane Rusinek during Thursday's Division 1 regional final at Ann Arbor Huron.

## Novi nips Salem 1-0 in regional final

Goal by Bandyk, strong defense lifts Wildcats to first regional title since 2012

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During halftime, Kyle Bandyk and his Novi teammates figured one goal would probably win Thursday's Division 1 boys soccer regional final against Salem.

So when Bandyk spotted senior forward Hernan Brarda niftily dribbling away from a defender along the right side of the field, he got ready inside the 6-yard box in front of Rocks senior goalkeeper Andrew Kozan.

Bandyk — a senior in his first season at forward following three years in the back — chipped his close-range shot inside the right post with 34:40 remaining in the second half to put the Wildcats up 1-0 at Ann Arbor Huron.

That held up as the game's lone goal, giving Novi (15-2-4) a regional championship for the first time in four seasons. The Wildcats will face East Kentwood (14-3-5) at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Holt.

"In the first half, we were putting some pressure on," Bandyk said. "Salem's a really good team and we wanted to keep it going in the second half and we knew we were going to eventually get one if we kept putting the pressure on."

"Hernan made a really good play and I was in the right spot and we just capitalized on it."

## Coming close

The Rocks, who finished 13-7-3, made a late push only to face relentless defenders and junior goalkeeper Luke McDonald — who jumped high to tip a 30-yard boot by senior forward Jamie Crosby over the crossbar with 4:45 left.

"Luke thrives in these pressure situations," Novi head coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "In first round districts, we were playing at (Catholic Central), we go into a penalty shootout and he just thrived in that moment."

"He made a key save for us on their fifth shooter to set up the win for us. He's made two or three big saves every single game for us."

The KLAA Central Division rivals both won a 1-0 game during the season and Pfeiffer emphasized at halftime of Thursday's clean, well-played contest that it was imperative to get the first goal.

"I said, 'The next 40 minutes, you got to do all the little things,'" Pfeiffer said. "Run down every single ball, make sure you stay with your mark. Make sure we're marking tight on any set pieces they get because we know they're great in the air."

"It was a great hustle play by Hernan and that's what you need when you get this far."

Salem first-year head coach Kyle Karns gave a similar message to the Rocks, who showed the ability to overcome adversity in winning the district and edging Saline in Tuesday's regional semifinal.

"I told them at halftime, the games of four goals a game, three goals a game, those are done," Karns said. "At this point in the tournament, goals are stingy and you're just going to have to battle and scrap for one."

"(Bandyk's winner) was one of those situations where they play all the way to the whistle," he added. "It was right by the line and he did a great job keeping the ball in bounds and, unfortunately, just found the back of the net."

## Not much room

Another key to Novi's win was being able to frustrate Salem players such as junior midfielder Christian Freitag, who scored five goals during the postseason and demonstrated an

uncanny knack to get to any open spaces near opposing goalies.

"We shifted the lineup around a couple times. We tried to find Christian up top and put more numbers forward," Karns said. "But (Novi) had the answer tonight and they did a great job."

Pfeiffer acknowledged how important it was to stay close to Freitag and other Salem attackers.

"We made sure we had one person in front (of Freitag) and one person in back," Pfeiffer said, noting the job junior midfielder Quinn Franchino did in containing the lanky Salem player.

According to Salem senior midfielder Mikey Schwartz, Novi defenders "were playing a little deeper than usual and they had two defensive center mids. So it was hard for our midfield to penetrate them and play a through ball."

## On the map

But Schwartz said the Rocks' big postseason run is something that "means a lot" to him and his teammates.

"Since my freshman year, we haven't really gone on a run," Schwartz said. "So it means a lot to finally get a few trophies, get out there and make a name for ourselves in the states."

Karns also tipped his cap to the senior class, which includes Schwartz, Kozan, Crosby, Shane Rusinek, Jake Wymer, Adam Graunke and Mariglen Serjanaj.

"I just told the boys they should be proud," Karns said. "I'm proud of our seniors. They were obviously here well before I was."

"But for my first year, I couldn't be happier with the group that welcomed me and worked hard each and every day."

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## REMEMBERING TOM BONDY

## 'Mr. Fix-It' Bondy leaves loving legacy

Plymouth softball's field chief, parent of four Wildcats players, dies at 59

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There is no doubt Thomas L. Bondy was a great dad, husband and staunch supporter of Plymouth's varsity softball program.

Bondy, who died Wednesday at age 59, also literally was the best in his field — namely the pristine softball diamond that the Wildcats competed on over the years.

All four of Tom and wife Martha Bondy's children played Plymouth softball: Danielle, Amy, Jessica and Sarah.



Bondy

"Tom Bondy was Plymouth Wildcat softball," former coach Bev McManus wrote in a text message Thursday. "He lived and breathed being at the field, watching his girls play ball on his neatly groomed field."

"He was our right-hand man, did everything for us and our program. We loved him so much and our hearts ache in grief. Rest in peace, our friend. You will always be remembered and deeply missed."

McManus said Bondy also had a playful side, especially when dealing with her as well as another longtime Plymouth coach, Val Canfield.

"(He was) the man who did everything behind the scenes," McManus continued. "Val always said, 'You're fired.' He called Val and I 'Trouble 1' and 'Trouble 2.'"

"Val was the mean one and I was the nice one."

McManus said she a request will be made to have the softball field dedicated in Bondy's honor.

Ever since Plymouth High School opened in the early 2000s, Bondy was the "field chief" at the softball diamond. Others referred to him as "Mr. Fix-It."

For hours on end, Bondy would cut and water the grass, making sure every blade was perfect.

According to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, where visitation is scheduled 3-8 p.m. Tuesday, Bondy is survived by his wife and four daughters, granddaughter Casey Bondy, siblings Robert, Michael, Timothy (Jodi), Stephen (Lisa), Jeffrey (Sonda), Patrick (Colleen) Bondy and Theresa (Richard) Eisen.

In addition to softball and family, church was an important part of Bondy's life.

He was a dedicated volunteer at Grace Canton Church. Memorial donations in his honor can be sent to the church, 46788 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home is at 280 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Grace Canton Church. Family and friends may visit before the service, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

*"Tom Bondy was Plymouth Wildcat softball. He lived and breathed being at the field, watching his girls play ball on his neatly groomed field."*

BEV MCMANUS, former coach



## RELIGION CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

## CONCERT SERIES

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30

**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** A Christian rock band from Nashville, Tenn., kicks off the church's Artist Series that will include the RGPC Chancel Choir on Dec. 18; pianist Andrew Lenhart on Jan. 14; Eastern Michigan University Choir and Franklin High School 88C Choir on Feb. 10; Detroit Handbell Ensemble on March 24; and Measure for Measure on April 23. \$25 for the series — cash, check or pushpay.com/pay/rosedalegardens — or donations accepted at the door

**Contact:** 734-422-0494; rosedalegardens.org

## HEARTS AND HANDS SUNDAY

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

**Location:** Salem UCC, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington

**Details:** The fifth Sunday of the month is dedicated to mission and outreach projects. The project for October is a shoe box filled with pancake and muffin mixes for Neighborhood House community families. A potluck brunch will be held during the outreach project

**Contact:** 248-474-6880

## NOVEMBER CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Livonia Civic Chorus performs "Celebrate Freedom" concert with musical selections honoring veterans and first responders. Admission is free. Donations of such items as men's white socks, gift cards, and toasters, will be accepted for Vets Returning Home, which provides a living environment and support services to 250 homeless veterans. Free will offerings also will be accepted for The Police Family Survivor's Fund and the Wounded Warrior Project

**Contact:** 734-542-9071; info@livoniacivicchorus.org

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12

**Location:** Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Pianists Ralph and Albertine Votapek play music by Mozart, Gershwin and more. Tickets are \$28 general admission and \$25 for seniors and students. Order tickets from Joyce Cheresch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

**Contact:** vivaceseries.org

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11

**Location:** Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** The American Boychoir performs. Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students

**Contact:** kirkinthehills.org

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** David Roth, singer-songwriter, performs. Tickets are \$20

**Contact:** unityoflivonia.org; 734-421-1760

## DINNER DANCE

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. dancing, Friday, Nov. 4

**Location:** Italian-American Hall of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Irish Pallottine Fathers 49th Annual Dinner Dance tickets are \$65 per person. For tickets contact the Pallottine Mission House at 734-285-2966 or Sheila Cassidy at 586-242-5013

**Contact:** IrishPallottines.org

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Time/Date:** 9:15 a.m. to midnight, Monday, Nov. 7

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Eucharistic adoration for religious freedom, and respect for life

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

## LIVONIA CARES

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Nov. 14

**Location:** St. Collette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Livonia Cares, an organization consisting of Livonia Churches, Goodfellows, and local government, invites churches to attend a luncheon and find out if the organization is a good "fit." Livonia Cares helps individuals and families in need, resolves problems and points them in the right direction

**Contact:** Linda at 734-522-6830 or Mary at 248-471-1322

## VETERAN'S DAY MASS

**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising, 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Nov. 6

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** An informal reception will follow the Mass. It will include letters of thanks and military tribute made by St. Michael School students

**Contact:** livoniastmichael.org; 734-261-1455, ext. 200

## DECEMBER CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4

**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** An Advent Pageant of Lessons, Carols & Sing-a-long features the Adult Choir, Children's Choir and Contemporary Ensemble of the St. Aidan Music Ministry. Admission is a \$5 donation and two canned goods to benefit the church's Christmas food baskets program

**Contact:** 734-425-5950

## ONGOING

## CLASSES/STUDY CONGREGATION BETH AHM

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyelien879@att.net

## 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

## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Ezekiel. Bring your own Bible

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

## 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

## ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

**Details:** An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386

**Contact:** facebook.com/stinnocenredford

## EXERCISE

## CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**Location:** 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

## FOOD

## SALVATION ARMY

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

**Location:** 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. second Saturday of the month

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Food pantry assists nutritional needs of the needy

**Contact:** 734-421-8451; standrewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.org

## HEALING SERVICE

## THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

**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:** 18100 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offeritory 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:** Ethanie 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

## 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, 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; le@dwo.org

## STEVE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

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

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 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

## 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.metrofibrogroupp.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. 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

## 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.celebrate-recovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

## THRIFT STORE

## ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

## WAY OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

**Contact:** 734-637-7618

## TOUR

## THE SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

**Location:** A Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

## WORSHIP

## ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** 248-851-5100

## CELEBRATION CHURCH, ELCA

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday, with an education hour at 11 a.m. Social hour follows the service.

**Location:** 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Contact:** 734-421-0749; celebrationLC.com</