Quick Hits

Forty one years ago, Sgt. Tom Ducharme was wounded while serving in Vietnam. Normally, Ducharme should have been promptly awarded the Purple Heart, but somewhere in the bureaucratic nightmare of the Defense Department the medal got hung up. But now, the wait is over.

Today, Friday (Oct. 5), the public is invited to a meeting to make her comments and observations to the Ferndale School Board. But it didn’t turn out to be that easy.

At last week’s Board of Education meeting, Board President Keith Warrick told her she would have to wait until the end of the meeting to make her comments, instead of at the beginning when the public is allotted time to address the board.

Why the wait? Warrick said Pratt failed to submit a campaign card in advance and also that she wasn’t specific enough on what subject she wanted to talk about. Boardmember Nancy Kerr-Mueller was the only boardmember to speak out against Warrick’s decision, saying “that’s unfortunate.” She then apologized to Pratt. Boardmember Kandi Grogan arrived near the end of the meeting and said she was “disheartened” by Pratt’s comments.

Warrick’s decision led to a flash of heated words from Pratt about being denied her right to address the board.

After waiting two-and-a-half hours, Pratt was given her chance to comment. And what was her main message? It was that the district needs to be more “customer-friendly” to parents and the public.

The confrontation brought to light that the board’s policy on public comment can conflict with the state’s Open Meetings Act.

It opens up for interpretation just what the policy is on submitting cards in order to be heard. On every agenda, it is stated that those wishing to speak...
It’s time to fall into fall with Ferndale Recreation

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By Victoria Mitchell

A 28-year-old man was ar- rested early Monday morn- ing, after crashing a stolen van into his former Ferndale home before fleeing from police.

Detective officer James Barlow, the commanding officer of the Ferndale Police Department, said the male in question is a former resident of Ferndale and that he was driving a stolen van.

Barlow said the suspect had been driving erratically and had been involved in a car accident earlier in the day.

The suspect fled the scene on foot and was later located by the Ferndale Police Department.

The suspect was arrested and charged with several crimes, including motor vehicle theft, reckless driving, and fleeing.

Police are still investigating the incident and are urging anyone with information to come forward.

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Board policy may conflict with OMA

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By Charles Sercombe

Learn the ins and outs of the OMA

By Sarah Siewert

Former resident crashes into home; flees police

According to Wilson, “the got out, entered a waiting Lincoln Navigator, and headed to the airport.”

After almost immediately stopping the car on Eight Mile Rd., officers determined the passenger sitting in the Lincoln matched the de- scription of the man who drove the van into the Ferndale house. Upon further investigation, police determined that the suspect had been stolen out of Detroit. Officers also discovered Cato was still living at the College St. home.

According to Wilson, “Cato had lived there with the current resident, and appar- ently was in the process of getting a divorce with the current resident.”

Cato has a suspended li- cense and prior convictions.
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Fire pits is an issue about quality of life

It may seem like an insignificant thing to opine on whether outdoor fire pits should be allowed. But it has to do with the topic currently being discussed by city officials is a quality of life issue. And when we say that fire pits may not be the most important issue facing city officials, it is something that impacts a lot of people.

There's a good measure of how a city is outdated and that’s when we're generally aware of the ban and have possibly voted on legalizing fire pits.

According to event organizers, the fun begins at 9 p.m. at the Magic Bag. Attendees can also sample many organic products and snacks.

Saturday – Looking to watch a movie while drinking a beer? The Magic Bag is featuring a special Saturday Brew & View showing of “Ted.” Doors are at 8 p.m. and the movie begins at 9:30 p.m. You must be 21 or older to enter, and tickets are $2. The Magic Bag is located at 23202 Woodward Ave.

Sunday – Stressful week? Need unwind to head

To find Peace at the library or the Ferndale Live Green Fair and Home Show is an educational event.

Green Leaf Bodywork

February 10th at the Ferndale Library
to the perfect setting for a refreshment.

There are hundreds of experts dispensing information on myriad of topics ranging from living green to harvesting runs from 3-6 p.m. The fall can be especially unseasonably warm temperatures.

By Dennis Lukas

As most allergy sufferers will tell you, allergy symptoms are seasonal, turning any time of year into sneezing season. A runny nose, itchy eyes, and scratchy throat can arise as the days get shorter and the leaves begin to change.

The fall can be especially difficult for people who are sensitive to mold and ragweed pollen. But these seasonal elements aren’t the only triggers that can make symptoms worse this time of year. There are also a few lesser known triggers.

Here are four things you might not know about fall allergies.

HAY FEVER – It is a term from a bygone era, and actually, it is a hay allergy. To do with hay, instead, it’s a general term used to describe the symptoms of late allergic reaction.

Ragweed is a common cause of hay fever, which is also known as allergic rhinitis. The plant usually begins to pollinate in mid-August and may continue to be a problem until a hard freeze, depending on where you live. See an allergist for prescription medications to control symptoms, or see if allergy shots may be your best option.

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Fall is in the air, and kids can get into the spirit of the season over at the public library.

The library is offering a book club for kids in grades kindergarten through the 8th grade. There will also be special events for kids as well this month.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m., it’s Game Day. On Oct. 20, an event centered around The Lorax will feature a reading of the classic Dr. Seuss book by Mom’s Clean Air Force and a viewing of the recent film. And to close out a fantastic October, the Library’s Annual Halloween Extravaganza! The much-anticipated event will have an “Aliens vs. Robots” theme and feature music by local musician CARJACK.

For more information about these and other library events, please visit the FPL’s website: http://ferndalepubliclibrary.org or the FPL Kids Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/ferndalekids.

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Library Happenings

– 1st Thursday of the Month
3:30 p.m.
10/4 - Half-Mile Hours by Susan Rich
6th - 8th Grade - Tween the Pages – 2nd Thursday of the Month
6:30 p.m.
10/11 - Anja’s Ghost by Vera Brosgol
Game at the Ferndale Library Saturday, October 13 at 2 p.m.

The Lorax! – A Reading of the beloved book and viewing of the film presented by Mom’s Clean Air Force – Sat-
urday, Oct. 20

Halloween Extravaganza featuring CARJACK! – Satur-
day, October 27 at 7 p.m.

Other happenings at the li-
brary include:

Event: Storytime Wednes-
days! Toddler Storytime
Date: Every Wednesday
Time: 10:30-11 a.m.
Place: Ferndale Public Li-
brary Children’s Room
Registration: None required
Need to Know: To Know: Stories and songs for children 2 and 3.
Parents/caregivers must stay with children.

Event: Storytime Wednes-
days! Preschool Storytime
Date: Every Wednesday
Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Place: Ferndale Public Li-
brary Children’s Room
Registration: Required
Need to Know: To Know: Stories and songs for children 4 and 5. Parents/caregivers must stay with children.

Event: First Stop Fridays
Date: Friday
Time: 7 p.m.
Registration: Not required
Need to Know: To Know: Almost Free: Almost Free: Free Storytime for the Family.
Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Event: Storytime Wednes-
days! Toddler Storytime
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Place: Ferndale Public Li-
brary Children’s Room
Registration: Required
Need to Know: To Know: Stories and songs for children 2 and 3. Parents/caregivers must stay with children.

Event: West Bloomfield Storytime
Date: Saturday
Time: 10:30-11 a.m.
Place: West Bloomfield Public Library
Registration: Required
Need to Know: To Know: Stories and songs for children 4 and 5. Parents/caregivers must stay with children.

Painting Class by Jane Harris
Date: Thursday, October 31
Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Place: Ferndale Public Li-
brary Children’s Room
Registration: Required
Need to Know: To Know: All ages welcome to come and enjoy board games, card games, and more. No experience is necessary, and children 12 and younger must be accom-
panied by an adult.

Event: Straight Talk: Laws that Affect Your Life
Date: Monday, Oct. 15
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Ferndale Public Li-
brary
Registration: Required
Need to Know: To Know: A representative from Schmidt Law Services will discuss “Freedom of Religion: Is Separa-
tion of Church and State in the Constitution?”

Event: Kids Book Club
Date: Thursday, Oct. 18
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Ferndale Public Li-
brary
Registration: Required
Need to Know: To Know: This book club for students in second and third grades meets the third Thursday of each month. The Oct. 18 book is “It’s Halloween” by Jack Pre-
lutsky.

Event: The Lorax!
Date: Saturday, Oct. 20
Time: 11 a.m.
Place: Ferndale Public Li-
brary
Registration: Required
Need to Know: To Know: Children and adults of all ages are in-
vited to join the library for a reading of Dr. Seuss’ “The Lorax” by Mom’s Clean Air Force followed by a screening of the movie.

Event: Teen Remi: Anime-
Club
Date: Tuesday, Oct. 23
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Place: Ferndale Public Li-
brary
Registration: Required
Need to Know: To Know: Screen new anime, check out and dis-
cuss the latest manga titles, meet other fans, and partici-
pate in a craft or activity re-


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