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Westland council holds final meeting at City Hall building on Ford Road

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The Westland City Council meeting Monday seemed much like the countless meetings held since the days of Nankin Township before the city incorporated. But actually, it was an his-

toric night. It was the last city council meeting held in the building on Ford Road at Carlson. City offices are scheduled to move to the new building on Warren Road east of Central City Parkway over the weekend of Sept. 25. The current building was officially dedicated Aug. 15,

1964, as the Nankin Township Hall. It was named in memory of President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated less than a year earlier. "We came by tonight so we would be here at the last city council meeting. We're so excited by the new building," resident Mary Murphy said.

A former Circuit City store has been retrofitted to house city offices, designed to be energy efficient, all on one level, allowing full handicapped accessibility and larger size to bring many city departments under one roof from remote locations around the city.

"Our next meeting will be in the new city hall. It has been a long time coming. It's a marvelous facility," Westland City Council President James Godbout said. "If you thought the Farmers Market (pavilion) was nice, this is even better."

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World War II veteran Don Carpenter served as a drill instructor in the Marines. He and wife Rebecca have been married 70 years.

VFW POST HOSTS VETERANS AT DINNER

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It wasn't hard to see the excitement in Michele Anderson's eyes as she listened to Orville Roberts' roundabout journey from the United States to Burma during World War II. As a member of the U.S. Army Air Force, the Westland resident helped to build the Ledo Road that allowed west-

ern Allies to get supplies to the Chinese and construct an airfield for the planes. "We worked in shifts through the jungle, cutting down trees in areas we found out the Japanese had just left the day before," Roberts said. "We named what we were doing as Building for Victory." "I'm so excited to make this connection," Anderson said. "My step-grandfather flew a B-25 out of your airfield. He

flew the Burma Hump." Anderson, a John Glenn High School history teacher, met with Roberts at a veterans dinner Saturday at the Bova VFW Post 9885, where she served as the mistress of ceremonies for a dinner honoring veterans from World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars. Anderson and her students have

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Prelim exam adjourned in HalloWayne organizer's larceny case

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The preliminary examination for a Wayne man charged with taking money from a local nonprofit has been adjourned until Oct. 6. Christopher Sanders, 45, is charged with larceny by conversion, embezzlement as an agent or trustee and embezzlement from a nonprofit charitable organization, all five-year felonies, along with forgery, uttering and publishing or writing bad checks and identity theft. The charges specify the amount of money in question is more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000. In the case, moved from 29th District Court in Wayne to be heard by Garden City 21st District Court Judge Richard Hammer, the charges stem from the 2013 HalloWayne event. After comments that there were missing pieces to the prosecution case, Hammer allowed the adjournment to hear from an additional witness who hadn't appeared in court Monday.

\$1,000 prize
At issue is a \$1,000 check written to Michael Spence from the Destination Wayne account and apparently deposited into a Bank of America account belonging to Sanders. Destination Wayne is a nonprofit that sponsored HalloWayne. Sanders and Beverly Campbell were listed on the Destination Wayne bank accounts and Campbell's name is signed on the check. Spence testified that Sanders had offered him \$1,000 if

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'Family fun day' on reconstructed I-96 set for Sunday

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It looks like area residents will have a chance to have some fun on a reconstructed Interstate 96 after all. Michigan Department of Transportation engineer Jeff Horne said the agency is planning to have a "family fun day" on the westbound portion of

I-96 between Newburgh and Stark. The event, taking place 2-4 p.m. Sunday, will give area residents the chance to run, walk, bicycle, skateboard and traverse the freeway with no fast-paced vehicles for the first time in more than the 40 years since the freeway first opened. "We have everything pretty much finalized," Horne said.

"It's a really unique opportunity to go down on the freeway while it's closed off." Those interested in coming down to the freeway can drive to Madonna University and park their vehicles on the far west end of the parking lot on the south side of campus, Horne said. Police officers will be on hand to help people cross Schoolcraft so they can enter

the freeway by going down an exit ramp between Levan and Newburgh, Horne said. **Police presence** Police officers will also be at either end of the 1.75-mile stretch of the freeway open to pedestrians to make sure no one enters construction zones.

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Domenic Rolak of G and M Painting paints the Berwyn Street bridge in Redford.



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he told Wayne Police that he, Spence, had been the winner of a pumpkin-carving contest sponsored by HalloWayne. A police complaint had been filed over the contest after the advertised \$1,000 first-prize wasn't awarded.

"I didn't do it. I didn't enter the pumpkin-carving contest. I didn't know about it (the contest)

until he told me," said Spence, adding that Sanders never explained his request.

Spence also testified that he didn't endorse the \$1,000 check or receive any money from Destination Wayne.

Defense attorney Ronald Ruark questioned Spence about his relationship with Sanders.

"We were kind of friends. We text messaged about this (the pumpkin-carving contest)," said Spence, who indicated in 2013 he'd

met Sanders for dinner at a Dearborn steak house and gone with him to a strip club on Eight Mile but they hadn't gone inside.

Denying that he would lie to get Sanders into trouble, Spence conceded that he was angry at Sanders for lying about certain things.

"I sent naked pictures of myself to him (Sanders). He said he could get me into a porn website. He said he knew people," Spence said.

"What kid at 21 doesn't want to become a porn star?"

Questionable check

Other testimony concerned the original donation of \$1,000 to the Wayne Chamber of Commerce for HalloWayne. A check was issued to HalloWayne by the chamber.

Officials from PNC Bank and Bank of America also testified. Hammer questioned the lack of testimony that the \$1,000 check deposited

into Sanders' account using a mobile device was the same check written to Spence.

"The Bank of America witness said he couldn't link the check. I can see the implication and the dates but there is no linking of the \$1,000," Hammer said. "The dates and amount look suspicious but that is not the same as circumstantial evidence."

Hammer also noted the lack of testimony from Campbell, the check signer. Wayne

County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski said Campbell had been subpoenaed but didn't appear in court due to illness.

Over defense objections, Hammer agreed to have the hearing adjourned until Oct. 6.

Free on \$1,000 personal bond, Sanders entered a not guilty plea at his arraignment.

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I-96

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Also planned for the event are some driverless cars that will be down on the freeway. Horne said some automotive companies are expected to bring the vehicles down, although he was unsure what type of activity they would be involved in.

"I would assume they will be in motion at some point of time," he said.

Horne, who said last week there was a chance no celebration could take place, said the event was finalized Tuesday afternoon between MDOT and Dan's Excavating. There was initial liability concern of having people on the freeway, but Horne said a deal was made to allow for the event to happen.

The freeway has been closed to traffic since early April as contractors and inspectors work to rebuild the seven miles between Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia. The freeway is currently scheduled to open sometime around Sept. 30, al-

though Horne said it could open before then.

MDOT event

While MDOT is in charge of the event allowing for area residents to come down and pay a visit to the freeway, Horne said the time planning and running the family fun day is being done on a volunteer basis, with no taxpayer dollars going toward it.

"Everything is volunteer or donated. There will be no taxpayer dollars spent on this event," he said. "All our time will be volunteer."

Despite the project taking place through Redford and Livonia, Horne said the event is open to anyone who wants to experience running or walking on the interstate, especially since it's unknown when the opportunity would come again.

"It's not limited to Redford or Livonia residents," he said. "If you live in Plymouth Township or Southfield, feel free to come and down."

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VETERANS

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made a name for themselves with an oral history project and USO-style dance they have done for World War II and Korean War veterans the past two years. This year, they will be interviewing Vietnam veterans.

This is the third year the post has hosted a veterans dinner. The first year it was held in the post bar, but has since been moved to the post hall. This year, the veterans came from American Legion and VFW posts in Redford, Farmington Hills and Westland.

Original uniform

Many wore their veterans' hats and jackets, but Elmer Hannynen came dressed in his original Army uniform.

"I've lost a little weight, so it still fits," the Canton resident said.

Drafted in 1942, Hannynen saw action in Africa, southern France, Germany and Austria before being discharged at age 23.

"The worst place was the Anzio beach head; it was a terrible place," he said. "We were stuck there for four months with the Germans shelling us. From there, we went to southern France and met up with boys from Normandy."

Harry Copley prides himself in being the first Vietnam veteran to serve as commander of VFW Post 345 in Redford. But his service to his country spanned three wars, starting with World War II.

"I enlisted in the Army. I didn't have noth-



Post Commander Mike Rokita greets Korean War Army veteran Harry Copley of Redford.

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ing special to do out there, so I stayed in and saw places you read about in books," he said. "I enlisted because it was a chance to participate and take part in preserving freedom."

His extended road trip took him to Japan, Austria, Korea and Vietnam. He made three trips to Korea and was there when the cease-fire was signed. He also was stationed in Bein Hoa in Vietnam in 1966-67, before being discharged Oct. 31, 1967. He joined the VFW on Dec. 7, 1967.

"I had a 15,000-mile cruise paid for by the U.S. government," Copley said. "I cruised from Japan to Hawaii and through the Panama Canal to the Philadelphia shipyard, where the ship was decommissioned."

Fellow Redford resident William Patterson served in the South Pacific during World War II. His brother was already in the Army when Patterson enlisted. He had just turned 17 and graduated from high school.

"If you were out of high school, you could join; if you were over 17,

you could join," he said.

The worst thing he saw, he said, was the sinking of an enemy submarine — "we blew it up" — and the shooting of three kamikaze planes out of the sky.

"I'm glad to see the young people appreciate what we old-timers went through making the world a better place for them," he said.

Oldest guest

At age 97, Joseph Nafe of Farmington Hills may have been the oldest veteran at the dinner. He was there with several other members of the American Legion Post 346, including his son Skip, a Vietnam veteran.

"I got drafted because of the boss at the shop I worked at," Nafe said. "Everytime I went to enlist, they'd pull me out of line and send me back. They wanted me working. I decided to ask my boss for a raise and he said he had been keeping me out of the service. I told him I'd tried to enlist three times. I forget what year I joined, but I was surprised I was in the Army." Nafe was only in the

service eight months and never left the country. He was on a train when he was pulled off and sent home because his mother had died.

Nafe and his son have been coming to the dinners for three years and Skip has been taking a photo of the group each year.

"They had the original doughnut girls here the first year," Skip said.

Roberts, who also saw service in the Korean War and earned his marksmanship badge in a sandstorm, recalled that they had to build runways made of cement for the bigger airplanes, which was no simple task in Burma, where temperatures reached 115 degrees in the shade. Of course, they also coped with three months of monsoon weather when no work could be done.

"We worked with the cement on a flat-bed truck with the bed raised," he said. "The drivers would do bumps so the cement would slide down and stay wet. They bumped one time and I rolled down and off the truck."

Saying that some veterans noticed a traditional military fare was missing from the lunch prepared by the post's Ladies Auxiliary, Post Commander Mike Rokita assured them it would be served next year.

"I've heard you guys saying that you miss the s--- on a shingle. The girls say we'll have it next year," he said.

"We'll have that at our post on Veterans Day," Copley said. "This is great. Lord willing, I'll be back next year."

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CITY HALL

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At a recent meeting, Godbout recalled that a resident of another community spoke at the council meeting on his first visit to city hall.

"He commented on how much it stinks. There are a lot of people who work here. They put up with that day to day," Godbout said. "We need to give them the quality workplace they deserve."

The smell in current building is from mold and mildew in the perennially wet basement. Despite efforts to keep it dry to handle the mold and also the electrical service located in the basement, high water table has been a problem since the building was constructed.

The renovated former store will provide the city with 64,000 square feet. The current building on Ford at Carlson has only 13,000 square feet of space, including the basement, which is unusable.

The building will provide public meeting

rooms in addition to space for city departments currently off-site, such as the Department of Public Works administration, WLND, Economic Development and Youth Assistance.

Councilman Michael Kehrer commented that he had dressed in a retro fashion to commemorate the occasion but people thought it was his normal clothing.

"Except for bushy side burns, I look a lot like the photos (of past councils)," he said.

Over the weekend of Sept. 25, Mayor William Wild said the plan is to get phones working at

the Mayor's Office for Monday morning.

"Anyone attending tonight's meeting, you're a part of history," he said. An official opening for the new city hall is expected in October. Wild said plans for the vacated building aren't set yet, but the building, along with the closed Bailey Recreation Center and the soon-to-be relocated Fire Station One, are expected to eventually be demolished.

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American Legion Veterans Post 32 honor guard member Ken Stacy performs "Taps" during the Star-Spangled Banner Celebration.



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Kyle Sweeney and Jordan Nesler, members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, raise the 15-star 1812 flag during the flag raising Sunday at Geenmead.



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Members of the Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble entertain the crowd during the "Bicentennial of the Star-Spangled Banner" celebration Sunday at Greenmead historic village in Livonia.



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Ed Vitez came in costume of a U.S. Infantryman from the war of 1812 for the celebration.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Albert and Patricia Flamme of Canton look as the flag is raised during the Star-Spangled Banner birthday celebration.

Greenmead celebrates Star-Spangled Banner's 200th anniversary

The land of the free and the home of the brave indeed.

Several people came out to Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village on Sunday to learn more about those words and the rest of the "Star-Spangled Banner" during a 200th anniversary celebration of the song put on by local historians.

The celebration featured local groups, including Boy Scout Troop 232, which performed the

flag-raising ceremony for the 15-star flag, the flag Francis Scott Key saw flying over Fort McHenry in 1814 during the War of 1812, which inspired him to write the poem that became the national anthem.

The history of the flag at that time shows it contained 15 stars and stripes, a decision that was made when two new states joined the union after the original 13 colonies. National lawmakers

realized adding a new stripe to the flag was impossible if many more states joined, so the flag's stripes reverted back to 13 to represent the original 13 states in the union.

The Star-Spangled Banner was made the national anthem by President Herbert Hoover after Congress crafted a resolution approving the song's official designation in 1931.

Several speakers were also present, including

Dennis Moore, the public affairs officer for the Consulate General of Canada and Livonia mayor Jack Kirksey.

And no celebration about the national anthem is complete with music. The crowd was treated to music from the Livonia Civic Chorus, as well as the Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble.

More information on the national anthem can be found at ssb.michiganhistoryed.org.

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These area students were among the more than 455 named to the Dean's List for the Spring/Summer 2014 Semester, with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

Canton bank robber sentenced to prison

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton bank robber Nathan Michael Kuhn has been sentenced to prison for 29 months to 15 years after police say he implied he had a gun and demanded money from a Comerica branch worker inside the Kroger store near Canton Center and Ford roads.

Kuhn, 29, was ordered imprisoned Sept. 9 by Wayne

County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt after Kuhn abandoned an earlier motion to withdraw his no-contest plea to a single charge of bank robbery.

His sentencing came 11 months after Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said Kuhn was accused of passing a note



Kuhn

to a bank teller, implying he had a gun and demanding cash.

Kuhn's plea deal averted what could have been a lengthier sentence, potentially up to life in prison. In a roller-coaster series of events, he pleaded no contest in June, then sought to withdraw it before renewing his plea in August, court records show.

Kuhn had earlier sought to have himself declared incom-

petent to stand trial, claiming through an attorney he was mentally unable to assist in his own defense. However, Skutt ruled against that motion based on a medical evaluation.

Kuhn had remained jailed with a \$50,000 bond as he awaited his sentencing. Police had described him as a drifter who had lived in Livonia and Westland before he was charged in Canton.

Canton police arrested Kuhn in a Wayne motel room after tracking him down based on a tip by a witness. He had been paroled just 11 months prior to his arrest for crimes involving uttering and publishing, or forging a check or other financial document.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Retail fraud

A 34-year-old Waterford Township woman was arrested for retail fraud Sept. 12 at the CVS store at 27435 Ford after she allegedly stole several containers of Red Bull and left the store without paying for them.

The woman reportedly became combative with the loss prevention employees who took her into the employee break room to question her.

During the investigation, a crack pipe was allegedly found in the suspect's jacket pocket. She said that she didn't know about that crack pipe because she borrowed the jacket from a friend, the report said.

Purse snatching

An 85-year-old woman had her purse snatched at the Aldi store, 30005 Ford, when she was shopping there here about 6 p.m. Sept. 12.

Police watched a video of the incident; they saw the suspect snatch the purse when the victim looked away.

The suspect is described as a white man between 20-28 years old with a neatly trimmed beard and mustache. He

wore a gray-and-white striped shirt and gray pants.

Vehicle theft

A woman was notified by Westland police Sept. 6 that they located her stolen 2005 Ford Taurus in the area of Harvey and Schley.

The woman said that she left the car at her father's house after she met her sister there and they both went to a concert. She spent the night in New Hudson.

Suspended license

Garden City Police arrested a 59-year-old Dearborn Heights man Sept. 12 in the area of Cambridge and Deering about 10:30 a.m. Sept. 12.

The driver caught the police officer's attention when he was reportedly weaving on northbound Inkster Road. The man explained that his weaving was due to the fact that he was writing, police said.

The police, who reportedly observed an open bottle of vodka in the console, arrested and cited him for driving with a suspended license and for having open intoxicants in his car.

By Sue Buck

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

Four stock rims and tires were reported stolen from a 2015 Chrysler 200S parked in the 37000 block of Lakewood Circle on Sept. 12. The vehicle had been found sitting on four ceramic blocks. Four lug nuts were found next to where the wheels were missing.

The owner told police all of the parking lot lights had been out and the parking lot had been completely dark.

Larceny from a vehicle

Two baseball bats, three or four baseball gloves, a batting helmet and two black gear bags were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 1400 block of Westchester on Sept. 13. The owner said the items, valued at \$600, were taken from the trunk and assorted change was taken from the passenger compartment.

The owner told police she thought she had forgotten to lock the car.

Vandalism

A Westland man told police he was visiting in

the 1800 block of Liddicot on Sept. 11 when someone smashed the passenger window on his 1988 Ford F-150 pickup truck while it was parked on the street. The officer noted minor damage to the truck body just under where the mirror had been smashed.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Canton woman told police Sept. 14 that she left Culver's, 6500 N. Newburgh, and noticed her 2003 Chevy Venture was extremely loud. When she got home, she said her husband checked the vehicle and found that the catalytic converter had been cut off. The part is valued at \$200.

Fraud

A Westland man told police Sept. 12 that he had received a call from a collection company about an unpaid \$2,000 bill for four Verizon cellular phones. The man said he has never used Verizon and someone apparently obtained his personal information to open the account.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Larceny from a vehicle

A Dubuque, Iowa, woman told police that someone had stolen an Apple Mac Book valued at \$1,400 from her vehicle while it was parked in the 38000 block of Laurenwood overnight Sept. 14. She said the vehicle had been left unlocked.

Larceny

On Sept. 14, a resident in the 5700 block of E. Hickory Hollow told police she woke up to find her cable television DVR box missing. She said nothing else was missing and she didn't know how someone had gotten inside her home.

Stolen vehicle

A 2005 Ford F-250 Super Duty pickup truck was reported stolen from the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant, 38303 Michigan Ave., Sept. 16. A Sterling Heights man told police he parked in the main lot at 4:45 p.m. and it was gone when he took a break at 11:40 p.m.

The keys were in the glove box of the locked truck. The man said the truck door has a key pad to allow entry but no one else has the code.

Trespassers

On Sept. 12, a Wayne man told police that he had started doing work at a home he owns in the 34000 block of Annapolis, getting ready to sell it. When he arrived, he said a window was open.

Inside, he said food had been prepared and dirty dishes were in the sink. Upstairs, he said two mattresses that had been leaning against the wall were on the floor. There was a coat, which didn't belong to him, and a bath towel on the mattress. Nothing was reported missing.

Larceny from a vehicle

On Sept. 11, an employee of a Miss Dig subcontractor told police his company truck was parked in Michigan Avenue median just west of Merriman. He said he needed oil for some of his equipment and walked to the gas station at the corner in front of Kroger in Westland.

When he returned, he said a radon detector valued at \$1,283 was missing from the truck. The worker told the officer the truck had been left unlocked.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Judy Halpert (from left) of Plymouth Township at the Angela Hospice Walk of Remembrance with her husband Sam and sister Jeanne Gatti.

Angela Hospice walk full of 'uplifting spirit'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Judy Halpert remembers being encouraged to walk in the Angela Hospice Walk of Remembrance by a friend back in 2009.

And Halpert hasn't missed once since.

The Plymouth Township resident will again be on the grounds of the Felician Sisters in Livonia on Saturday for the seventh annual walk, hosted by Angela Hospice to benefit its free community outreach programs for grieving children and adults.

The reason so many walkers — organizers are expecting some 1,000 people this year — walk the 2.3-mile path: To honor and celebrate the loved ones they've lost.

"It gives you an opportunity to take some time and recall the good times," said Halpert, who lost both her parents within 10 months of each other in 2008. "The whole idea of walking

was appealing to me. That communal spirit of a big crowd ... It was very uplifting."

The walk begins at Madonna University, and continues through the peaceful, idyllic property of the Felician Sisters, including Ladywood High School, the Sisters' Central Convent, and concluding at the beautiful Angela Hospice grounds.

"The Walk of Remembrance continues to grow each year, and it's a testament to how powerful this event is," said Bob Alexander, Angela Hospice Business Development manager. "Many people return year after year to take part in it, and it has even become a tradition for these families."

That sort of "community" spirit is one of the things that attracts Halpert. She said the event gives walkers a chance to see and be part of the cycle of life.

Individuals and families of all ages are en-

couraged to attend the event, which also includes live music, a hot dog lunch and rock-painting activity.

Some families are even forming fundraising teams to pay tribute to their loved ones, while helping to support Angela Hospice's charitable work.

Angela Hospice's grief support services include general and special topic grief support groups; individual and family counseling; and holiday workshops for children, teens, and adults.

Registration for the Walk of Remembrance includes a T-shirt and is \$25 in advance for adults (increases to \$35 on day of event), \$15 for children ages 6-12, and free for 5 and under.

Walkers can register online, and get more information about Angela Hospice's programs, by visiting www.AskForAngela.com, or calling 734-464-7810.

Plight of children with diabetes drives G. Subu's fundraiser Sunday

Johnny Subu raced across snowy roads last February as his 2-year-old daughter lay in his car lethargic and struggling to breathe. He had no idea why she was in that condition.

He finally arrived at Mott's Children Hospital in Ann Arbor. Doctors immediately took her in for treatment, and Subu could do nothing but wait and hope.

Fortunately, he didn't have to wait long for doctors to calm the symptoms, but doctors' diagnosis of the toddler would change Subu's life: Isabella had juvenile diabetes.

Diabetes is a lifelong autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas. Insulin is a hormone required to get energy from food. Insulin doses allows a person with diabetes to stay alive, but it does not cure

the disease or prevent potential effects, such as kidney failure, amputations, blindness, nerve damage, heart attack and stroke.

"She is able to live a normal life, but we just got to stay on top of it," Subu said. "We have to constantly monitor what she eats, and make sure we monitor the highs and lows of her blood glucose levels — even when she is sleeping."

As he learned to tend to his daughter, he met many other families struggling to pay for the treatments and monitors needed for diabetes patients. That inspired him to plan a benefit this Sunday at his family restaurant, G. Subu's Leather Bottle, on Farmington Road near Eight Mile in Livonia.

Starting at 2 p.m., a \$50 donation gives supporters access to an afternoon of food, live entertainment, prizes, auctions and other sur-

prises to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Among the prizes to be given away are autographed sports items, professional services and art.

Those who can't stay can their show support by making donations at the restaurant or buying special silver pearl necklaces for \$10 each.

While diabetes is controllable, it is an expensive battle. The JDRF reports that the average person dealing with diabetes spends an average of \$11,700 in annual health care costs, while others without the disease spend an average of \$4,400 a year.

"I hope everyone who joins us becomes educated on how this is a disease that is growing around the world," Subu said. "We want to play a part in making sure children and their families have the support they need to cope with it."

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Seniors learn about preventing falls at workshop

The Maplewood Senior Department, with support from Autumnwood of Livonia will host a Fall Prevention workshop Tuesday, Sept. 23, in Garden City.

The workshop is free and open to the public. It is scheduled from 12:15-1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriam, in Garden City. This year's theme, Strong Today, Fall Free Tomorrow, seeks to unite professionals, older adults, caregivers and family members to play a part in raising awareness and preventing falls in the older adult population.

Aarti Toth will be presenting the Strong Today, Fall Free Tomorrow — Fall Prevention workshop. Toth is the regional director of marketing and census development for Ciena Healthcare, which owns and operates Autumnwood. A register nurse and occupational therapist, she has a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Eastern Michigan University.

Teresa Gilbert, the admissions and marketing director for Autumnwood of Livonia, will have a table set-up with brochures that discuss their services.

Every 15 seconds, an older adult is seen in an emergency department for a fall-related injury. Nationally, falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for those aged 65 and over. Moreover, the chances of falling and being seriously injured in a fall increase with age.

"This day of awareness brings attention to a growing public health issue among older adults, but more importantly, the growing availability of proven falls prevention programs and interventions," said (Bonita) Lynn Beattie, vice president of Injury Prevention with the National Council on Aging (NCOA), and leader of the Falls Free© Initiative. "We need to create a national prevention dialogue, and we welcome everyone to stand together to promote older adult safety and independence."

Studies show that a combination of interventions can significantly reduce falls in the older adult population. Experts recommend a physical activity regimen with balance, strength training, and flexibility components; consulting with a health professional about getting a fall risk assessment; having medications reviewed periodically; getting eyes checked annually; and making sure the home environment is safe and supportive.

Lunch is not provided. Seniors can purchase a lunch for \$2.25 or bring in a sack lunch. Seniors who wish to eat a hot lunch must make a reservation 24 hours in advance by calling 734-793-1974. A piece of pie will be provided for desserts.

The Maplewood Center Senior Department offers classes like Arthritis Exercise, Tai Chi, and Senior Workout to help older adults gain the strength, improved balance, and confidence to help them live healthier lives and preserve their independence.

For more information, call the Senior Department at 734-793-1856.

Anderson hosts annual senior dinner

On Friday, Sept. 26, Senator Glenn Anderson will host his fifth annual free senior appreciation pasta dinner.

Since the Westland Democrat started this event it has been an overwhelming success every year, consistently attended by hundreds of local seniors. Each year, numerous local businesses and elected officials graciously donate gift certificates to be used as door prizes for a free raffle held during the dinner.

"This event has become one that folks look forward to each year, myself included," Anderson said. "I love having the opportunity to catch up with so many of my friends at once and offer my sincere thanks for all that these seniors have done and



State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, speaks with seniors at last year's annual Senior Appreciation Dinner.

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continue to do for their communities." This year, Anderson

is expecting around 400 attendees. Seniors will be treated to a pasta

dinner with salad and dessert, as well as live entertainment. The

event will be held at Burton Manor in Livonia and will begin at 5 p.m., with doors opening at 4:30 p.m.

Each year, the senator has also held a canned food drive at the event, and seniors attending are encouraged to bring a canned food item to support this effort. The canned food is then donated to a food bank in Anderson's 6th District.

Anderson represents the 6th State Senate district which includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township.

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Bob Evans restaurants donate to area church

Bob Evans of Livonia will present the Full Gospel Temple of Westland with \$1,500 during a ceremony at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at its Livonia restaurant.

The money was raised as part of the restaurant's Harvest Program, and Full Gospel Temple has been chosen as one of Bob Evans' Harvest Program partners due to being consistently engaged with the community by hosting many events to provide help to whoever may need a helping hand.

Bob Evans' restaurants partner with local emergency feeding agencies and/or shelters to donate its unused food through its Harvest Program.

Full Gospel Temple is a member of the Churches United Against Hunger (CUAH) organization and has a soup kitchen that operates year round to feed the hungry five days a week. They also offer a place to take a shower and a food pantry program, which has been feeding people for more than 20 years.

Guests of the Livonia restaurant were invited to participate as well and donate to their local community.

Bob Evans Restaurant is holding the check presentation ceremony at their Livonia restaurant at 13911 Middlebelt, Livonia. Small reception to follow, all are welcome to be part of this special event.

Full Gospel Temple is located at 34033 Palmer Road, Westland.

Beaver Creek gets makeover

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

He goes by the nickname Tiny, but there's nothing small about David Thompson and the plans for Beaver Creek restaurant in Westland.

Thompson and a partner bought the restaurant in late August and are in the process of freshening the decor, tweaking the menu and adding entertainment in preparation for the grand reopening of Beaver Creek Saloon and Grill next weekend.

"I want to be the Sam Malone of Westland," said the Northville resident. "Doing this is what I love to do. Owning a bar and restaurant has been a lifelong dream."

Thompson has already made some changes inside. The Mutt of the Month photo gallery at the entrance has been moved to the back room where artist Jeremy Cronk is in the process of creating a mural of a town with the Beaver Creek Saloon as the focal point. He also has hung his favorite photograph of Johnny Cash in the alcove off the main dining room.

"When the new owners took over, the guests asked if we were getting rid of the dogs, I told them yes and no," general manager Misty Lindquist said. "We've been doing Mutt of the Month forever. Some of those photos have been up since 1990."

Making changes

The blue lights that covered the exterior of the bar and were turned on during the holidays have been replaced with new lighting and 30 years of grime on the log siding was power washed away. Thompson's plan is to redo the exterior to make it look like a group of buildings and carrying that theme around the building and along the fence line.

"I want to redo the exterior so it looks like its own entity," he said. "When people walk in the door, I want them to feel like they're at home."

Thompson also has been working on the menu. He carries a white binder filled with recipes he's trying out on the Sunday night crowds. He's been serving five samples at a time, seeing what



The staff of Beaver Creek Saloon and Grill includes Danny Pixley (back row, from left), Ausrin Barrett, Noah Klavinger, Lindsey Haush, owner David Thompson, Paige Sharrow, Shane Cupps, Rita Veloz (front row, from left), Rosie Estrada, general manager Misty Lindquist and Cori Mack.

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works and what doesn't work. His focus is on more fresh ingredients and he's created a batter station in the kitchen so the cooks can do fresh batter-dipped food.

Surprisingly, it was Beaver Creek's pot roast sandwich the sealed the deal on buying the restaurant.

"I have a palate, a very, very good palate," Thompson said. "I want to serve good down-home, hearty food with outstanding service and good prices."

He's dropped some things from the menu like the southern fried chicken and kept the cookies. Thompson has changed up the wine list and is offering drink specials everyday. He also plans to add his signature items to the menu. This week he had the cooks prepare corn fritters using fresh corn left from last weekend's Blues, Brews and Barbecue in Westland. His taste testers told him to put them on the menu.

Return of music

The biggest change will be the addition of music.

While Thompson had thought about renaming the restaurant to Bootz, he was swayed to keep the

Beaver Creek name by Lindquist. His "passion has always been country music and classic rock" and that's reflected in the entertainment which will be a mixture of country, acoustic and classic rock.

Wednesday nights will be acoustic for Hump Day Date Night from 7 to 10 p.m. and feature performers like Mike Adkins, who is touring with Uncle Kracker. The weekends will feature classic rock and country bands. There will be music this Saturday night for a pre-grand opening, while the bands for next weekend's grand reopening will be Rye Whiskey on Friday night and Big Ray and the Motor City Kings on Saturday night.

Thompson grew up in Wyandotte and lived in Redford for 20 years before moving to Northville with his wife Sue and daughter Morgan. He started in the business in 1984 and from the very beginning knew he wanted to be an owner. Over the years, he helped open Doc's in Livonia, worked at the Diamondback in Belleville and was the general manager of the Elysium in Detroit.

"When you come to the Creek, I want you to think you're coming home," he said. "That's the atmosphere I want."

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Helping seniors repay student loan debt

The numbers are startling and they keep on growing. I'm not talking about the federal deficit. I'm talking about student loans. The amount of outstanding student loans is more than either charge card debt or auto loan debt.

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student getting ready to go to college or someone who graduated and is burdened by student debt. However, there's another group whose outstanding student debt continues to rise — senior citizens.

You wouldn't think that seniors would have a problem with student debt, however, you would be wrong. Outstanding student loans owed by seniors have skyrocketed to more than \$18 billion, up 600 percent in the last decade.

Most of the outstanding student debt held by seniors, about 80 percent, is for their own education (continuing education, grad school or even undergrad). The remaining 20 percent is the amount owed by seniors for loans they took for either a child's or grandchild's college education.

Repaying student loans has become a severe burden for many seniors. The default rate for seniors on student loans is substantially higher than for other recipients. As a result, seniors are subject to more aggressive collection techniques and are finding that creditors are beginning to garnish Social Security benefits.

Since student debt has become such a problem for seniors, it is important they have a repayment strategy. Bankruptcy is not an option because most student loans are not dischargeable in a bankruptcy proceeding.

If you are a senior with an outstanding student loan, know your interest rate. After all, if you're paying seven percent on a student loan and you're getting less than one percent on a CD, it may pay to use the CD to pay down the student loan.

In addition, those with equity in a home can take out a home equity loan or even refinance in order to pay off the student debt. I'm not a big fan of seniors taking on more debt; however, in this situation it's restructuring the debt.

For seniors who derive the majority of their income from Social Security, there may be a strategy to reduce or even eliminate student loan payment and at the same time not be in default.

All federal student loans are eligible for an income-based repayment program.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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What Are the Democrats' Values?

I see Democrats as having two unifying values. Democrats value jobs and those people who depend on those jobs for their livelihood. For all practical purposes, this is the middle class and the working poor. We want the middle class to prosper and the working poor to be able to reach the middle class. In order to do this, we need a vibrant economy where the wealth created by our nation is not concentrated in the hands of the few.

Democrats also value other people and treat them the way we would want to be treated if we were in their shoes. This means that we must help those in need, be fair to everyone and, other than that, live and let live. We do not do unto others what we would not want done unto ourselves. For example, if we do not want the rights we use taken away, we should not try to take away the rights other people use.

You may recognize this as the Golden Rule. Some people are reluctant to use this term because of its religious origins and they see this as mixing religion and politics. I think we should not worry about that and go ahead and use the term that describes one of our party's values in two words. There is no other term that does the job.

I see these two values, one economic and one moral along with the concept of representative government as the driving forces behind the Democratic Party's policies.

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St. Mary Mercy Livonia Sleep Disorders Center is offering a seminar on the factors that affect a woman's sleep at 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the hospital's North Auditorium.

Board Certified Neurologist, Neurophysiology and Sleep Medicine physician Dr. Punitha Vijayakumar will discuss how a woman's sleep is unique and its effect on quality of life. Also, she will give examples of how age, physical and hormonal changes may affect sleep for women.

After the presentation, an "ask the doctor" session will be held to answer questions from those in attendance.

In addition to the seminar, the latest in medical equipment, masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) technology, will be displayed and representatives will be available to answer questions. Participants who currently have a CPAP machine, can bring it along for a free pressure accuracy check.

Offering sleep services since 1998, the St. Mary Mercy Livonia Sleep Disorders Center is accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), meeting the highest standards of quality patient care established by the AASM. The staff includes registered polysomnographic technologists and physicians certified by the American Board of Sleep Medicine specializing in Critical Care, Pulmonary Medicine and Neurology.

This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital "Stay Awake" series presentation offered by the Sleep Disorders Center. Refreshments and drawing for movie tickets will be offered. The presentation is free, but registration is required. Call 734-655-4640 for more information.

tion, or to register. Register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes & Events."

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan in Livonia. For more information about St. Mary Mercy, go online to stmarymercy.org.

Cookies help kids

As countless sweet-toothed fans rally to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the oh-so-mouthwatering chocolate chip morsel, Nestlé Toll House® Café by Chip is marking the occasion by giving back to its bravest customers in collaboration with the Cookies for Kids' Cancer organization.

The partnership, which will help fund essential research grants for five of the nation's leading pediatric cancer centers, kicked off on Saturday, Sept. 13 — National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day. It continues through Oct. 31.

During this time, Nestlé Toll House Cafés, including the one inside Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne roads in Westland, will be accepting donations for Cookies for Kids' Cancer, a national nonprofit organization that helps fund the development of less toxic, more effective treatments for children battling cancer.

In exchange for making a \$1 donation, guests will receive a \$1 coupon use during a subsequent visit to any Nestlé Toll House Café. Supporters may also make direct donations at supportcookiesforkidscancer.org/NestleCafeGoodCookies.

The popular bakery cafés nationwide have set a collective goal of raising \$500 per location. If each café reaches its target, the campaign will raise more than \$50,000.

For information about Cookies For Kids' Cancer, visit CookiesForKidsCancer.org.

Veterans seek help with benefits, jobs at summit

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

U.S. Army veteran Brian Foley was laid off two years ago from his job as a maintenance technician for a copier company.

Edward Campau, who served in the U.S. Air Force and retired from Ford Motor Co., worries as his cost for prescription medications increases.

Donald Eagan, a former corporate pilot and Air Force veteran, could use financial help to improve his hearing.

"Maybe I could get a hearing aid," he said.

Foley, Campau and Eagan were among nearly 300 veterans Wednesday hoping to learn how service to their country could qualify them for benefits they might not have received. They gathered inside Livonia's Laurel Manor for the fifth annual Veterans Summit sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation, the law firm Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC, and the Dewitt C. Holbrook Charitable Trust.

James Fausone, managing partner for Legal Help for Veterans, said the effort to bring in Veterans Administration officials and other experts was intended to link veterans to potential jobs, health care, disability benefits and other resources that may have eluded them.

"It's the largest sum-



Under red, white and blue balloons, area veterans attend a summit intended to link them to benefits, jobs.

mit of its kind in the state," Fausone said.

Years of service

Beth Meade, the Canton Community Foundation's marketing and events manager, said veterans who signed up for the latest summit collectively gave 900 years of service to their country. They represented every branch of service, from World War II to newer battle zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. They came Wednesday from communities across southeast Michigan.

"It's a way for us to let veterans, their families and caregivers know all the opportunities available to them," Meade

said. Foley, a Dearborn Heights resident, served in the U.S. Army from 1975-77 and was stationed in Gelnhausen, Germany.

"I've been out of work for almost two years," Foley, 59, said. "I wanted to see what benefits I might qualify for. I haven't had a physical in a couple of years."

Campau, a 75-year-old Trenton resident, spent time in Japan and on U.S. bases while serving in communications in the Air Force from 1956-60.

"I don't know what benefits I have. I've never used the VA, but with the cost of prescriptions going up, I need to see what's available," Campau said, attending with wife Barbara.

Eagan, a 73-year-old Livonia veteran, served as a medical technician in the Air Force from 1962-68 and was stationed in The Azores and U.S. bases. He has impaired hearing.

"I could use some help," he said, attending with wife Jan. The summit offered an array of vendors and speakers to help guide veterans through what can be a confusing maze when they're seeking help. One of the keynote speakers this year was Jeff Barnes, a veteran who served in Iraq and is director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.



Barnes

'Too humble'

Barnes said many veterans are "too humble" to seek out benefits that are rightfully theirs. He said Michigan, with 660,000 veterans, has the 11th largest population of veterans in the United States. More than half of the state's veterans are 65 or older.

Barnes said efforts to reduce the turnaround time on benefits claims, including those for spouses, has been dramatically reduced to 120 days from what was once two years. He said a 92-year-old Michigan veteran was recently signed up.

Barnes said veterans can qualify for emergency aid for car payments or flood-damage relief. He said during the last year alone, the Michigan

Veterans Affairs Agency helped put 470 veterans who faced foreclosure back in their homes.

"Every vet honorably discharged is entitled to something," he said.

Retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone, meanwhile, said one of the most important documents a veteran can bring to the table when seeking benefits is the DD-214, which provides details of their discharge.

Barnes said veterans also should consider attending the 2014 Veterans Expo, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Cobo Center in Detroit. It will include one-stop shopping, he said, for jobs, education, health care, benefits and other services. The second day includes a job fair.

To register, go to events.mphi.org/vetexpo or call 517-324-8330. More information about the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency is available at 800-MICH-VET (642-4838) or at michiganveterans.com.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2180A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Parking Lot Addition to Harvest Bible Church, 6420 N Newburgh, Parcel #030-99-0016-703, East Side of Newburgh Road, South of Warren Road, Daniel P. McGhee

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission



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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-25
September 11, 2014

A Special meeting of the City Council was held Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wayne Police Station, 33701 Michigan Avenue. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. APPROVED: resignation of City Manager Joseph Merucci and a leave of absence; Police Chief as Acting City Manager for \$50/day. Adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

Wayne officials, residents need to work together to save city

If it was a Hollywood movie, the city of Wayne would be the boat caught in a whirlpool, slowly being drawn down into the sea.

While that can't happen physically, it does seem that the city is starting to spin out of control. Since July it has lost three department heads — Nathan Adams, parks and recreation; James Ghedotte, finance; and Mathew Mulholland, personnel — and had a fourth — Ramzi El-Gharib, public service — who retired and returned as a contractual DPS director for Wayne and Westland. That's followed by council approval last week of a request for a leave of absence and resignation of City Manager Joseph Merrucci who had been on the job just four months.

Merrucci's sudden departure leaves very little manpower to manage city's day-to-day operations. Only City Clerk Matthew Miller and Police Chief and now Acting City Manager Jason Wright are steering the ship. This comes at a time when the city has yet to resolve an approximately \$500,000 deficit for the current fiscal year and a larger deficit projected for 2015-16.

Declining property values and escalating legacy costs have created the whirlpool the city has found itself caught in. City officials have gone after the deficit like tailors altering a too-large suit, but the nips and tucks have not been enough to balance the budget. City officials have consolidated services — parks



and recreation, fire, dispatching services and public service — and reduced expenses, including the sale of the State Wayne Theater.

It approved, the current budget with a revenue shortfall and assurances by Merrucci and Ghedotte of more recommendations for cost cutting would come, but they never materialized.

Mayor Al Haidous, who also will be leaving in January to become a Wayne County commissioner, has said many times that the crisis wasn't because of anything the city did wrong, which is true. The only fault may be that city officials didn't act fast enough. The downward spiral needed to be addressed from the onset, not when the bankruptcy or an emergency man-

ger appeared as strong possibilities.

Miller and Wright face a daunting task in keeping the ship righted in these troubling times. They are capable individuals, but it should not be expected that they will be able to do their jobs and the jobs of the department heads that have left for a lengthy period of time. The department positions need to be filled and a new city manager hired as quickly as possible to get the city back on an even keel.

Westland Mayor William Wild has expressed concern about the city's stability in regards to the agreements the two communities have, the biggest of which is the creation of a fire authority and rightly so. A lot of what has been put in place could go by the wayside, if an emergency manager is appointed by the state.

The city is blessed to have a community that cares, and volunteer efforts have brought a Michigan Main Street designation to Wayne that could breathe new life into the downtown, and created events like Cruisin' US-12, Rouge-A-Palooza and the weekly farmers market that bring people into the community.

Now is the time for residents and city officials to work together, if Wayne is to recover. It's time to make a concerted effort to resolve the problems that exists and shape a sustainable future for the city. Without that effort, Wayne could go away. And that would truly be a loss for all concerned.

Impressive work gets I-96 ready for early opening

Drivers about as tired of construction barrels as they can be should start saying goodbye now to the service drive, Five Mile Road, Plymouth Road or any other detours they've been using to get around the Interstate 96 construction.

Apparently, they aren't going to have to wait until the middle of October for the expressway, closed since early April, to reopen. The countdown clock on 96fix.com shifted last week from Oct. 11 (the original target date) to Sept. 30 after project leaders announced plans to reopen the freeway ahead of schedule.

That's good news for drivers who've shown a good deal of patience dealing with the closure of the heavily traveled connecting route between western Wayne County and downtown Detroit.

But it's even more impressive for the Michigan Department of Transportation and, especially, the companies and crews doing the work. It hasn't been

easy.

There have been a few issues, starting with some cold temperatures and even some snowfall in the project's early stages. Crews had to work around — or recover from — the storm that blew through here a month ago and dropped what seemed like an ocean of water on the area. Then there was the truck fire which, luckily, did no damage and caused no injuries.

Problems like those — especially the torrential rainfall — can cause major problems on a construction project, but never derailed this one. Work crews should be commended for that.

Work certainly isn't done on the seven-mile, \$148 million project. And MDOT representatives have said there would also be some other work taking place in the coming weeks along the freeway when it's open to traffic — patching between Haggerty and Newburgh, concrete removal on the west side of the project.

MDOT officials are so happy, they've decided to reverse their original opinion on whether to host an on-the-road celebration before the freeway actually reopens to traffic. While MDOT initially said there are "no immediate plans" for such a celebration on the freeway, they've now scheduled one for 2 p.m. Sunday, opening I-96 from Levan to Newburgh to pedestrian traffic.

There are legitimate safety concerns with letting people walk down onto the expressway. And, of course, MDOT's goal of reopening the freeway remains the top priority of the contractor, so its initial reticence was understandable.

Still, it's nice of them to throw a little party not only for local residents, but for the members of the work crews.

They've earned it.

GUEST COLUMN

Michigan legislature needs to act fast to restore user fees in trial-level courts

Legislation introduced at the Capitol last week will fix a funding crisis in Michigan's local courts.

Without prompt action on and passage of House Bill 5785, Michigan's trial-level courts, which handle almost three million criminal and traffic cases a year, will lack the resources they need to properly administer justice in the state.

Like a summer thunderstorm, this crisis brewed suddenly. In June, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in *People vs. Cunningham* that trial courts could not impose against defendants some of the costs they have passed on for about a decade.

Without these "user fees," circuit and district courts across Michigan would be short millions of dollars.

A survey of counties by the Michigan Association of Counties in the aftermath of the June case found, for example, that Grand Traverse County would lose as much as \$500,000 a year. Clinton County's estimate is a whopping \$1.9 million.

The remedy to this dilemma is simple common sense: Restore in law the authority local courts have exercised for years, while taking the opportunity to improve practices by increasing transparency of

court costs applied to defendants.

Quick action is needed, because local courts have been restricted in their work since the June ruling and the two alternatives to a restoration of "user fees" are, in a word, unwise.

The state could, for example, decide to create a new revenue stream — read tax — to properly fund lower courts. In an election year, that's as unlikely as it is inadvisable.

Of greater concern is a lack of action, which would leave it to Michigan's 83 counties to find new dollars to divert to courts.

Michigan counties already provide about half of the \$1 billion-plus used by local courts each year. About \$1 in every \$10 in general funds in Grand Traverse County goes to local courts now. In Newaygo County, almost 40 percent of the general fund budget goes to the court system. In Saginaw County, 25 percent goes to courts. In Cass County, the figure is 30 percent; in Marquette County, 22 percent.

So to come up with more money for courts would certainly mean cuts to other key services, such as road patrols, jails, health initiatives, foster care and animal control.

Since the Supreme Court decision, a coalition of public servants and interests, led by MAC, has been educating legislators on the issues at play. This effort boils down to three points: "user fees" have worked as

a fair method to fund court operations; courts already are the single largest unfunded mandate imposed by the state on the counties; and the state itself is unlikely to identify the necessary dollars in the face of other policy demands, such as road funding.

If legislative action isn't taken to reverse the *Cunningham* ruling's effects, these percentages only will soar. And counties, trying to recover from years of underfunding by the state, are in no position to absorb a huge new burden.

It's also important to note that the Michigan Supreme Court didn't rule that court costs were fundamentally improper. Rather, the *Cunningham* decision stated that courts only could impose costs identified in statute. If laws are changed to restore the authority that trial courts have exercised for nearly a decade, a major crisis is averted for courts and counties.

Legislators have plenty to do in September, but passage of court funding legislation has to be at the top of the list.

Jon Campbell is an Allegan County commissioner and the incoming president of the Michigan Association of Counties (www.micounties.org), a non-partisan, nonprofit organization that advances education, communication and cooperation among county government officials in Michigan.



Jon Campbell

GUEST COLUMNIST

LETTERS

Party unity?

Five years ago the tea party emerged out of the near collapse of our economy. Five years and neither political party have any real idea of who we are and what we stand for. Both political parties refer to us as the extreme right wing of the Republican Party, which we are not. While some of us are members of the Republican Party most are, like me, independents.

We supported Republican candidates in 2010 and

2012 because the platform of the Republican Party aligned with policies we believed would preserve our country. Once elected, some candidates showed their true colors by voting in a manner completely contrary to the party platform they ran under.

The tea party called out those that were voting contrary to the party platform and the entire Republican Party establishment turned on the tea party demonizing it as fanatic right wingers. The absurdity of those attacks is that if the tea party is extreme right wing, the entire Republican Party platform would have to be considered extreme right wing.

Since there was no other option, the tea party challenged tone-deaf Republicans in the primary and gave the GOP a bloody nose in the 2014 primary. In western Oakland County it took unbelievable amounts of special-interest money and the full weight of the Republican Party establishment to save incumbents Mike Kowall and Clint Kesto from defeat at the hands of unknown and unfunded citizen candidates Matt Maddock and Deb O'Hagan. Tea party candidate Jim Runestad won his race for the open seat despite the weight of the Republican establishment supporting Liz Fessler Smith. Similar sce-

narios took place all over the state of Michigan.

Now that the primaries are over with, the GOP is calling for unity. However, the Republican Party must realize there can be no unity with those who do not align with the principles enumerated in the Republican platform. If followed, the platform is the outline that will preserve our country for future generations.

In the past, tea party Republicans and independents, have often held their noses and voted for the Republican, often as the lesser of two evils, in the general election. However, voters have discovered that voting for the lesser of two evils still results in evil. Millions who voted for Republicans in 2010 did not vote in 2012. That trend may likely accelerate in 2014 and forward unless the Republican Party embraces those that are the true guardians of the platform it wrote to preserve our country.

They better figure out what the tea party groups represent instead of demonizing them before it is too late.

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Hush Haunted holds pre-opening charity benefit

Following a highly successful first season, Hush Haunted Attraction is back as a completely redesigned and rebuilt attraction.

Hush, located at 34043 Ford in Westland will open to the public Friday, Sept. 26, but for those who don't want to wait, there will be a "Scream for Big Life" charity preview at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, to benefit the Big Life Foundation, which is fighting to protect elephants from poachers in Africa.

Tickets for the charity event cost \$25 each with all proceeds going to Big Life Foundation.

Hush promises to deliver even more chills in 2014, said Cody Bailey who created the haunted house last year.

"Michigan has become known as the haunt capital of the United States, with attractions here pioneering the way for those nationally and globally," Bailey said.

Last year 8,000 people visited Hush.

For the 2014 season, Hush is unveiling "The Incinerator," a burned-alive experience.

There's no silk screen with fans or unrealistic CGI projections. Patrons will walk directly into and through simulated fire that reaches near unbearable temperatures, according to Bailey.

"You walk through steam-generated flames to get to the next area," he said. "It's completely safe. I've walked through it."

Bailey describes Hush Haunted Attraction as an "aggressive, in-your-face interactive experience for adult audiences." It's not intended for children or the faint of heart.

The haunted house will take guests deep into the Hush Corporation's Detroit Facility as it collapses when Dr. Phineas Phun's experiments escape. It has some 40 live actors in 22 horrific rooms and can take an average of 18 minutes to escape its collapsing walls.

Hush will be open Sept. 26-28, Oct. 3-5, Oct. 12-19, Oct. 23-26 and Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 1. Tickets are \$17 with a VIP skip-the-line pass for \$27. For more information, visit hushdetroit.com or call 734-502-6026.

St. Mary's holding Ladies' Night Out

On Thursday, Oct. 16, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a special Ladies' Night Out with a focus on "Keeping Women Healthy." The event will take place at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia from 5:30-8 p.m. and will include health screenings, massage, healthy cooking demonstration, prizes, vendors and speakers.

"Women have unique health needs," said Julie Spivey, director, Mercy Cancer Network, CHE Trinity Health, keynote speaker at Ladies' Night Out and seven-year breast cancer survivor. "Ladies' Night Out is about celebrating those needs and ensuring women in our community have the education and resources to maintain the best possible health for themselves and their

families."

Spivey will be joined by the following panel of experts, including:

Dr. Harsha P. Jayatilake, medical director, Center for Integrative Medicine, St. Mary Mercy Livonia, who will discuss how to recognize stressors and manage them using acupuncture, breath work, therapeutic massage, nutrition and medication.

Dr. Caitlin Lopez, Huron Valley Radiology, who will discuss the importance of mammography and new technologies in St. Mary Mercy's Comprehensive Breast Center.

The event is free of charge, but registration is required. Space is limited. Call 734-655-1182 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes & Events" to register.

Coffee hours with Anderson

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold coffee hours in Livonia and Garden City on Monday, Sept. 22, to field questions from citizens. No appointment is necessary.

Coffee Hours will be 9-10 a.m. at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, and 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

Constituents who cannot attend, but would like to address an issue with the senator can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at 517-373-1707, or by email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

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PREP FOOTBALL GAME

Clarenceville gridders fall short in OT

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville rebounded from a bad first half of football and fell just short of getting its first victory Friday night.

The Trojans rallied from a 20-0 halftime deficit and ended up losing to host Macomb Lutheran North in overtime, 27-20.

The Mustangs (1-2) scored on the first play in overtime on a 10-yard quarterback draw. A fourth-down pass fell incomplete for the Trojans (0-3).

Lutheran North converted a pair of Clarenceville fumbles into 10 points and dominated the first half.

The Trojans played better in the second, taking the third-quarter kickoff down the field for seven points.

James Hill rushed for all three Clarenceville touchdowns. One covered 24 yards and the others came on short runs.

Hill finished the game with 148 yards on 16 carries. Trojans quarterback Jake Kubiak passed for 150 yards.

"We've been pretty consistent in getting yardage," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "We just haven't been able to stop teams. Our mistakes have been killing us."

"At halftime we made some adjustments and seemed to perk up. At the end of the game, I told them, 'It's taken us a month to figure out how to play as a team. This is what it's like to play at the varsity level.'"

"Hopefully, the light came on. You could see they were starting to get a little more experienced. You can see them improving each

week.

"It's just a matter of eliminating mistakes. Hopefully, we'll play better this week and come away with a 'W.' That would be great for the program and for the kids."

The Trojans face a tough opponent Friday night. They play at Garden City (2-1), the preseason favorite to win the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division.

"I can't believe how big those kids are," Fry said of the Cougars on the line. "I think the smallest one is 250. They're just big boys. That will be tough for us."

"They have a good quarterback and a good running back. They're well coached. We'll see if we can get around their big horses."

"Hopefully, my speed will be able to offset some of their big-

ness. Toe to toe, I don't know if we can stay with them. We'll do a lot of bobbing and weaving instead of going toe to toe."

The Trojans, who had only a handful of returning players and one lineman with experience, are no doubt getting better with each game, Fry added.

"Every week the kids play, they understand it a little more," he said. "The line is mostly juniors with one sophomore and one senior who played a little last year."

"We take our lumps and bruises with blitzes and missed assignments, but they're starting to understand this level is a little different than what they experienced last year (as JV players)."

"The game is a little bit faster for them. Kids hit a little harder and are a little more serious" at the varsity level."

Ladywood rolls in field hockey

Senior Christina Meyer notched a hat trick and assist Sunday as host Livonia Ladywood romped to an 11-0 field hockey victory over Wixom St. Catherine of Siena Academy.

Senior Kendall Romano and junior Jill Jacob each added a pair of goals, and senior Emma Smalley had a goal and an assist for the Blazers, who improved to 2-1-2 overall and 2-0-1 in the Catholic League.

Other Ladywood goal scorers were junior Shannon Mulcahy, senior Katie Gordon and sophomore Rachel Nelson. Junior goalie Maddie Haas notched her second shutout.

On Saturday, Ladywood earned a 3-2 league victory at Warren Regina as Meyer tallied the game-winning goal and two assists. Romano scored the other two goals for the Blazers, who led 2-1 at halftime.

On Friday, host Ladywood carried the play for most of the game, forcing nine corners to just two for Farmington Hills Mercy, but had to settle for a 0-0 draw.

Haas made one save for the Blazers, who return to action Friday afternoon at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Redford Catholic football report

Redford Catholic's freshmen football team dropped a 26-12 decision to Divine Child this past weekend. Donovan Lemon was sweet for the Lancers' offense as he picked up 57 yards and a touchdown on just four carries. Lyell Massey added 51 yards and a score while Arnold Ebiware chipped in with 22 yards on the ground.

Defensively, the Lemon brothers - Donovan and Dominic - sparkled for RC.

Donovan and Dominic, combined for five tackles each and Massey had three tackles.

The Lancers' junior-varsity squad suffered a tough 49-0 setback to Holy Family Regional. Cartier Whittaker was one of the few bright spots for RC as he excelled on both sides of the ball.

RC's varsity squad improved to 2-0 in its division with an exciting 27-20 victory over St. Raphael. Kevin Cox, Devin Dunning and Joseph Brintley (60-yard TD reception from JJ Cantrell) all scored for the Lancers. Matthew McCarty found the end zone twice for the victors.

Kicker Jacob Pfeifer converted one of two two-point tries.

The Lancers kick off the home portion of their 2014 schedule on Saturday. The freshmen play at 9:30 a.m. against Our Lady of Good Counsel, the JV squad tangles with Our Lady of Sorrows at 11:30 a.m. while the varsity hosts a Monroe CYO team at 1:30 p.m.

PREP GOLF ROUNDUP

Payne is good for Patriot golfers

Stevenson 5th at Novi Invitational

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Kendall Payne was on her game Friday at Gateway Golf Club in Romulus as she carded a stellar round of 42 to lead Livonia Franklin to a 189-248 victory over host Westland John Glenn.

Playing in cool and cloudy conditions, the Patriots also received a boost from Brenna Campau, who turned in a nine-hole score of 43. Additional scorers for the winners were Angelina DiPonio (50) and Jennifer Tripp, who fired a 54.

Other varsity competitors for Franklin were Audrey White (56) and Selina Canestraro (61). Bailey Hansen shot a 69 for the Patriots' junior-varsity contingent.

John Glenn was paced by Ashley Andrez, who shot a 51. Also scoring for the Rockets were Emma White (64), Olivia Kiesznowski (66), and Holly Pachota and Brittney Pachota, both of whom shot 67.

Chargers ground Rockets

The tri-meet also featured Livonia Churchill's 197-248 victory over John Glenn.

The Chargers were paced by Marin McGowan's 43. Other sub-50 rounds for Churchill were registered by Kristin McLean (47) and Alyssa Mazur (49). Zoe Pargoff joined the scoring contingent with a 58.

Kelsie Nowicki (60) and Jessi Howard (62) played well for Churchill but did not figure in the scoring.

Spartans sizzle at Cattails

Stevenson was the only Livonia team to crack the top

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ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin's Angelina DiPonio follows through on a putt during a match earlier this season.

PREP SOCCER SURPRISE



ED WRIGHT

Wayne Memorial's Zachary Favazza (right) gets some air time next to Livonia Franklin's Robert Jiga.

ZEBRAS BITE PATRIOTS, 2-1

Resurgent Wayne on the rise on pitch

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The days of Wayne Memorial's boys soccer team serving up easy W's to its KLAASouth Division opponents appear over.

That was never more evident than Tuesday night when the suddenly ferocious Zebras surprised host Livonia Franklin, 2-1, in a division match-up that, in the past decade or so, has usually been a mis-match in favor of the Patriots.

Wayne had not only lost to the Patriots twice every fall for the foreseeable past, but it had lost decisively.

Times are changing, though. The Zebras played with confidence and energy - even during the early stages of the contest when the hosts peppered the area around the net with

near-miss shots.

Head coach Jason Dean's revitalized squad improved to 3-5-1 overall and 1-3-1 in the South.

"This is our first league win in the three years I've been head coach and someone told me that Wayne hadn't won a league game in the three years prior to that, so this is a really big win for us," said Dean. "It's especially nice for the seniors who will be graduating because they can now say that they didn't go their entire high school career without winning a league match."

"Our boys are obviously very elated. Livonia Franklin has been playing very well the past week or so. They tied Canton for a half and nearly beat Plymouth. They controlled the tempo the first 10 to 14 minutes and we dodged a few bul-

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PREP FOOTBALL

Big second half leads GC gridders over Annapolis

The Garden City football team's offensive unit trailed its defense, 2-0, in the points department following the first quarter of Friday night's Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division game at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, but the visiting Cougars' ball carriers shifted into another gear in the second half.

Garden City trailed, 6-2, after one quarter, with its only points coming when senior linebacker Cody Johnson sacked the Annapolis quarterback in the end zone.

GC still trailed at the half, 12-10, before thoroughly hammering their hosts over the final 24 minutes on the way to a 38-12 victory.

The Cougars improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in the division heading into Friday's 7 p.m. home game against defending Red Division champion Livonia Clarenceville (0-3, 0-2).

GC's second consecutive victory was spearheaded by senior quarterback Kyler Hubbs, who ran for 90 yards on 20 carries while completing 3 of 7 passes for 62 yards.

Tommy Segars paced the winners' 292-yard rushing effort as he picked up 75 yards on nine hauls. John Giangrande also excelled for GC, picking up 72 yards on 14 attempts.

Giangrande and Hubbs both registered rushing touchdowns for GC while Segars and

Denzel Tinsley both snatched Hubbs TD passes.

Defensively, senior linebacker Nick Dehetre was a tackling machine for the Cougars as he registered 11 solo stops and 12 assists. Johnson was also in beast mode for head coach Scott Murray's defense as he racked up 10 solo tackles and six assists.

Senior Stephen Fox was credited with 11 tackles (five solo and six assists) while sophomore Mason Jennings had 10 stops, four of which were solo.

Nick Schroeder converted all three of his point-after kicks while Hubbs bulled in for a two-point conversion.

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SCHOOLCRAFT MEN'S SOCCER

Quick-striking Ocelots stop Surge, 2-0

Schoolcraft gets upper hand early

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team didn't just face rival Cincinnati State on Saturday afternoon.

The host Ocelots also dealt with wind, mud puddles and cool temperatures.

But they came out storming the Surge right from the start, scored twice before the NJCAA Region XII contest was three minutes old and captured a 2-0 victory to improve to 5-0-0 overall and 4-0-0 in the region.

One of the Schoolcraft players who forced the issue on offense was freshman midfielder/forward and Canton alum Nathan Bergeson.

"The conditions, we got used to it right away," Bergeson said. "We used the slippery, wet grounds to our advantage. We got the second goal with a slide across the box, even the first goal, helped to slide in to get the cross in.

"But it was pretty slippery and getting pretty muddy."

Bergeson added that "it was huge" to get on the scoreboard so quickly, especially as the Ocelots really wanted to end Cincinnati State's four-game winning streak against them

dating back a couple seasons.

Both times, Schoolcraft freshman forward Costa Wells was in the mix, setting up teammates deep in Surge territory.

With just 1:09 elapsed, freshman midfielder Victor Contreras sent a perfect cross from Wells and made no mistake with his shot. It was the fifth goal of the season for Contreras.

Schoolcraft then made it 2-0 at 2:52. Once again, Wells made a nice feed and the ensuing shot taken by freshman defender Adam Antosh (Troy Athens) wound up behind Cincinnati State goalkeeper Quentin Perez.

The Ocelots did not score the rest of the way, although Bergeson did have a goal in the second half called back due to a foul.

"We had a good couple chances at the end, especially I got one that was called a foul," Bergeson noted. "But it happens. We're getting better as a team. This is just the beginning."

Making the early lead hold up for Schoolcraft was freshman goalie Andres Hernandez, who stopped all eight shots he saw.

The Ocelots were scheduled to come right back to the Schoolcraft College pitch Sunday afternoon for another tough opponent in Cuyahoga.

GOLF

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10 at this past weekend's Novi Varsity Invitational, which was held at Cat-tails Golf Course.

The Spartans placed fifth in the 20-team event with a score of 396. South Lyon Blue 1 captured the crown with a 346 total, three lower than runner-up Plymouth. Novi Green placed third with 364 strokes while Hartland Blue took fourth with a 382.

Pacing the Spartans was Megan Gronan, who carded a stellar round of 93. Also scoring for Stevenson were Kristen Szabelski (99), Anna Vento (101), Rachel Crachiola (103) and Madison Maurier (103).

Plymouth's Sydney Murphy was the tournament's medalist as she came in with a 79.

Franklin placed 17th with a 475 total while Churchill was one spot back at 484.

Leading the Patriots was Payne, who shot a 101. Hansen was next lowest with a 114.

Churchill's charge was led by McLean's 101. Page Peterson was next for the Chargers with a 116.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 19
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Clarenceville at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Fordson at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.
RU at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
John Glenn Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 18
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Baptist Park at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Garden City at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19
Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Stevenson at Country Day, 11 a.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Sept. 19
Charger Invite, 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Catholic Central Invite, TBA
Jefferson Invite, 10:30 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Sept. 18
Farmington at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19
RU at Thurston, 6 p.m.
Garden City at Annapolis, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Ladywood at Dundee, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19
Rocket Invitational, TBA
Lakeland Invitational, noon
Salem Invitational, noon

BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, Sept. 18
Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Brighton quad, 8:30 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, Sept. 18
Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19
Churchill at Franklin, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
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PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Is eight enough? HVL to find out

Solid quartet of seniors set to lead Hawk spikers

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Quality – not quantity – will be the point of emphasis for this season's Huron Valley Lutheran volleyball team.

With just eight players on the varsity roster, head coach Mike Dest will be counting on a solid nucleus of returning seniors to lead the Hawks down the road to success.

"We only have eight players, but four of them are returning seniors, so we'll be all right," said Dest, whose program has captured two consecutive Class D district championships. "We're still trying to find out who fits where and we're working on changing our setters out. The girls are working hard and everything is starting to click."

With no six-foot kill machines dotting the Hawks' modest-sized roster, Dest said he'll rely on hustle and the Hawks keeping the ball on their side of the court.

"I think our strength is our quickness on defense," he said. "We're not overly big, for sure, so ball control, smart serving



Huron Valley Lutheran volleyball player Madison Dest prepares to pass the ball during Monday afternoon's practice.

and serve-receive will be the main part of our game.

Dest has already seen flashes of brilliance from his team during its 5-3-3 start. Even in the Hawks' Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opening-match 3-1 loss to Lutheran Northwest last week the team showed long stretches of solid play.

"We were ahead 17-9 in the third game, but ended up losing, and the fourth set was tied 22-all before we lost it," he said. "We're right there. We just need to clean up our unforced errors and we'll be



Pictured from left are Huron Valley Lutheran volleyball team members Rob Pietruszka (assistant coach), Zach Dest (team manager), Lydia Gutierrez, Andrea LeFevre, Madison Dest, Anne St. John, Brynn Brown, Nikki Alcini, Ashley Setian, Bethany Schaffer, Don Rohraff (assistant coach) and Mike Dest (head coach).

O.K." All four seniors – Madison Dest, Anne St. John, Nikki Alcini and Bethany Schaffer – will serve as captains this season. Dest and St. John are both four-year varsity performers.

"Madison and Anne are great leaders and outstanding players," Dest said. "Madison plays all around, but she's especially good on defense. Anne is an all-around great player, too, who will do some setting for us.

"Nikki is a three-year varsity player and a very good leader as well. She'll do everything for us; she's great defensively, as an outside and middle hitter,

and she can set.

"Bethany was actually a libero for two years, but we just don't have enough players this year to not have her on the floor all the time. She's another great athlete who can do everything for us. Her biggest strength is her defense."

The Hawks' quartet of non-seniors – juniors Ashley Setian, Brynn Brown and Lydia Gutierrez; and sophomore Andrea LeFevre – will be solid contributors as well, Dest emphasized.

"Ashley is doing a good job for us – all while learning and getting the rotation down," Dest said. "Brynn has that

volleyball look to her – long and athletic. It's all starting to come together for her; I'm excited to see how far she can get.

"Lydia will be a key role player for us as far as serving and excelling as a defensive specialist. Andrea is only a sophomore, but she's going to be our libero. She's doing a great job."

In addition to their lone conference match, the Hawks have competed in tournaments hosted by Concordia University and Bad Axe High School.

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PREP TENNIS

Cougars net 8-0 victory over Panthers



Garden City's Travis Kidd posted a straight-sets victory at No. 3 singles during Monday's match against visiting Redford Union.

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Crazy weather pushed back the Redford Union boys tennis team's season opener to Monday at perennial Western Wayne Athletic Conference buzz-saw Garden City.

The Cougars had little trouble dispatching the rusty Panthers, 8-0. Despite the lopsided setback, RU co-head coach Eric Geiger – who mentors the young squad along with Alice Walters – was impressed by his team's spirited effort.

"We have a team of players new to the sport, but they are dedicated to practicing and learning," Geiger said. "Our four returning players are adjusting to new positions on the team as they move up to fill vacancies left by the graduation of last year's seniors.

"There's a lot of potential in this



Redford Union's Luke Hebner rushes the net to return a shot during Monday's match against Garden City.

team and improvement throughout the season is our goal."

Both Walters and Geiger revealed they are emphasizing fundamentals and have been pleased with the progress the Panthers are displaying.

RU's new No. 1 singles player Luke Hebner dropped a two-set decision to GC's Joe Pummill – but, in reality, who doesn't. Pummill has been a mainstay at the top of the Cougars' line-up for the past three seasons.

GC's Robbie Moyers had little trouble with RU's Ryan Randall at

No. 2 singles, winning 6-0, 6-0, while Cougar senior Travis Kidd handily won his No. 3 singles match against Tyler Collard, 6-1, 6-0.

RU defaulted the No. 4 singles point due to missing players.

GC's No. 1 doubles team of Zack Quartz and Aaron Wilson swept RU's Cullen Walters and Sean Bork, 6-0, 6-1, while the hosts' No. 2 duo of Jake Beasley and Trent Wallace blanked the Panthers' J'Von Hudson and Thane Cavendish, 6-0, 6-0.

RU defaulted both the No. 3 and No. 4 doubles matches.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Churchill sweeps Zebras in three

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Rayna Yetts knocked down 10 kills to lead Livonia Churchill to a 25-15, 25-18, 25-13 victory at Wayne Memorial Tuesday night.

The win improved the Chargers' KLA South Division record to 2-0 and their overall mark to 9-5-1.

Wayne slipped to 1-10-5 overall and 0-2 in the division.

In addition to Yetts, Alyssa Facione (10 digs) and Rosie Rae (13 assists) excelled for the Chargers.

The Zebras were bolstered by strong play from Janae Strickland (six kills, seven digs, three blocks, nine assists) and Kaitlyn Lees (five kills, seven digs, four blocks, five aces, 12 assists). Morgan Shaefer (seven kills, seven blocks) and Shaleah Spencer (19 digs) also played well.

"Kaitlyn showed her captain stripes well tonight," Wayne head coach Samantha Dye said. "She kept the team moving and fighting. Morgan stepped it up at the net tonight and started controlling the play. As a small team height-wise, this made a huge difference.

"Shaleah played great defense tonight. Not only did she have 19 digs, but she also contributed 32 serve-serve receptions."

Dye said she could see her team growing as the night wore on – even though the scoreboard wasn't cooperating.

"I am proud of the girls' performance tonight," she said. "We started playing as a team and stepping up to our duties on the court.

"I can't wait to see Churchill again. They always give us a competitive match."

Thurston upends Bulldogs

A big night from Maya McKinney (seven kills, six aces, six blocks) helped Redford Thurston overcome a sluggish start and derail visiting Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 19-25, 25-16, 25-11, 25-16, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division showdown.

"We started very slow tonight; our energy wasn't good at all," head coach Scott Gray said. "We rebounded in game two and improved with every set."

In addition to Boyd, setter Lauren Garchar was spot-on most of the night, dishing out 19 assists to go with one ace and a kill. Gabrielle Van Well was also instrumental in the win, recording three kills, seven aces, one block and three digs.

Other significant contributions for the winners came from Dasia Johnson (six digs, three aces), Bree Murray (two kills, one ace), Kayla Oliver (one kill, one ace) and Breonna Bryant, who knocked down one kill and served a pair of aces.

Churchill has solid weekend

The Chargers compiled a 2-1-1 record at Saturday's Livonia Ladywood tournament.

Facione was the standout for Churchill, picking up a team-high 44 digs in her team's four matches.

"Alyssa played outstanding," Churchill head coach Anna Gatt emphasized. "She was a fill-in libero and she played out of her mind."

Also turning in big-time performances for Churchill were Amanda Rybak (29 assists), Natalie Panek (25 kills) and Yetts (21 kills)

For the weekend at Ladywood: Amanda Rybak 29 assists; Natalie Panek 25 Kills; Rayna Yetts 21 Kills. Alyssa Facione had an awesome day, and played VERY well.

Churchill opened pool play with a 25-17, 25-21 triumph over West Bloomfield before knocking off Franklin Road Christian, 25-14, 25-11. The Chargers battled the host Blazers to a 22-25, 25-23 standoff before falling to Marysville, 16-25, 25-13, 15-12 in a thrilling elimination match.

PREP SOCCER

Garden City earns hard-fought tie with Dearborn

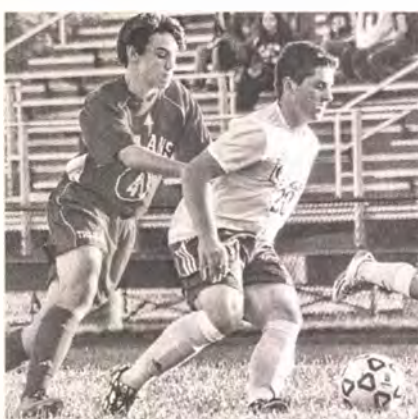
By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's boys soccer team battled to a 1-1 draw with visiting Dearborn High Friday afternoon in a game that was postponed 48 hours by severe weather.

"It was an intense game from the beginning," said Garden City head coach Jeff Szygula, whose team stood at 1-0-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference following the showdown. "I thought we were clearly the better team in the first half. Our boys were first to the ball and making good decisions with possession."

With 13 minutes to play in the first half, GC's Maxwell Frederick ripped a pass upfield that was chased down by James Falk, who headed the ball to a streaking Shane Feasel, who finished the textbook play with the game's first goal.

"Shane took advantage of the breakaway and finished low into the far corner of the net," Szygula said. "It was good to see the hard work pay off. We had been threatening, but were unable to get the finishing shot



Junior center back Vinnie Bakarian (right) has played extremely well for Garden City's soccer team during its early-season matches.

in. "We were more dangerous with our set pieces and it took some solid defending from Dearborn to keep us from getting more."

With the Cougars on the verge of securing a pivotal WWAC victory, the Pioneers scored with just 90 seconds

on the clock to knot the game at 1-1.

"Their No. 9 took a shot from outside the box that had good pace and a wicked spin that caught our goalie, Nick Stephens, off guard," Szygula recounted. "Nick took a step to his right and had to jump back to get his hands on the ball. The spin and speed of the shot carried it into the net.

"Nick played great all night and stopped several tough shots, and was excellent at winning the ball out of the air on crosses and set pieces all game long."

Szygula was especially complimentary of his team's defensive mindset.

"The boys communicated well and were always in good position to win the ball and double-team at times, which forced Dearborn to make mistakes all over the field," Szygula said.

"Our midfielders' work rate and decision-making were outstanding. Our defense also was outstanding at winning the ball and making quality passes to maintain possession."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Thurston spikers young but energetic

Eagles take Silver Division title at Saturday's Inner-City Invite

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Redford Thurston volleyball team's roster is stocked with five seniors, which is a good thing.

"But here's the catch," added Eagles head coach Scott Gray. "Only one of the five seniors started last year."

There is a silver lining to the vast inexperience: Thurston has some talent as it proved during Saturday's Inner-City Invitational that was hosted by the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Following pool-play action, the Eagles were placed in the Silver Division, which they won by ousting University Prep in the championship match.

"It was a good tournament for us to play in because most of the teams in it we were competitive with," Gray said. "Our only loss was to Detroit Martin Luther King, so the girls played really well."

Leading the way was Tiara Boyd, the team's lone returning senior starter. The 5-foot-9 middle hitter will be asked to take on an expanded role compared to last year.



Pictured (from left) are Redford Thurston volleyball team members coach Scott Gray, Kristian Hollis, Gabrielle Van Well, Kayla Oliver, Tiara Boyd, Maya McKinney, Breonna Bryant, Bree Murray, Kaitlyn McClendon, Lauren Garchar and Dasia Johnson.

"Tiara doesn't do one thing outstanding, but she does a lot of things well," Gray said. "Her hitting has improved immensely and she's solid at everything else. She played very well in the tournament on Saturday."

Another key component in the Eagles' quest to shine in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division this fall will be Lauren Garchar, a 5-6 transfer from Livonia Ladywood.

"Lauren is a great addition to our team," Gray said. "You can tell right away that she has had a lot of formal volleyball

training. She hasn't set for a few years, but she's moved into that role for us and has looked really good doing it. She has an incredibly smart volleyball mind. What she lacks in height she makes up for in intangibles."

Two teammates Garchar will be floating sets to are senior outside hitters Bree Murray (5-7) and Gabrielle Van Well (5-8), both of whom have the capability to deliver emphatic kills.

"We lost Gabrielle to an injury two weeks into the season last year, which really hurt

us," said Gray. "She's a very good athlete and a great kid. Bree didn't start last year, but she played a lot, so she brings some skill and experience to our lineup."

Senior Kayla Oliver (5-9) is also expected to contribute mightily to the Eagles' front-row attack.

Thurston's top junior is 5-3 libero Dasia Johnson, who brings hustle, skill and energy to the mix.

"Along with being a fantastic kid, Dasia can help us wherever we need her," said Gray. "She's very good at serve-serve,

she's a good passer and she had a really good serving day on Saturday."

Junior Maya McKinney (5-8) will do most of her work in the middle along with Boyd.

"Maya gives us a spark," Gray said. "She gets after it whenever she's on the court."

Others key players for the Eagles include juniors Breonna Bryant, a 5-6 right-side attacker; Kaitlyn McClendon, who will provide valuable depth in the middle; and Kristian Hollis, a 5-5 defensive specialist.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Chargers' boys and girls harriers edge Wildcats

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's boys cross country team recorded a significant 26-31 victory over KLAA South Division power Plymouth Tuesday afternoon.

The Wildcats' Matthew Pahl won the race in 16 minutes and 47 seconds, but the Chargers won the meet thanks to a 2-3-4 finish from Jonathan Alessandrini (16:57), Jonathan Hovermale (17:29) and Matt Cohan (17:34).

A trio of Plymouth harriers placed 5-7 - Jonny Dalton (17:41), Ethan Byrnes (17:57) and Matt Dottavio (18:03) - but it was too little and too late to catch the now 2-0 Chargers.

"The guys are slowly getting better," Churchill head coach John McGreevy said. "Jon Alessandrini ran one of the best races ever on a very tough course. The other guys ran smart."

The Wildcats slipped to 1-1. Also figuring into the scoring for Churchill were Josh Mussen (eighth in 18:10) and Clint Cowen (ninth in 18:17).

Churchill girls triumphant

The Chargers girls squad couldn't keep up with Plymouth's Annie Bonds, who won the dual meet in 20:17, but they out-distanced the rest of the Wildcats' line-up to post a 20-35 win.

Hailey Pampreen, Addison Mussen and Kathleen George all finished in 21:44 for Churchill, which also received strong efforts from Caroline George (21:59) and Christina Murphy (22:01).

Additional scorers for Plymouth were Hailey Foster (22:07), Charlotte Clark (22:22), Claire Curvin (22:26)

and Emma Radke (22:39).

On Friday, the Chargers placed third in the MSU Spartan Invitational. Churchill compiled 242 points to outperform all but Caledonia (211) and Grand Rapids Keno-wa Hills (220).

Franklin boys 26th

Livonia Franklin's boys cross country team placed 26th in Friday's MSU Spartan Invitational, which was held at relentlessly hilly Forest Akers Golf Course.

Franklin's Keenan Jones, a senior, paced his team's effort with a 33rd-place showing in 16:18. Junior Tony Floyd took 35th place in 16:23.

Other Patriot performers included Nathan McCall (162nd in 17:46), Kyle Perelli (196th in 18:15), Jacob For-gacs (207th in 18:23), Gage Wheeler (208th in 18:24) and Zach Fenwick (210th in 18:28).

Waterford Mott won the event with 118 points. Royal Oak's Ben Hill won the race in 15:06.

Franklin girls topple Glenn

Livonia Franklin's girls cross country team had way too much firepower for West-land John Glenn to handle Tuesday in a KLAA South Division dual meet hosted by the Rockets.

Led by first-place finisher Natalie Douglas (20:09), the Patriots ran off with an 18-43 victory to improve to 2-0. John Glenn slipped to 0-2.

"We are battling through some injuries and illness on the team, so I was just happy to get through the day," noted Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "That being said, some of the girls really stepped up in the meet. But we still have work to do if we want to accomplish our goals

this season."

Also scoring for Franklin were Julie Wonch (second in 20:46), Natalie Martinez (fourth in 20:59), Camryn Zurawski (fifth in 21:01) and Riley Shine (sixth in 21:04).

The Rockets' top finisher was Caroline Mahalak, who placed a strong third in 20:55. Shiann Proffitt (seventh in 22:00), Mary Luckhardt (10th in 23:15), Erica Robinson (11th in 24:14) and Jackie Mueller (12th in 24:47) also scored for the hosts.

The Patriots placed 12th at Friday's MSU Spartan Invitational, which was won by Caledonia (211 points).

Douglas churned out a stellar 19th-place finish in 19:39, while Amanda Pokryf-ky was 51st in 20:38. Wonch placed 83rd in 21:08, Ellary Marano was 85th in 21:09 and Martinez was 121st in 21:39.

Wayne boys stymie Canton

Wayne Memorial's boys squad outran Canton, 22-35, to improve to 2-0 in the KLAA South Division standings.

The Zebras' quartet of high-quality seniors swept the top four spots as individual winner Devin Gibson (17:05.9) was followed across the line by teammates Malike Jordan (17:14.9), Michael Gibson (18:02.8) and Uriel Figueroa (18:21.8).

Devin Gibson's winning time was the sixth-fastest clocking ever on the course, which was established in 1996.

Sophomore Jamie Carranza ran a course personal-best time of 19:22.3 while freshmen John Gaton and George Ferguson also excelled with respective times of 20:44.4 and 21:41.9.

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lets, but after that it was back and forth."

Wayne senior goal-keeper Carter Parendo turned in a phenomenal effort, especially during the early-game Patriot shot barrage. The rangy net-minder finished with 14 saves - a couple that required every inch of his six-foot-plus frame.

"They kept trying to beat him with long-range shots and that kind of played into Carter's hands because he is tall and can handle the high shots," Dean said.

Dean also commended the play of his back-four defenders: Noah Karson, David Lakatos, DeAnthony Watts and John Willet.

The Zebras never trailed after James Herdon chased down a through ball from Joey Way with four minutes left in the first half and slid a shot past Franklin keeper Brandon Rhines to make it 1-0.

"I told the boys at halftime that the pressure was on [Franklin] now," Dean recounted. "They were trying to play the ball over the top, so we played our two center backs a little deeper and I told them to try and keep everything in front of them."

Wayne upped its lead to 2-0 nine minutes into the second half when Way's corner kick deflected off a Franklin defender and right to the feet of Zebra Diego Ochoa, who touched the ball into the net.

Franklin's PJ McGeary brought his team to within 2-1 with 90 seconds left, but a frantic flurry down the stretch couldn't produce an equalizer.

Spartans roll

Judging by the 8-0 home victory it recorded Tuesday night over South Lyon East, Livonia Stevenson wasn't looking ahead to Thursday's huge rematch against KLAA Central Division rival Novi.

The Spartans' triumph was thorough and convincing as it chalked up a 4-0 halftime lead and never looked back to improve to 8-1 overall and 4-1 in the division. Stevenson's lone loss this season was against the Wildcats, who roll into town on Thursday.

The Cougars slipped to 0-8 and 0-5, respectively. Stevenson outshoted its foes 22-1.

"Our depth was a major factor tonight," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "I thought our bench did a nice job changing the pace and creating scoring chances."

Stevenson led just 1-0 through the first 30 minutes thanks to Hunter Mullett's goal, which was assisted by Brady Brown.

Following a quiet, 30-minute goal drought, the Spartans banged home three straight goals in the final eight minutes of the first half. Ryan Theisen, Austin Rynicki and Sam Landefeld scored on assists from Jacob Plisko, Landefeld and Jordan Cottrill, respectively.

Phil Vrzoanski tacked on a penalty-kick goal 15 minutes into the second stanza. The winners' goals bonanza was finished off by Trevor Furkas (from Cottrill), Max Hoover (from Furkas) and Plisko, who was assisted by Theisen.

Stevenson goal-keepers Adam Bixby and Turner Miller combined for the one-save shutout. Justin Schmitz turned away six Stevenson shots.

Trojans tumble

Livonia Clarenceville dropped to 3-6 overall after losing to host and undefeated Dearborn in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference soccer game Monday, 8-0.

Clarenceville goalie Jon Murphy made 13 saves and played well in net, as did Gerardo Arzate in the field, according to coach Trevor Johnson.

The Trojans held visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford scoreless for 34 minutes Friday, but the Thunderbirds eventually broke through for a 6-0 victory in another WWAC game.

Nik Knepper and Munzer Ahmed gave Edsel Ford a 2-0 halftime lead. After 13 scoreless minutes of the second half, the Trojans ran out of gas and the Thunderbirds pumped in four more goals.

Logan Ziegler scored twice, Zaid Abdulbair and Rayan Mrowe once. Murphy stopped 15 of 21 shots, and Alex Immonen and Cam Fyffe also played well for the Trojans, Johnson said.



ED WRIGHT
Livonia Churchill defender Nolan Hannis (left) battles toe-to-toe with Wayne Memorial's Sean Royal during Tuesday night's KLAA South Division clash.

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Sept. 19

Harrison (2-1, 1-1) at Birm. Seaholm (1-2, 1-1)	Harrison	Seaholm
Farmington (2-1, 2-0) at Ferndale (1-2, 0-2)	Farmington	Farmington
Southfield (2-1, 2-0) at N. Farmington (2-1, 2-1)	Southfield	Southfield
Plymouth (3-0, 1-0) at Liv. Churchill (3-0, 1-0)	Churchill	Plymouth
Wayne Memorial (0-3, 0-1) at Canton (2-1, 1-0)	Canton	Canton
Novi (0-3, 0-1) at Salem (0-3, 0-1)	Novi	Salem
Liv. Franklin (0-3, 0-1) at Westland Glenn (2-1, 0-1)	John Glenn	John Glenn
S. Lyon East (0-3, 0-1) at Liv. Stevenson (2-1, 1-0)	Stevenson	Stevenson
Romulus (2-1, 1-0) at Redford Union (0-3, 0-2)	Romulus	Romulus
Liv. Clarenceville (0-3, 0-1) at Garden City (2-1, 2-0)	Garden City	Garden City
Dear. Fordson (3-0, 1-0) at Red. Thurston (1-2, 0-1)	Fordson	Fordson

Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Harrison	Harrison	Seaholm
Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Southfield	Southfield	Southfield
Churchill	Churchill	Plymouth
Canton	Canton	Canton
Novi	Novi	Salem
John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Romulus	Romulus	Romulus
Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Fordson	Fordson	Fordson

Saturday, Sept. 20

Oak. Christian (1-2, 0-1) at Lutheran W. (2-1, 1-0), 1 p.m.	Lutheran W.	Lutheran W.	Oak. Christian
Last week's record	9-4	11-2	9-4
Overall record	27-14	35-6	27-14

OUTLOOK IMPROVING FOR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

The strong rebound in economic growth during the second quarter and ongoing job creation are gradually improving the outlook for all of the major commercial real estate sectors, according to the National Association of Realtors quarterly commercial real estate forecast.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says after many false starts, the economy finally appears to be turning a corner to firmer ground. "The job market has been the bright spot of the economy this year as employers are feeling more confident about their growth prospects and adding to their payrolls," he said. "This gradual turnaround from being overly cautious to more optimistic should slightly boost the demand for leasing and purchase activity as well as new construction projects in the upcoming year."

Yun added, "The economy can handle the inevitable rise in interest rates as long as commercial rents steadily rise to generate investor returns."

National office vacancy rates are forecast to remain unchanged over the coming year, mostly due to added inventory entering the market. Rising exports and a shrinking trade deficit should lead to a declining vacancy rate for industrial space (0.4 percent), while retail space is forecast to decline 0.2 percent behind favorable gains in personal income and consumer spending.

"New construction for multifamily housing has picked up in recent months and looks to be alleviating the short supply," said Yun. "However, the demand for rental housing continues to show strength. As a result, rent growth will outpace broad consumer inflation in upcoming years."

NAR's latest *Commercial Real Estate Outlook* offers overall projections for four major commercial sectors and analyzes quarterly data in the office, industrial, retail and multifamily markets. Historic data for metro areas were provided by REIS Inc., a source of commercial real estate performance information.

Office markets

Office vacancy rates are forecast to remain unchanged at 15.7 percent through the third quarter of 2015.

Currently, the markets with the lowest



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office vacancy rates in the third quarter are Washington, D.C., at 9.3 percent; New York City, 9.6 percent; Little Rock, Ark., 11.5 percent; San Francisco, 12.4 percent; and New Orleans, at 12.7 percent.

Office rents are projected to increase 2.6 percent in 2014 and 3.2 percent next year. Net absorption of office space in the U.S., which includes the leasing of new space coming on the market as well as space in existing properties, is likely to total 36.2 million square feet this year and 50.7 million in 2015.

Industrial markets

Industrial vacancy rates are expected to fall from 8.9 percent in the third quarter to 8.5 percent in the third quarter of 2015.

The areas with the lowest industrial vacancy rates currently are Orange County, Calif., with a vacancy rate of 3.5 percent; Los Angeles, 3.8 percent; Seattle, 5.9 percent; Miami, 6.1; and Palm Beach, Fla., at 6.6 percent.

Annual industrial rents should rise 2.4 percent this year and 2.8 percent in 2015. Net absorption of industrial space nationally is seen at 107.6 million square feet in 2014 and 104.9 million next year.

Retail markets

Vacancy rates in the retail market are expected to decline from 9.8 percent currently to 9.6 percent in the third quarter of 2015.

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Currently, the markets with the lowest retail vacancy rates include San Francisco, at 3.5 percent; Fairfield County, Conn., 3.9 percent; San Jose, Calif., 4.6 percent; Long Island, N.Y., 5.2 percent; and Orange County, Calif., at 5.3 percent.

Average retail rents are forecast to rise 2.0 percent in 2014 and 2.4 percent next year. Net absorption of retail space is likely to total 11.2 million square feet this year and 19.3 million in 2015.

Multifamily markets

The apartment rental market – multifamily housing – should see vacancy rates slightly decline from 4.1 percent currently to 4.0 percent in the third quarter of 2015. Vacancy rates below 5 percent are generally considered a landlord's market, with demand justifying higher rent.

Areas with the lowest multifamily vacancy rates currently are Orange County, Calif., Providence, R.I., and Sacramento, Calif., at 2.2 percent; and two Connecticut cities (New Haven and Hartford) at 2.5 percent.

Average apartment rents are projected to rise 4.0 this year and in 2015. Multifamily net absorption is expected to total 223,400 units in 2014 and 171,000 next year.

The *Commercial Real Estate Outlook* is published by the NAR Research Division. NAR's Commercial Division, formed in 1990, provides targeted products and services to meet the needs of the commercial market and constituency within NAR.

The NAR commercial community includes commercial members; commercial real estate boards; commercial committees, subcommittees and forums; and the NAR commercial affiliate organizations – CCIM Institute, Institute of Real Estate Management, Realtors Land Institute, Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, and Counselors of Real Estate.

Approximately 70,000 NAR and institute affiliate members specialize in commercial brokerage and related services, and an additional 283,000 members offer commercial real estate services as a secondary business.

Check income tax implications on short sale

Q: We entered into a short sale of our property. Do you think that we have any income tax liability for the amount that we saved?

A: For federal income tax purposes, such as a cancellation of the debt is generally considered ordinary income. Many distressed homeowners face the risk of not only losing their homes, but also thousands of dollars in income taxes. Fortunately, homeowners using waivers of deficiencies face a very difficult choice. 1) They can declare bankruptcy costing a few thousand dollars in attorney fees and discharge personal liability or 2) they can settle with their lender and face many more thousands of dollars of tax liability from cancellation of debt (COD) at ordinary income rates. Again, you should consult with an experienced real estate and tax consultant with respect to the ramifications of this undertaking.

Q: I am thinking about buying a new condo in New Buffalo, Mich. Has the market picked up?

A: Most assuredly, the market has picked up and the homes and/or cottages-condos have increased approximately 20 percent over the last year. There are still a number properties for sale, however, and negotiations may result in a good opportunity for you during the winter months, but learn as much about the subdivision or condominium project as you can before you are bound by a purchase agreement.



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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Condo operation

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., has announced that attorney Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a four-week course Tuesdays from Oct. 7-28, from 7-9 p.m. covering Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation.

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information contact The Meisner Law Group, at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 26 - 30, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

1536 Aberdeen St	\$175,000
6576 Bostonhill Ln	\$165,000
7508 Burgundy St	\$208,000
1986 Century Ct	\$183,000
45177 Claymore Dr	\$250,000
1766 Delancy Cir	\$506,000
1962 E Franklin Dr	\$87,000
4095 Elizabeth Ave	\$143,000
896 Foothill Rd	\$237,000
6904 Fox Hills Rd	\$232,000
45011 Glengarry Rd	\$298,000
39872 Lynn St	\$129,000
1588 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$242,000
45435 N Stonewood Rd	\$175,000
6590 Paul Revere Ln	\$144,000
7005 Poppleton Rd	\$360,000
352 Sheffield Ct	\$220,000
3484 Shepherd Ct	\$231,000
1560 Stafford Dr	\$136,000
936 Whittier Dr	\$178,000
7043 Willow Creek Dr	\$173,000
435 Worthington Rd	\$195,000

Garden City

29815 Bock St	\$85,000
28658 Krauter St	\$53,000
1135 Radcliff St	\$96,000
Livonia	
35988 Ann Arbor Trl	\$60,000
19459 Antago St	\$100,000
35747 Bennett St	\$220,000
14539 Berwick St	\$136,000
33387 Broadmoor Ct	\$240,000
9833 Brookfield St	\$140,000
19122 Canterbury Dr	\$282,000
14227 Cardwell St	\$146,000
18959 Deering St	\$52,000
17020 Farmington Rd	\$140,000
11029 Flamingo St	\$145,000
8961 Frederick St	\$100,000
9675 Garden St	\$152,000
16309 Golfview St	\$188,000
11779 Haller St	\$59,000
19569 Hardy St	\$141,000
15031 Harrison St	\$128,000
35634 Joy Rd	\$112,000
8809 Knolson Ave	\$144,000
32225 Meadowbrook St	\$180,000
16565 Middlebelt Rd	\$47,000
29663 Nottingham Cir	\$118,000
27703 Oakley St	\$265,000
31545 Perth St	\$169,000
14121 Stonehouse Ave	\$193,000
15421 Sunset St	\$151,000
33100 W Chicago St	\$122,000

Northville

18950 Westmore St	\$80,000
18525 Clairmont Cir E	\$998,000
16803 Dover Dr	\$148,000
19473 Eddington Pl	\$117,000
20192 Rippling Ln	\$260,000
Plymouth	
451 Ann St	\$440,000
9073 Baywood Dr	\$200,000
8812 Briarwood Dr	\$193,000
9865 Fellows Creek Dr	\$635,000
169 Hamilton Ave	\$325,000
724 Irvin St	\$415,000
11666 N Haggerty Rd	\$61,000
40628 Newport Dr	\$74,000
49824 Plymouth Way	\$153,000
450 Provincetown Ln	\$180,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$39,000
11222 Walnut Rdg	\$550,000
Redford	
9528 Columbia	\$51,000
12801 Fenton	\$68,000
18840 Fox	\$47,000
9586 Garfield	\$72,000
10000 Kinloch	\$70,000
18240 Kinloch	\$115,000
26178 Lyndon	\$140,000
26427 Lyndon	\$120,000
15620 Macarthur	\$55,000
9006 Mercedes	\$66,000
14314 Mercedes	\$33,000
14314 Mercedes	\$54,000

Westland

12148 Nathaline	\$53,000
9221 Seminole	\$65,000
17750 Sumner	\$65,000
12761 Tecumseh	\$74,000
13536 Wormer	\$50,000
Wayne	
4621 Elizabeth St	\$31,000
36971 Greenbush Rd	\$50,000
34543 Phyllis St	\$30,000
Westland	
33028 Alamo Ct	\$39,000
30927 Beechnut St	\$70,000
8097 Coventry St	\$22,000
728 Easley Dr	\$88,000
7195 Fox Chase Ln	\$39,000
36645 Hazelwood St	\$125,000
33636 Krauter St	\$74,000
613 Larchmont Ct	\$136,000
624 Larchmont Ct	\$165,000
34129 Marquette St	\$74,000
34929 Marquette St	\$106,000
33209 Melton St	\$85,000
506 N Newburgh Rd	\$121,000
35452 Pheasant Ln	\$86,000
304 S Marie St	\$124,000
1042 S Wildwood St	\$65,000
34720 Stacy St	\$160,000
32463 Steinhauer St	\$85,000
6308 Twin Oaks	\$130,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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BEVERLY HILLS

32267 Auburn Dr	\$290,000
17561 Birwood Ave	\$275,000
30415 Georgetown Dr	\$466,000
30809 Lincolnshire E	\$409,000
23049 Nottingham Dr	\$507,000
31140 Sheridan Dr	\$199,000
Bingham Farms	
30180 Bristol Ln	\$225,000
Birmingham	
1691 Birmingham Blvd	\$1,335,000
1055 Donmar Ct	\$480,000
223 E Southlawn Blvd	\$775,000
1212 Edgewood Rd	\$349,000
1291 Humphrey Ave	\$160,000
1039 N Old Woodward Ave	\$220,000
1039 N Old Woodward Ave Unit 2	\$130,000
515 Pilgrim Ave	\$705,000
1825 Pine St	\$490,000
1171 Ruffner Ave	\$450,000
535 Stanley Blvd	\$640,000
2099 W Lincoln St	\$998,000
930 Woodlea St	\$305,000
Bloomfield Hills	
2684 Bradley Blvd	\$640,000
111 Guilford Rd	\$595,000
15 Kingsley Manor Ct	\$455,000
772 Kingston Ct	\$1,359,000
5588 N Adams Way	\$220,000

4405 W Maple Rd	\$490,000
Bloomfield Township	
350 Billingsgate Ct # D	\$124,000
2000 Eagle Pointe	\$212,000
274 Eileen Dr	\$205,000
1300 Fieldway Ct	\$385,000
620 Fox River Dr	\$264,000
5960 Hickory Tree Trl	\$485,000
1108 Hillpointe Cir	\$383,000
916 Pine Hill Dr	\$255,000
1902 Pine Ridge Ct	\$395,000
Commerce Township	
1990 Alpha St	\$140,000
1995 Applebrook Dr	\$385,000
2749 Augusta Dr	\$308,000
3770 Balmory Rd	\$133,000
1759 Kinghill Dr	\$50,000
3304 Melmoor St	\$119,000
4467 Rondelay St	\$185,000
3480 Sleeth Rd	\$233,000
5681 Strawberry Cir	\$420,000
Farmington	
32718 Grand River Ave Unit C26	\$51,000
31560 Leelane	\$137,000
36699 Vicary Ln	\$232,000
Farmington Hills	
32045 Bonnet Hill Rd	\$202,000
35081 Bunker Hill Dr	\$225,000
30003 Fink Ave	\$150,000
30342 Fox Club Dr	\$365,000
38215 French Pond	\$276,000
38242 French Pond	\$319,000
28892 Hidden Trl	\$360,000
32054 Hull Ave	\$219,000
35285 Lone Pine Ln	\$195,000
23412 Middlebelt Rd	\$61,000
29529 Mirlon Dr	\$267,000
21524 Orchard Lake Rd	\$110,000

30414 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 6	\$90,000
36150 Paddleford Rd	\$211,000
29645 Pine Ridge Cir	\$133,000
29705 Pine Ridge Cir	\$127,000
21784 Ruth St	\$78,000
23220 Tuck Rd	\$105,000
22114 Tulane Ave	\$92,000
30406 W 10 Mile Rd	\$218,000
32157 W 12 Mile Rd	\$50,000
22084 W Brandon St	\$125,000
22183 W Brandon St	\$137,000
Franklin	
32527 Woodcreek Ct	\$1,270,000
Highland	
1405 Harvey Lake Rd	\$94,000
2785 Waling Woods Dr	\$195,000
Lathrup Village	
27341 Lathrup Blvd	\$155,000
28452 Lathrup Blvd	\$135,000
Milford	
953 Abbey Ln	\$180,000
864 Annie Lang Dr	\$207,000
1600 E Maple Rd	\$220,000
3133 E Maple Rd	\$299,000
1145 Geneaire Way	\$407,000
Northville	
918 Coldspring Dr	\$485,000
21242 E Glen Haven Cir	\$76,000
21336 E Glen Haven Cir	\$130,000
21412 Holmbury Rd	\$375,000
22231 Lujon Dr	\$125,000
882 Yorktown Ct	\$175,000
Novi	
30762 Ardmore Ct	\$106,000
47297 Autumn Park Ct	\$495,000
45000 Bayview Dr # 1	\$81,000
30352 Bristol Circle	\$335,000
24359 Cavendish Ct	\$521,000

30930 Copper Ln	\$209,000
43160 Emerson Way	\$285,000
25680 Island Lake Dr	\$555,000
40559 Kingsley Ln	\$325,000
40329 Ladene Ln	\$218,000
51158 Mayfair Ter	\$293,000
24572 Park Ridge Ct	\$194,000
21930 Sunrise Blvd	\$285,000
41099 Todd Ln	\$283,000
44250 Winthrop Dr	\$260,000
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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancake and French toast breakfast also includes sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children

Contact: 734-425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed; drop-off for clothing is 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. every Wednesday

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, lower level, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: Pete Paxton and Adele Corson in concert; tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door

Contact: 313-806-6090, 734-427-2290

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sept. 21

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz kicks off the church's 2014-15 performing arts series. No tickets necessary. The church suggests a \$15 per person or \$25 donation.

Contact: 248-474-6170, Ext. 208

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Location: St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen

Details: The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Victoria Kopistiansky, performs a benefit concert to aid

Christians in the Middle East, North Africa and Ukraine through International Orthodox Christian Charities. An afterglow will follow the concert. Donations will be collected. Sponsored by Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metro Detroit

Contact: www.iocc.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19

Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland

Details: See, *God's Not Dead!* on an 8-foot outdoor screen. Challenged to defend his faith by an atheist college professor, Josh Wheaton is forced to ask himself if he will rise to the challenge or shrink back and take the easy way out. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Contact: 734-458-7301

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21-Jan. 4, 2015

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia

Details: Weekly seminar and support group designed to help participants rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. The group is led by individuals who have experienced grief and who want to help and encourage others.

Contact: 313-682-7491

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., strollers after 10 a.m.

Contact: betsy.everett@gmail.com

SERMON SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Hugh Burns preaches on the topic "Get Real: Religion With Two Feet on the Ground." A free will offering will be collected on Wednesday

Contact: 734-464-4433

TRUNK SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 20

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Church members will sell rummage sale items from their car trunks

Contact: Dianne Sherman at 734-812-5172 or 734-522-6830

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth Township

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites all widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together. Refreshments follow the Mass.

Contact: Angie at 734-905-7262

OCTOBER CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11

Location: St. Theodore Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore Fraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available. Each costs \$25.

Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421 (voice mail #10)

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Arts and crafts, vintage flea market and more; proceeds used to fill Christmas baskets

Contact: Denise at 248-474-4162

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-noon, Friday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 4

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday and Saturday. Saturday half-price sale

Contact: 734-422-0149

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16

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

Details: A little something for everyone including specialty boutique, house wares, electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only

Contact: 248-477-1410

USED BOOKS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4

Location: Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township

Details: Annual sale includes hardcovers (\$1) and paperbacks (50 cents) along with DVDs and CDs covering a variety of subject matter and popular authors

Contact: Call 734-453-5252 or 734-751-3924

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

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

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

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

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

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

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 23855 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, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

Fireside Church of God

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho.org; or email to adm@firesidecho.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. John Neumann

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets

Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

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

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By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Some films need to be shown, larger than life, on the big screen.

And if you haven't seen the 1961 Robert Wise/Jerome Robbins musical drama, *West Side Story* at a movie theater, you're missing out.

"Oh, do you want to talk about a classic! It's astonishing and do you know what's wonderful about it? For one thing it has been re-digitized. So, it's in great shape. But aside from that, seeing it on the big screen is just such a different experience," said Rita Moreno, 82, in a recent phone interview. Moreno won an Oscar for her portrayal of "Anita" in *West Side Story*. "People don't realize what they missed. They've seen it on television on a small screen. They don't realize what they've missed until they see it on the big screen. It's a whole new experience.

"I appreciate it more every time I see it. I'm always amazed at how timely the songs and the choreography are. It's just genius."

She'll watch it again Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28, at the Redford Theatre in Detroit. Moreno will meet fans after a red carpet arrival one hour and 15 minutes before each screening. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Tickets are \$7. Buy them online at redfordtheatre.com.

Multi-talented

Moreno has earned dozens of awards for her work, including the Grammy, (*The Electric Company Album*) Tony, (*The Ritz*) Emmy (*The Muppet Show* and *The Rockford Files*) and Oscar awards. She ranks *West Side Story* as her most significant film and its resulting Oscar as her most prized award. Her favorite dance numbers in the film are *I Want to Be in America*, in which she figures prominently, and *Cool*, in which she doesn't appear but describes as "genius" for its tension-filled movements.

Moreno said she was so surprised when her name was announced as an Oscar winner, she couldn't find words for her acceptance speech. She figured Judy Garland would win the honor for her work in *Judgment at Nuremberg*.

"If you haven't seen the speech, look it up on YouTube. It's hilarious. I said 'I can't believe it. Good Lord. I leave you with that.'"

A month before the audition for *West Side Story*, she took daily dance lessons to get back into shape after a 10-year dance hiatus.

"I very nearly lost the part because I wasn't up to par for the dancing. I knew there was a lot missing from my style. But I made such a good impression during the audition that Jerry Robbins felt he could get it out of me. But it would require an enormous amount of work ... he worked me like a dog."

Getting started

Moreno began taking Spanish dance lessons after arriving in New York with her mother, who left Puerto Rico for a new life in the U.S. when her daughter was 5 years old. Moreno was 13 when



Rita Moreno (center) kicks up her heels in the 1961 musical film, *West Side Story*. She won an Oscar for her portrayal of Anita in the film. SUBMITTED



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Rita Moreno, 82, is one of the busiest stars in show business. She's working on an album with Emilio Estefan, voiced the role of Aunt Mimi in the 2014 animated film, *Rio 2*, won the 50th Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award in January, and is set to begin production on a Hallmark made-for-television film.

she landed her first Broadway role as "Angelina" in *Skydrift*. Film and television parts followed, including appearances in *Singin' in the Rain* and *The King and I*, although she often was cast in stereotypical ethnic roles. Even after receiving the Oscar, she was offered — and rejected — roles she considered demeaning.

"I see more and more as I get older and more objective, that I was the one who was there first. I was the one who went through all that awful prejudice in movies and in my profession," she said. "A lot of Hispanics and the black com-

RITA MORENO, 82, ON GETTING OLDER WITHOUT GETTING OLD

» "Live in the moment."
 » "A lot of stuff comes with aging. Your knees aren't working like they used to, this and that doesn't work the way it used to. Do something about it."
 » "Make your brain work. I'll deliberately write with my left hand to make my brain work. I will jog backwards. Anything to make your brain work. Do crossword puzzles. I play Scrabble on my mini-pad."
 » "Exercise probably is the paramount thing — the kind of exercise where you will get a little bit out of breath or a lot out of breath, depending on what shape you're in. But you've really got to just keep going. I live in the hills in Berkeley, California, and now that I have a little puppy dog, we go walking together, and these are murderous hills. I do them slowly. You don't have to jog, but you have to work your body. In turn, it refreshes your brain. It's true what they say, believe what you read, and get going."
 » "You know what's a wonderful exercise? Put on music you like that has rhythm. Take a pencil and start conducting it. That is such an upper body work out you wouldn't believe. I like marches."
 » "In other words, 'Do not go gentle into that good night.' Who said that? I think it was Dylan Thomas."

munity admire me for my perseverance. You just dust yourself off and do what needs to be done. Obviously I have a strong survival spirit. Maybe it's just part of my DNA."

She jump-started her career 1971

with Mike Nichols' film *Carnal Knowledge*, and the PBS children's show, *The Electric Company*. Although colleagues advised her to skip the children's gig, she describes the show as one of her "happiest experiences."

"I met Bill Cosby and Morgan Freeman and worked with them. It was nothing but bliss and joy," she said.

Varied career

Over the years, she has worked steadily on screen, in television and on stage, including in a one-woman show in 2009. She wrote her memoir, *Rita Moreno: A Memoir*, published by Celebra Books in 2011, and voiced its audio version. She also read the audio version of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's autobiography. She has sung with symphonies across the U.S. — including in Detroit — and has lectured on diversity, aging and the arts. Moreno, who was married to the late Lenny Gordon, a cardiologist, enjoys spending time with her daughter, Fernanda, and two teenage grandsons.

She currently is working with music producer Emilio Estefan on an album of songs in Spanish.

"I've had an extremely varied career. It has enormous breadth. I was honored recently and as I looked at a (video) clip I said, wow, I have done everything. I do comedy. I do drama, theater, television, film. I sing, I dance, I act. I didn't think of it all until I started getting honored," she said, laughing. "And I have to say, I was impressed."

"Unless I'm on a gurney, I'm going to continue doing what I love to do."

For more information about the *West Side Story* screening, call 313-898-1481 or 248-615-3651.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

Zoo Brew: Sample beers from craft breweries, 6-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. For 21 and over, ID required. Guests may visit animal habitats until dark. Complimentary tram tours, zookeeper talks and music by the rock band, The Hard Lessons, included in ticket price of \$40. Designated Driver tickets are \$25 and include zoo admission and soft drinks. detroitzoo.org/events/zoobrew
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 10

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Artpack Services Employee Exhibit"

Contact: 248-473-1859

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sept. 27

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Pratapaditya Pal, a scholar on the arts and culture of the Himalayas and Southeast Asia, will talk about the essence of Indian art and aesthetic as it relates to India's three major religions: Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. The lecture is free with DIA admission.

Residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are admitted to the museum; others pay \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for college students with ID and \$4 for youth, 6-17

Contact: 313-833-7900

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 27

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Lines," an all-media juried exhibition

Fundraiser: The Painted Chair, a silent auction of one-of-a-kind chairs, 7 p.m. Sept. 18, at Northville Winery & Brewing Company, 630 Old Baseline Road, Northville. Event also includes cider tastings, music, and food. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. northvillearthouse.org/events
Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday through September

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Chalk pastels by Leonardo Savage

Contact: plymoutharts.com

AUDITIONS

TLC PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Oct. 13-14; registration at 5:45 p.m.

Location: Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton

Details: At least 12 roles will be available for Canton's Third Biennial One Acts Festival, Jan. 16-18, 2015. Each play will run five-15 minutes. Actors may audition for more than one show, but will be cast in no more than two shows. A list of all show synopses, roles, ages, gender and description will be available online at cantononeacts.com after Oct. 8.

Contact: info@tlcproductions.org

COMEDY EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 20

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: The Uncle Hippie Show will feature Chili Challis, Thaddeus Nathaniel Challis and local comedian Germaine Gebhard; tickets \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students with ID. Pay online or call to reserve seats and pay at the door

Contact: emergentarts.com; (734) 985-0875

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Ward Anderson; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

Contact: joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 18-19, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Johnny Beehner; tickets \$20 Thursday; \$18 Friday-Saturday

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

DANCE

Time/Date: General dancing, 4-5 p.m.; showcase performances, 5-6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20

Location: Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 2172 Franklin, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Fall showcase includes dances by Patti Adkins and Michael Theodore,

both of Plymouth; \$20 per person

Contact: 248-454-1715; fredastaireof-bloomfieldhills

FESTIVAL

SOUTH LYON PUMPKINFEST

Time/Date: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28

Location: Intersection of Pontiac Trail and 10 Mile in downtown South Lyon

Details: The celebration of crafts, entertainment and pumpkins will include the Ultimate Air Dogs, and musical groups, Stephen Clark & the Trending Topics, Square Pegz, Jennifer Westwood & the Handsome Devils and Rock Harley as Johnny Cash, and more

Contact: southlyonpumpkinfest.com

FILM

ASHES OF EDEN

Time/Date: Friday-Thursday, Sept. 19-25

Location: Emagine Canton, 39535 Ford Road, Canton and Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi

Details: A Michigan-made film about the troubled son of a police officer who steals from a drug dealer to save his mother from financial ruin screens at 1 p.m. 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Canton and 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Novi

Contact: Emagine Novi at 248-468-2990; Emagine Canton at 734-721-3456

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Planes: Fire & Rescue*, admission \$3

Coming up: *The Hundred Foot Journey*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2; 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

FUNDRAISER

NORTHVILLE HOME TOUR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

Location: Throughout Northville

Details: Tour five homes, including a mid-1800s Victorian house and a condominium on the water, and help raise money for the Northville-Novu branch of the American Association of University Women. Tickets are \$20 and available online at aaunwn.org; in Northville at Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main; Gardenviews, 117 E. Main; Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main; and Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 Main. Or buy them in Novi at Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile, and Calico Corners, 25875 Novi Road.

Contact: Jane Hecker at 735-276-6160

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 15-Dec. 21

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: The exhibit, "Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan," consists of 82 artifacts, including ceramics, glass, metal, textiles, paintings, illuminated manuscripts and wood. Exhibition opening, 6 p.m. Oct. 15, includes a presentation by Ashley Dimmig, exhibition curator

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Wheels of Summer, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

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THAI PORK NOODLE BOWL

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Marinating time: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

4 boneless ribeye (rib) pork chops, about 1/2- to 1-inch thick
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup cilantro, chopped or 1 tablespoon dried cilantro
3 cloves garlic, crushed (about 3 tablespoons)
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 lime, juiced
Peanut Noodles:
10 ounces pasta, spaghetti, linguini or angel hair
1 lime, juiced
2 cloves garlic, finely minced
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1 cup hot water
2 tablespoons soy sauce

Whisk together the soy sauce, cilantro, garlic, brown sugar, vegetable oil and lime juice in a bowl. In a large baking dish, arrange the ribeye pork chops in an even layer. Pour the marinade over the pork chops, reserving about 1/4 cup of the marinade in the refrigerator for later use. Marinate the pork chops for 20 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the pasta according to the package directions. Whisk together lime juice, garlic, peanut butter, hot water and soy sauce for the peanut sauce. Drain the pasta once cooked, and toss the pasta with the peanut noodle sauce in a large bowl. Add more soy sauce if desired.

Heat an indoor grill pan or outdoor grill to medium-high heat. Remove pork chops from the marinade, discarding the excess marinade. Place pork chops on the hot grill for 4 minutes on each side, flipping once until the internal temperature of the pork measures between 145 degrees F. (medium rare) and 160 degrees F. (medium) on a meat thermometer. Transfer the grilled pork chops to a cutting board and let rest for 3 minutes before slicing against the grain. Pour the reserved marinade over the sliced pork before serving and serve over the peanut noodles.



SPICY KOREAN PORK SKEWERS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Marinating time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

2 pounds boneless country-style pork ribs, cut into 1-inch cubes
1/2 cup chili garlic sauce
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 inches fresh ginger root, skins removed and chopped (or substitute 2 teaspoons of ground ginger)
4 tablespoons filtered sake, or dry sherry (optional)
2 tablespoons sesame oil
3 tablespoons brown sugar

In a large bowl combine the chili garlic sauce, soy sauce, ginger, sake, sesame oil and brown sugar and whisk to form a marinade. Add the cubed pork to the marinade and let sit for 20 minutes. Heat an indoor grill pan or outdoor grill to medium-high heat. Thread the marinated cubes of pork on skewers, about 4 to 5 pieces per skewer. Transfer the skewers to the grill and cook, uncovered, turning to brown evenly every 2 to 3 minutes until tender, about 10 minutes. Serve immediately.



MEXICAN CHORIZO HUEVOS RANCHEROS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

12 ounces Mexican chorizo
8 corn tortillas, 5- or 6-inches in diameter
Cooking spray
1 15-ounce can refried black beans, warmed (substitute refried pinto beans or any kind of cooked whole bean you prefer)
Vegetable oil
8 large eggs
1 15-ounce jar roasted tomato salsa
Optional garnish: cilantro, avocado and queso fresco

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Arrange tortillas on 2 baking sheets, making sure they are evenly spaced and not overlapping. Lightly spray the top of each tortilla with cooking spray and then transfer the baking sheets into the oven. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes until crisp, but not brown.

Heat a cast iron skillet over medium-high heat. Once hot, stir in the chorizo, breaking it up with a wooden spoon as it starts to cook. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until chorizo is cooked through. Remove the cooked chorizo from the skillet with a slotted spoon to let any excess fat drip off. Place the chorizo in a medium bowl and set aside. Drain any excess fat left behind from the chorizo and, in the same skillet, add 2-3 teaspoons of oil. Carefully crack 3 eggs into the skillet, evenly spaced so they have room to cook, and cook until the egg white is solid, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove the fried eggs to a parchment-lined baking sheet and repeat this process for remaining eggs. To assemble, smear equal amounts of the refried beans on top of each crisp tortilla, followed by equal parts of the jarred salsa. Sprinkle equal amounts of the cooked chorizo on top of the salsa, followed by one fried egg on top of each tortilla. Serve immediately.



CARIBBEAN PORK SANDWICH

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Marinating time: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

4 New York (top loin) pork chops, 1/2-inch thick
1 tablespoon coarse salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper, fresh cracked
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/2 cup mayonnaise, or light mayonnaise
1 teaspoon chipotle chile in adobo sauce, minced
1 teaspoon lime zest, grated
4 ciabatta rolls, sliced in half horizontally
Lettuce leaves
Tomato, slices

Combine the salt, pepper, cumin and allspice in a small bowl. Rub onto both sides of the pork chops. Cover and refrigerate at least 20 minutes.

Prepare medium-hot fire in charcoal or preheat gas grill to medium high. Pat chops dry and grill over a medium-hot fire, turning once, until just done, about 8-9 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 145 degrees Fahrenheit.

Transfer chops to a cutting board. Cover loosely with foil; let rest 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine mayonnaise, chipotle pepper, lime rind and juice in a small bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spread 1 to 2 tablespoons mayonnaise mixture on top half of rolls. Cut pork into thin slices and place on rolls. Add lettuce leaf and tomato slices if desired.