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Wayne eyes cost-free curbside recycling

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Curbside recycling could be coming to the City of Wayne. The city council is exploring a proposal by Simple Recycling that would allow residents to place clothing and

small household goods at the curb on trash day to have them picked up and recycled. The program would be free of charge to the city, which would receive \$20 per ton of what is collected. "We're not competing with the charities, we're competing

with the landfills," said Scott Brady of Simple Recycling. "Only 15 percent of unwanted goods are donated or recycled. It's that other 85 percent we're trying to capture. This will cost the city nothing. It will create revenue and support the green initiative."

Simple Recycling would provide special bags and tags for goods that one person can carry to the curb. The list of goods it will accept include clothing and textiles, small furniture and appliances like toasters, microwave ovens and coffee makers, computers and

electronics and kitchen items like pots, pans, dishes and silverware.

The firm will not collect such things as recyclable bottles, cans and paper products nor will it take large items,

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The convertible tops came down as people enjoy a summer drive through Hines Park.

TOM BEAUDOIN

BUMPER TO BUMPER

Cars flock to Hines Park for annual car cruise

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It was 7½ miles of pure cruiser heaven Sunday as thousands of cars and people packed in Hines Park for the annual Cruisin' Hines car cruise.

A purist's car cruise with only classics and hot rods allowed on the roadway, people packed the park for the event that has continued to grow in popularity since its inception five years ago.

"We easily had people three-four deep along the road from Nankin Mills to Inkster Road," organizer Don Nicholson said. "The number of spectators doubled from last year. They were almost shoulder to shoulder. If I had to guess, and it would truly be a guess, we had 750,000 to 1 million people there."

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Car enthusiast Chris Scanlon of Livonia and Westland residents Roy Williams, Bill Gronowicz and Doug Pozega check out the many classic cars at this year's Cruisin' Hines.

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Westland sells obsolete items at garage sale

In need of a wooden office desk? Filing cabinets and office chairs? How about a ceiling fan, stainless steel oven and vent hood, basketball hoop and backboard? Those are just a few of the items that will be sold at a

garage sale Friday and Saturday, Aug. 28-29, by the city of Westland.

Open to the public, the sale includes obsolete furniture and equipment owned by the city. It will be held in the west parking lot of the former city

hall at 36601 Ford and at Bailey Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to buy items at bargain prices and for the city to make a few bucks," Mayor

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Detroit man charged in assault of Westland woman

A 21-year-old man faces several charges involving the reported assault of a woman at the Westwood Apartments on Thursday.

Shadonn Jenkins was arraigned Monday in the 18th District Court on charges of assault with intent to commit murder, home invasion first degree, assault by strangulation and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a \$750,000 cash bond. He is due back in court Sept. 3 for a probable cause conference.

The incident reportedly happened in the 37800 block of Westwood Circle in Westland at approximately 3:15 p.m. Aug. 20. According to Westland police, a 64-year-old female was home alone when she heard a knock on her apartment door. She answered it and the suspect, a stranger, asked her for a ride. She closed the door and called the office to report a stranger in the building.

She ended her phone call with the office and saw the suspect entering her apartment through the doorway, police said. The suspect assaulted the woman and then fled after two maintenance men saw him in the victim's doorway, police said.

While one of the men tended to the victim, the other man called 911 and followed the suspect, keeping him in sight until the Westland Police arrived and took the suspect into custody, police said. The victim had been severely beaten, according to police.

Police officials cited the case as an example of the community and the police working together in Westland to combat crime and hold criminals to account. They also are urging residents to keep their eyes on their fellow residents, especially the elderly.

"This is another reminder of how important it is to always be aware of your surroundings and have all eyes on deck," said Jeff Jedrusik, Chief of Police. "If you have elderly relatives or neighbors, check on them regularly and get to know their neighbors so they



Jenkins



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Cruisin' Hines attracts classics and crowds

Mother Nature held off on the rain Sunday, much to the delight of thousands of cruisers and cruise fans who turned out for the fifth annual Cruisin' Hines.

Sponsored by Don Nicholson Enterprises and Wayne County Parks, people came from throughout the Detroit metropolitan area, 18 states and Canada for the cruise that turns Hines Drive from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn into a bumper-to-bumper classic cars- and hot rods-only thoroughfare.

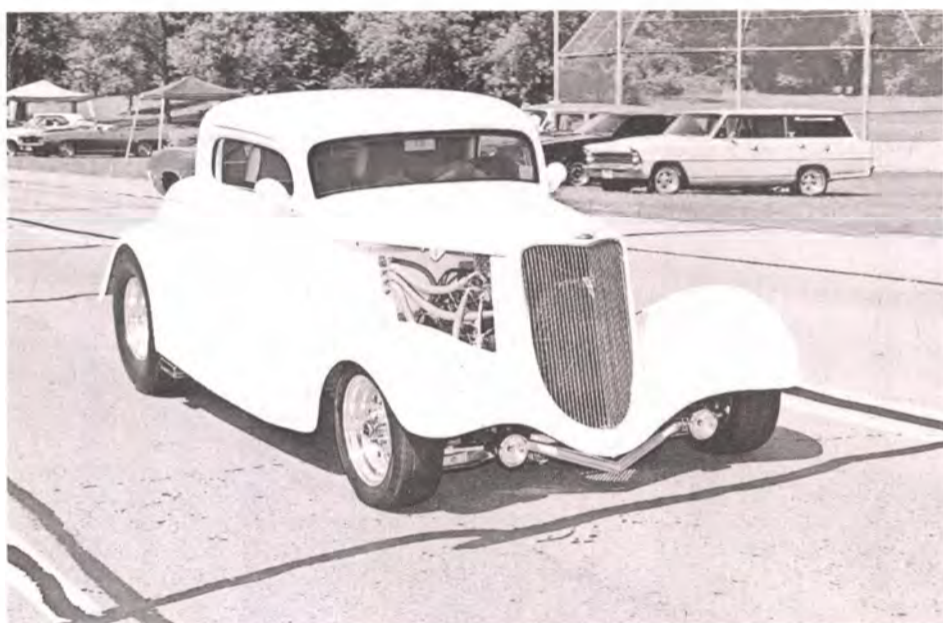
The popularity of the event had cruisers waiting in line on Ford Road to get on Hines Drive, but people who were there to watch it praised the event.

"Jim and I did the Cruisin' Hines cruise today," said Marge Freund of Grosse Pointe Woods in a post on Facebook. "First time I was in Hines Park in many years. Park is still beautiful and there were cruisers everywhere, mixed in with runners and bikers. Nice to have a different perception other than 'Hines Drive is closed due to flooding.'"



Jeff Monkiewicz of Livonia along with son Wade and wife Tina enjoy were among the thousands of spectators that lined Hines Drive for the cruise.

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Classic cars like this 1934 Ford took over Hines Park on Sunday.

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Retired Farmington Hills firefighter Robert Rebtoy stands with his classic 1931 Ford Model A at the Cruisin' Hines event held Sunday.

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Livonia residents Jordan Kerr, Joe Mercies and Tom Shea enjoy a beautiful summer day at the fifth annual Cruisin' Hines.

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Livonia resident, Mark Olson and his dogs, Cookie, Buddy and Winston take a break in the shade to watch the car cruise.

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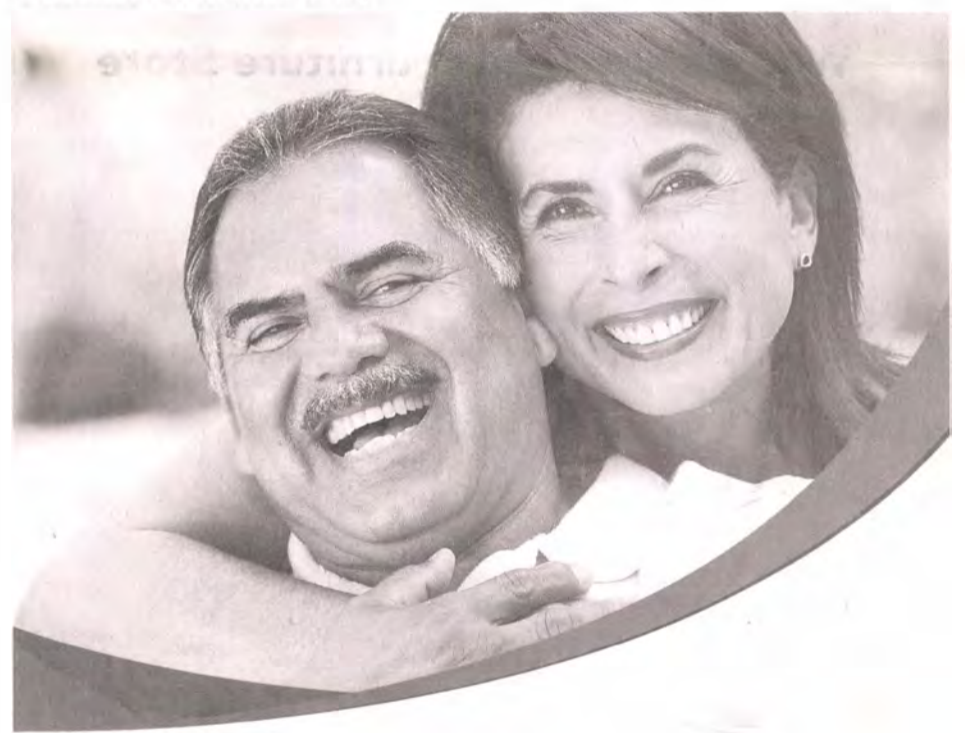
Chris and Tony Liddell of Redford enjoy the car cruise as they take a break from bicycling along Hines Drive.

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How does your car rate? This group of Cruisin' Hines spectators let drivers know what they thought of their car.

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Navy band Horizon to perform free concert in Livonia

The City of Livonia will host the U.S. Navy's high-energy popular music touring band Horizon from 7-9 p.m. Sunday on the steps of City Hall.

Concert-goers are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket for this special free performance.

Led by Musician First Class Dirk Denton, Horizon features eight active-duty sailors performing a wide variety of musical styles, including classic rock, pop, Motown, country, funk and jazz.

Horizon travels extensively throughout the Midwest region, playing family-friendly events that are both entertain-

ing and patriotic. The group's showmanship and musical ability keep them in high demand for state fairs, music festivals, colleges, recruiting events and more.

"Pride in Service" has been the theme for Navy Band Great Lakes for more than a century. The Navy Band first formed in 1911. In 1917, Lieutenant Commander John Philip Sousa served as Bandmaster. Today's Director, Lieutenant Geordie Kelly, continues that pride and professionalism that is synonymous with the United States Navy.

For more details, contact the Mayor's office at 734-466-2201.



The U.S. Navy's popular touring band, Horizon, featuring eight active-duty sailors, will perform a free concert 7-9 p.m. Sunday on the steps of Livonia City Hall.

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Mosquitoes in Redford test positive for West Nile Virus

The Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness is encouraging residents to take precautions to minimize mosquito exposure and protect themselves from mosquito bites in order to significantly decrease the chances of contracting the West Nile Virus.

Last week, for the first time this summer, routine testing by employees of the Wayne County Environmental Health section detected a positive sampling of the virus in a pool of mosquitoes found in Redford Township.

While the mosquito season is coming to an end, it is important to remember to protect yourself and your family during the remainder of

the summer's warm months.

"We want people to enjoy the last weeks of summer but we also want our residents to take the necessary steps to protect themselves against mosquito bites," Wayne County Health Officer Dr. Mouhanad Hammami said. "There have been no human cases of the West Nile Virus confirmed this year and we want to keep it that way by advocating for our communities to use these tips to increase safety against mosquitoes."

The following steps can be taken to reduce the risk of mosquito bites:

- Use insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil, lemon eucalyptus or other EPA-ap-



GETTY IMAGES Residents should take precautions to decrease their chance of contracting the West Nile virus.

proved active ingredients on skin and/or clothing.

- Limit outdoor activity between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Avoid shaded and

wooded areas where mosquitoes may be present.

- Cover up when outdoors. Wear long-sleeve shirts, long pants, socks and shoes.

The following mea-

sures can be taken to reduce the population of mosquitoes in an area:

- Repair or install window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.

- Eliminate mosquito breeding sites around your home. Empty standing water from flower pots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels, cans and similar items.

- Properly dispose of abandoned tires or avoid water accumulation in tires by properly covering.

Throughout the summer, employees of the Wayne County Environmental Health section have been trapping and testing mosquitoes for the West Nile Virus. The

principle route of human infection with the virus is through the bite of an infected mosquito.

According to the Center for Disease Control, most people infected with West Nile Virus will not show symptoms, but about 1 in 5 people will develop flu-like symptoms that may last for weeks. In severe cases, serious neurological illnesses can develop that can be fatal such as encephalitis or meningitis.

For more information on West Nile Virus, visit www.cdc.gov/westnile.

For more information on this program or any of the Wayne County Health, Veterans and Community Wellness Department programs, visit www.waynecounty.com.

County to hold budget hearing Sept. 1 in Livonia

As a way to reach out to the public, the Wayne County Commission's Committee on Ways and Means will hold a budget hearing at 10 a.m. Sept. 1 at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

The committee began its department-by-department hearings July 28 in preparation for the 2015-16 fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1. The balanced budget proposed by the county administration is for \$1.54 billion; the 2014-15 budget is \$1.68 billion.

The schedule for the Sept. 1 hearing, to be held in the City Council chambers, is: Wayne County Employees' Retirement System, 10 a.m.; Wayne County Commission, 10:30 a.m.; Executive's Office, 11 a.m.; and Department of Management and Budget, 11:30 a.m.

A member of the Committee on Ways and Means, first-year Commissioner Terry Marecki is a Republican from Livonia. She represents the 9th District, which covers Northville, Northville Township and most of her hometown.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for constituents to experience county government working for them and the community," said Marecki, who was Livonia's city clerk from 2010-14 and served on the City Council from 2004-10. "Though all of our meetings are open to the public, I know it is difficult sometimes for residents to travel to downtown Detroit. Therefore, this is a glorious opportunity for them to view such key deliberations right in their own backyard."

To view the proposed budget and a full schedule of budget hearings, visit www.waynecounty.com/commission/717.htm.



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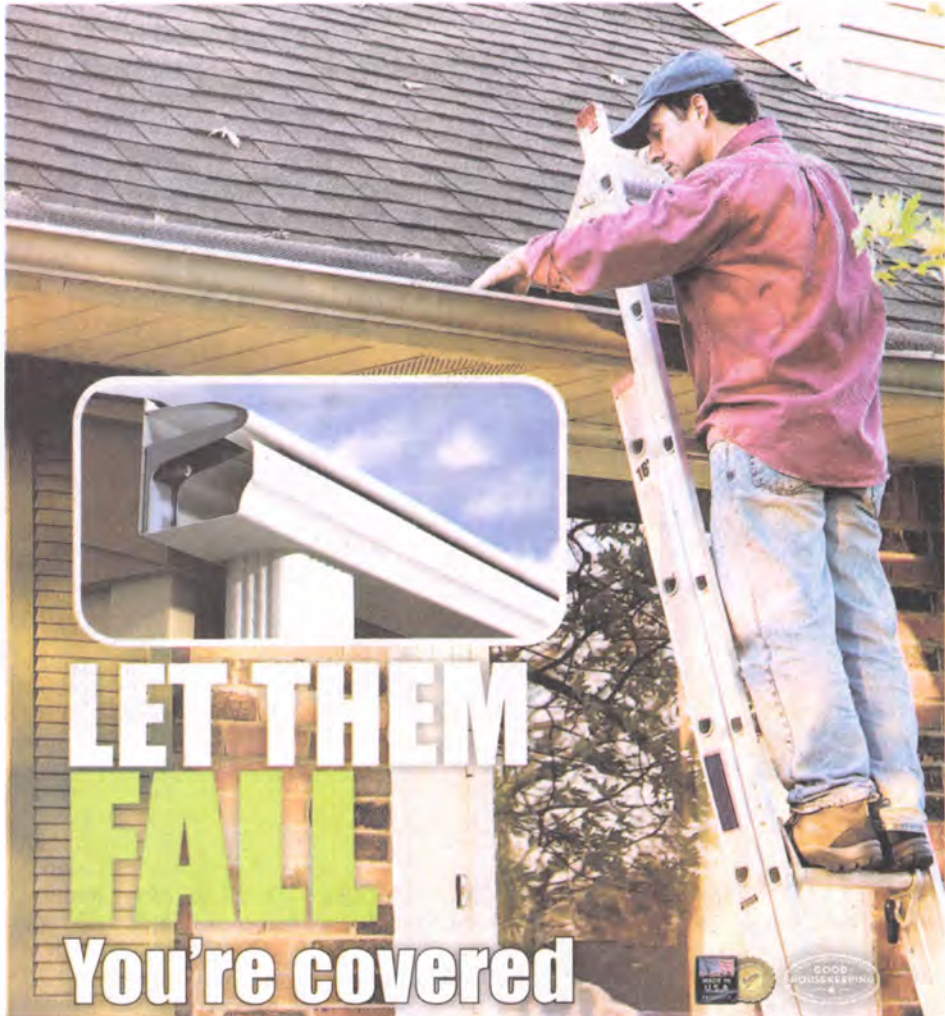
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Livonia Farmers Market features produce in peak season



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Kimberly Pendygraft of Howell sells organic products and herbs.

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David Alkevicius and friend with their Lithuanian breads and treats.

With Michigan produce at peak season, Livonia's Farmers Market is busy every Saturday. Local farmers have corn, tomatoes and other fresh produce available for purchase. Other items for sale include

plants, herbs, fresh flowers, Michigan honey, salsa, salad dressing and crafts. The market is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 10, except Labor Day weekend, at the historic Wilson Barn, 29350 W.

Chicago, Livonia. Special activities for kids include a story teller from the Detroit Story League on Sept. 19 and a craft corner on Sept. 26. For more information, visit www.wilsonbarn.com.

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Homecoming: outdoors group SOLAR returning to Livonia

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

When rent costs for the School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation got too high in Southfield, they began looking for a new home.

That's when past president Bob Westbrook realized St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, of which he is a member and elder, was the perfect spot.

"It just dawned on me one night," the Livonia resident said.

He worked with SOLAR's leadership and helped facilitate the group's meeting place move from Colony Hall in Southfield to the church at 27475 Five Mile just west of Inkster. Now, the group that began in the mid-1970s at the Jackson Center in Livonia to share passions about the outdoors is coming back



SOLAR programs chair Kirsten Groppuso, left, president Jennifer Teslerics, middle, and activities chair Kim Bartell on a high ropes course.

home. Its first regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 25, and is open to anyone interested in learning about the outdoors group.

The group began as an offshoot from 4-H in the area, and grew to having several hundred mem-

bers in recent years. It meets once a month and features speakers on various topics in addition to the business meeting. Classes on various outdoors activities, such as backpacking and camping, are taught by members and trips to various locations are planned.

Jennifer Tislerics, the current president of the group, said there's a buzz of excitement among group members about moving back to Livonia, especially those who remember meeting in Livonia in the 1970s and 1980s.

"I think even for people who aren't from Livonia, there's some excitement about the move," the Redford resident said. "Some of them have definitely expressed some nostalgia."

'Being so active keeps us youthful'

One of those original members, Northville Township resident Peg Campbell, said the move will accommodate a lot of newer members, as many members are beginning to get involved from as far west as Ann Arbor. It will also allow for additional courses to take place, as the church has

more room than Colony Hall.

"That area of Livonia is so central and so easy for people to get to from Wayne County and Washtenaw County," she said. "It's a much better facility all around."

The group will begin its meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the church and will feature a presentation from Luke Jordan, one of the few people who have hiked the entirety of the North Country Trail. That trail runs 4,600 miles from upstate New York to North Dakota, passing through Michigan along the way.

More information on the group can be found on its website, solaroutdoors.org.

Meetings are open to those interested. Dues-paying members of the group have additional benefits, including the ability to rent equipment

for trips. Tislerics said members range from young adults to senior citizens, including some who still do backpacking trips.

"We've got members in their 20s and members in their 70s who still backpack," she said. "I think being so active keeps us youthful."

And that activity has other benefits as well, Westbrook said: companionship. He said many members fall in love with areas of the world they travel to and make a permanent move there. But when they reunite with other SOLAR members sometimes years later, it's like nothing's changed.

"You get people who move away for 10 years, and they come back to the area and they're able to plug right back in," he said. "That's always a nice feeling."

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Don't overreact to recent market downturn

uch, it hurts. That's the only way to describe what happened in the market over the last two weeks. Across the board all the major stock indexes, both domestic and international, have been in retreat. As a result, those of us who invest in equities have seen our accounts fall.

In addition, whenever we have a retreat in the market the doom and gloomers come out in force with the same old rhetoric that the world is falling apart and we're heading into a market free fall like we saw a few years ago.

Before you, as an investor, act irrationally



Rick Bloom
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and let fear dictate your investment decisions, it is important to put things in perspective and understand what has happened.

This downturn is a direct result of a few different factors. The first is the slowdown in the Chinese economy. China is no longer a stepchild in the world economy; it is a major player.

China's economy, which has been growing at a substantial pace,

has significantly slowed down. As a result, China reduced the value of its currency. The fear is that China's economy will continue to slide and that it will have a domino effect for other economies around the world.

Another reason for the downturn is energy prices. A barrel of gas is selling for substantially less than it did just six months ago. As consumers, we are generally happy when gas prices fall because of the savings we feel at the pump. However, over the last number of years because of fracking and other techniques, the U.S. is a major player in

the energy arena. As a result of lower energy prices, our economy and employment situation is adversely affected.

The last issue weighing on investors is what the Federal Reserve will do with interest rates. The general thought had been that September would be the time where interest will begin to rise, however, the recent release of the Federal Reserve minutes seem to suggest that interest rates may not be going up as fast as people anticipate. It is this uncertainty that causes volatility.

Taking everything into consideration, how should investors react?

My philosophy has always been to focus on individual goals and objectives and not let fear and greed dictate investment decisions. Don't overreact to market volatility, because market corrections are the norm. Just because we're having the correction doesn't mean an investor should change his or her overall strategy.

Portfolios should be built to survive market adjustments and corrections. Having a well-balanced and diversified portfolio may not always shine when the markets are doing well, but they protect you during these times.

I don't know how long this downturn will last — no one does. Despite what some people say it is impossible to time the market. No one has been able to do it consistently and you shouldn't try.

My advice is don't overreact. Those who have been sitting on cash, this may be a great opportunity to jump back in the market.

Good luck.
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Visual Arts Association of Livonia hosts painting party

If you are a person who would like to create just one painting and have fun doing it, then come to the Visual Arts Association of Livonia from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, for the Friday Night Paint Party.

Previous art experience is not necessary. Artist Janus Benda has organized this get-together by creating two pieces to paint. Each person will choose from one of the two pieces. But Benda does not want them to make an exact replica. Rather, the pieces are meant as a template: something to look at as a starting point.

"I'm not the kind of teacher who makes everyone do exactly what I do," she said. "In my experience the paintings that are done will be so different from each other. That, to me, is exciting."

Benda's life has always been full of color. Before becoming an artist full-time, she served as a color specialist for the automotive industry, designing interiors for cars.

She also was a member and eventual chair holder for Color Marketing Group, serving as a representative for automotive design color directions.



This canvas is one of two that can be reserved by participants of the Friday Night Paint Party on Sept. 18.

A creative person herself, Benda encouraged creativity in her children, as well. "When we moved to a new house, she would give us a can of paint to take to our rooms," said Benda's daughter, Yvonne, describing her experience as a child. "We would paint all over the walls, whatever color we wanted. We grew up with color."

A \$35 admission includes instruction from Benda, canvasses, all supplies, snacks and beverages, including wine. Pick your painting

in advance from two subjects. Seating is limited, so reserve your canvas by calling 734-838-1204.

To see more of Benda's work, visit her website at www.vaalart.org or check out her 20-piece collection at the Kabob Grille at 22815 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

The class schedule for fall classes at VAAL is now available. Fall classes will start after Labor Day. Several new classes are being offered including two in pastel.

Formed as a nonprofit organization in 1983,

VAAL provides a variety of art classes, workshops and services for Livonia and surrounding communities. Classes and workshops are taught year-round by award winning, professional art instructors.

The VAAL classroom is at 37653 Five Mile Road in the New Five Shopping Center, located at the southwest corner of Newburgh in Livonia. For more information about VAAL or the Friday Night Paint Party call 734-838-1204 or go to the VAAL website at www.vaalart.org



This is one of two templates by artist Janus Benda that will help participants of the painting party get started.

Wayne County offers blood donation centers

During National Preparedness Month, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood to help ensure a stable and diverse blood supply is available during emergencies of all types.

A diverse blood supply is important to ensuring the needs of all patients are met. Red blood cells carry markers that determine one's blood type, and some blood types are unique to certain racial and ethnic groups. Because blood from donors of the same ethnic background as the recipient is less likely to cause complications, the Red Cross must maintain a diverse blood supply to meet these diverse patient needs.

Whether blood is needed for a chronic condition such as sickle cell disease, a surgical procedure or a large-scale emergency, it's the blood already on the shelves that helps save lives. The Red Cross encourages donors of all types to give blood, and those with types AB, O negative, A negative and B negative are especially needed.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Wayne County:

Canton
Sept. 6: 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Gurdwara, 3310 Canton Center Road

Livonia
Sept. 14: 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard

Northville
Sept. 4: Noon to 5:45 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street

Plymouth
Sept. 13: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial

Wayne
Sept. 3: 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Community Living Services, 35425 W. Michigan Ave.

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OUR VIEW

School supplies: Help all kids get off to good start

Like the Christmas holiday, the back-to-school season has shoppers poring over advertisements, checking online and running in and out of stores for supplies their kids need as the new academic year gets underway Sept. 8.

For many families, the shopping frenzy may not register as even a blip on their expenditures. For others, however, many in Wayne, Westland and Garden City, back-to-school supplies are a very real financial concern and difficulty.

The National Retail Federation conducted a back-to-school survey recently by Prosper Insights & Analytics that showed parents will spend an average of \$630.36 per student this year. That estimate is actually a drop from last year, when the average was \$669.28. Still, this year alone, the NRF estimates that parents will spend up to \$24.9 billion on stuff for

school, including electronics, clothing and supplies.

The NRF estimates that over last 10 years, spending on school supplies has increased some 42 percent.

Local organizations have seen the need and have stepped up to donate supplies to get kids in lower income families ready for school and on par with families who have more earning power.

For more than 10 years, the Garden City Rotary has been collecting school supplies and filling backpacks to be given out in the Garden City Public Schools. This year the club was able to fill 150 backpacks, thanks to donations from the community and Garden City Hospital.

InsideOut Church in Garden City is capping of its ServeWeek Saturday with a Back-To-School Day in Garden City Park. Church members will be giving out backpacks and school

supplies free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis noon-3 p.m. There also will be free hot dogs, chips, cookies, face-painting and haircuts.

The Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center also has plenty of backpacks and school supplies to give to needy youngsters this school year, thanks to donations from the Westland Goodfellows and members of Divine Savior, St. Theodore and St. Damian Catholic churches.

Without efforts such as these, there would be a lot of kids returning to school without needed supplies or parents would drop into a financial hole equipping their kids for the new school year. This may not be about your child, but to use a much overused phrase, it does take a village to help kids be safe and successful in school. Joining forces to help those in need can only make the community strong-

er.

If you have one child, the average \$630.36 may not be a huge pinch. But what about families in need who have two, three or four kids? With four kids, that spending total increases to more than \$2,500. That's not an easy pill to swallow if you are struggling to put food on the table and a roof over your kids' heads.

The Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center provide assistance with tutoring, counseling, housing, food, clothing, parenting classes and more to meet the needs of the district's students and their families. Donations of toiletries, socks in any size, undergarments in any size, hats, gloves, scarves and monetary gifts are also welcome.

The start of school is about three weeks away, so let's get the whole community behind these kids. Their eventual success is our success.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Standing: Garden City Rotary President Robert McLachlan, Lynn Giovannini, Derek Fisher, Cathy Nitowski, Darlene Jablonowski, Anthony Nitowski, and Jen VanDeWater. Kneeling: Linda Williams and Sarah Roffi.

New Livonia school board policy restricts transparency

A new "public relations" policy adopted by the Livonia school board violates the spirit of the Open Meetings Act, a state law that strengthens the right of citizens to know what goes on in government by requiring public bodies to conduct nearly all their business at open meetings.

The policy, approved in a 6-1 vote Aug. 17, says the board may forbid audio and video recording at community forums so people

speaking at the forums feel comfortable sharing their thoughts. Trustee Eileen McDonnell was the lone dissenter.

Interim Superintendent Andrea Oquist said the policy came about because the board received some feedback following community budget forums in January that video recording didn't provide for a safe or welcoming environment.

The policy would only be implemented,

she said, at informal meetings where a quorum of the board is not deliberating on topics. At community forums, members of the public meet in small groups with one or two board members, who solicit their opinions and answer questions about the issue being discussed.

Trustee Liz Jarvis said if a person being recorded feels intimidated, their freedom of speech is being infringed upon.

But the policy gives the perception of hiding something. Any government looking to hide its actions adds to the overall distrust of government.

The board members' purpose in holding community forums is to determine what the community wants in order to help them make important decisions. That's part of the legislative process, which the Open Meetings Act was designed to shed light on.

If audio and video recording are not permitted, how does the public know the responses of the forum participants are being accurately conveyed to all board members? How do members of the public who aren't able to attend the forums know what was discussed?

Furthermore, if they are community forums, everyone is invited and almost everyone these days carries an iPhone. It's unrealistic for

someone attending a meeting to which the public is invited being held in a building paid for by tax dollars to expect privacy.

Whether it's the board's intent or not to hide what goes on at community forums, perception is stronger than truth.

The best "public relations" policy is one that fosters transparency in government instead of restricting it.

GUEST COLUMN

A solution to road problems is within our grasp

Are you anxious to fix our roads? So am I. The good news is that I believe that we are close to producing a sustainable solution to our state road woes.

In the wake of the May 5 ballot vote when our citizens rejected the tax increases in Proposal 1 by a 4:1 margin, both the Senate and the House have now passed road plans. The House passed a road plan championed by Speaker Kevin Cotter on June 10. The Senate passed a plan championed by Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof on July 1. Speaker Cotter's plan featured \$1.16 billion in incremental road fund-



Sen. Patrick Colbeck
GUEST COLUMNIST

ing while limiting tax increases to \$119 million. Senate Majority Leader Meekhof's plan featured \$1.5 billion in incremental road funding, including an \$800 million increase in taxes and fees.

House and Senate leadership discussions in Lansing over the summer have focused on finding "middle ground" between the \$119 million increase passed by the House and the \$800 million increase passed by

the Senate.

A sufficient number of House members under Speaker Cotter's leadership have made it clear that \$119 million in new taxes and fees is the maximum they are willing to pursue. We would seem to be at an impasse — if we were to remain focused on tax or fee increases. Let's shift our focus instead upon what the Senate and House plans have in common.

Both the House and the Senate plans featured \$700 million in incremental road funding through re-prioritization of existing funds. If we continue to build roads to our current quality standards, this \$700 million would still leave us \$500 million short of the consensus \$1.2 billion in incremental funding that is needed to keep our roads from degrading further. What if we were to go forgo politics-as-usual, actually listen to voters, and build better roads that last longer?

Every year 4,728 lane-miles go from fair to poor at current funding levels. In order to achieve a "sustainable" solution for our roads, we simply need to improve our roads faster than they degrade to "poor" condition.

If we were to spend an additional \$700 million per year, we could repair 8,319 lane-miles per year if we remain with our current "version 1" roads. Our state has 252,709 lane-miles in our road system; 37,148 of these lane-miles are in poor condition. Every year 4,728 lane-miles go from fair to poor at current funding levels. In order to achieve a "sustainable" solution for our roads, we simply need to improve our roads faster than they degrade to "poor" condition.

How could we do this? Well, the politics-as-usual approach would be to simply increase our taxes. Looking back at Proposal 1, 81 percent of our voters have already rejected one cut at this approach in a manner that earned bonus points for style.

What other options do we have? I believe that the best approach arises from listening to citizens who are demanding high-

er quality roads that last longer.

So what would happen if we were to upgrade our roads to a higher quality "version 2" road system? First of all, it would cost 15 percent more in labor and materials per lane-mile in exchange for increasing the design life by as much as four times that of our "version 1" roads. This would reduce our repair rate from 8,319 lane-miles per year to 6,430 lane-miles per year. Even at this reduced rate of construction, we would improve our roads faster than they would degrade. In other words, we would have a sustainable solution to our road woes. Road quality needs to be Job 1.

So ... I said we are close to a solution. What do we need to do to make this happen? The House simply needs to say yes to several bills already passed by the Senate that would encourage competition, require warranties

and dedicate existing funds to fixing our roads. This path translates to the passage of HB 4610, HB 4611, HB 4613, and SB 414 without "tie bars" to the bills that would increase our taxes. This approach could be further improved by moving the 50-year road provisions in HB 4615 to HB 4613 and ensuring that all of the money restricted in SB 414 would go directly to road repair.

Let's stop focusing on differences and start focusing on what we have in common. If we were to simply pass what is common ground between the House and Senate road plans and satisfy the demand for higher quality roads from our citizens, we would have a sustainable path to fixing our roads that protects the pocket books of working families. Michigan has struggled to find a sustainable way to maintain our roads for decades under both Republican and Democratic leadership.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. To contact Colbeck, visit www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 16 8/17/15

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves
117: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 8/3/15.
- Harbor Freight Tools Tent Sale-34600 Warren 8/21-23.
- Adidas Tent Sale @ WSC parking lot 8/27-8/30.
- WWF MDA Boot Drive 8/27-29 Ford & Wayne Rds.
- Traffic Control Order 2015-14: Install "No Stopping, Standing, or Parking" signs on the north side of Gladys btwn. Donna & Flamingo.
- Traffic Control Order 2015-15: Remove "No Parking Here To Corner" signs on both sides of Mohawk btwn. Arrowhead & Warren Rd. & Install "No Parking" signs on east & west side of Mohawk btwn. Warren & Arrowhead.
- Bid for Jefferson Barns Roof Replacement Project to JCW Construction; amt. not to exceed \$33,500.
- Purchase of 2 2015 Ford F-150s for DPS;amt. \$48,824.32.
- Appr. JBCVC Rental Agrmnt. w/D.U.O. for rental of JBCVC; \$300/month for 1 yr.
- Intro. & Adopt Manpower Budget Amendment 2016-01; Increase Supervisor (\$6) Department Innovation & Technology.
- Admin. Fee Schedule Amendments; M. Modano Ice Arena Rental Rates.
119: Designated as J. Godbout as Council Del. MML Conf. 9/16-18.
121: Designated A. Hammons as Council Alt. MML Conf. 9/16-18.
122: Appr. Jaycees 5K Run 11/17 w/contingencies.
123: Appr. checklist: \$ 5,555,532.03.
Mtg. adj. at 7:55 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President
Publish: August 27, 2015

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC
City Clerk

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ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-24 August 18, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Presentations by Empower Kindness, Simple Recycling, Oakwood Healthcare and Main Street. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Aug. 4; Scarecrow Contest; site plan #2015-03 Merriman Food Market at 5774 S. Merriman; 1st reading to repeal Ord. 270.01 Rec Adv Bd; contract w/Priority Health Ins. for healthcare; call a public hearing on 9/15/15 at 8pm for rezoning for 36111 E. Mich. Ave; Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan & designate Personnel Dir. as Coordinator; call a Spec. Mtg. for 9/1/15 at 7pm; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Jennifer A. Wagner
Deputy City Clerk

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the Observer as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.
Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

Details: All tours start at the Gift Shop, the building closest to the stop sign, about in the middle of the park. "Ice Cream" Sundays will be held Aug. 30 and Sept. 27. The Livonia Historical Commission will be treating guests to an ice-cream novelty at the AJ Geer Store; just show your paid admission pass. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. Tours will also be held in the fall on Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Dec. 6 and 13.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

U.S. NAVY HORIZON BAND

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.
Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia.

Details: The City of Livonia will host the U.S. Navy Horizon Band performing pop music and patriotic music on the steps of Livonia City Hall.

NEW HOPE FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Time/date: 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.
Location: Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold, Northville.

Details: This festival is a fundraiser and outreach event for New Hope Center for Grief Support with activities for adults and children including live music from the Shawn Riley Band, a Planet Fitness activity zone, science activities from the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, interactive games, raffle prizes, barbecued food and a candlelit memorial tribute that evening. An additional portion will include a dunk tank in which attendees will have the option to raise money to get themselves dunked or donate to have a specific individual dunked. There will also be a station available for individuals to decorate luminary bags in memory of a loved one they have lost and participate in a lighting ceremony that evening. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for teens and free for kids

under 12. To purchase tickets, visit www.newhopecenter.net/rsvp or call 248-348-0115. Tickets will also be available at the door.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Time/date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club in Livonia, will kick off the fall season with an ice cream social. Attend for a fun evening and to find out what is planned for the upcoming year. Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. New members are always welcome. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year-round.

Contact: <http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.

GREENLEAF COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.
Location: 3rd floor of the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: The Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability is a citizen advisory group that encourages energy efficiency, conservation and environmentally friendly practices in the City of Livonia.

Contact: Jim Baringhaus at 734-838-7957 or jbaringhaus@gmail.com.

3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9.
Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: This will be the first meeting of the 2015-16 season, and everyone is invited to come and see all the award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. The program will be a special presentation of the best 3D images from the Ohio Stereo Club from last season. After a refreshment break, there will be a 3D image competition among local club members.

Contact: www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

GRIEF RECOVERY

Time/date: 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10-Dec. 17.
Location: Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive, Romulus.

Details: Romulus Wesleyan Church is hosting GriefShare, a grief-recovery seminar and support group. GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The 13-video sessions include "Effects of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Stuck in Grief" and more. Attend any or all sessions. A \$15 registration fee will include a workbook/journal and weekly handouts.

Contact: 734-941-1511; www.griefshare.org.

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

Time/date: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.
Location: Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia.

Details: State Reps. Tom Hooker and Tom Barrett will give information about steps being taken in the Michigan Legislature to protect human life as well as efforts to defund Planned Parenthood in this annual event sponsored by Livonia-based Right to Life-Lifespan.

Contact: 734-524-0162.

FALL FLEA MARKET

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.
Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

Details: Admission is \$2; children under 12 are free. Refreshments are available for about \$1.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

LIVONIA HISTORIC CEMETERY WALK

Time/date: 2 p.m., with tours starting every half hour until 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20.
Location: Livonia Center Cemetery, Farmington Road south of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Meet some of Livonia's "liveliest characters" featured at the Livonia Center Cemetery during the fifth annual Livonia Historic Cemetery Walk. Tickets are \$10 each in advance, \$15 at the gate. Proceeds benefit Livonia's historic cemeteries. Parking is available at Livonia Public Schools' Administrative Offices. This is a rain or shine event.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

Seniors invited to free day at zoo

Senior citizens living in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are invited to enjoy a day at the Detroit Zoo on Senior Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Seniors age 62 and older and a caregiver will receive free admission, parking and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad.

Senior Day will also feature live music, tram tours, bingo, a senior resource area and zoo-keeper talks highlighting some of the zoo's senior animal residents.

In addition, Blue Care Network of Michigan and the SilverSneakers Fitness program are pairing up to offer a free group exercise class, exercise demos and functional fitness assessments.

The fall Senior Day is one of two free days for tri-county seniors held annually at the Detroit



FILE PHOTO

Senior citizens living in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties will receive free admission, parking and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad if they visit the Detroit Zoo on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Zoo in appreciation for voter approval in 2008 of a ballot proposal to fund the Zoo.

The Detroit Zoological Society — a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo — is recognized as a

leader in conservation, animal welfare and sustainability as well as providing sanctuary for animals in need of rescue.

The Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak is one of Michigan's largest paid family attractions, hosting more than 1.3 million visitors annually. Its 125 acres of award-winning naturalistic habitats are home to 2,500 animals representing 270 species.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo sits on a 5-acre site surrounded by undisturbed forested wetlands on Belle Isle State Park in Detroit and provides year-round educational, recreational and environmental conservation opportunities for the community.

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IN MEMORIAM

Livonia Franklin great Kasetta dies

Former pitcher set several records for Patriots, University of Detroit

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Tall, poised and a commander of the strike zone, Tony Kasetta blazed an ultra-successful career as a pitcher at Livonia Franklin High School and the University of Detroit

during the late-1960s and early-'70s.

On Saturday at his home in Atlanta, Kasetta passed away unexpectedly at the age of 62.

He is survived by his wife Kim; daughters Evin and Cristin; son A.J.; brothers Kevin and Mike; son-in-law Jeff Ern-

hardt; grandchildren Carson and Melanie; and his mom, Wanda, who still resides in Livonia.

The cause of death was cardiac arrest.

"This came out of nowhere; we're all still in shock," said Kevin Kasetta. "Tony was a very easy-going, thoughtful, intelligent man. He was always



Tony Kasetta

willing to help anyone in need."

Kasetta still holds the career-wins record at U-D, which had a very distinguished baseball program before it was shuttered in 2004.

For a time, Kevin Kasetta, noted, Tony Kasetta held the state of Michigan's record for most collegiate wins by a pitcher.

Kasetta, who threw around 90 miles per hour with exquisite control of his pitches, had tryouts with the Detroit

Tigers, Chicago White Sox and Kansas City Royals.

He ultimately accepted a job as a buyer for J.L. Hudson before moving to Atlanta over 30 years ago. He was involved in the wholesale end of the men's apparel industry at the time of his death, Kevin Kasetta said.

Former longtime U-D baseball coach Bob Miller has fond memories of Kasetta, who he

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Senior captain Alonzo McCoy has inherited the first-string quarterback duties for Thurston along with his starting cornerback spot.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE?

Defending district champ Thurston shooting for deep playoff run

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

If Redford Thurston's football team gets off to a less-than-stellar start this season, its fans definitely won't shift into panic mode.

That's because the Eagles have proven the past two autumns that it's now how you begin a schedule that matters, but how you finish it.

Thurston has stumbled to 1-3 records the past two campaigns, only to regroup and qualify for the playoffs.

"To do it one time is amazing, but to do it twice was shocking," said veteran head coach Bob Snell, whose team knocked off Detroit Mumford and Dearborn Divine Child in the post-season last year before getting sidelined by New Boston Huron.

"We have a young team this year, but the kids have good football awareness. We have good team speed and we're athletic, but we lack experience in a lot of positions.

"This is a hungry team that works hard in practice. The effort I saw from them in our four-way scrimmage was one of the best I've seen from one of my teams."

The younger Eagles will follow the lead of three veteran senior captains, all of whom have the skills to play at the next

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Thurston receiver Nick Carey elevates for a one-handed catch Monday night.

ED WRIGHT



Stevenson's Brandon Navarro clears the ball despite tight defense from a Franklin player.

ED WRIGHT

LIVONIA RIVALRY SOCCER

Stevenson rallies to upend Franklin, 3-1

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

As his team erupted into a joyful celebration Monday night in the seconds that followed Jordan Whitt's lead-seizing goal against Livonia Stevenson 6:42 before halftime, Livonia Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos offered what proved to be a prophetic warning to the Patriots.

"There's still a lot of time left," Rodopoulos shared, as his team gathered around him

prior to the mid-field re-start. More than enough time, it turned out, for the Spartans to right their ship and rally for a 3-1 victory at Franklin.

With the win, which came three nights after a 2-0 victory over Churchill, the Spartans improved to 2-0 and clinched the unofficial city championship. The loss was the season-opener for Franklin.

The Patriots generated more offense than their visitors in

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YOUTH SPORTS

Orioles, Bobcats to honor military veterans

Sunday will be special day for WLJFL teams

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It will be "Veterans Day" in a way Sunday at Livonia's Bentley Field, which will host an extraordinary display of teamwork between two Western Lakes Junior Football League rivals.

Throughout the day's season-opening four match-ups featuring the host Livonia Orioles and Novi Bobcats, military veterans will be recognized and honored with a series of special events and fundraisers.

The games are set to begin at 9 a.m. with a flag-football encounter between the two programs. The freshmen showdown will kick-off at 11 a.m. followed by the junior-varsity



The Livonia Orioles and Novi Bobcats sold over 200 of these shirts as a fund-raiser for local veterans organizations.

game at 1 p.m. and the varsity match-up at 3 p.m.

Weather permitting, the game balls for the JV and varsity contests will be delivered

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PREP TENNIS

Franklin takes the 5th at Dearborn tourney

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's boys tennis team placed fifth in the eight-team Dearborn Invitational held Aug. 20. Gibraltar Carlson took home the gold with 23 points, nine more than runner-up Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Woodhaven and Livonia Stevenson

Franklin tied for third with 13 points while the Patriots earned 12—the same number as the host Pioneers. Fordson was seventh with eight points and Carlton Airport brought up the rear with one point. Adam Alger, Franklin's No. 2 singles player, went 2-1 with victories over opponents from Fordson and Woodhaven.

Patriot No. 4 singles player Jon Montie also won two of three matches, as did the No. 2 doubles duo of Reo Tang and Keyur Patel. No. 3 singles player Justin Crawford overcame an opening-match setback to place second by taking both of his final two matches.

Churchill doubled-up

Livonia Churchill's boys tennis team opened its season Aug. 21 with a 6-3 loss to host Salem. The lone singles winner for Churchill was No. 1 player Sean Mulka, who out-stroked Keerthie Sajja, 6-0, 6-2. Salem's No. 2 player Charles Liu won in straight sets over

Jonny Zhou, however, it wasn't easy as both sets finished 7-5. Churchill's 1 and 2 doubles teams won. Tim Ohtake and Gabe Garfinkel bested Steven Bloxson and Abi Thiruvankat, 7-5, 7-6, while Mickey Ohtake and Griffin Riley submerged Ajai Buarathan and Wenhad Yu, 6-1, 6-0.

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Young kickers shine at St. Edith tournament



Shrine won three of the four brackets at last weekend at the three-day St. Edith Eagles Classic, which was hosted by Ladywood High School. Twenty-five teams competed in four divisions and trophies were awarded to the top three teams in each division. St. Edith's varsity boys team lost in the championship game, 2-1, in a shoot-out against All Saints. Tournament director Bassel Atala thanked all the participants, sponsors and families for a successful tournament.

KASETA

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referred to as "one of my all-time best players." "Tony had a great arm, he threw hard and he had a good breaking ball," reflected Miller. "Why he never got drafted (by Major League Baseball) I'll never understand. "On Saturdays, we'd play double-headers sometimes against Division 2 or 3 teams like Hillsdale. When it was Tony's turn to start, he'd throw the first game and we'd win 10-0 in five innings. I'd go up to him and say, 'Tony, it looks like you haven't even broken a sweat. Do you want to throw the second game, too?' And he'd say, 'Sure'. Then he'd go out and shut them out in the second game as well." During one game Miller remembers, Kaset's 6-foot-6 frame was a little too big for his uniform. "He brought his leg up in his wind-up and his pants ripped," Miller recounted, chuckling. "So he came into the dugout, I gave him my pants, he gave me his, and he went out and finished the game. "He was a brilliant kid. A great person." Any donations should be directed to Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Atlanta, GA.

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VETERANS

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by parachutists. Monetary and other types of donations will be accepted throughout the day — 100 per-

cent of which will go to the Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program and Michigan Military Moms. Items to help make up care packages for veterans overseas will be accepted, including individual drink mixes, power bars, individual canned

fruits, coffee, sun screen, bug spray and travel-sized shampoo, deodorant, tissues and soap products. Players and parents from the Orioles and Bobcats joined forces to sell over 200 camouflage-themed T-shirts, the proceeds from which will be

donated directly to the two organizations. The public is invited to watch the games and support the veterans.

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EDUCATION
Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition

By Ed Wright

When Canton Community Foundation announced its 2015 scholarship recipients, it was the start of a tradition that has been going on for over 50 years. The foundation will award \$100,000 in scholarships to 100 students from Canton and surrounding areas.

Small start
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Friday, Sept. 11*	vs. Plymouth	home	7 pm
Friday, Sept. 18*	vs. Canton	home	7 pm
Friday, Sept. 25*	at Livonia Churchill	away	1 pm
Friday, Oct. 2*	at Livonia Franklin	away	7 pm
Friday, Oct. 9*	vs. Westland John Glenn	home	7 pm
Friday, Oct 16	TBD	home	7 pm
Friday, Oct. 23	Dearborn Edsel Ford	away	7 pm



WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, Aug. 20	vs. To Be Determined	home	6 pm
Thursday, Aug. 27	vs. Ann Arbor Skyline	home	7 pm
Thursday, Sept. 3	at Howell	away	7 pm
Friday, Sept. 11*	vs. Livonia Churchill	home	7 pm
Friday, Sept. 18*	at Livonia Franklin	away	8 pm
Friday, Sept. 25*	at Canton	away	6:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 2*	vs. Plymouth	home	7 pm
Friday, Oct. 9*	at Wayne Memorial	away	7 pm
Friday, Oct 16	vs. To Be Determined	home	7 pm
Friday, Sept 23	vs. Southfield-Lathrup	home	7pm



GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, Aug. 28	vs. Ferndale	away	7 pm
Thursday, Sept. 3	at Romulus	away	7 pm
Friday, Sept. 11*	at Redford Thurston	away	7 pm
Friday, Sept. 18*	vs. Dearborn Fordson	home	7 pm
Friday, Sept. 25*	vs. Redford Union	home	8 pm
Friday, Oct. 2*	vs. Dearborn Heights Robichaud	home	7 pm
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9/18/2015*	7:00 PM	HOME	Westland John Glenn
9/25/2015*	7:00 PM	AWAY	Plymouth
10/2/2015*	7:00 PM	HOME	Wayne Memorial
10/9/2015*	7:00 PM	HOME	Livonia Churchill
10/16/2015	7:00 PM	HOME	To Be Determined
10/23/2015	7:00 PM	AWAY	Royal Oak

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**LIVONIA
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8/27/2015	7:00 PM	HOME	Milford
9/3/2015	7:00 PM	AWAY	Brighton
9/11/2015*	7:00 PM	AWAY	Westland John Glenn
9/18/2015*	7:00 PM	AWAY	Plymouth
9/25/2015*	7:00 PM	HOME	Wayne Memorial
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STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Thursday, Sept. 3	vs. Walled Lake Northern	home	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 11*	at Novi	away	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 18*	at South Lyon East	away	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 25*	vs. South Lyon	home	7:00 PM
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See aerobatics, fly in a biplane at Willow Run air show

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Thunder Over Michigan roars into Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti this weekend.

Aerobatics master, Michael Goulian will attack the sky with breathtaking rolls and tumbles in his EXTRA 330SC airplane.

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will show off speed and precision as its pilots demonstrate daring maneuvers overhead.

Fighter aircraft, stunt planes, and jets will rule the air in this annual show sponsored by the Yankee Air Museum.

You can be a part of the action by booking a flight on the museum's new open cockpit WACO YMF-5C biplane.

The WACO (rhymes with "taco") began taking passengers for "barnstorming" rides recently, and will offer flights on a "first come first fly" basis Aug. 29-30 during Thunder Over Michigan. Other flights, by appointment only, are scheduled for Sept. 9 and 30 at Willow Run.

The biplane joins the museum's B-17G Yankee Lady, B-25 Yankee Warrior and Douglas C-47 "Yankee Doodle Dandy" aircraft in offering flights to the public. The WACO flight costs \$195 for members and \$225 for nonmembers. A ride for two is \$295 if one rider is a member, and \$325 for two nonmembers. Total passenger weight limit is 350 pounds.

"I have to tell you, I'm eager to take my first flight in the airplane," said Dave Callanan, museum outreach director. "Barnstorming harkens back to the early days of flight when many pilots, many of whom had come back from World War I, went from farmland to farmland. They found big open fields and would fly over towns and create a storm of sound. They'd buzz the community and everyone would come out and see the aircraft and follow it to a field, by the barn. The pilot would get out and start talking about the excitement of flying. It's an important part of aviation history."

WACO YMF-5C, a 1992 aircraft, travels at a ground speed of 80-90 miles per hour, at approximately 1,200-1,500 feet in the air. The flight lasts 20 minutes, with about 10 minutes of orientation on the ground.

Callanan said the biplane experience comes with unique views, smells and sounds. He likened the tone of the airplane's engine to the beating wings of 10,000 dragonflies. "A low, guttural buzz," he said. "It's thrilling when you look



Yankee Air Museum's biplane is ready for takeoff — with you in the passenger seat.



You won't be able to ride this F-16 Fighting Falcon at Thunder Over Michigan, but you'll get a chance to watch its speed, agility and precision.



Air show superstar Michael Goulian will demonstrate his skills at Thunder Over Michigan.

READY TO FLY?

» If you've made an appointment for the biplane ride, arrive early and bring a camera because "it is a cool airplane," says Dave Callanan, Yankee Air Museum outreach director. Make sure the camera has a wrist strap and ask the pilot if it's OK to use while in flight.

» Consider wearing sunglasses. The airplane has a windshield, but glasses will offer protection from sunlight. Other items should be left at home or in a car trunk. ID or a wallet may be safely tucked into a pocket.

"Nothing should be loose in the cockpit. It's not about turbulence," Callanan said. "It's about excitement. Some people just get excited and get forgetful and don't hold on (to personal items) tight enough."

» Remember to eat lunch. "You don't want to eat right before a flight like this," Callanan said. "But you'll want to have eaten during the day so you can feel good to come and enjoy."

out and have an unobstructed view. It's awe inspiring. You have to let all of your senses take it in."

The pilots operate the aircraft under visual flight rules. They need clear skies and won't fly under stormy or foggy conditions.

"This is not a thrill ride. There's no loop to loop. No wing walking allowed. You

must be seated at all times," Callanan said, with a laugh. "Our pilots will be especially sensitive to the weather and making sure passengers are comfortable."

At the show

You'll have to remain on the ground if you want to experience aerobatics during Thunder Over Michigan. In addition

to the Blue Angels and Michael Goulian, visitors also will see:

» "Fat Albert," the U.S. Marine Corps C-130 Hercules airlifter in a solo performance.

» A demonstration of the U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon. The airplane is used in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack and can withstand nine times the force of gravity.

» A 1952 Harvard MK IV will engage in "extreme aerobatics."

» The Fock-Wulf FW-190, a German single-seat, single-engine fighter; de Havilland DH 98 Mosquito, a British combat aircraft; World War II- and Korean War-era patrol bomber, the Consolidated PB4Y-2 Privateer; the Avro Lancaster World War II-era bomber; the only remaining Boeing B-29 Superfortress that still flies; and the FG-1D Corsair all will demonstrate their capabilities in the air.

» A WWII battle re-enactment will use vintage aircraft, tanks and other restored military equipment.

Thunder Over Michigan opens at 9 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 29-30. The battle re-enactment runs 10:30-11 a.m. and the flying performances are 12:15-4:15 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$35 and must be purchased by noon Aug. 30. Tickets are \$40 at the gate. Kids 15 and under enter free.

Willow Run Airport is located west of Beck, east of Wiard, north of I-94.

For more about Thunder Over Michigan, the WACO, B-17 and B-25 flights, visit yankeeamuseum.org. Museum membership is \$60 and includes a ticket to Thunder Over Michigan air show and discounts on flights.

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GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 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
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY

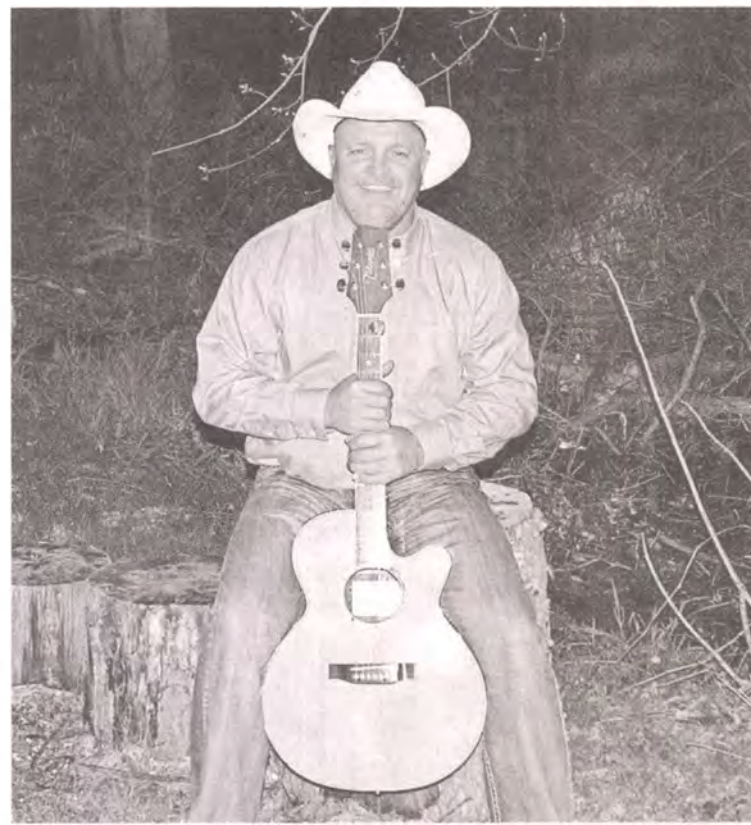
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 2
Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Artist Sue Majewski commemorates her love of food and flowers through intricate bead and tile work in a solo exhibit called "Things I Love"
Contact: 248-473-1859

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through August
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "New Horizons," a solo exhibit by painter Barbara White
Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through September
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road,



T.J. Thomas & Kentucky Strait wrap up the Music from the Heart concert series, Aug. 27, in Livonia.

Canton
Details: "Tell Me, Berenice Abbott," is a fine art digital photography exhibit by Tim Ruane
Contact: 734-394-5300

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Sept. 18
Location: 37653 Five Mile, in the New Five Shopping Center, Livonia
Details: During "Friday Night Paint Party," participants will choose one of two paintings to serve as inspiration for creating their own work. They may

choose the paintings in advance. Janus Benda leads the session, which costs \$35 and will include instruction, canvas, supplies, savory snacks, and beverages including wine
Contact: 734-838-1204; vaalart.org

AUDITIONS

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 12 and 1-6 p.m. Sept. 13

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

Details: Students in grades one-12 and adults, should bring a recent photo to their audition for *Wizard of Oz*. All other materials will be supplied
Contact: fhgov.com/YouthTheatre

FILM EXTRAS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 or 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30
Location: Costick Activity Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: *Looking for Alaska*, a film based on the novel by John Green and directed by Rebecca Thomas will be shooting in the Detroit area this fall and is looking for paid non-speaking roles. Men and women of all ethnicities, ages 18-22 may apply. Men must be clean shaven and if they want to be considered for basketball playing scenes, should be prepared to perform basketball drills. Names of applicants will be entered into the database of Ryan Hill, a casting agency. Photos of each applicant will be taken. All candidates must bring a valid photo ID. Those who can't attend the casting call may email a professional photo, their name and contact information to RyanHillCasting@gmail.com. LFA Extras should be in the subject line

Contact: ryanhillcasting.com

HAUNTED HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 29-30

Location: Erebus Haunted Attraction, 18 S. Perry, Pontiac

Details: Participants may wear their scariest garb for this open casting call, although it is not required. Actors must be at least 18 years old to apply

Contact: hauntedpontiac or call 248-332-7884

HENRY FORD COLLEGE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31

Location: Adray Auditorium in Building F, on the campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn

Details: Auditions consist of cold readings from the script for *A Christmas Story*. Technical and support positions also are available
Contact: Judith Fletcher at jfletcher1@hfcc.edu

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 29-30

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Jurassic World*, \$3
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 11 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 12

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

GET OUT

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Details: *The King and I*, \$5
Contact: 313-898-1481
SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Films screen at dusk, nightly through Sept. 6
Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth
Details: Double features on three screens. Visit summerdrivein.com weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.
Contact: 734-927-3284

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-Nov. 29

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals who helped to build the Kelsey Museum collection
Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day
Exhibit: The Fair That Changed America runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel
Antiques appraisal: Doug Dalton Auctioneer will appraise antique furniture, art, and small objects, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. No jewelry, coins, or stamps will be considered. Appraisals are by appointment only. Oral evaluations will be given for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot. Call the museum for an appointment
Contact: 734-455-8940

MEET AND GREET

DORA THE EXPLORER



This is one of two works that participants will use for inspiration during Friday Night Paint Party, Sept. 18 at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia.



Pianist Angela Cheng performs for the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's opening concert of the new season.

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29
Location: Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Dora, star of an animated show on Nick Jr., will meet with fans in Carson's Court
Contact: 734-462-1100; laurel-parkplace.com

MUSIC

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE VIVACE

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second

Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation
Contact: 734-453-1780
CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19
Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, on the Detroit Country Day School campus, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills
Details: Violinist Pinchas Zukerman and pianist Angela Cheng open the 2015-16 season; tickets from \$32-64 for adults and \$16-32 for students
Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org
JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com
JAZZ IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, through August
Location: Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth
Details: Three different jazz acts perform each week at this free concert
Contact: jazzinthepark.org
MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Aug. 29
Location: Grand Circus Park in

Detroit in August
Details: Motown, Mamma Mia and More! will celebrate the music of the 1960s-'70s by such artists as The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, The Rolling Stones and The Temptations. Local vocalists, Kathryn Calzone, Lauren Norris and Taylor Wallis, will join the Michigan Philharmonic on the "Mamma Mia" finale. Concerts are free.
Contact: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org
MUSIC FROM THE HEART

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27
Location: Livonia Civic Center grounds, Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Aug. 27
Contact: ci.livonia.mi.us
MUSIC IN THE AIR

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sept. 4
Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth
Details: Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Ditties, Sept. 4
Contact: plymouthmich.org
RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28
Location: Downtown Farmington
Details: Third Coast Kings, Aug. 28
Contact: downtownfarmington.org
STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27
Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington



SUBMITTED

L'USA closes the Stars in the Park concert series, Aug. 27 at Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

Hills
Details: L'USA, Aug. 27
Contact: 248-473-1848
TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Open stage, Sept. 1 and 15; Seth Glier, Sept. 11; The Yellow Room Gang, featuring Matt Watroba, David Barrett, Kitty Donohoe and Annie Capps, Sept. 12; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 13. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted
Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER

BETTER THAN EVER PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30
Location: Enter through door #13 at Plymouth Parks and Recreation Complex, 650 Church, Plymouth
Details: The group performs *Palliser Suite*, a comedy by Caroline Russell-King. Tickets are \$15
Contact: betterthaneverprod.wix.com/btep or call Jeanne Pruet at 734-306-7883
INSPIRE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12 and 18-19; 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

Location: 33445 Warren Road, Westland
Details: *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue; tickets \$13
Contact: 734-751-7057; inspiretheatre.com
STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 2-6
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Tickets for the comedy *The Velvet Cake War* are \$16-\$18, available at the box office one hour before show time and in advance online and by phone
Contact: 734-394-5300; spotlightplayersmi.org
TWO MUSES THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 25-26, Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, Sunday, Sept. 27

Location: Inside Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: *Always a Bridesmaid* is a comedy about two friends who have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their senior prom — to be in each other's weddings no matter what. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and seniors, 62 and up
Contact: 248-850-9919; twomusetheatre.org

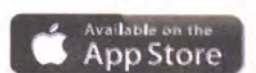


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TOP GRADE MEALS

Stock your pantry for quick, easy schooltime dinners

The start of a new school year means less time to think about dinner. The good news is, with just a little advance planning and these three easy tips, in no time you'll be whipping up wholesome "A+" meals your family will love.

Fill up your pantry

Add canned fruits, vegetables, proteins and soups to your back-to-school shopping list. Like home canning, cans seal in foods' natural goodness and nutrition, making hearty, homemade meals simple and delicious.

Get creative

For a healthy, home-cooked dinner, all you need is a can opener, a strainer and some imagination. Canned crushed tomatoes, sliced carrots and chopped spinach create a savory Vegetable Lasagna worthy of seconds, and canned chicken with white beans, hominy and chicken broth combine for a White Chicken Chili that's ready in just 30 minutes.

Involve kids in meal prep

Moms and dads face a number of challenges when trying to get their kids to eat more fruit and vegetables. Encourage kids to eat healthy meals by including them in meal preparation, which also teaches skills like measuring, counting and following directions.

For more nutritious and flavorful recipes for back-to-school, visit www.CansGetYouCooking.com.

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GETTY IMAGES



VEGETABLE LASAGNA

Prep time: 20 minutes
Total time: 40 minutes
Serves: 12

- 1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1 large garlic clove, crushed
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 15-ounce container ricotta cheese
- 1 large egg
- 12 no-boil lasagna noodles
- 1 14.5-ounce can sliced carrots, well drained
- 1 13.5-ounce can chopped spinach, well drained
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

In 2-quart saucepan over high heat, heat tomatoes, garlic, basil, salt and pepper. Heat to boiling; reduce to low and simmer uncovered 10 minutes to blend flavors.

Heat oven to 375°F. Grease 12-by-8-inch baking dish.

In medium bowl combine ricotta cheese and egg until well mixed.

Spoon tomato sauce on bottom of dish to coat. Place 3 uncooked noodles lengthwise across the pan. Top with ½ of tomato sauce.

With spatula, spread ½ of ricotta mixture. Scatter ½ of carrots and spinach on ricotta and ½ of mozzarella cheese. Repeat with uncooked noodles, tomato sauce, ricotta, vegetables and mozzarella two more times. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Cover dish with foil; bake 30 minutes.

Uncover dish; bake 10 minutes longer. Let cool before cutting.

WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 6

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 10-ounce cans chicken breast, drained and flaked
- 1 15.5-ounce can small white beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15.5-ounce can white hominy, drained and rinsed
- 1 14.5-ounce can chicken broth
- 1 14.5-ounce can chopped green chiles, drained
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley or cilantro
- Sour cream
- Shredded cheddar cheese for garnish

In 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, cook onion, celery and garlic in hot oil about 5 minutes until tender-crisp, stirring occasionally.

Stir in chili powder and cumin; cook 1 minute. Add chicken, white beans, hominy, chicken broth, green chiles, salt and pepper. Over high heat, heat to boiling; reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 minutes to blend flavors, stirring occasionally.

To serve, garnish with chopped parsley. Serve with sour cream and shredded cheese.

CORN AND CRAB FRITTERS WITH LEMON AIOLI

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves: 16-24

Fritters:

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- ½ small white onion, finely chopped
- 1 (11-ounce) can Mexicorn, drained
- 1 (4.5-ounce) can chopped green chiles, drained
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- ½ cup whole milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 6-ounce can crab meat, drained
- Vegetable oil for pan-frying (approximately 1 tablespoon)

Lemon Aioli:

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon lemon zest
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced

In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until onion softens, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Set aside 1 tablespoon Mexicorn for aioli. Combine remaining Mexicorn, and chiles to combine.

In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt, and pepper. In a medium bowl, whisk together milk and eggs. Gradually whisk milk mixture into flour mixture just until smooth. Stir in corn mixture and crabmeat. Cover and refrigerate 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, make aioli by combining the mayonnaise, lemon juice, zest, garlic and reserved Mexicorn in a small mixing bowl. Chill until ready to serve.

Remove the corn crab batter from the refrigerator and add enough oil to a large, heavy skillet so it reaches about ¼ inch deep; heat over medium-high heat. Carefully drop 6 to 8 mounds of batter by tablespoon into hot oil. Cook until golden brown, about 1 minute per side. Transfer fritters to paper towels and repeat with remaining batter. Serve with lemon aioli.

CRUST-LESS QUICHE

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes
Serves: 8

- 4 large eggs
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon dried mustard
- ½ cup chopped scallions
- 1 (4-ounce) can sliced mushrooms, thoroughly drained
- ½ (14.5-ounce can) chopped tomatoes, thoroughly drained
- ½ cup diced honey-baked/deli ham
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 ½ cups plain croutons

Preheat the oven to 375°F.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk eggs together with milk, cornstarch, and mustard.

Stir in scallions, drained mushrooms, tomatoes, and ham. Season liberally with salt and pepper. Transfer mixture to a 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish.

Top with shredded cheese and croutons.

Bake until the center is set 30-35 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.