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Redford man charged in theft of TVs

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

A Redford Township man was arraigned in 18th District Court on Friday afternoon in connection with the theft of multiple televisions on multiple days at three senior citizen housing complexes in Westland.

Rodney Vansean Thomas, 40, was arraigned on three counts of breaking and entering in three incidents in Westland. A preliminary examination on the charges is scheduled for Sept. 17 before Judge Mark McConnell. He also faces a charge of attempted breaking and entering in Canton Township.

The four incidents happened in June, July and August.

On June 24, a suspect broke into the Westgate Tower Senior Complex, 34567 Elmwood, and removed an 80-inch television from the wall in the community room, police said.

On July 20, a suspect broke into Greenwood Villa Senior

Apartments, 7600 Nankin Blvd., and stole a 60-foot flat screen television, police said. A similar incident had happened at the apartment complex on March 11 and as a result the televisions were anchored to the walls by cables, police said.

According to police, the suspect left the building and

returned with bolt cutters that were used to cut the cables securing the televisions to the walls.

On July 30, a suspect, wearing a security jacket, entered Our Savior's Manor, 29495 Annapolis, located two televisions inside the complex —

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Margaret Reyez (left) and Paul Chisholm discuss a design for murals that Chisholm plans to paint on the walls of the library.

SUE MASON

Wayne Historical Museum returns to public hours

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

As executive director of Wayne Main Street, Lindsey Wooten knows a lot about recruiting volunteers. Now she's using that knowledge to organize a cadre of volunteers to help operate the Wayne Historical Museum.

Wayne Main Street moved its headquarters from the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center to the museum in July. In making the move, Wayne Main Street agreed to provide the basic public service formerly provided by former museum manager Richard Story who resigned in June.

The museum had been open by appointment only since his resignation, but as of Wednesday, Sept. 2, the museum, located at 1 Towne Square, will reopen from 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays and 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. In the past, the museum had been open from 1-4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

"One of the things I heard was that it was difficult to go to the museum because of the daytime hours," said Wooten who worked with the Wayne Historical Commission and Wayne Historical Society in developing the plan.

A grand reopening is planned for 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, and includes a historical commission presentation by Darlene Hawley on the history of Wayne.

Recruiting volunteers

Wooten is working to recruit residents to man the museum. She's looking for docents/greeters, archive volunteers and school group tour guides. Docents will welcome visitors, answer questions and do light housekeeping, while archive volunteers will handle research requests.

"The Junior Main Street committee also will be helping out at the museum," she said.

Volunteers can commit to help weekly, biweekly and monthly based on availability and interests. People interested in helping would need to fill out an application available at the museum, the Wayne Public Library and Wayne City Hall. Background checks will be done of people who would be working with children, she said.

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Free library opens Tuesday

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

For months Henry Johnson has been providing a running total of the number of hours volunteers have given to setting up the free library in Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center.

On Tuesday, the fruits of their labor will be on display as the Jefferson Barns Reading Room officially opens its doors to the public.

Located in the media center of the former Jefferson Barns Elementary School in Westland, the shelves have been stocked with thousands of children's and adult books.

"We're trying to cover all the bases, but this is loosely organized," said volunteer Margaret Reyez who works in the instructional media centers at Walker-Winter and P.D. Graham Elementary Schools. "We've gotten big donations and people who have come in with

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Joan Carr helps sort books in the adult section of the library.

SUE MASON

GRAND OPENING

What: Jefferson Barns Reading Room

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1

Location: Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland

Details: There will be free gift bags that will include information about the name the dragon contest, for the children, individually wrapped cookies and punch, and books will be available for check-out.

Contact: For more information, call Henry Johnson at 734-454-0828.

Westland man charged with robbery, carjacking

A 24-year-old Westland man faces a Sept. 8 preliminary hearing on robbery and carjacking charges related to incidents that happened at two Wayne businesses Monday.

Adam Dean Lull was arraigned Tuesday on two counts of armed robbery and one count of carjacking before 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack. He pled not guilty to the charges,

which carry sentences of up to life in prison.

Wayne police were summoned to the Walgreens store at Venoy and Michigan Avenue about 3:30 p.m. Monday after a man, armed with a knife, reportedly approached a woman in the parking lot and attempted to



Lull

take her vehicle and purse. The woman was in the car at the time and began beeping her horn, scaring off the suspect, police said.

Police officers were in route when they received information that the suspect had been seen on Michigan Avenue in front of another business 1/2 blocks east of Walgreens.

Officers located the suspect inside a cellular phone

store, where he was attempting to rob the employee at knife point, they said. Officer Skyler Verhelle was able to enter the store and take the suspect into custody without incident, police said.

No property was taken in either incident, police said.

Lull is being held at the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond.

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smaller donations." Creating the library has been a community effort. The Friends of the Westland Library provided 3,000 adult books. The Red Wagon Literacy Project provide 1,500 children's books. Over the years, Red Wagon volunteers have pulled wagons through the Norwayne neighborhoods during the summer, delivering free books to youngsters. State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, purchased children's furniture for the library, and the Wayne Ford Civic League and its patrons gave a \$230 donation to pay for replacement shelves and pegs. The library also received monetary donations from Westland Rotary, Westland Community Foundation, Wayne Metro Community Services RAC III, Wayne Ford Civic League, Lisa

Nocerini and the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. "The money is for start-up costs," said Henry Johnson, the president of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. "No one is getting paid, it's all volunteers. All the money we get is being put back into the library."

Creating a library

The money has helped check off some items on the library wish list that included everything from a book cart and wooden rocking chair to a laminator and two tape dispensers that handle 3-inch wide tape used to repair books. "One dispenser is for paper tape for the inside and one for heavy tape to do the bindings," Reyez said. "We don't want to invest a fortune in repairing the books, we just want to extend their shelf life."

Reyez worked with Wayne-Westland art teacher Paul Chisholm in creating murals for the



Alice Namovich pauses to look through one of the children's books donated to the free library.

wall. Paper and pencil in hand, Chisholm quickly sketched a tree with branches and a leafy canopy extending over bookshelves on the south and west walls of the library.

Chisholm helped with the murals that were painted last summer on a vacant storefront on Dorsey. He began paint-

ing the library murals in July. Last week he was putting the finishing touches on a dragon that decorates a wall in the adult section. A contest will be held to name the dragon.

Alice Namovich worked on organizing the children's book shelves and admitted it was a tempting job. She knows

Reyez through Ss. Simon Jude Parish and decided to lend a hand.

"I live in Norwayne and I thought this would be a good project to be involved in," Namovich said. "I'm tempted to open and read some of these books."

Book donations

While the shelves are stocked, the need for book donations will be ongoing, according to Johnson, who is reaching out to the faith community to lend a hand. With no requirement for the books to be returned, he sees a need for a constant supply of books, especially children's books.

"When we open, we will have a better understanding of what our book needs are, but I'm looking for 12 faith-based organizations to adopt one month each year to collect children's books for the library," he said.

Organizations interested in adopting a month can contact Johnson at 734-334-0042.

Johnson sees many positives in opening the library. Not only does it bring books and magazines to the community, it also brings people to Norwayne.

"If we get people to come to Jefferson Barns, they have to drive through Norwayne and the community can benefit from that," he said. "We've gotten negative publicity for 30 years. If they come for the support and the recreation, it will build the community. This is the bridge."

Johnson also offered a thank-you for the volunteers - Reyez, Chisholm, Namovich, Merle Kempisty, Wilma Heyden, Joan Carr, Karen Trudell and Joan Hanawalt.

"They are the greatest group of volunteers who transferred an empty room into a full service lending library, from donations and support from the community," he said.

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one in the main entryway and another in the community room. Police

said the suspect ripped these televisions off the wall, tearing drywall out in the process.

On Aug. 8, a suspect tried to break into an assisted living center in the 42000 Block of Cher-

ry Hill in Canton but was unable to get in the building, police said.

Several of the incidents were reportedly captured on video.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy cred-

ited the work of the Westland and Canton Police Departments, assistance from a local news station and tips in leading to the arrest of the defendant.

MUSEUM

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The goal is eventually to have occasional weekend programs for families, Wooten said.

"We're focusing on a volunteer base so the museum can operate efficiently," she said. "The historical commission had expressed concern that this would take me away from my Main Street work."

Class project

Wooten added that she is hoping to get Ted Ligel and Nany Bryk of Eastern Michigan University Historic Preservation graduate program



SUBMITTED

The Wayne Historical Museum will have public hours beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2.

to visit the museum to see if a class could do a project.

Built in 1878, the museum served as the Wayne Village Hall. The

Wayne Historical Society reopened the building as a museum in 1964 and in 1968 turned over its collection to the city on the condition that the site continue as a museum to educate the citizens of Wayne.

"The historical commission is a great group of people," Councilwoman Susan Rowe said. "I was concerned about putting you in a difficult position by putting you in there, but I think it has worked out well."

"I think this exciting, we're getting the museum back open," Mayor James Hawley said.

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About 50 attend special education listening forum

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Moving from China to Canton was a big step for Richard and Kim Choi. Trying to determine the best way to ensure their children who have special needs get the correct attention and educational structure is important to them.

So many things aren't consistent, Richard Choi said, and he and his wife need to spend time learning the proper procedures and issues.

"As parents, we have to become experts," Richard Choi said. "Just navigating the system."

Richard and Kim Choi were just two parents who attended an open forum Wednesday evening at the Redford Township District Library with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. The event, one of several held across the state in recent weeks, was a stop on Calley's Special Education Listening Tour, designed to solicit input

"All of the success she's having, she's having in spite of what's happening in school. I know how hard this is."

KIM CHOI, parent

from parents and educators on their experiences with special education programs.

Parents from several western Wayne County communities, including Redford, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Dearborn stopped in to share stories. Calley said he wanted to go around the state to hear more stories after getting so much feedback across Michigan.

"It came originally out of concern from literally thousands of parents," Calley said. "We have hundreds of thousands of

kids ... who need special help."

The governor's office is still accepting feedback in the form of a survey on the issue on the state's website. Another listening tour event will take place at 6 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Wayne State University Law School auditorium, 471 W. Palmer in Detroit.

Kim Choi said her daughter has wanted to do some other activities, but has been limited because of issues. She said the schools haven't been as helpful as what her daughter needs, something she's frustrated about.

"I have to say, 'No, you can't do what regular kids do,'" she said. "All of the success she's having, she's having in spite of what's happening in school."

"I know how hard this is."

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Lt. Gov. Brian Calley with State Board of Education members Kathleen Straus and Michelle Fecteau on Wednesday night at the Redford Township District Library.

Fifth Third Bank closing Newburgh location this fall

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A Livonia bank will close its doors later this fall, with company leadership citing major changes in the industry as one of the reasons.

The Fifth Third Bank branch at 19025 Newburgh off of Seven Mile is scheduled to close Nov. 10, said Cincinnati-based company spokesman Larry Magnesen.

Customers who use that bank and employees were notified at the beginning of August, he said.

"Typically, we work with a 90-notification period with our customers," Magnesen said.

The facility is one of five Fifth Third Bank branches in Michigan that will close this fall.

Others include one near Flat Rock and three others on the west side of the state.

The next closest branch from the closing one on Newburgh will be the one at 20205 Haggerty in Northville Township, just south of Eight Mile.

The other branch in Livonia, located at 33246 Plymouth, is scheduled to remain open.

There was no word on how many people regularly patronize the bank and how many will be affected by the closure.

Magnesen said while it is still early, the company hopes those who work in the Newburgh branch will be able to transfer to another branch, especially when they expect increased business because of a closed bank.



DAVID VESELENAK | STAFF WRITER

This Fifth Third Bank branch on the southwest corner of Newburgh and Seven Mile will close later this fall.

"It typically has a need for increased staffing, because it will become a busier financial center," he said of nearby branches. "Obviously, our goal is to place everyone somewhere."

Closings nationwide

The five are part of about 100 branches the bank expects to merge or close in the coming years nationwide, an initiative announced earlier this

summer.

The closures come as improved technologies in banking are used more by customers, decreasing the amount of in-person transactions customers are doing at branches, Magnesen said. More are using mobile depositing techniques and other online banking products, decreasing the need for as much face-to-face contract in a bank building.

"Consumer demographics and our customers' preferred channels of banking are undergoing significant changes," said Kevin T. Kabat, vice chairman and chief executive officer of Fifth Third Bancorp, in a news release. "Technology continues to impact our service delivery and revenue generation tac-

tics and strategies. We have been very successful in growing our market share in our footprint as the most recent FDIC data clearly shows, and we will continue to maintain the same focus going forward by optimizing the size and density of our branch network."

Magnesen said it was still important to have some branches near customers for bigger transactions, such as coming in for advice or loan openings.

"There are still transactions going on there," he said. "They'll drive a little farther for that conversation, because they won't have that conversation as often."

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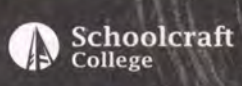
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Wayne High JROTC instructor wins Gold Award

The U.S. Army has honored Wayne Memorial High School JROTC instructor 1st Sgt. Steven LaHaine (ret.) with the Gold Instructor Award and the Senior Army Instructor of the Year Award.

LaHaine's commitment to excellence has motivated his cadets to excel in community service learning projects, competitions and overall program success. He was recognized as a role model for all other JROTC instructors across the nation.

He received the Gold Instructor Award for demonstrating the highest degree of excellence as a JROTC instructor. LaHaine was recognized for his ability to integrate and apply the techniques and standards necessary to develop a successful program.

He was selected as the Brigade Senior Army Instructor of the Year for 2014-15 for his professionalism, technical proficiency, dedication to duty and service to the students at Wayne Memorial High School.

LaHaine also is a leader for all JROTC instructors in the 7TH Brigade. His overall success has established Wayne Memorial High school JROTC as one of the elite programs in the nation. The students and staff in the Zebra Battalion exemplify "Wayne Pride."



LaHaine



Ermal and Albina Sylaj, Hope Stark, and Lauren Waldo weed the garden.

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Redford resident starts school garden club

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Kellie Stark, an art teacher for Livonia Public Schools, enjoys working in her garden in the summer and sharing what she knows about plants with her daughter, Hope, 7.

"I find being outside very relaxing," the Redford resident said.

It occurred to her earlier this year that her students at Coolidge Elementary might also benefit from planting seeds and caring for young plants as they grow and blossom.

"Kids just don't get outside like they should," she said. "They need it (relaxing); they're stressed too."

So she started a garden club, which met eight times this summer at the school at 30500

Curtis in Livonia.

As many as 30 students, with help from parent volunteers, worked every Monday in the school's new schoolyard habitat and garden, planting vegetables in raised beds, watering them, weeding the beds, filling bird feeders, reading about and observing insects and even painting ceramic gnomes to place in the garden.

Principal Larry Grezak said Stark deserves credit for not only starting the garden club, which was free for kids, but also helping to get the schoolyard habitat and garden going last school year.

The approximate 80-foot by 80-foot garden was a former grassy area with dirt patches and a few trees. Salt from the sidewalks in the winter would kill the grass, Grezak said.

Now birds can be seen feed-

ing at the feeders through the classroom windows. "I think it's beautiful," he said. "To go from that to what we have now is wonderful."

Last year, even before the garden was done, science, art and music classes met there for lessons, Grezak said. "We want kids to be engaged and to learn in as many ways as possible," he said. With an authentic outdoor center, "kids can retain that information better."

At the same time Stark and a committee worked on the garden, largely paid for with donations, another committee worked on getting Coolidge certified as a green school through Wayne RESA, which also was accomplished.

Niki Coon of Livonia was one of the parent volunteers who helped Stark with the garden club this summer. "It's

just a great thing to see how nature works," she said.

Coon's daughters, Alexandria, who will be a fifth-grader this fall, and Zoey, who's going into the first grade, loved planting, weeding and watering in the garden.

"It was fun," said Alexandria, who said the cucumbers they grew tasted "good."

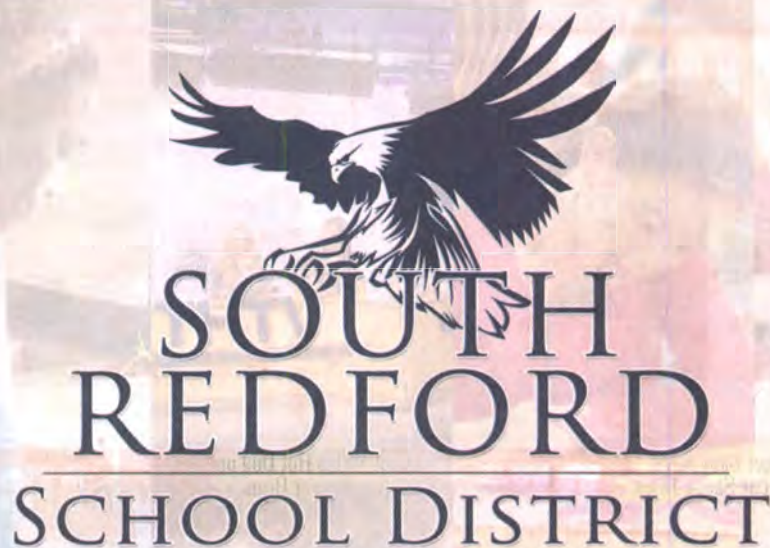
Zoey liked planting the carrots and learning about bugs best.

Stark plans to continue the garden club into the school year, with students growing cool-weather plants and setting up a fall display with scarecrows to be enjoyed by all.

"It's exciting for the kids to come in and see things grow and change," she said.

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Livonia Civic Chorus begins 51st season

The Livonia Civic Chorus will begin its 2015-16 rehearsal and performance season Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Rehearsals will continue weekly from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through the fall (September-December) and winter (January-May) sessions.

The chorus will perform two major concerts this year. The first is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Clarenceville High School. The spring concert is at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15, also at Clarenceville. The Chorus will also be featured guests at the City of Livonia Tree Lighting Ceremony, Greenfield Village, Greenmead Historical Village, Knights of Columbus, and assorted other community venues. The Chorus will continue its "Musical Interlude for Seniors" program at area senior care facilities.



After a memory-filled 50th anniversary year, the Chorus is celebrating its 51st season of providing musical entertainment to Livonia and its surrounding communities.

In 1965, the Livonia Civic Chorus was founded by a group of adults who loved to sing. After a memory-filled 50th anniversary year, the Chorus

is celebrating its 51st season of providing musical entertainment to Livonia and its surrounding communities. Chorus members represent a

wide range of ages, occupations and musical training. The only requirements are the ability to carry a tune, a love of singing and the willingness to have fun. New members are welcome. Membership is not limited to Livonia residents.

Those interested in joining the Chorus can visit www.livoniacivicchorus.org, call 734-542-9071, or email info@livonia-civicchorus.org.

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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

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REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for September 16, 2015 has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items

The next regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on October 21, 2015 in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI at 5:30 p.m.

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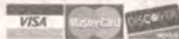
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Evans implores state to fix road funding issue

Eric D. Lawrence
Michigan.com

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans is imploring the Michigan Legislature to fix the state's road funding mess.

A day after his counterpart in Macomb County, Mark Hackel, said the state's inaction could jeopardize future transportation projects there, Evans spoke in Hamtramck as a nearby work crew patched a stretch of Conant Street that officials estimated has not been completely repaired in 39 years.

Evans expressed the kind of frustration that now regularly bubbles up among residents and local officials about Lansing's apparent inability to craft a solution to the state's inadequate road funding. He said the debate is too polarized in

the Legislature.

"I'm almost to the point where (they should just) make a decision, fix it, and we can always talk later while we're driving on better roads about how we did it," Evans said.

He said his preference is for a change in the gas tax.

Rather than wait on the state to get its act together, Wayne County is trying to address some of the most pressing problem areas through partnerships with local cities, Evans said.

Evans said the county would work with cities to "swap" roads when feasible to improve efficiency. He also said he has been talking with other county executives about developing some regional cooperation to address road repairs.

In the meantime, the county must use the



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Martha Scott, County Commissioner, left, stands next to Wayne County Executive Warren Evans as roadwork is being done Wednesday at the intersection of Conant and Norwalk streets in Hamtramck.

in September and two other projects — Goddard/I-75 and Sibley/Toledo — will not start until the spring.

Those projects are being paid for using \$23.6 million in state and federal funds allocated for capital projects, according to Ryan Bridges, a spokesman for Evans. The work in Hamtramck is covered by the county's approximately \$32 million road maintenance budget.

Hamtramck City Manager Katrina Powell said the work on Conant is a blessing, and the assistance of the county is encouraging.

"This road has been a nightmare for a long time," she said, as workers filled in sections of the potholed road.

Eric D. Lawrence writes for the Detroit Free Press.

funding it has in the most effective manner. He said the county is responsible for 720 miles of roadway and about half are in need of repairs.

The county has 14 road projects listed for

2015, including Beck from Warren Road to Ann Arbor Trail in Canton and Plymouth townships, Cherry Hill from Beck to Canton Center and Lilley from Warren Road to Joy, both in Can-

ton Township.

Work on Geddes from the County Line to Denton in Canton Township and Inkster Road from Plymouth Road to Schoolcraft in Livonia and Redford Township will start

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Dr. Saeed Khan is a lecturer of Islamic and Middle East history, politics and culture at Wayne State University, a contributor to NPR and WDET's "Detroit Today," and a panelist on CBC's "The Turning Point."

St. Mary Mercy hosts free program on substance abuse

A Community Forum program, "Substance Abuse: What you need to know and what you can do," will begin Tuesday, Sept. 1 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. This program is free, open to the public and designed to provide information about substance abuse, including prevention, treatment, recovery and related issues.

The Community Forum is a result of the combined efforts of Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition (LSOY), Detroit Wayne Metro Health Authority (DWMHA),

Growth Works Inc. and St. Mary Mercy. All members of the community are welcome to attend the Community Forum, from students to seniors.

"Many challenges arise for individuals involved with substance abuse and their families," said Karen Bonanno, executive director, Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition. "We are excited to bring important information about substance abuse and offer resources to our community through this free program designed for indi-

viduals of all ages and experiences."

The program will be held the first three Tuesdays of each month, September through May, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the North Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

"The shared goal of the organizations developing this community forum is to provide meaningful education and resources to anyone affected by substance abuse," Bonanno said. "Together we have a goal of making a difference in

the health of our community."

"Substance Abuse: What you need to know and what you can do" will include information about substance abuse trends in the community, including underage drinking and drug use, understanding addiction, mental health disorders, what prevents people from seeking help and the impact on families.

For more information on this Community Forum, contact Bonanno at 734-338-9580 or kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org.

Citizens for Peace group presents program on ISIS

Dr. Saeed Khan will present "ISIS in the Middle East: A Hundred Years in the Making" at the Citizens for Peace meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Unity of Livonia, located at 28660 Five Mile Road.

A year after ISIS appeared in Iraq and Syria, the movement has evolved into a transnational presence with religious, political, military and cultural dimensions.

Khan's discussion will answer the question: "What is ISIS and what are its origins, ideologies and objectives?"

He will explore and separate the reality from the fiction about

this complex component in the already complicated landscape of the Middle East.

An acknowledged expert in his field, Khan is a lecturer of Islamic and Middle East history, politics and culture at Wayne State University, a contributor to NPR and WDET's *Detroit Today*, and a panelist on CBC's *The Turning Point*.

Following his presentation, Kahn will field questions from the audience.

All are welcome to this free presentation.

For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com

Networking, cable trends focus of Western Wayne Banquet

An evening of influential networking and collaborating with political and business leaders from communities along the I-275 corridor returns Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The third annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, presented by Bank of America and Comcast Cable, returns to Ford Motor Company Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. Corporate table sponsorships and individual seats remain available.

"This event not only provides valuable information, it is also serves as a catalyst for relationship building between business and political leaders," said Tracey Schultz-Kobylarz, Redford Township's supervisor and chair for the Conference of Western Wayne Board. "As a result of events like this, we are able to work to-



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our region," said Dan West, a lead event planner and president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "Like Oakland County and downtown Detroit, we also have a great economic development region here in Western Wayne. This event aims to bring attention to that."

The program is scheduled to feature the appearance of the city mayors from Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland; and the township supervisors from Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter, and Van Buren.

For more information on the banquet, contact the Conference of Western Wayne at 734-953-8834 or the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at 734-427-2122.

gether, blend geographical lines and put our best collective proposals forward for the betterment of the region."

The Conference of Western Wayne, a municipal advocacy organization serving the region's 18 cities and townships, teams with local chambers of commerce to coordinate this program, which is designed to build stronger municipal-business relationships in a region that represents 700,000 residents and

more than 54 percent of Wayne County's tax base.

The Banquet emcee will be Mary Kramer, publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business*, and the keynote speaker will be Tim Collins, Comcast Cable's regional senior vice president, who will discuss how new market forces and technology are impacting cable television and Internet service.

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Friends reach out, brave evening's chill for ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Westland native Terri Pickering Saenz has some great friends who didn't mind dumping cold water on themselves on a cool August evening.

Saenz, 47, of Canton was diagnosed in January with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease. The evening of Aug. 25, about 30 supporters gathered following a Zumba class at Skateland West in Westland for the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

"It's amazing," said Saenz, accompanied by husband Jeff Saenz and her father, Chuck Pickering, a Westland resident and former Westland mayor. "To be facing something so daunting ... the support has been amazing. Oh my gosh, it's huge. I couldn't get through it without them."

After the Zumba beat calmed down inside Skateland West on Cherry Hill Road, many class participants took to the lawn in front of the business. Buckets full of cold water came from the ALS Association Michigan Chapter.

"I have good and bad days," said Terri Saenz, whose hands and speech are most affected now. She's among 48 in the U.S. in a study at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., according to her husband.

"There's been lots of support from our Zumba family," Terri said after the dousing. The fund-raising helps with family travel costs for medical treatment, she said.

"I'm very touched to see such support," said Saenz, who continues to work part time in real estate with her dad. She didn't get doused Tuesday.

Close friends

Skateland West instructor Derica Wade suggested the Ice Bucket Challenge for the ALS Association Michigan Chapter, said Peggy Fenwick, who runs her own PR and marketing firm, is a longtime friend of Saenz and a Westland native.

"Our parents were very active in the Westland Jaycees," Fenwick said, adding the families lived close together in Westland.

"She's been in a clinical trial for four months," Fenwick said. Saenz had her bone marrow replanted into her body.



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK
Zumba instructor Derica Wade challenges others to take the Ice Bucket Challenge.

"What we're seeing is a plateau of her system. Right now, she feels good. She's been traveling a lot," said Fenwick, who vacationed with Saenz in Naples, Fla.

A July 12 Zumba benefit for Saenz was held at Skateland West, while fundraising is also taking place at www.myfriend-terri.com.

An Aug. 7 bowling benefit for Saenz was held at Westland Bowl, with more than 55 prizes donated and more than 200 people attending.

"Oh, yeah. I'll do it, absolutely," Fenwick said of her own Ice Bucket Challenge and was true to her word. "They're going to repeat it every August until a cure is found."

Worldwide attention

The Ice Bucket Challenge drew worldwide attention, including many YouTube views, last year.

"A lot of remarkable things are happening with stem cells," Fenwick said, noting Ice Bucket Challenge proceeds fund such research. "I'm hoping. She's trying to spread awareness. It's an underfunded disease."

Baseball great Lou Gehrig died 75 years ago, she added, and yet there's no cure.

"There's no doubt it's changed her life," Fenwick said of her friend, mom to two grown sons. Saenz has slower progression than the average patient, she said.

Paula Morning, CEO of the ALS Association Michigan Chapter, attended the Aug. 25 Ice Bucket Challenge in Westland.

"We try to support all events that help us work for patient care and support," Morning said. "Her friends and supporters have rallied to assist her."

The Ice Bucket Chal-



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK
Becky Bowles (from left), Christina Tacoma and Kelly Malloy let the water fly for the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge at Skateland West in Westland.



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK
Terri Pickering Saenz (center) gets a wet hug from Peggy Fenwick (left) and Derica Wade after the challenge.

lenge even caught advocates by surprise, Morning said.

"There was so much awareness and it happened so quickly. The new challenge is every August until a cure. A lot of people have done community events to raise awareness," Morning said.

The Michigan chapter plans a Sept. 26 walk in downtown Detroit's Campus Martius and Cadillac Square. Information is at the ALS Troy office, 248-680-6540, or www.walktodefeat-als.org.

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Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015 at which time the RFP's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the first floor Conference Rooms B & C at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2491 at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 10th. Request for Proposals will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

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

All proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY RE-ROOF PROJECT, name of bidder and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

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

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Michigan State Fair expands in Novi

The Showplace hosting event from Sept. 4-7

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

"Growing" is probably the best word to describe the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, now in its third year at The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"We have acquired about 43 additional acres since the inaugural fair in 2013 to keep pace with the rapid growth of the fair and to ensure that we have ample room for additional features and parking," said Blair Bowman, Showplace owner.

Bowman started the privately-funded state fair — the first of its kind in North America — in 2012 as the Great Lakes State Fair. The name was changed the following year with Fifth Third Bank coming on board as the major sponsor.

The facility and fairgrounds property have grown by nearly 80 percent, adding enough land to construct the new Equestrian Show Rings, which debut next week.

Arnold Amusements has purchased more midway rides just for this four-day event, plus Detroit Shrine Circus performances have expanded outside.

"All of this in turn allows more interior space inside the Suburban Collection Showplace to showcase additional livestock breeds, youth shows and home arts exhibits and cooking competitions, which are all so pivotal to the booming agricultural industry in Michigan," Bowman said.

Shrine Circus, parade

Craig A. Stigleman, Shrine Circus chairman, said a full lineup of performances includes the famous tiger act, the world famous Flying Wallendas, the renowned Liberty Horses and

FIFTH THIRD BANK MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

Where: The Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi)
When: Friday, Sept. 4, through Monday, Sept. 7
Web: www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com; www.SuburbanShowplace.com
App: Download the free Carrot Pass mobile app for iPhone and Android

clowns and elephants. "Our guests will be amazed at all the changes and expansion," Stigleman said, adding his organization is proud to be a founding member of the Michigan State Fair LLC.

Stigleman said Shriners will have more than 20 marching units, with more than 200 participants, in the state fair parade, which is new this year. It begins at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 7, on Grand River Avenue, just west of Novi Road, and ends at the fairgrounds.

Area residents, businesses, street performers and community groups are invited to join the fun and celebrate Michigan's agriculture, communities and businesses, as well as the final holiday weekend of summer.

"There is no better place in our state to hold the Michigan State Fair than at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi," Mayor Bob Gatt said. "We welcome all of our friends and families, Novi residents and visitors, to come early, set up chairs and enjoy themselves on Labor Day morning."

Half-off admission coupons for Monday will be available for all parade spectators. The parade lineup will occur on Flint Street. Contact McKenzie Bowman for more information at mckenzie@MichiganStateFairLLC.com or 248-358-5600.



Christine and Willis Plant trim their Romney sheep at a previous Michigan State Fair.

FILE PHOTO

Livestock, showmanship, Michigan-made

The competitions for livestock breeding and youth showmanship continue to expand at the fair. Approximately 20 percent more farmers and breeders are coming to Novi than in 2014.

"We're very pleased to welcome the first ever Scottish Highland Cattle to the state fair this year," said Jackie Scramlin, livestock co-superintendent. "And we are also thrilled that the finals for the Michigan Make it with Wool fiber design competition will also be during the fair."

The Kroger Michigan-Made Product Pavilion returns this year, with a Michigan Kitchen Demo Stage presented by *Hour Detroit* magazine. It will feature popular Detroit-area restaurant chefs preparing favorite recipes, as well as fair exhibitors and competitors sharing delicious dishes, tips and kitchen tricks. The State Fair Farmers Market has local producers offering fresh and prepared food products straight from Michigan farms.

Honored Citizens Day

Friday, Sept. 4, will be the debut of a new cele-

bration — Honored Citizens Day — offering free fair-only admission (does not include carnival rides or circus performances) to anyone over 62.

Organized by state Rep. Kathy Crawford, R- Novi, and sponsored by Oakland County Department of Parks and Recreation and St. John Providence Health Systems, this special day will include an awards program recognizing the contributions of senior citizens, entertainment, a continental breakfast for the first 500 guests and seating in a dedicated air-conditioned area for those attending the fair that day.

Live music

Debuting at this year's fair is the Monday Michigan Mega Jam with a multi-genre All-Star Revue featuring Thornetta Davis, Jill Jack, Sean Blackman, Brandon Calhoun and others backed by Saint Cecilia, with guest keyboardist Chris Codish.

"The mission of this All-Star Michigan Jam Band Dream Team performance is to showcase the amazing depth and wide spectrum of Michigan musical talent for the world at large," producer and host Nadir Omowale said.

Blue Care Network of Michigan also joins the fair this year as presenting sponsor of the Community and Cultural stage, featuring song, dance and storytelling from a wide spectrum of ethnic and cultural community groups.

The second annual State Fair Superstar Contest welcomes new sponsor Pepsi-Cola. This fair feature debuted in 2014 with more than 70 entrants, with the grand prize awarded to Alison Albrecht, 14, of Novi.

The contest offers a purely Michigan mentoring twist on the standard pop music talent contest formula, with songwriting advice plus artist and repertoire coaching from Omowale; live performance booking consultation from 2 Stones Events; production of a three-song EP at world famous Pearl Sound Studios; a cash prize; and indie music business coaching from Jill Jack.

Sixteen finalists will perform Friday and Saturday evenings on the Main Stage, with the grand prize winner and runner-up headlining the evening of Sept. 6.

"The development of the new, private entity Michigan State Fair, LLC continues to be an amazing and surprising journey for us all, made possible through the tremendous support and enthusiasm of our foundation sponsors and the ever growing list of dedicated volunteers that sit on the Executive Board and State Fair Steering Committee," said Steve Masters, fair executive director.

"This is a true labor of joy and love for all involved, who wish to be part of ensuring continuity of the traditions and legacy of the original Michigan State Fair and also help to determine how the future state fair will evolve."

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Notice of Public Auction Thursday, September 10, 2015 At or After 10:00 am 1-800-Mini Storage of Redford 15440 Telegraph, Redford MI 48239

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Goods are to be sold to satisfy landlord lien. All goods will be sold to highest bidder for cash. 1-800-Mini Storage reserves the right to reject any bids and reserves the right to bid on unsold units. Contents include but are not limited to furniture, appliances, household goods, clothing, boxes & more.

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals September 15, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor) 33000 Civic Center Drive Livonia, MI (734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE 2015-06-26: Target Corporation, PO Box 9456, Minneapolis, MN 55440, seeking to add one (1) new wall sign, while removing and relocating an existing sign, upon property located on the east side of Haggerty (20100), between Eight mile and Phillips, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

APPEAL CASE 2015-09-45: Michael Cutler, south side of Ann Arbor Trail, (36715) between Newburgh and Angeline, seeking to construct an addition to a nonconforming detached garage, resulting in excess garage area. Nonconformity is based on the existing detached garage being located in the side yard; detached accessory buildings are required to be in the rear yard. The existing accessory building in the rear yard is to be removed.

APPEAL CASE 2015-09-47: Philip Kraemer, east side of Doris, (18460) between Seven Mile and Curtis, seeking to construct an accessory building addition (shed), resulting in excess building area.

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

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Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, September 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 07-15. A request to rezone the southernmost 33' of lot 410 of parcel that includes Lots 410, 411 & 412 including E 1/2 of ADJ VAC ALLEY B. E. TAYLORS GOLF AND BRIDLE CLUB SUB T1S R10E L58 P80 WCR from Residential (R-1) to Vehicular Parking (P-1).

Property more commonly known as 13941 Royal Grand Street (parcel #79 0270 104 1 0000)

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

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

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business September 2, 2015 to be considered.

David Allen, Chairman
Planning Commission
Charter Township of Redford

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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Learn Norwegian language this fall at Swedish Club

The Sons of Norway's Nordkap Lodge will offer a fifth term of basic Norwegian language instruction this fall at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth St. in Farmington Hills.

Weekly classes will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for eight weeks. The dates are Sept. 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; and Nov. 4, 11, 18.

The class will serve both as a useful refresher course for those who have attended earlier

sessions (reviewing grammar and pronunciation) and a good introduction to the language for beginner students.

The teacher for this term is, again, Adrienne Shepard who majored in Norwegian (and music) at St. Olaf College in Minnesota and studied abroad in Oslo.

Shepard taught Norwegian to kids ages 8-17 at the Concordia Language Villages summer camp in Minnesota and lived and studied for a

year at Nansenskolen folkhøyskole in Lillehammer, Norway.

The cost of the Norwegian language course is \$80 for the term. For more information or to enroll, email nordkap@DetroitNorwegians.com or call 206-607-7159.

Membership in the Sons of Norway is open to all who are interested in the preservation of Norwegian culture and heritage.



Teacher Adrienne Shepard, right, leads her Norwegian language class at the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills.

72-year-old cycling from Minnesota to Georgia has several missions

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Anyone considering bicycling from Minnesota to Georgia would have to think long and hard about such a journey, but 72-year-old Hanna Elshoff is on a mission.

Let's first backpedal to 1943, when she moved to the U.S. from Germany at age 18, by herself and speaking no English. She fell in love with bicycling and contemplated a trip from Iowa to Texas, which she now regrets not taking.

But she's on the road now, in a solar-powered ELF tricycle that can hit 25 mph with the sun and driver both cooperating.

She left her home in Chatfield on May 1 and is winding her way across the Midwest and then south on a 1,200-mile, two-year trip using Lions Clubs as pit stops along the way. She was in Novi on Aug. 17 visiting with Novi Lions Club members.

Her mission is three-fold. One part is to promote the Lions and their



Shown (from left) are Novi Lions Club president Mary Barbosa, club member Patti Barr, Hanna Elshoff and club member Doc Barr.

Leader Dog campaign. Another is to get former President Jimmy Carter's signature.

"He was the one who inspired me to become a U.S. citizen," Elshoff said. "In my packet was a welcome letter from the president - Gerald Ford, the previous president. I was disappointed because I wanted Carter's signature."

She's hoping to get

that when her travels take her to Plains, Ga., in November. Once there, she'll take a break and fly home to avoid cycling in the winter. She'll return and pedal around the east coast. Eventually, she plans on arriving back in Minnesota on May 1, 2017.

But all along the way, she'll take care of the third part of her mission. "I was born in Germa-

ny," she said. "There was a man who lived down from our house who was an SS Nazi. On his deathbed, he told my father, 'You're lucky the Americans came, because I had orders to send you away.'"

"So, my main mission is to thank the American people," she added, "because I wouldn't be here if they didn't come."

Although she doesn't enjoy cycling in heavy traffic, she said there really hasn't been a part of this journey she'd consider the toughest.

"It's been all wonderful," she said. "There are challenges, don't get me wrong. I don't find them tough, though. I laugh about them at the end of the day. Everything always works out. It's totally crazy - I'm having the time of my life!"

Follow her journey on the Facebook page Hannas Dream Ride.

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AARP TaxAide preparers needed for 2016 season

The AARP free tax preparation program known as TaxAide is enrolling new volunteers for the 2016 tax season, which will begin Feb. 1 and run through April 15.

The Westland site at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, is open from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the tax season and welcomes walk-ins each day.

TaxAide is a free service staffed by AARP volunteers from the Westland, Plymouth and Canton communities and is available to all age groups. There is no income limit nor does the taxpayer need to be a member of AARP or the Friendship Center.

Ken Cauvet, the district training coordinator, said the number of tax returns the program can handle is limited by the number of volunteers available on any given day. Several thousand taxpayers are

helped throughout the district at sites in Westland, Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Canton, Belleville, Redford and Romulus.

The program is actively seeking new volunteers to help AARP support each community.

Training for new tax preparation volunteers will begin in December for three days and continue in January 2016 for an additional five days, joined by returning preparers for the last three days. All volunteers then complete an IRS open book test before being certified as tax preparers.

Volunteers called "facilitators" are also needed to welcome taxpayers to the site, make sure they have the correct forms and assign them to preparers. Facilitators don't need a computer or tax background.

A registration form can be found at AARP.org/taxvolunteer. Click on the yellow "Become a Volunteer" box.

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Garden City artist speaks at fine arts meeting

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will have local artist Lynn Baum as its guest speaker when it meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Michigan Art Center, 3219 Block, Garden City.



Lynn Baum

Baum will share her process for rendering portrait likeness by reminding artists that they already know how to do that when they train their eye and trust their eye.

Baum earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Michigan and a master of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is an adjunct professor at Wayne County Community College District, a painting and portrait instructor at Schoolcraft College, a guest speaker, and conducts workshops.

She also is a former appointee to the Wayne County Council for the Arts, History and Humanities.

The Garden City resident has exhibited her working solo shows as *Men ... From a Woman's Point of View, They Turn Heads*, an ongoing series, the *Children of Warrior Portrait Series* where she traveled to five world conflict areas to paint and draw affected children on site, and the *Youth of Detroit* series.

Baum is a figure artist who works from direct observation of the model. Her alla prima oil paintings are characterized by a rapidity of execution, a striving for authenticity and a personal commitment to represent the human experience.

The meeting is open to the public.



Lynn Baum demonstrates her process for rendering portrait likeness.

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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/svp or call 248-348-0115. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Contact: www.newhopecenter.net.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 (first three Tuesdays September through May, starting Sept. 3).

Location: St. Mary Mercy, North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: "Substance abuse - what you need to know and what you can do" is the topic of a free educational series for teens, parents, grandparents, teachers and health care professionals.

Contact: 734-338-9580; kbo-

nanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org.

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://livonianighborsandfriends.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; 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.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Time/date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

Location: St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, 26431 W. Chicago, Redford.

Details: Benefits Redford Trees, a nonprofit associated with the Greater Redford Community Foundation, which sponsors activities beneficial to the Redford community.

Contact: 313-407-2616.

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 de-fund 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.

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA 2015

Time/date: 2-5 p.m. Sunday,

Sept. 20.

Location: Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerly Road, Livonia.

Details: The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents Culinary Extravaganza 2015 — a celebration of food and wine that benefits students by providing scholarship support. Tickets are \$60 per person, and features some of Metro Detroit's best restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors. A silent auction with sports tickets, sport memorabilia, travel and theater and food packages is also planned. Raffle tickets featuring cash prizes and dinners at the American Harvest Restaurant are available for \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing is held between 4-5 p.m. the day of event. The raffle grand prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$750 and third prize is \$500. Three prizes of dinner for two at American Harvest are also available. For ticket information, contact Mary Holaly at 734-462-4518.

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.

CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

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

Details: Tables available for \$25 each. Sponsored by St. Theodore Fraternity of Christian Women.

Contact: Mary Allstead at 425-4421 (vm#10).

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 10.

Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Details: Locally grown produce, honey, home-baked items and American-made crafts. Free activities this year include a Kids' Corner with special craft projects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 29. The market will be closed for the holiday Sept. 5.

Contact: www.wilsonbarn.com.

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday, through Oct. 8.

Location: 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford in Central City Park, Westland.

Details: A variety of food, craft vendors, special events and music is featured at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market. EBT accepted.

Contact: 734-326-7222; westlandchamber@gmail.com.

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PREP FOOTBALL OPENER

New-look Skyline throttles Rockets

Transfers power Eagles to 38-14 victory

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Over the course of one prosperous offseason, Ann Arbor Skyline's football program went from oh-and-nine bad to oh-my-gosh! good — a revitalization Westland John Glenn has witnessed first-hand.

On Thursday night — approximately one year after thrashing the Eagles 35-10 — John Glenn suffered a 38-14 setback to Skyline, which has rebuilt its program with the

addition of a gold-star list of high-profile transfers — most notably University of Southern California-bound linebacker Daelin Hayes, wide receiver/cornerback Hunter Rison and 6-foot-6 senior quarterback Joe Bob Walker, who has received looks from the University of Arkansas, Southern Illinois and Northern Illinois, to name a few next-level programs.

Initially, it appeared as if the Eagles' new all-star cast of future Division 1 college studs wasn't going to make as big of an impact as expected as the Rockets motored 80 yards in seven plays — all runs by senior Jaylen Smith — on their first possession to seize a 7-0 lead (following Stephen Hege-nauer's extra point).

Smith capped the statement-making drive with a 9-yard, up-the-middle scamper after taking the shotgun snap out of the wildcat formation.

However, Skyline countered by scoring touchdowns on its next four possessions to carry a 28-7 advantage into the half.

"This ain't 2014 anymore," one Eagle shouted as the Skyline players marched toward the locker-room at halftime.

Prior to Thursday's game, the last time Walker had stepped on the field was Oct. 10, 2014, when he quarterbacked Wayne Memorial during a 52-12 loss to the Rockets.

What a difference a year has made for Walker, who trans-



John Glenn junior running back Jaylen Smith looks for the edge during the first quarter of Thursday night's loss to Skyline.

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PREP FOOTBALL OPENER



Livonia Stevenson's Frank Carlin leaps over Livonia Franklin defensive back Jared Bowers to score the first touchdown Friday.

ED WRIGHT

PREP FOOTBALL

Churchill seizes upon Milford's miscues, 39-14

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The final statistics made absolutely no sense when it came to Thursday's season football opener between host Livonia Churchill and Milford.

Churchill was outgained in total offense, 353-285, while Milford ran 86 plays to the Chargers' 58. The Mavericks also won battle for first downs, 18-12.

But ironically, the final scoreboard said something completely different: Churchill 39, Milford 14.

The Mavericks even jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter thanks to a 10-play, 62-yard drive resulting in a 1-yard TD run by Joe Bravo followed by brother Joshua Bravo's 27-yard interception return for a score.

But Churchill went on to score 39 unanswered points, thanks to seven Milford turnovers, including five interceptions, a costly bad snap on a punt near the end of the first half, along with a lost fumble.

"When you get turnovers you have to capitalize on it," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said. "It's probably the most tell-tale stat in football. You win the turnover battle and you've got to convert those into points. We did a really good job tonight when we made a big play on defense of turning it into touchdowns, and turn the momentum a little bit."

Churchill got on the board with 1:20 left in the first quarter on a 13-

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Churchill's Sean Stenzel (middle) tries to bust through a pair of Milford tacklers.

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NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Stevenson repels valiant Franklin comeback to win 49-39

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

During the second half of Friday night's Livonia rivalry season opener against Stevenson, Franklin's football team was like that guy in every classic horror movie who just keeps coming back to life, even when you think he's breathed his last breath.

Trailing 35-10 midway through the third quarter, the Patriots pulled to within 42-39 with 3:54 to play before a gutsy 42-yard touchdown pass/dagger

from Spartans quarterback Chris Tanderys to emerging star Gino D'Agostino with 1:31 left gave Stevenson a 49-39 lead that even Michael Myers or Freddy Krueger wouldn't have been able to claw back from.

Facing a second-and-seven from the Franklin 42, Stevenson appeared poised to run the ball up the gut a few times to kill the clock and extinguish the Patriots' faint hopes of regaining possession.


But then Tanderys dropped back and delivered a Tom Brady-esque spi-

ral into the waiting arms of D'Agostino, who was sprinting down the visitors' sideline.

"We talked about running that play a little earlier," D'Agostino said, referring to the sideline bomb. "Coach came up to me and said if I thought I could beat him, we run it. I said I could beat him, so we ran it."

"That was a great ball by Chris. He can throw it in there soft if he needs to, but he can also put some heat on it."

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Cougars carry good vibes into season

GC looks to turn around last year's 3-6 record

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's football team has received an A-plus in chemistry from head coach Scott Murray during the weeks leading up to the 2015 season.

"I like our mix of kids, they get along well and work hard so I'm expecting a fun year," said Murray, a few days before Friday's season-opening game against Ferndale. "I thought we looked solid at our four-way scrimmage. We made our share of mistakes, but they're all fixable."

The Cougars' offense will be commanded by junior Kyle Becker, who takes the reins from three-year starter Kyler Hubbs, who is now playing for Siena Heights.

"Kyle has good command of our offense," said Murray. "He knows what plays to audible into and is a great decision-maker."

Speedy senior Denzel Tinsley will back up Becker at QB, but his primary impact will be made as the Cougars' No. 1 slot receiver.

"Denzel is sure-handed, has good concentration and focus, and he is fast," Murray assessed.

Other dangerous targets for Becker will be senior Brendan Mellas, a second-year varsity performer, and junior Dylan Rayburn.

Devin Dodd, who emerged as a play-maker at last week's scrimmage, will join Tinsley as a slot receiver along with Matt Spisak.

The Cougars' running game is in good hands with junior



Denzel Tinsley will be a multi-faceted threat for Garden City's offense this season.

Jon Giangrande, a 5-foot-9, 215 bulldozer who can demoralize defenders with his power and speed, Murray noted.

Garden City's offensive line will be anchored by three-year letter-winner Nick Edney, a 6-2, 265-pound road-paver who will start at center.

"Nick is athletic and explosive," said Murray. "It's amazing how quick he is for a kid his size."

Edney will be flanked by guards Evan Breen (5-11, 260) and Chase Patterson (5-11, 260). Jake Briscoe will start at one tackle and Joshon Sharp at the other.

The tight-end roles will be filled ably by Micahl Trimble.

Cameron Walter has also earned reps at the receiver



Starting quarterback Kyle Becker hands off to a running back during a pre-season practice earlier this month.

position.

Garden City has one of the most dangerous kickers around in sophomore Alex Sherlock, who also stars for the Cougars' girls soccer team. Sherlock, who has been working diligently with current Detroit Lion kicker Kyle Brindza, has 40-yard range on her field goals, Murray revealed.

Defensively, Trimble, Mason Jennings and Jacob Gass will clock up opponents' running lanes from their interior line positions.

The team's linebacking corps is solid with Edney, Giangrande and Branden Grace stationed inside with twins Maxwell and Vince Murray - both approximately 5-11 and 180 - patrolling the out-

side flanks.

Secondary-wise, Brandon Mitcham and Eian Castonguay will start at the corners while Logan McGraw and Hunter Daymon will protect the deep zones from the safety positions.

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PREP SOCCER

Rockets get off launching pad with 5-4 win

Vivar nets game-winner against Railsplitters

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A quick start led to a sweet final result for Westland John Glenn's boys soccer team, which held off Ypsilanti Lincoln, 5-4, Tuesday afternoon.

The Rockets jumped out to 3-0 lead 20 minutes into the contest, thanks to two goals by sophomore Alfredo Vivar and one goal from senior Kyle McCarthy, who scored on a slick volley.

After John Glenn carried a 4-3 advantage into the half, the Railsplitters scored the equalizer just one minute into the second half.

Five minutes later, however, Vivar slotted a pinpoint pass to junior Race Loving, who tapped in the game-winner.

The Rockets finished the contest with just one substitute after two key players were sidelined by injuries.

Senior goal-keeper Andrew Frendo made six saves for the Rockets to earn the win.



Thomas Hamilton played well during Franklin's 4-1 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Patriots swarm Crestwood

Livonia Franklin evened its record at 1-1 Thursday night with a 4-1 victory over visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

"We played pretty well," Patriots head coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We were a little off in the first half, but we fought through it. I was happy with how well we played defensively."

The Patriots led 2-0 at the half, thanks to goals from Matt Conley and Ryan Bieth.

Senior forward Jordan Whitt accounted for the winners' two second-half net-finders.

Ryan Prohaska blanked the Chargers during the first half. Josh Iacoban played well between the pipes throughout the second stanza.

Trojans tie Zebras

In a Thursday night nail-biter, Clarenceville and

Wayne Memorial played to a 1-1 draw.

After being scoreless for the first 63 minutes, Clarenceville struck first with Gerardo Arzate putting the ball in the back of the net, assisted by Jesus Gonzalez.

Unfortunately for the Trojans (2-0-1), they were unable to hold off the Zebras, who got the tying goal from Karim Gharib with five minutes left.

Clarenceville freshman Nick Snage had a nice shot for the game-winner, but the Wayne goalie made a game-saving stop.

Trojans keeper Jon Murphy was outstanding, according to coach Trevor Johnson. Murphy made 13 saves, including a penalty kick.

Saline edges Spartans

Saline's John Miller volleyed in a corner kick in the 43rd minute to lead the Hornets to a 1-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

The loss dropped the Spartans to 2-1 while the Hornets improved to 2-0.

Senior Austin Kaczmarek made three saves for Stevenson while Turner Miller turned away a pair of Saline shots.

Nolan Krause stonewalled both on-frame attempts the Spartans booted his way.

"The boys battled tonight against an excellent Saline team," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We are dealing with some injuries right now and I was very pleased with the way our bench responded."

PREP GOLF RESULTS

Stevenson edges Salem by one in opener

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Three players shot 44 or lower to lead Livonia Stevenson's girls golf team to a season-opening 172-173 victory over Salem in a KLAA Central Division match played at Fox Creek.

Salem's Darby Scott earned match medalist honors with a one-over score of 37.

Leading the winners were Kristen Szabelski, who fired a 40, Megan Gronau (42) and Anna Vento (44). Madison Maurier and Rachel Crachiola both carded 47 for the Spartans while Callie Kimble registered 51. In addition to Scott, Kiley Flynn (41), Hope Warkoczkeski (44) and Grace Grelak (51) figured in the scoring for the Rocks.

Plymouth upends Patriots

State power Plymouth recorded a decisive 173-215 victory over Livonia Franklin on Thursday afternoon in a KLAA South Division matchup hosted by Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia.

Kendall Payne played well for the Patriots, carding a 45 - seven shots better than Franklin's No. 2 player, Sofia Cueva. Oliver Napier (58) and Brenna Campau (60) also scored for Franklin.

The Patriots' non-scorers were Jaime Whitney (62) and Angelina DiPonio (71).

Mercy defeats Churchill
Angela Steinberg's 49 led Farmington Hills Mercy to a



Stevenson's Anna Vento has played well early on for the Spartans' golf team.

204-226 victory over Churchill Wednesday afternoon at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Also scoring for the Marlins were Maddy Hintz (50), Rachael Phillips (51) and Izzy Swartzmiller, who carded a 61.

The Chargers were paced by Paige Peterson's 48 and Kelsie Nowicki's 52. Also scoring for Churchill were Rose Kuhn (60) and Emma Grodek (66).

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Thursday, Sept. 3 Clarenceville at RU, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Howell, 7 p.m. Churchill at Brighton, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 Garden City at Romulus, 7 p.m. Franklin at Millford, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 1 HVL at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at PCA, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 Lutheran South at HVL, 6:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Parkway, 6:30 p.m. Dearborn Invite, 9 a.m. BOYS SOCCER Monday, Aug. 31 Brighton at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Lakeland at Franklin, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1	HVL at Taylor Prep, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 Summit Acad. at RU, 6 p.m. Churchill at Pinckney, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Millford, 7 p.m. Franklin at Howell, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m. GIRLS GOLF Monday, Aug. 31 Stevenson at Brighton Invite,	10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1 Stevenson at South Lyon, 3 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 3 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 Canton at Churchill, 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 Rock/Wildcat Invite, 8 a.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. PREP CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Sept. 1 Mustang Invite, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 Luth. Westland Time Trials, 4 p.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday, Sept. 1 WSU Relays, 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 Grosse Pointe North at Stevenson, 6 p.m. John Glenn at Early Bird Open, 4 p.m. Ladywood at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
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GIRLS GOLF PREVIEW

Local linksters primed to card low scores

Teams aiming for high finishes in KLAA Central, South

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's success will be dictated to a high degree by co-captains Paige Peterson and Kelsie Nowicki, who are the only returning starters for head coach Paul Worley.

Sophomore Jessi Howard is a second-year player who has improved immensely since last fall.

Among the most promising new-comers are junior Jenny Rousseau, sophomore Mackenzie Brown and Macey Reese, who have demonstrated solid tee-to-green play early on.

Also emerging as players to be counted on are freshmen Emma Grodeck and Julia Rintala; and sophomores Sydney Bester and Kayla Ellis. First-year juniors Rose Kuhn, Brianna Foley and Sunayama Shar-

ma should also contribute. "The strength of our team is youth," said Worley. "Players are improving every day, shooting career-best scores on a daily basis. We will try to improve on last season's 3-6 record and become a much-improved team by the end of the season."

Livonia Franklin

Experience will be a key for the Patriots, whose line-up could change on a match-by-match basis, according to head coach Jason Rammler. Senior Kendall Payne has established herself as the team's best player.

"We have a lot of returning players who will keep us growing in the right direction," he said.

Rammler listed freshmen Sofia Cueva and Olivia Napier as emerging young players. Other new-comers include Katie Plowman, Sarah Iler and



ED WRIGHT

Stevenson's Megan Gronau has earned a top-six position in the Spartans' line-up.

Katelyn Jackson.

Among the Patriots' goals is to improve on last season's 3-4 record.

Livonia Stevenson

The Spartans are primed to

enjoy a stellar season thanks in large part to the presence of their best two players, junior Kristen Szabelski and sophomore Anna Vento.

"They're both solid, all-around players who have been working hard on their games over the summer," said head coach Dave Higham.

Szabelski fired a 41 to earn medalist honors earlier this month at the Livonia City Tournament.

A deep and talented group of juniors will give the Spartans much needed depth: Megan Gronau, Madison Maurier, Jackie Green, Callie Kimble and Emily Walters.

Wayne Memorial

Wayne is re-booting its girls golf program following a two-year hiatus, so the Zebras' line-up will mostly consist of young and inexperienced players.

"We have a good core of six to eight great student-athletes who will represent us well this season," said head coach James Fitzgerald. "Our strength is in our top two girls and we will look for them to lead the way

for us with their golf experience and knowledge of the game.

"Our expectations this season are to play the game with appropriate pace and etiquette, improve every day, compete every day and have fun."

Sophomore Kayla Thompson has surfaced as the No. 1 bright spot in the Zebras' line-up, according to head coach James Fitzgerald.

"Kayla has some quality golf experience and has had a great start to the season," Fitzgerald said. "We are very excited to see her compete on the golf course."

Others who are expected to crack the starting line-up include seniors Olivia Laws, Jade Walls, Kylie Strong and freshman Katie Strong.

"Olivia has a natural swing and a lot of potential to be a very good golfer," Fitzgerald noted. "She will help us out a lot this year."

"Jade is new to the game, however, she is a good athlete and that will help her golf game as she gains more experience."

WWAC FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

GC overwhelms Ferndale down stretch

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Super sophomore Eian Castonguay's book-end punt-return touchdowns led Garden City to a 36-22 victory over visiting Ferndale Friday night in the season-opener for both teams.

With the Cougars trailing 8-0 mid-way through the first quarter, Castonguay picked up a shanked Ferndale punt near the Eagles 40, then sprinted to paydirt. The extra point was no good.

After Ferndale extended its lead to 14-6 in the second quarter, GC junior quarterback Kyle Becker hooked up with senior Denzel Tinsley on a 20-yard TD pass. A successful two-point conversion knotted the game at 14-all.

The Eagles closed out the first half with another touchdown and successful two-point try to make it 22-14 - but the rest of the contest belonged to the hosts.

"At halftime, we talked to the kids about just taking care of their assignments and not trying to do too much," said GC head coach Scott Murray. "We had so many snafus in the first half. We kept shooting ourselves in the foot."

The halftime pep talk was effective as Ferndale did not cross mid-field the final 24 minutes.

The Cougars scored on their opening second-half possession when junior John Giangrande bulled into the end zone from 10 yards out. Giangrande then tacked on the two-point conversion to deadlock the game at 22-all.

Joshon Sharp and Chase Patterson made crucial blocks on both of Giangrande's end zone-finding runs.

GC seized the lead for good - 29-22 - when Damartez Woods scored on a short run and Alex Sherlock booted the extra point.

Castonguay then tacked on an insurance six-pointer when he took a punt return 70 yards to the house.



CHRIS GUDECK

Garden City quarterback Kyle Becker eludes a Ferndale defender Friday night.

Defensively, the Cougars were spearheaded by Brandon Grace, Brandon Mitcham and Micahl Trimble, Murray said.

Trojans fall short

Senior quarterback Mitch Kubiak passed for 272 yards and scored all three Livonia Clarenceville touchdowns Friday in a 34-23 loss to visiting Macomb Lutheran North.

Kubiak, who was 18-of-33 passing, threw touchdown passes of 57 and 47 yards to Kyle Nolan and Justin Davis. He scored the last Clarenceville touchdown on a 3-yard run.

Lutheran North quarterback Jacob Kratz was 15-of-23 passing for 216 yards and two touchdowns.

The Crusaders led 21-7 at halftime and 28-7 in the fourth quarter after a 1-yard scoring run by Jack Pyle.

Nolan and Darin Topolewski caught five passes each for 95 and 63 yards, respectively. The Trojans had 23 yards rushing.

"The kids never quit; they played really hard," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "We made a few mistakes early and got down. I was proud of the

way the younger kids played."

RU edged

Marquise Hathaway's 45-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter drew Redford Union even with Allen Park Cabrini Friday night, but the Monarchs took advantage of two late Panther turnovers to pull out a 19-6 victory.

"We're a young team and our inexperience really showed tonight," said RU head coach Miles Tomasaitis. "We had our opportunities, but we couldn't cash in."

Trailing 6-0, RU scored on a trap play that was ignited by a hole-creating block from Davonne Webster-Wofford. The Panthers' ensuing extra point was wide left.

After forcing Cabrini to punt on its next possession, RU lost a fumble on its own 22 and the Monarchs scored the eventual game-winner four plays later.

Cabrini's final TD of the night was also set up by an RU fumble, this one at its 35.

The Panthers played without their two top running backs - Hathaway and Isaac Grant - late in the game due to injuries.

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play, 65-yard drive as junior quarterback Evan Cummins scored on a 5-yard keeper. Kicker (Matt Pachota converted the point-after, but it was the only PAT the Chargers would convert the rest of the night.)

With 2:50 left in the first half, Churchill's Ja'Vante Van Buren picked off a Milford pass after it was tipped by McKinney around the Chargers' 35.

Churchill, however, was only able to get a first down and was forced to punt, but the defense got ball back after a quick Milford three-and-out.

And that's when things began to unravel for the Mavericks, who made a pair of costly turnovers - one on a high snap from center and the other on an interception by Robert Barnes - all coming during the final 1:12 of the half.

Sean Stenzel's 1-yard scoring run with 56.5 seconds left in the half made it 14-13 (the kick was blocked) and Cummins' 38-yard TD pass to Jake Mushinski put the Chargers on top for good with only 16.6 seconds remaining to forge a 19-14 advantage.

After regrouping at halftime, Milford put together two potential third-quarter scoring drives, only to come up empty.

Churchill's opportunistic defense, led by McKinney at linebacker and Austin Simpson on the line, denied Milford twice in the red zone on a pair fourth-and-ones, including one stand on the goal line and another at the Chargers' 16.

"They made some big plays at crucial times with the interceptions, fumbles and things like that," DeFillippo said. "And that helped us a lot because we struggled early. We struggled to get off the field and that's how they get 86 plays."

Four more Milford turnovers, including interceptions by McKinney, Jamal Allen and Van Buren (84-yard return), led to the Chargers' final 20 points.

Cummins tossed a pair of

fourth-quarter 10-yard TD passes to Stenzel and Pachota, respectively, while Stenzel added an 11-yard scoring run to complete the scoring.

The loss proved to be a head-scratcher for Milford second-year coach Tim Gough.

"I haven't seen the stats obviously, but I don't think I've been in an offensive game with as many yards as we got and one touchdown," he said. "Three-hundred and 40 yards for seven points ... unbelievable ... turnovers."

While Cummings was 10-of-22 for 139 yards and three TDs, Milford's duo of Zachary Jones and Joseph Larson were a combined 20-of-34 for 184 yards and five interceptions.

"We took completely unnecessary risks and we didn't follow our progression from the quarterback position ... we didn't protect our quarterbacks and it turned into turnovers," Gough said. "Five turnovers and four touchdowns off of them. That's 28 points off turnovers and we lost by 25."

The Mavericks also had 169 yards rushing to Churchill's 149, but it all boiled down to turnovers and missed chances.

"I told them a team like that is going to capitalize on your mistakes," Gough said. "And we have better teams yet to play. If we don't make those terrible decisions, just throw it out of bounds or get down ... it's going to be a long season. But they're smart kids. They're going to bounce back and they'll learn from that."

While Milford hosts Livonia Franklin on Thursday, Churchill now has to go on the road for three straight games against Brighton, Westland John Glenn and Plymouth.

"I thought our kids played well, they played hard," DeFillippo said. "We have a lot of things to clean up, especially in special teams ... extra points. We're down two of our best offensive linemen right now, so we were inconsistent in the run game. But we had a lot of young kids starting their first varsity game tonight. It wasn't our best performance, but we'll get better next week and each week as we go."

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Playing an expanded role compared to his junior year, D'Agostino hauled in six Tanderys passes for 142 yards and two touchdowns.

He also returned a punt 70 yards to the house in the first quarter.

"I like being more involved in the offense," the 5-foot-11, 145-pound flier said. "I believe I'm ready for the challenge."

Franklin's breathtaking rally was spearheaded by senior quarterback Denzel Adams, whose escapability gave the Spartans fits most of the night.

Adams completed 7-of-16 passes for 125 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran 12 times for 89 yards and a score.

Tanderys was also brilliant, completing 9-of-15 aerials for 186 yards.

With the Patriots down 35-17 and just under nine minutes to go in the game, Adams ripped

off a scintillating 34-yard run to set up Chris Nehasil's 7-yard TD run, which preceded Adams' two-point conversion pass to Nehasil to pull the hosts to within 35-25.

After Franklin's Jax Gasaway recovered the ensuing onside kick, Adams brought the Patriots to within three points when he extended a play close to 10 seconds with his feet before lofting a pass to wide-open junior receiver Jake Giacobbi, who caught the ball at the 10 and scampered into the end zone with 7:44 showing on the fourth-quarter clock.

Stevenson ramped its lead back up to 42-32 less than two minutes later, when Austin Petrie plowed through the middle of the Patriots' defense for a 55-yard TD run, but Franklin marched right back down the field and scored on Nate Binkiewicz's 5-yard run at the 3:54 mark.

Stevenson's Nick Poulos smothered the Franklin's final onside kick at the Spartans' 46. Four plays later, the Tanderys-

to-D'Agostino TD sealed the deal.

Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert was proud of his team's never-say-die performance.

"We're never the biggest or fastest team out there, but we preach toughness, playing physical and going hard until somebody says you can't anymore," he said.

Stevenson's special teams led its first-half charge. Petrie ran the opening kickoff back to the Franklin 25. Six plays later, Carlin scored from the 4.

After Giacobbi boomed a 42-yard field goal to cut his team's deficit to 7-3, D'Agostino returned the kickoff 70 yards to pay dirt.

Following a Franklin three-and-out, Carlin gave the Spartans outstanding field position with a 45-yard punt return, which set up Petrie's 24-yard scoring run.

Stevenson kicker Ian Henzi was perfect on his seven point-after tries.

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Churchill's Jamal Allen (right) leaps high to deflect at Milford pass in the first half.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Runners more than ready for the long haul this fall

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Following is a run-down on some of the area's girls cross country squads.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

One thing head coach Dave Bjorklund never has to worry about is effort.

"This team's strength is its work ethic," said Bjorklund, whose team went 4-1 last fall and placed fifth in the KLAA Conference Championship meet and fifth at its Division 1 regional. "We had another outstanding summer in terms of our turnout at conditioning and the mileage we ran. I also think there will be a lot of competition for varsity spots as there were several runners who finished eighth through 11th in our time trial who are capable of moving up in the lineup."

Returning to lead the Patriots is senior Natalie Douglas.

"Natalie has been working very hard in the off-season and is our No. 1 runner," Bjorklund said. "She had a lot of success in invitational last season and is a three-year all-conference athlete."



Douglas

Freshman Erin Seibert has emerged as an instant-impact performer, joining junior Camryn Zurawski, senior Julie Wonch and juniors Emma Devine, Riley Shine and Rachel Domzalski as the team's front-runners.

"Erin has worked hard this summer and shows a lot of promise for the season," Bjorklund said. "Camryn looks ready to step up and be one of our team leaders and has also worked very hard this summer."

Along with Seibert, junior Sam Mackiewicz is showing outstanding potential, Bjorklund added.

"We graduated two of our top three runners in Mandy Pokryfky (state qualifier) and Ellary Marano, so those are some pretty big holes in the lineup," Bjorklund said. "However, Natalie looks poised and ready to have a great season."

"I am optimistic that Seibert can fill one of the holes we lost to graduation and Zurawski looks ready to step up as

well. Then it is up to the rest of the team to 'pack it in' and round out our varsity scoring five.

"I know we will face some tough competition from some of the teams we beat last season, but these girls are up for the challenge. They are a competitive group and I believe as a program we have a winning attitude when we step on the course. I am looking forward to a great season."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Spartans head coach Rick Brauer welcomes back six of the team's top nine runners from 2014.

"This group realizes their talent and potential," he said. "The key to our success, both short term and long term, will be their self-confidence and ability to relax and just run on race day."

Stevenson's strong nucleus includes junior Julia Cercone, sophomore Emily Lauzon, junior Megan Verant, junior Delaney Harris, junior Emily Zwicker, junior Abby Zwicker and sophomore Kennedy Thurlow.

"We're returning seven of the first eight from last season," Brauer said. "Workouts have been consistent and we've been diligent with building a very strong aerobic fitness level with longer threshold runs and greater weekly volume than last season, including several girls who will achieve and surpass the 300-mile club for this summer's training. Everyone is healthy and looking forward to getting the season underway."

Brauer listed Anna Bonser, Gretchen Stemler and Emma Rowe as fast-emerging newcomers.

"Each of the three is developing and getting used to the training intensity," he said. "A few race experiences and they will be on their way."

When asked about his expectations for this fall, Brauer said his runners' mental approach is key.

"I expect aggressive racing, confidence in their fitness and doing all of the little things will be the keys to the success of our program," he said. "If they can get it straight between their ears, they can race and compete with anybody."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

The Zebras' strong nucleus

includes returners Jessica Leigh, Nikita Bhangu, Melaina Climer, Kelsie Wysong and Gabby Niemiec and Allison Jones, said head coach Kathy Hansen.

"Our team's strengths include the girls' dedication and 'team' perspective," said Hansen. "I love that they want to work hard and that they want to work as a team to improve. They are constantly encouraging each other to do better."

The Zebras registered one dual-meet victory last fall.

"It may not seem like a lot, but that was a huge deal for us," Hansen shared. "I honestly don't when the last time the girls had won a dual meet (before beating Garden City) — at least seven years if not longer."

"We won't focus so much on the score and record. If my athletes are getting better times, that means they are improving and that's what I'm looking for."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Fourth-year head coach Dennis Murray's team will be led by the senior triumverant of Sarah Wilson, Sydney Triest and Conner Huggins.

Juniors Ally Hill, Catherine McLaurin and Erin Murray, along with sophomore Sam Horn displayed outstanding training habits throughout the summer, Murray noted.

"I'm really looking forward to a productive season," Murray said. "We had a camp this year for the first time as a team, and the girls set some pretty high goals and expectations of each other. We have the largest squad in a long time and they seem to feed off each other."

"We have three strong senior leaders who demonstrate a positive work ethic and set the tone at practices that hard work is expected. I'm looking to see us continue to steadily move up in the region and in Catholic league meets."

Among the Blazers' promising new-comers are juniors Madelyn Bastin and Mary Luckhardt; and sophomores Meghan Sullivan and Rachel Kramer.

"They've all come into the season and shown a real desire to excel for themselves and are committed to making a positive contribution to the team," Murray concluded.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Area's harriers ready to blaze the trails

Several local runners set for banner seasons

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Following is a rundown on the area's boys cross country squads.

Livonia Franklin

Longtime track-and-field coach Pat Koelzer takes the reins of the Livonia Franklin boys cross country team.

While Koelzer is new to the role, he's got a wealth of cross-country coaching experience that includes 10 years at Livonia's Emerson Middle School. He will be assisted by former Franklin runner Austin Jones.

The Patriots' lineup will be front-ended by two-time state qualifier Tony Floyd, a senior.

"Tony broke the school's 5K record last season and he has put in some quality work this summer," Koelzer said. "He's looking to build on last season's successes."

Junior Matt Lepper and sophomore Grant Rudd will also be near the front of the Patriots' pack, Koelzer assured.

"Rudd has been one of our hardest workers this summer, while Lepper, who shows a lot of talent, has bought in to our training plan and looks to improve this season," the first-year coach noted. "Where these two runners finish in dual meets will go a long way in determining how we do as a team."

Several runners are locked in a spirited competition for the remaining varsity slots on the Patriots roster. Among the contenders are sophomores Jackson Nordbeck and Greg Thaxton, and freshmen Logan Evanchuk and Mike Mackiewicz.

Providing valuable depth will be senior newcomer Brendan Whitney, junior Ian Hogg, who has been training through an injury all summer, sophomore Trevor Doyle and freshmen Russell Rusnell and Jake Gates, Koelzer said.

"Coming off of the graduation of five runners who ran varsity for some or all of the season, we are a bit short on experience," Koelzer said. "More than half of the team is new and two-thirds are in ninth or 10th grade. But our numbers are up this year."

"What this team may lack in experience, they look to make up for in hunger and work ethic. They have embraced a culture of hard work and competitiveness and they are learning about proper form and the how and why of training and workouts. They are eager to get a few races under their belts and see how they fare against area competition."

Although the Patriots were just 1-4 in dual meets last fall, they were within striking distance in each contest.

"While it is difficult to set season expectations when half of the varsity has yet to run a 5K race, this team will not be satisfied unless it is in the mix, contending for the city and the KLAA south division, with strong showings at the conference and regional meets," Koelzer said. "It will be fun to watch our more experienced lead runners work to reach new heights while the newcomers gain confidence and valuable experience with each race."

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Chargers' deep roster is paced by returning standouts Jon Hovermale, Josh Mussen, Clint Cowen and Dash Dobar.

Other key athletes head coach John McGreevy is counting on include Delson Christian, Frank Lafave, Alex Piper, Trevor Kornaga and Mitch Bartoszyk.

Among the Chargers' top young harriers are Pablo Aguilar and Will Hengy.

"Our guys are serious

about improving and they aren't afraid of working hard," McGreevy said. "I believe we can be competitive in our division, and I would like the team to be in the top half of the conference."

"The key to this team is how the new guys respond to the demands and expectations of being a top-seven runner. There is a lot of pressure on the juniors."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

The Zebras will be working to put together an encore to last season's school-best performance when it won the KLAA South Division, placed first in three invitationals and was runner-up in the talent-rich Wayne County Championships.

"This is a rebuilding year for Wayne Memorial," head coach Tom Gibson said. "We will be competitive and may even surprise a few teams as the team develops throughout September."

"This is a very dedicated group of young men. They worked hard and pushed themselves through some very demanding practices during camp week."

The Zebras will be paced by junior captain Jamie Carranza, a three-year varsity runner who registered the fastest sophomore time at Wayne (17 minutes, 47 seconds) since 1992.

First-year senior Kaleb Allen has looked good early on, Gibson added.

"Kaleb is a thrower and sprinter in track and has been running with Jamie Carranza during practice," Gibson said. "He is an excellent addition to the team."

Other pivotal performers include sophomore Cody Macuga, junior Tyler Westfall, junior Sagib Garcia, senior Trevor Lloyd and junior Dennis Williams.

"We lost six seniors out of 12 runners (four of whom are running at the college level) and only return three due to a season-ending injury and other commitments," Gibson said. "We will be competitive though and hope to finish in top half of the invitationals we run."

"We have some talented athletes who have never run cross country before that will surprise even themselves on what they can accomplish this year."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach Chris Inch has set several solid goals for the Spartans this fall to build on last season's 2-3 dual-meet record.

"Our team expectations are a positive dual-meet record, to place high at the multi-team invites, and to mature and improve throughout the season for our best racing at the biggest meets at the end of the year (county, conference, regionals)," Inch said.

Senior Andrew Bambach will be looked upon to fill the huge spikes left by the graduation of Erik Grisa.

"Andrew will fill the front-runner role," he said. "Nathan Wilson, Alex Brauer and Nathan Wilson are looking good. We have a number of runners who will fight for the five to seven varsity positions."

Among the battlers are Jacob Bieganski, Ben Grif-fith, Jeremy Webb. Others who have shown promise include Trevor Tillman, Sean O'Meara, Chuck McDougall, Jason Dilworth and Alex Stratton.

"While Andrew Bambach is our front-runner, I like the strength and improvement I see from our junior class: Nathan Ward, Nathan Wilson, Alex Brauer, Jeremy Webb, and Trevor Tillman," Inch said. "Packing up and keeping the spread down between Andrew and the pack will be the key to our success. I expect we will mature and improve throughout the season."

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ROCKETS

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ferred to Farmington Hills Harrison before ending up in Ann Arbor and completing 6 of 10 passes for 177 yards and two touchdowns against the Rockets.

Rison caught five passes for 162 yards.

"Hunter and I played in a lot of team seven-on-sevens together during the summer and we went out and worked together when no one else was watching, so we know what each other can do now," Walker said. "I thought we all came out tonight and played really well together."

"Playing with guys like Daelin and Hunter is great. They bring a lot of intensity to practice every day and it's good for the entire team because every-

body wants to bring it just like them."

Smith was a one-man wrecking crew early on for John Glenn as he carried the ball on its first 10 plays before being forced to leave the field temporarily during one stretch after getting banged up.

Smith, who finished with 18 carries for 176 yards, broke off a 56-yard TD run just over two minutes into the second half to cut the Rockets' deficit to 28-14.

After John Glenn's defense — which was spearheaded all night by Andrew Wicker and Jeremy Storm — held the Eagles to a three-and-out, the Rockets drove to the Skyline 49, where they were ready to go for a first down on a fourth-and-2 situation, but an illegal procedure call pushed the ball back five yards and forced the hosts to punt.

Skyline kicker Mitchell Irvine booted a 30-yard field with just over seven minutes to play, however, a roughing-the-kicker penalty the Rockets gave the Eagles a first down at the John Glenn 6. One play later Charles Jones banged into the end zone from 6 yards out to make it 35-14.

Irvine closed out the scoring with a 34-yard field goal. Smith, who is also a first-year Eagle, churned out 195 yards on 16 carries.

The Rockets couldn't get their passing game cooking as quarterback Nate Szymanski — who was often forced to throw while running from the Eagles' rush — completed just 2 of 10 passes for 16 yards.

Senior safety Austin Hamlett played well for the Rockets.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Garden City netters start strong

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's boys tennis team opened its season Thursday with a 6-2 victory over Farmington.

The Cougars swept the singles matches as No. 1 player Robbie Moyers won, 6-0, 6-1; Tyler Kelly overmatched his foe at No. 2, 6-0, 6-1; Jassen Matuscak outlasted his falcon opponent, 7-5, 6-3 at No. 3; and Tony Van Dooren didn't yield a point at No. 4 singles.

In doubles action, the Cougars' No. 1 duo of Avery Emerson and Justin Perrin rallied for a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 triumph, while the No. 4 tandem of Kevin Widmer and Thomas Catton earned a hard-fought three-set win, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

The Cougars' No. 3 doubles

team of Tim Tapper and Josh Tapper dropped a thrilling 6-2, 6-7, 10-8 decision, while the No. 2 team of Derek Van Dooren and Jacob Grant played well but lost 7-6, 6-1.

On Friday, GC placed fourth in the Taylor Early Bird Tournament, finishing behind Gibraltar Carlson, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and Wyandotte.

Tony Van Dooren and Tyler Kelly both earned medals for the Cougars.

Chargers sweep South Lyon foes

Livonia Churchill improved its record to 2-1 this week with identical 8-1 triumphs over South Lyon East (on Monday) and South Lyon (on Wednesday).

Junior Sean Mulka was a point-earning machine at No. 1

singles for Churchill, winning his two matches by a combined score of 24-4. No. 2 singles player Matt Smith was likewise dominant, defeating SLE's Robert Reid, 6-3, 6-0, and the Lions' Justin Goodenow, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 3 singles player Johnny Zhou split his pair of matches, while No. 4 player Peyton Elkins won a pair of thrillers, 7-5, 6-4, over East's Matt Rochon, and 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 over South Lyon's Zac Duff.

The Chargers' top four doubles teams of Tim Ohtake-Gabe Garfinkel, Mickey Ohtake-Griffin Riley, Cooper King-Joe Marin and Logan King-Jake Jarvis all swept their South Lyon foes, while the No. 5 team of Billy Rose and Matt Rode-man defeated SLE, 6-0, 6-1 before dropping a three-set decision to the Lions.

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The 2015 Lincoln MKZ is on sale at Jack Demmer Lincoln, where customers benefit from the Demmer Difference.

2015 Lincoln MKZ is 'attracting next generation of luxury car buyers'

The 2015 Lincoln MKZ continues to represent the road ahead for the Lincoln Motor Co., said Steve Hunsinger, sales manager at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn.

"With its design, performance and technology, the MKZ is attracting the next generation of luxury car buyers," he said.

Those customers enjoy a wide range of standard features, plus three power train options:

- » The standard 2.0L EcoBoost I-4.
- » The available 3.7L Ti-VCT V6 engine.

» The Lincoln MKZ Hybrid, which offers the third-generation 2.0L Atkinson-cycle I-4 gas engine.

The 2015 Lincoln MKZ competes head-to-head in the luxury mid-size sedan market with brands like the Acura TL, Cadillac CTS, Infiniti Q50 and Lexus ES 350, while the Lincoln MKZ Hybrid contends with vehicles like the Infiniti Q50 Hybrid and Lexus ES 300h.

"There are many standard features on the MKZ that aren't offered on many of the competitive models," Hunsinger



The interior features a 10.1-inch LCD instrument cluster.

said. "One of the most intriguing features of the MKZ is the push-button transmission, which is on the dashboard, alleviating the center console shift and offering a more open feel to the cabin of the vehicle," Hunsinger said.

The 2015 MKZ incorporates the new Lincoln design language of "elegant simplicity."

Exterior design features include:

- » Adaptive LED auto headlamps.

- » Auto high beams.
- » Body-color exterior door handles with chrome insert.
- » Configurable daytime running lamps (available with select and reserve equipment groups).
- » LED tail lamps and light-pipe driving lamps.
- » Split-wing grille with chrome surround.
- » Pedestal-mounted heated side-view mirrors with integrated turn signals, blind spot mirrors and turn signal approach lamps.
- » Power up/down deck lid (available).
- » Rectangular dual exhaust with bright tips.
- » Retractable panoramic roof.

Interior design features include:

- » 10.1-inch LCD instrument cluster.
- » Ambient lighting — customers can choose from seven different colors (select equipment group).
- » Flow-through front console with storage bin, trinket tray and two cup holders.
- » Genuine wood appliques.

- » Illuminated scuff plates.
- » Premium leather seating surfaces (select and reserve equipment groups).

"The luxury and elegant attributes of the MKZ have not gone unnoticed by today's luxury car buyers," Hunsinger said. "The MKZ has done very well with current Lincoln owners, but Lincoln is looking at the big picture of attracting the competitive buyers and converting them to Lincoln owners."

In fact, Lincoln predicts that 45 percent of sales will be to past or current Lincoln owners, while 55 percent of sales will come from "conquest" customers, Hunsinger said.

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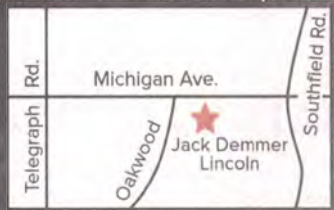
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The Michigan Humane Society's "Cat Tank" video parodies the television show "Shark Tank." MHS hopes the video will get more cats adopted.

Cat-loving Livonia family in 'Shark Tank' parody video

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Move over, Roomba Cat, Grumpy Cat and all other felines of the Internet.

Kevin O'Meowy, Robert Purrjavec, Mark Kittan, Barbara Catcaran, Kitti Greiner and the Suppnick family of Livonia star in a new Michigan Humane Society video that uses humor and parody to promote cat adoption.

The video, "Cat Tank," spoofs *Shark Tank*, an ABC reality show that gives entrepreneurs a chance to pitch their business ideas to multimillionaire tycoons, such as Mark Cuban, owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, in hopes of securing an investment deal. In the MHS video, felines — with help from voice-over actors — portray the deal-makers considering an adoption offer from the Burns family of Livonia, played by Tony and Kari Suppnick and their children, Michael, 11 and Olivia, 13.

"We're looking to add another furry friend to our family. We're offering 100 percent access to our loving home in exchange for a lifetime of purrs," Kari Suppnick tells the feline panelists.

"When you say 100 percent, does that include window sills and counter space?" asks Mark Kittan, a black cat wearing a collar and tie.

"Window sills, yes. Counter tops, hmm, as long as I don't see it," Suppnick



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The Suppnick family of Livonia, Michael, 11, Tony, Kari, and Olivia, 13, co-star with cats in a new Michigan Humane Society video.



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Kevin O'Meowy is looking to invest in a new home in the Michigan Humane Society video, Cat Tank.

replies, following her script.

In the end, two cats agree to join the Suppnick family.

"Our family is very excited about this deal," Kari Suppnick tells viewers. "Twice the cats is twice the fun."

Cat lovers

In reality, the Suppnicks have six times the fun. The family adopted six male cats and a mixed breed, three-legged dog over the past few years from MHS.

"My husband grew up with a lot of cats and I grew up with dogs and we totally love animals," Suppnick said. When a friend who works for MHS mentioned to Suppnick that she needed a family to appear in a video, Suppnick volunteered. "I've always wanted to be able to help."

Recording the Suppnicks, along with the employee's dog, took a few hours last month. The cat scenes were recorded separately.

"It took her quite a long time to work with the cats. We came on and did our part with the dog," Suppnick said.

"It was really fun. We've never done anything like that, especially for such a good cause."

Talented cats

The family likes to watch cat videos, especially Max, a Roomba vacuum-riding cat on YouTube. Suppnick said they've never had much luck recording their own cats doing something humorous, but they enjoy trying.

"Cats are so awesome and I know a lot of people think they get everywhere and walk over counter tops. They are probably one of the cleaner animals. They get a bad rap, but we love them."

Ryan McTigue, MHS public relations coordinator, said the video shows the value of adopting a cat or kitten and may correct a few misconceptions about felines as pets.

"People may have heard that cats are independent and not social. I have a cat at home that's pretty much just like a dog," McTigue said, stressing that cats express

their own unique personalities.

He said potential adopters generally seek out dogs at the shelter without much prompting. Cats have a tougher time marketing themselves.

"This time of year we have so many cats. We want people to start thinking, that maybe they should consider a cat," he said.

McTigue said most if not all of the cats in the MHS video have been adopted, but many other cats at the organization's three shelters await permanent homes.

Suppnick hopes viewers enjoy the video and then "think about adopting animals."

Adopt a cat for \$75, or two for \$111, from MHS, 7401 Chrysler, Detroit; 900 N. Newburgh, Westland; and 3600 W. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. MHS also shows cats at Petco in Sterling Heights and PetSmart in Dearborn and Roseville.

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Its name gives away its cardinal feature. Scleroderma means hard, and derma means skin, hard skin or rather bound down skin is the striking change in a person's countenance that reveals the diagnosis. For the patient the worse effect of the condition is in the hands and face. The thick, hard, bound down skin makes finger movement difficult to impossible. The effect on the face is to make the cheeks taut as if the patient is undernourished. The lips become set so that smiling is difficult, to an onlooker the person with Scleroderma looks stern, solemn or depressed.

Scleroderma is a serious disorder not only because of what it does to the skin. A person with the condition needs evaluation of their lungs, heart, esophagus and kidneys. Scleroderma may damage the lungs by its effect of thickening the cells that line the pulmonary tree. That change interferes with normal exchange of oxygen between the breath and the body. Scleroderma can affect the heart by decreasing the diameter of the pulmonary arteries and thus force the right side of the heart to greater exertion in the effort to push blood into the lung tissue.

Scleroderma may cause the esophagus to lose its ability to close off the stomach hydrochloric acid from regurgitating into the throat with the result that stomach acid erodes the lining of the throat and esophagus.

Finally, Scleroderma may cause kidney disease that can bring on the sudden onset of high blood pressure.

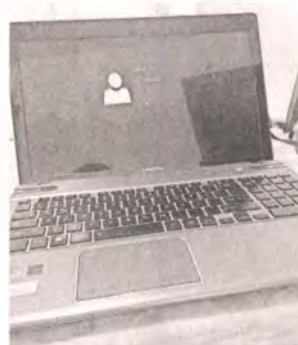
Women to Work offers help with job search, computer skills

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Women — and men — who've been out of the paid workforce tending to family responsibilities often need to return to paid work.

If you're in this situation, you're not alone. Southfield-based JVS has for a number of years offered free of charge the Women to Work program to help such people. Displaced homemakers or those who've been caring for elderly loved ones often need to enter or re-enter the paid workforce.

"It's been well over 20 years," Women to Work coordinator Judy Rich-



JULIE BROWN
Computer skills will be covered in the Women to Work sessions for those who need to enter or re-enter the paid workforce.

mond said of the program, which she's administered about seven

years. "It's to provide job search assistance to women who find they need to return to the workforce or sometimes enter the workforce."

The program is intended for women who have not worked recently, or only sporadically, and are highly motivated to return to the workforce as soon as possible. It consists of computer training in Microsoft Office Suite 2010 and includes sessions on resume writing, interviewing, networking, stress management, job search skills and more.

Richmond noted women often need employment following divorce, separation, a spouse

becoming disabled or the need for a second family income.

An information meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10, at JVS in Southfield at 29699 Southfield Road, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile on the west side of Southfield Road, from 9-11 a.m. The program begins the following Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield.

Computer skills are needed for nearly all jobs now, Richmond said. "That's precisely why we include computer training in this program."

Those who finish Women

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Costly ice maker repair may signal need for new fridge

With today's life expectancy for refrigerators pegged at 12-14 years, was it wise to spend \$325 of my money to get one repaired? Keep in mind that I have written many times about how an ice maker can be so costly in repair bills during that 12- to 14-year life span.



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

dispensing it through the chute in the door. I checked it out and came to the conclusion that the auger motor was not moving a little arm which knocked the ice into a bucket on the door. Looking it over, I needed a special tool to get to this auger motor, but I don't carry it in my little tool pouch. I took the model number and when I arrived home I looked up this product on a website to discover some \$200 worth of parts make up this auger motor assembly. Worse than that, these

parts are not returnable and should I make the wrong diagnosis, I would be out a lot of money.

The staff at OMC needs a lot of ice cubes as they mediate a lot of cases at their office meeting rooms and they think I know everything there is to know about ice makers. Not wanting to destroy that image, I called an old friend and asked him to send a service technician to fix this bear of a problem, which they did. I told this company to send me the bill and I would take care of it, which I did. They sent me an invoice and it totaled \$329, which was a very honest billing. You have to stop and think, was the refrigerator worth this

kind of repair? Should I have told OMC to just simply purchase a new refrigerator? What would you do if this all happened to you? In this case I believe I made the correct decision. I could afford to pay the bill and I wrote it off as a donation to OMC, a nonprofit group that helps thousands of children. Most importantly, the staff has all the ice it needs.

Slimy water

Staying on the subject of ice makers, let's include the water dispenser that so many homeowners enjoy so much. I am not a big fan of water dispensers and this viewpoint has some history to it.

Years ago when the water dispenser was

created, I used to service refrigerators. Water connections and leaks were common, and so one day I replaced the reservoir tank located behind the crisper drawers. I noticed something dark inside this tank so I cut the tank open and it scared the heck out of me. The water itself was slimy and the dark stuff was mold. From that day years ago, I have never had a glass of cold water from a water dispenser. At the time we had a refrigerator in our kitchen with a dispenser and it wasn't long before it hit the road. Today we have an ice maker minus the dispenser, with a clear jug and filter that sits on the refrigerator door shelf; it sure serves the purpose when we

need a glass of cold water.

Along the way to the development of a built-in filter I believe something very serious happened to a homeowner that caused a filter to be added to help purify the water. It was strange to me that all refrigerator manufacturers installed this filter at the same time. I just know that somebody must have gotten real sick but I have never been able to confirm this suspicion.

One other factor you should be aware of when shopping for a new refrigerator. The filter should be changed every six months and they cost \$40-\$50 each time.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600.

My empowering 'mom cape' comes with fuzzy pink slippers

It's early. The sun isn't up yet. No way can it be time to wake up. The baby is already starting to fuss. I look at the clock. 4:15. We have 15 minutes until I actually have to start getting ready for work. There is no sense in closing my eyes for a few minutes more, the baby is awake now and wants to be held. I pick her up, and have to decide whether it's her or me that will get dressed first today. There is no time to waste, to contemplate. I must make a quick decision, put on my cape, and begin the day.



Sarah Davies
THEN THERE WERE TWO

piece of cake. It's tough, hard work. But it is also very rewarding, and somebody has to do it. So we wear invisible capes some days. They make us feel empowered, strong, full of energy. They make us forget that we got no sleep last night, that work is hard some days, and that there was someone we were supposed to call or send a letter to that we didn't. The capes just make you feel good, even if they are imaginary. OK. Now it's time to

get my hair done. One, two, three times I bring the brush through my natty hair. I look quickly in the mirror; is this an OK do? Ha. Who am I kidding? I look like I feel — like I haven't slept or showered in days. I guess a high pony tail will have to do. Deodorant! I can't forget deodorant. Oh, wait, the baby is getting into that cupboard. STOP!

Nonstop

I love being a mother. I feel like this was what I was meant to do. But some days, at 4:15 in the morning, when I am just falling asleep for the night, and just waking up for the day, and trying to get ready for work while

feeding my baby in one arm, I feel overwhelmed.

Why are you climbing over there? Watch out for that cord! No please! Let go of that. No, baby, don't crawl over there! Mama just needs to brush her teeth. Why do you want everything you shouldn't have? No, you cannot play in the dirty diaper. Just lay still and let Mama get you cleaned up. Are you really going to take every folded item out of that laundry basket?!

Shoe snafu

Partially into the 40-minute drive to work, I look down at my feet. I am wearing my slippers. Two pink, fuzzy slippers, one shiny MOM cape,

and one small mocha latte. This is the life of a single mom. It is crazy, and hectic, and sometimes full of pink fuzzy slippers. There are moments when you just break down and cry, but it is still the best gift in the world. Sometimes, I feel sorry that I am a single mom and doing this on my own. Other times, I feel like I have been given a huge blessing. I am able to raise my daughter and enjoy twice as many moments as the average parent. To me, those extra moments together are totally worth it.

I get out of work, drive my pink fuzzy slippers to the baby's sitter, and pick her up. We get

home and play with all the toys that fill every room of my little condo. We laugh, we talk baby-talk and we read great books that my baby never actually lets me read. So we turn pages. And eat puzzle pieces. And dance, and clap, and laugh again. The sun goes down, and so do we. We curl up together and snuggle close. We say our prayers, count our blessings, and close our eyes. And before I know it, the alarm goes off. It is 4:15 a.m. and I am still wearing my cape.

Sarah Davies of Livonia is a supermom who writes about the ups and downs of single motherhood. Contact her at sarahmari Davies@gmail.com.

HELP

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to Work training get a Microsoft Office Suite 2010 certificate. "Sometimes people

don't have very much self-confidence because they haven't worked in awhile," she said. The program includes reminders that family life and volunteer work often develop skills useful in the

labor force. "Anything in health care is growing," Richmond said. "Anything in computer skills as well." Women to Work doesn't provide specific job skills such as those required to become a registered nurse.

The focus is on jobs in growth areas. "The more training people have, the better," Richmond said. "The point is to be qualified for the jobs they're applying for."

All sessions take place on Monday, Wednesday

and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon for 12 weeks, ending on Dec. 16. Please call Judy Richmond at 248-233-4232 for more information and to register for the program, including advance registration for the Sept. 10

information meeting. The Women to Work group averages 12-14, she said. "We don't turn anybody away, of course." It draws from the entire metro Detroit region, Richmond said.

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BIRTH



Marissa, left, and Alyssa Robinson

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ROBINSON TWINS

Twin sisters Alyssa Janet Robinson and Marissa Patricia Robinson were born Feb. 3, 2015, at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield.

Alyssa and Marissa

join their parents, Eric and Bonni (Johnson) Robinson and siblings Sean and Emma, at home in Westland.

The twins' grandparents are Janet and William Robinson Jr., William Johnson and the late Patricia Johnson.

The girls will be baptized in September at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland. Kristen Robinson and her husband, Christopher Paine of St. Joseph, will serve as godparents.

ANNIVERSARY



J.R. and Glenda Thompson of Garden City.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

J.R. and Glenda (Waynick) Thompson of Garden City marked their 50th anniversary Aug. 26. The couple married in 1965 in Taylor.

Their children, Jay (Sara), Amy (Jim) Boyk and two grandchildren, Jack and Avery Boyk, all of Livonia, joined them on an Alaskan adventure in celebration of their anniversary.



J.R. and Glenda Thompson on their wedding day in 1965.

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ENGAGEMENT

LIST-SHANK

Ashley Jane Shank and Brian Joseph List announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Douglas and Marjorie Shank of Lancaster, Pa., earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting in 2013 from Elizabethtown College. She is a staff accountant at Acuity Advisors and CPAs LLP in Lancaster, Pa.

Her fiancé, son of Bradley and Diane List of Farmington Hills, is a 2003 graduate of North Farmington High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 2007 from the University of



Brian Joseph List and Ashley Jane Shank

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Michigan and a master of business administration in 2015 from Loyola University Maryland. He is an engineer at

Apex Tool Group, LLC in Sparks, Md.

A May 2016 wedding is set in Lancaster, Pa.

ANNIVERSARY

Elmer and Gail Teed of Farmington marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28. They were married in 1965.

The couple celebrated by taking a cruise with family and friends. They'll also mark the occasion on Sept. 1 with a Mass at Holy Family and dinner for 50 friends and family members at John Cowley & Sons in Farmington.



Elmer and Gail Teed of Farmington celebrate their anniversary with a cruise. They're also shown on their wedding day in 1965.

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CASKEY-CLARK, PAMELA

Northville Mi. Pamela was born Dec 8 1954 in Detroit Mi., she left this world Aug 23 2015. She leaves behind her beloved husband Sherman and son Robert Norton. She is also survived by her loving parents Philip and Patricia Caskey, as well as grandchildren and lights of her life Emma And Maddie Norton, sisters Cindy Young, Louann Nagy and extended family and dear friends. A memorial service will be held at Oakpoint Church, 1250 South Hill Rd. Milford Mi



JOAN NIEMER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF April 11, 1953-August 26, 2004 Joanie, God saw you getting tired, A cure was not to be.

So he put his arms around you, And whispered, "Come with Me." With tearful eyes we watched you, And saw you fade away, Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay, A golden heart stopped beating, Your tender hands at rest, God took you home to prove to us, He only takes the best.

KAVA, JOSEPHINE C.

August 27, 2015. Age 89 of Dearborn Heights. Passed away quietly in her daughter's home on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

Josephine was the devoted wife of the late Stanley. She is survived by 11 children, 33 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Also survived by her sister Helen and brother Walter. Josephine will be deeply missed by family and friends. Visitation Monday, August 31, 2015 from 2-9 p.m. at the Dearborn Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23701 Ford Road. (313) 278-5100. Funeral service Tuesday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Josephine will be laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery in Stanton, MI her home of 26 years. Donations may be made to Grace Hospice. Visit our online guestbook and share memories at www.voranfuneralhome.com

NOSEL, CAROLINE D.

Age 91, born May 13, 1924, passed away August 25, 2015. Wife of the late Joseph for 54 years. Mother of Josette, Carlotta, Jonathan (dec.), Joseph, Jolene, Craig, Jowella, Jeryl, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Services were held August 27, 2015. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for Caroline Sunday, August 30th at 11 a.m. St. Priscilla Church, Livonia.



HARRIS, JOYCE

August 28, 2015, age 87 of Westland. Loving mother of Brenda Harris, Ron Harris, Danny (Lorraine) Harris and David Harris. Proud grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of eighteen. Dear sister of Helen Gardner. Visitation Monday 2-8 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Tuesday 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

REUNIONS

Birmingham Seaholm High School

Class of 1965

50-year class reunion is set for 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, at Auburn Hills Marriott at Centerpoint, Auburn Hills. The main event will include a roving dinner, music and dancing, and fun. The Friday mixer starts at 5 p.m. and some of the junior high and elementary alumni will meet for lunch on Saturday. Check the www.seaholmclassof65.com website for more information.

Dearborn Lowrey

Class of 1965

50th class reunion is set for Sept. 26. For more information, email kmharleyriders@wow-way.com or call 313-414-8980.

Detroit Cody

Class of 1965

50-year reunion is scheduled for Sept. 19. January and June 1965 classmates can email codyclassof1965@yahoo.com or call Christine Snopkoski Nashlen at 734-561-3501 for more information.

Detroit Cooley

Class of 1965

Looking for classmates from January and June for 50th reunion on Oct. 3 at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, email reunioncooley65@aol.com or call 734-397-3308.

Fordson High School

Class of 1954

61st reunion lunch, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Stitt Amer-



Time to reminisce with classmates at a high school reunion.

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ican Legion Post Hall in Dearborn Heights.

For information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 313-581-6623 or 318-399-7718 or email Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

Garden City West

Class of 1975

40th reunion Saturday, Oct. 3. Event includes tour of the high school, 5-7 p.m., and gathering, 7 p.m. to midnight, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt. The cost is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple in advance; \$15 per person, \$20 per couple at the door. Visit the Garden City West Class of 1975 40th Reunion on Facebook or email cynthiahinckley@att.net.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1965

50th class reunion is Oct. 10 at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Members of the first graduating class in 1964 also may attend the event. Interested alumni and teachers from 1964-65 may write to Pat Yankovich Wagner, 2616 Courgette Way, Henderson, NV 89044 or email patwhitman@aol.com.

South Lyon High School

Class of 1985

30th reunion set for 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Cost is \$50 per person and includes barbecue dinner, non-alcoholic beverages, dessert, DJ, dancing, photo booth. Cash bar available. Send checks made payable to "SL Class of 85 Reunion" c/o HACC, P.O. Box 427, Hartland, MI 48353 or via paypal to slhclassof85@gmail.com by Sept. 26. Visit the reunion page on Facebook.

St. Thomas the Apostle

All Classes

6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy; \$45 per person. For more information, call Rose Ann Filar at 248-770-1271.

Wayne Memorial

Class of 1985

30-year reunion set for Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Livonia Marriott. Tickets in advance are \$45. Call Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at 734-223-5558, tanyadolour@tripointis.com, or Steven Johnson 734-635-0369.

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Students go back to school with wide range of feelings

The old school bell with be clanging for many students very soon. But it would not surprise me if some schools send out Facebook announcements or text alerts to iPhones announcing that summer vacation is over.

For high schoolers, the new school year often is a major social event. You have to know what clothes are in style and will friends they knew from last year be back in their class this year? Might there be a new dress code?

First-year college students may be excited, but nervous. Whether they are going out of state or commuting from home there will be a lot of anxiety. Will they figure out their class schedules quickly enough? Have they bought the correct



Len McCulloch
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textbooks? Are they really ready to embark on a new journey?

When my nephew Christopher entered Harvard's as a freshman, he struggled with worry about whether his classes and teachers would meet his expectations. His brother Alex, on the other hand, wrestled with concerns about whether or not he would live up to Cleveland Clinic's Medical School as he began his freshman year a couple of weeks ago.

For some, there will be

homesickness, while others will be relieved to be out of their parents' homes and thrilled about meeting new people, learning new things, and competing for grades of achievement.

Often, the first day back for a new semester by a college student is a day of wondering how in the world they are going to fit in a balance of time spent for studying, recreational time, playing sports, and doing their own laundry and grocery shopping.

What parents can do

It is important for parents to be empathetically anticipating these and many more varieties of questions. It can help to draw upon their own memories of things on their mind

when it was their first day at school, whether it be kindergarten, grammar school, high school, or college, or professional/graduate schools. This may help them to prepare their children for the major changes they are facing in their lives aside from the seasonal change of seeing summer and its vacation attitude change into autumn, with its back to business attitude.

A personal vignette

I recall that on my first day of school after summer's end in 1955, I shared some concerns with my older brother about what I might expect. Jokingly, they had me believing that the good part of going to school was the chance to make friends and even get a

girlfriend. I don't remember much of the content of that first day at school, but clearly recall leaving the classroom at the end of the day and asking the girl I'd been sitting next to if I could carry her books and walk her home. She asked if that would mean she was my girlfriend. I replied, "My brothers probably think it will." I remember her name was Paula. I think we held hands walking home.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Aging parents

St. Mary Mercy Hospital-Livonia will partner with local organizations to offer advice on caring for aging parents, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22-Oct. 13, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The program will include information on dementia, keeping parents at home until you can't, handling emotions and finances, and getting the estate in order. To register, call 734-738-6300 or visit <http://bit.ly/1LjrF6Y>.

ALS Walk 'N Roll

ALS of Michigan sponsors this 15th annual fundraiser Sept. 12 at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown, and Sept. 27 at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Sony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township. Registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by the Walk at 11 a.m. Participants walk individually or in teams and collect donations. To register visit alsmichigan.org or call 800-882-5764.

Blood drive

6:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, in Fisher Center Auditorium, at Providence

Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Sign up at redcross-blood.org and enter the code, PROVSFLD or call Abigail at 248-849-3067.

Breather's Club

Oakwood health professionals will discuss breathing control techniques, relaxation methods, treatment alternatives and exercise programs, 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 1 in the Oakwood Cardiac Rehab Center - Dearborn, 22060 Beech, Dearborn. Darlene Lingenfelter, 313-562-4132.

Diabetes PATH

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will present a free six-week workshop for adults with diabetes called Diabetes PATH (Personal Approach Toward Health), sponsored by the Redford Township District Library, 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23-Oct. 28, at Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia. The workshop will teach participants to handle with the challenges of diabetes, manage symptoms and communicate more effectively with physicians and family members. Register at 734-655-8955.

Diabetes prevention

Learn about healthy eating, overcoming stress, physical activity and more through the National Diabetes Prevention Program, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 14 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital-Livonia, located at Five Mile and Levan. The 16-week class is for persons who are overweight and at high risk for developing diabetes or overweight and diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Register at 734-655-8947 or stmarymercy.org.

Hearing loss

The Hearing Loss Association of America will look at hearing via bone conduction, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 9, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, contact Tony at 734-664-3297, aferrack@comcast.net

PAD

In recognition of Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) Awareness Month, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will present a free cardiovascular presentation with a heart healthy dinner, 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, in

the hospital's South Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. PAD is one of the least recognized artery problems, but there are ways to identify, treat and prevent it. Delair Gardi, M.D., Interventional Cardiology and Endovascular Cardiology, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will talk about its symptoms, effects and the latest treatment options. Register by calling Laura Smith at 734-655-2987

Prostate symposium

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University School of Medicine, will present the fifth annual Prostate Cancer Symposium, Latest Treatment Advancements: What you learn here could save your life, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. The symposium will focus on the latest research and treatment advancements for surviving prostate cancer, Gleason scores and what they mean, active surveillance vs. treatment, and additional health awareness information. The symposium is free but

registration is required before Sept. 19. Call 800-KARMANOSor visit karmanos.org.

Women's health

Paul Makela, M.D., director of gynecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia will talk about pelvic health, including bladder dysfunction and pelvic prolapse, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile, Northville. Register by calling 734-655-1980.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

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