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Wayne man facing robbery charges

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer



Groce

A Wayne man has been charged with seven felonies in connection with the robbery of a Westland gas station and shooting of the clerk.

Westland Police cited a tip from the public after a surveillance video of the Aug. 27 robbery at the BP gas station on

Wayne and Warren roads was released to the public.

Roger Groce, 25, was arraigned Friday in Westland 18th District Court on charges that include armed robbery causing serious injury, assault with

intent to murder, assault with intent to great bodily harm less than murder, possession of a firearm by a felon, felonious assault and felony firearm. Additionally, Groce was charged with being a fourth-offense habitual offender.

The Michigan Department of Corrections lists Groce as a parole absconder. He served time on multiple convictions of

breaking and entering, domestic violence and auto theft, according to MDOC.

The robbery was reported at just after 10 p.m. The clerk, who was shot in the mid-section, told police that the suspect looked familiar. That led detectives to believe the suspect was from the area, Westland Police Sgt. Robert Wilke said.

A tip led police to a Bay City

motel, where Groce was arrested, Wilke said.

A not guilty plea was entered for Groce and \$750,000 cash/surety bond was set. A probable cause hearing for Groce was set for Sept. 16 at 18th District Court.

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Debris is being cleared away after the vacant Westland Economic Development building was recently demolished.

Council taps Nocerini as Wayne city manager

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Staff Writer

Negotiations will be getting underway to make Wayne Interim City Manager Lisa Nocerini the permanent city manager.

"We determined that no one we interviewed we wanted to pursue, there were none that we would chose to be here as city manager," Wayne Mayor James Hawley said. "Lisa is willing to continue. We will see if we can make it permanent."



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Nocerini

At a special meeting Thursday, the council voted unanimously to begin negotiating a contract with Nocerini to become city manager. City labor attorney Gary King and Personnel Director Carrie Venus are expected to negotiate an agreement with Nocerini and submit it to the council.

A consultant for both Wayne and Westland, Nocerini began serving as interim city manager in June. The council interviewed five candidates for the position, then with Nocerini on board decided to expand the search through the end of July.

Nocerini wasn't available

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Vacant city buildings: one down, more to go

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland's vacant former Economic Development has been torn down, with bids expected to be awarded soon for additional demolitions of city-owned buildings.

Located on Marquette near the Westland Depart-

ment of Public Service, the Economic Development building was vacated when the new Westland City Hall opened nearly a year ago. Economic Development staff along with Building and Planning relocated into the new city hall.

"The intent was to cut the costs to maintain it, so we

took the building down," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

For now, the property will remain vacant.

"One of the things down the road, we need to figure out the DPS building. Once we are done with the other buildings, it will our oldest building," Wild said. "The

value of the land isn't enough to sell it."

At its next meeting, the Downtown Development Authority board is expected to consider awarding bids for the closed fire station on the southwest corner of Ford and Carlson.

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Westland sells water slide, kitchen sink at municipal garage sale

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland's recent municipal garage sale sold a lot of items, including the proverbial kitchen sink.

But the biggest item sold was the water slide, a familiar site for many years at the outdoor swimming pool at the now-closed Bailey Recreation Center.

With a \$6,500 sale price, the slide helped the city raise nearly \$20,000 from the two-day sale held at the former city hall site on Ford at Carlson.

"We repurposed a lot from the Economic Development Center, city hall and the Bailey

Center to the new city hall and especially to Jefferson Barns (Community Vitality Center)," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We did not have as much high-quality stuff left as we had expected."

Surplus items sold included a stainless steel sink, ovens, filing cabinets, tables, chairs, computers and telephones. The water slide, which was constructed on site, was sold to Jeff Yatooma of Bloomfield Hills. The slide will make its new home at Bloomfield Hills Swim and Tennis at 251 E. Square Lake.

"The slide looks to be in great condition. It is by far the coolest — and biggest — thing

I've purchased all year," said Jeff Yatooma, who, along with his brother, Chris, owns multiple businesses in the metro Detroit area, including the Bloomfield Hills Swim and Tennis Club.

The city will also generate some revenue from scrapping some of the unsold items.

"We are thrilled with the turnout of our city garage sale," Wild said. "I plan to talk to the city council about potentially using this revenue to help fund the City of Westland's 50th Anniversary Celebration events which are being planned for next year."

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The water slide at the outdoor pool at the former Bailey Center was sold during Westland's city garage sale. It will find a new home at a Bloomfield swim club.



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Lawmakers, mayor hold monthly coffee hours

Join Westland Mayor William Wild over a cup of coffee from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, west of Wayne Road.

This is an opportunity for residents to bring up matters of importance regarding city services or programs and events.

These monthly meetings have been a hit with residents, and coffee and light refreshments are provided during this one-hour event.

Lawmakers also will be resuming their month coffee hours following the summer hiatus. State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, has announced the schedule for her September coffee

hours.

Plawecki will be at Mr. Mike's, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland, 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14. She will be joined by Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, who with State Sen. David Knezek, also will be at her coffee hour 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. that day at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

Residents can also contact:

» Plawecki at 844-347-8011 (toll-free) or julieplawecki@house.mi.gov.

» LeBlanc at 313-224-8855 or District12@waynecounty.com.

» Knezek at 517-373-0994 or sendknezek@senate.michigan.gov.

Repairs force library to change hours

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Replacement of hot water pipes, including some that run right over the circulation desk, are forcing temporary changes in the hours of operation at Westland's William P. Faust Library.

"The boiler pipe carries tens of thousands of gallons of hot water. It's ready to explode — it would damage the library," library administrative assistant Sherri West said.

The repairs will get underway when the library reopens Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday. For the next five weeks, the library will



The library has scheduled closings on Saturday, Sept. 19, and Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27, and October 3-4.

close early. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library has scheduled weekend closings on Saturday, Sept. 19, and Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27, and October 3-4.

Contractors are slated to work on the pipes from 5 p.m. to midnight on weekdays. Along with

welding, grinding and fumes making for an uncomfortable atmosphere, West noted that the library's hot water and fire alarm systems, including sprinklers, would have to be shut off while crews are working.

The pipes are original to the library's construction 20 years ago.

"We need to get the work done when the heat isn't on and the air conditioning is off," West said.

A heavily used facility, the library usually has a full slate of evening and weekend programs. Library staff are working to cancel, reschedule or relocate affected evening and weekend programs.

For updates on the construction closings and changes to program schedules, visit www.westland.lib.mi.us/.

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NOCERINI

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for comment Friday. Council members have been pleased with the job Nocerini has done as interim manager.

"Lisa is doing a great

job; she's way ahead of what needs to be done. It's a great experience for her. It's a win-win," Hawley said.

"She's doing a fine job. It'll be great. She's the right person at the right time," Councilman John Rhaesa said.

Relating well with

staff, Nocerini has also improved communications with the council, Rhaesa added.

"The employees have been begging us to have her stay — that's good," Rhaesa said. "She's communicating with the council. She's listening. There is back and forth.

That's positive, too."

Wayne has been without a permanent city manager since Robert English retired in 2013.

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Additionally, the DDA recently acquired the vacant former Michigan Motor Exchange building on the southeast corner of the intersection and would demolish that building also. With the redevelopment along Ford and eventual demolition of the old city hall and closed Bailey Center, Wild said the city didn't want automotive to continue on the corner — a use that could have resumed under new owners.

"That will become a valuable corner with the park improvements (at Tattan and Central City Park)," Wild said. "The city can control the destiny of the property and



A pile of rubble is all that is left of the vacant Westland Economic Development building.

make it compatible with the city property."

While the first two demolitions will be moving forward, the demolition of the former Bailey Center will take longer.

"We need to work on a solution with DTE about the power at the Bailey

Center," Wild said. "All the parking lot lights and part of Tattan Park tie back to the Bailey Center."

It's expected that the city hall and former Bailey Center demolitions will be bid together. Wild said it's unclear if the

contractor will want to take care of city hall first or do the buildings at the same time.

"The Bailey Center has the electrical issue. City hall could come down before that," Wild said. "The contractor might want to do both together or one in the fall, the other in the spring."

Westland police have used the former Bailey Center for training while Wayne-Westland firefighters have had training inside city hall.

The Westland City Council has been discussing options for redevelopment of the city-owned property once the buildings are demolished.

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School board to interview 4 candidates for superintendent

Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The Livonia school board will interview four candidates for superintendent next week.

The board on Thursday narrowed down its list of 27 applicants to five it wanted to interview, but one of those individuals, Monique Beels, superintendent of Clawson Public Schools, withdrew as a candidate, said Stacy Jenkins, administrator of district communications.

The remaining candidates are:

» **Sharon Irvine-Hawkins**, Asst. Superintendent and Chief Human Resources Officer, Warren Consolidated Schools

» **Michael Musary**, Superintendent, Armada Public Schools

» **John VanWagoner**, Associate Superintendent, Shiawassee ISD



The Livonia school board will interview four candidates for superintendent next week.

» **Ron Wilson**, former Superintendent, Howell Public Schools

The interviews will be held as follows:

» Tuesday, Sept. 8: Wilson at 6:15 p.m. and

Musary at 8 p.m.

» Wednesday, Sept. 9: Van Wagoner at 6:15 p.m. and Irvine-Hawkins at 8 p.m.

The interviews will be conducted in the Board

Room at Central Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. The interviews are open to the public and will be televised.

Randy Liepa, who served as Livonia's su-

perintendent since 2003, left Aug. 2 to become superintendent of Wayne RESA, the regional educational service agency that provides services and support to Wayne

County's 33 school districts.

Andrea Oquist, director of elementary programs for Livonia Public Schools, is serving as the district's interim superintendent, but she is not interested in the job on a permanent basis.

Irvine-Hawkins previously served as assistant superintendent for human resources in Ypsilanti and a building principal in Northville.

Musary was formerly director of finance in Armada and in South Bend. Before that, he worked as a financial analyst for GM.

VanWagoner previously was a legislative liaison for the Michigan Department of Education on teacher certification and common core issues.

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Livonia Rotarians collect to help those harmed by Boko Haram attacks

By Julie Brown
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Nigeria is halfway around the world and devastated by Boko Haram, but members of the Rotary Club of Livonia are determined to help.

Rick Hart, a Livonia resident and past club president, said his club is collecting used jerseys, soccer balls, shoes, socks and blankets for those who've fled their homes following Boko Haram attacks. He said in northern Nigeria, over 900,000 people, many of them women and children, have fled.

Many schools have been damaged or destroyed, said Hart, with hundreds of children killed, injured or abducted from their homes and schools.



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Livonia resident Rick Hart

Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency reports that as of Jan. 15, 2015, there are about one million internally displaced persons in Nigeria. Some 107,997 are in camps in Adamawa, Yobe, Gombe, Bauchi and Taraba states, while 802,148 are being hosted

by communities.

Twenty campuses are now serviced by NEMA. Soccer leagues help the children keep occupied, said Hart, but many must play barefoot.

His Rotary Club is partnering with Healing Hands to distribute items in Nigeria. Its website is www.hhands.org/.

Contact Hart at rick-dakotahart@gmail.com or 734-432-7777 for information on where to donate.

"I'd greatly appreciate any support you can help us with," Hart said during a recent visit to the neighboring Westland Rotary Club.

"That is a great project," responded Paul Motz, a Westland resident and Westland club president.

By Julie Brown

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Schoolcraft tax plan aims to combat huge money losses

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Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College, reeling from a \$29 million revenue loss that officials say threatens the school's ability to improve, has pinned its hopes on a tax-hike proposal voters will decide in the Nov. 3 election.

The owner of a \$200,000 home would pay \$60 more a year if the 0.6-mill, 10-year tax proposal wins approval from Schoolcraft voters who live in the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Northville, Garden City and Clarenceville school districts. It would generate about \$8 million a year.

James Fausone, a Schoolcraft trustee and Canton resident, said the Livonia-based college lost \$29 million over seven years amid plunging property values and a bruising economic downturn that has begun to ease, though its harmful effects remain.

Schoolcraft officials are hopeful voters will support a college district that last asked for a tax increase 29 years ago — and got it. They say the new tax is crucial to staving off potential cuts to student programs, staffing levels, building repairs and technology advances.

"It's not just about throwing



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Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program is among those that have been expanded.

money at it," Fausone said. "It's about doing it right."

His remarks came during a sparsely attended public forum Tuesday at the Canton Public Library as officials take the tax plan on the road. Canton resident Antonio Calderoni said he supports the ballot measure because he personally has a friend and a relative who attended Schoolcraft programs that boosted their careers.

"Your school caters to working people," he told Fausone and Glenn Cerny, Schoolcraft's

vice president and chief financial officer.

To that end, the college has expanded its skilled trade and advanced manufacturing programs such as biomedical engineering technology, welding, metallurgy and materials science and plastic technology.

"These are skilled jobs that pay well," Fausone said.

Officials say the college has sought to remain relevant by offering new programs such as a bachelor's degree in culinary arts and brewing and distill-

ation studies, reflecting a burgeoning Michigan craft beer scene.

Among the highlights of Tuesday's forum:

» Cerny said it is projected Schoolcraft needs to invest \$48 million during the next 10 years for building improvements, some of them long delayed amid budget constraints.

» Before asking for a tax increase, Fausone said Schoolcraft already slashed spending by \$5 million by adopting a four-year employee wage freeze ending in 2012, along with buyouts, eliminating some administrative positions and reducing utility costs.

» Officials pledged to continue seeking cost-cutting measures without raising tuition beyond the cost of living.

» Fausone said 85 percent of Schoolcraft graduates stay in Michigan and account for \$511.4 million in annual regional income: "That investment stays local."

» Fausone said the tax, if approved, will be used for purposes such as expanding science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, programs and partnerships with universities, K-12 districts and businesses. The college also hopes to create a new financial aid plan aimed at reducing

student debt.

» Officials tout Schoolcraft as a leader in public safety training, including 2,200 police academy recruits in 2015 alone, along with extensive firefighter training.

» Statistics compiled by Schoolcraft indicate the district's taxpayers paid \$22.1 million in 2014 — far less than Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw community college districts, though, to be fair, Schoolcraft also has fewer residents.

» Officials say Schoolcraft has a higher percentage of students who graduate or transfer to predominantly four-year schools — 61 percent — compared to other community college districts.

"We are better than every other Michigan community college at preparing students for their education and career goals," Fausone said, "and we do it more efficiently than all of our local competitors."

» Schoolcraft's enrollment has remained flat in recent years. Cerny said the college currently has about 12,000 students in its academic programs and 20,000 in continuing education courses.

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Wayne-Westland gets ready for start of new school year

It took two sessions for Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Michele Harmala to present her welcome-back message to all of the district's 1,400 employees Wednesday.

Harmala told employees that "we are all on the same vessel. We must all row together and row in the same direction."

She welcomed the staff to the 2015-16 school year and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. She also shared her mission of team-

work and had staffers do team-building activities.

The school bell rings for the first time for the 2015-2016 school year on Tuesday morning, and Harmala plans to hop on a school bus at John Glenn High School and ride the route to pick up Marshall Upper Elementary School students.

After talking with students and parents at Marshall, she'll get on another bus to ride the route to pick up students who attend Hicks Elementary School.



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Wayne-Westland staffers join School Superintendent Michele Harmala in a team-building activity at Wednesday's Welcome Back presentation.

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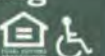
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Shop around for annuity that fits your goals, needs

Q: What is your opinion of annuities? I have read there have been changes to fix the negatives of annuities sold in the past. To make things even more confusing there are many different types of annuities: immediate, fixed, variable and indexed, to name a few. Insurance salespeople make this sound like the best thing since sliced bread. I have just retired and am in the process of consolidating my 457, 403(b) and IRAs.

A: Congratulations on your retirement; I hope it is long and comfortable.

You are correct in regards to annuities: salespeople do make them out as if they are best thing since sliced bread. However, it is important to realize that



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

salespeople often look only at commissions from the sale of annuities and not what is good for the investor. On the whole, I don't have a problem with certain types of annuities while with others, I do. The annuities that most trouble me are variable because most are stuffed with high fees and severe adverse tax consequences. Salespeople like to tout the idea that annuities will save on taxes; however, that is not the case — particularly with variable annuities. When you withdraw money from a variable annuity it is taxed at your ordinary income

bracket. If you had invested in those mutual funds outside the annuity you would have been taxed a capital gain rate which is substantially lower.

Other types of annuities that I don't like are those that have substantial penalty provisions. In some annuities if you withdraw money before a 10- or 15-year period you have to pay a penalty. That makes no sense. At most, I want an annuity that has a five-year penalty period. Why should I have to pay a penalty to take my own money?

The reason so many annuities have high penalties is they pay the salespeople commission. Therefore, any annuity that has a long surrender period or high surrender charges are those I avoid.

A product being

pushed today is what's known as immediate annuity. In an immediate annuity what you are typically doing is buying yourself a pension. In these types of annuities, depending upon your initial investment, the annuity company will guarantee a set amount of money per month for the rest of your life.

For many people who like the certainty of knowing exactly what they're going to receive on a monthly basis, these types of annuities can work for them. However, in no situation would I put 100 percent of someone's money into an immediate annuity.

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Livonia American Legion Post to hold 9/11, first responders award ceremony

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Jim Pardo knows how important it is to recognize first responders in the community. So the commander of Myron H. Beals Amer-

ican Legion Post 32 in Livonia decided he and others would resurrect the first responder awards last given more than 10 years ago. They've been added to the Post's 9/11 remembrance ceremony, scheduled for Friday.

"I've been working on this for a couple years to try and get this going," he said. "We've been doing a 9/11 ceremony since the first one, and I thought it would be nice to incorporate and blend it in with the first responders in recognition with what they do."

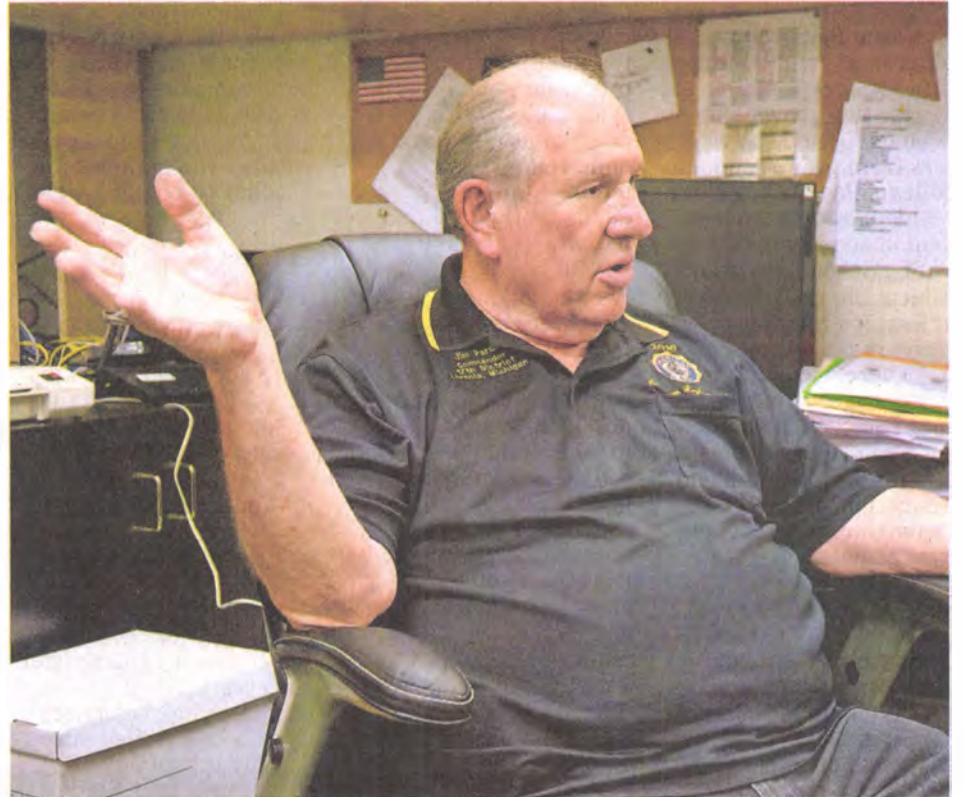
The event will take place at 6 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Post at 9318 Newburgh in Livonia. The ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. and will include dinner as well as the remembrance and awards service. There is no cost, though the Post requests those who wish to attend to call ahead and register by Wednesday. The phone number for the Post is 734-427-5630.

The awards were previously awarded by the VFW post in Livonia, but haven't been awarded for many years, Pardo said. Pardo, a retired Livonia police sergeant, worked with members of the post to award some first responders, including four firefighters and a police officer, who will be recognized at the ceremony.

"I don't remember when they did the last one, but it's got to be over 10 years," Pardo said. "It's been a while."

"I wanted to do it last year; we just couldn't get all the resources together at the last minute."

Award recipients
Those being recognized include: police



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Jim Pardo, commander of Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia

officer Martha Lancaster, who picked up the cold case murder of the Belt brothers in 1975 and investigated it before finding some DNA and linking a man locked up in a Georgia prison, David Fowler, to the murder. That individual was extradited and is currently serving a prison sentence.

Lt. Tom Goralski of the Livonia Police Department said while Sept. 11 is a horrible day in our nation's history, it's fitting for first re-

sponders and public safety officials to be recognized during a ceremony of remembrance. He said Lancaster was an excellent choice to receive an award from the Post.

"The hard work and dedication she put in that case helped locate Fowler and put him in prison for his actions. It helped get a lot of closure for the family and the city," he said. "She was an outstanding choice."

Members of the Livonia Fire Department

receiving honors include: firefighters Pete Keen, Dan Hefner, Lt. Tim Agnello and engineer Tim Eskin. Those four are being honored for helping deliver a child last July, as the mother was too far into labor to make it to the hospital. The crews delivered the child safely in about 10 minutes from receiving the call.

Fire chief Shadd Whitehead said members have mixed emotions when receiving such high-publicity awards, saying what they do is just part of the job. While firefighters are trained in delivering babies, it's training that does not need to be utilized very often, he said. "Typically, there's enough time to get on scene and assess and kind of help stabilize. So many times, we do transport expecting moms in labor, but very few times do we need to deliver the baby in the field," he said. "The crew that was involved did a great job."

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Back to school: Parents can help ease way for young students

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Karen Paciorek is a veteran of sending kids off to school.

Her two grown children navigated the waters from grade school to college. Paciorek, a Novi resident and past president of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, is a professor at Eastern Michigan University.

"There are going to be some tears, probably," said Paciorek, a professor and program coordinator, Early Childhood Education, at EMU's Department of Teacher Education.

She has advice for parents sending a child off, especially to kindergarten. "Help your child be independent."

That includes being sure pants can be snapped and unsnapped for toileting and shoes and jackets taken on and off. "If I can take care of myself as a child, I will have less anxiety," Paciorek said.

Agreeing is kindergarten teacher Jennifer Wichmann of Cleveland Elementary School in the Livonia district. "I think it's a good time to start to encourage a lot of that independence," said Wichmann, a Plymouth resident who's starting her 14th year in LPS and her fifth at Cleveland.

Let's get organized

Being organized in the morning is key. Children should pick their clothing and put out their backpack the night before. "Even if the child wears a uniform, they can choose their underwear," Paciorek said. "We rush off to work and we're frantic and frazzled. It just sets a bad tone for the day."

Reading for pleasure should continue all year,

with 20 minutes a day a good rule of thumb, the professor said. That can be the child reading independently or with a parent.

"Oh, absolutely," Wichmann, mom to two daughters entering third and sixth grades, said of daily reading. "That's one of my main readiness tips, reading aloud to your child daily. Kids see their parents reading."

Regular reading at home helps children learn parts of a sentence, as well as the beginnings and ends of words, Wichmann said. "It's also just a wonderful time to cuddle with your child," she added.

Wichmann said it's typical for children starting kindergarten to feel nervous and that family routines like breakfast, bath time and brushing teeth help children. "Those are really important to keep, especially when a child is starting something new in life," Wichmann said.

"Parents want to help get their children organized" for homework, Paciorek said. Early elementary homework, usually minimal, is designed to prepare children for middle school and high school, which are more demanding.

Even a young child needs a place to do homework, not in front of a TV, she said, as well as materials required. Paciorek urges parents to watch a child doing homework.

"Is the homework too hard? Are they having problems?" she said. Generally 10 minutes of homework per grade level per day is usual, so



Paciorek

a third-grader struggling for an hour and a half raises questions.

Writing a note to the teacher in that case is recommended, said Paciorek, who touts email as a good way to communicate, which allows the teacher to respond when he or she gets time.

'Communicate problems'

Many teachers now have websites and private Facebook pages to help families. "Communicate problems you notice your child is having," Paciorek said.

You want to first get the whole story from your child if an issue arises. It's best to then approach the teacher; you can go to the principal if that doesn't answer questions.

"The kindergartners keep us very busy during the school day," Wichmann said. Some teachers may not be able to answer an email until the next day, she said.

Paciorek and Wichmann agreed families need to share at some level if there are problems at home, such as an ill grandparent or a separation.

Knowing of difficulties at home helps, "just so we can kind of get a better idea of the child's experience and where they may be coming from," Wichmann said. She meets with parents before or after school or at lunch, "to try to make a plan to work things out" if needed.

Wichmann added, "I think every parent wants the best for their child, both academically and socially."

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Local organization unites piano teachers, students

This is the time of year when many parents begin searching for someone who can help their child, if he or she has expressed an interest in learning to play the piano. The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum (LAPTF) is a professional organization that acts as a resource for piano teachers looking to enhance their skills as well as piano students looking for the right teacher.

Founded in 1970, the LAPTF members are teachers from all over the metro Detroit area — not just Livonia. Its members have a variety of backgrounds and experience. The LAPTF meets monthly from September to May. Every meeting is planned

well in advance, featuring guest speakers who share their expertise.

Some of this year's features include "Improvisation: from the heart, through the head, to the fingers" by Dr. William Budai from Campbellsville University, Kentucky, and "Vive La Femme!" by Dr. Silvia Roederer from the School of Music at WMU. The 2015-16 year will conclude with a recital by several of the members' students who have received awards for piano performance excellence. Meetings are held at the Steinway Gallery in Commerce Township and Evola Music Center in Canton.

Students of LAPTF have the opportunity to

participate in community outreach recitals, judged performance events for students at all levels, collaborative concerts and testing events. Teachers interested in joining or visiting a meeting are encouraged to contact President, Alicia Operti, at amoperti@gmail.com or our Membership Chairperson, Irina Semanova at i33002003@yahoo.com.

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"The class is designed for dancers who are dedicated to optimally training their bodies to improve their overall performance," said Marianne Johns, MS, AT, a certified athletic trainer with a bachelor's degree in Dance and Athletic Training and a master's of science degree in Athletic Training. Johns will be teaching the program.

"Dancers should include cross training as part of their training curriculum to reduce the risk of injury, de-



Marianne Johns, MS, AT, athletic trainer and dance training specialist at MercyElite Sports Performance (right), instructs dancers through strength exercises unique to their ability and body mechanics.



Marianne Johns, MS, AT, athletic trainer and dance training specialist at MercyElite Sports Performance.

crease stress, improve strength and power, and enhance their overall performance," she said.

In the class, each dancer will learn self-assessment tools and individual strategies to improve overall movement for injury prevention and performance enhancement.

"Implementing an appropriate conditioning program that ensures stability to support the extreme flexibility demands of dance can help take a dancers technique to the next level," said Johns, who has 20 years of dance experience.

Johns, who still dances three hours once a week in an adult dance program herself, double majored in dance and athletic training, and continued with an advanced degree in athletic training because she saw the connection early on.

"Dancers put their bodies through intense work in an effort to achieve perfection," she says. "I wanted to develop a relationship between the two and help dancers under-

stand how their bodies move, to strengthen and stay injury-free. Dancers are athletes, but they move differently than athletes in other sports." Johns is also a local product of Churchill High School's Creative and Performing Arts program.

"The unique combination of Marianne's education and experience is specialized and provides an expertise any dancer would benefit from. We are fortunate to have her part of our team and teaching this clinic," said MercyElite's Dan Wolocko, PT, Director, Sports Physical Therapy and Sports Performance. "The program is meant to help dancers improve mechanical movement issues that will support and augment the moves they regularly make," he added.

"This is off-season for dancers so it is an ideal time to develop technique and strength for the fall season and prepare for auditions.

With this program, dancers can expect to learn how their individual bodies move and how they can implement their own strength program from it," Johns said.

Beginner/Intermediate classes will be held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays or 6-7 p.m. Thursdays.

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Seven things to remember with school starting soon

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Public schools are back in session Tuesday, and that means an entirely new routine for kids and adults alike.

Whether or not you have children of your own, the sound of the school bell on a daily basis most likely will affect you, too. Here's seven things to keep in mind with the start of school the day after Labor Day.

Increased drive time.

Whether or not you have your own tike to drop off at elementary school, there's plenty of neighbors out there who do. Not only will buses be on the roads, but so will mom or dad taking little Bobby or Sue to school on their first day, meaning there's going to be plenty more traffic on the roads starting Tuesday morning.

Schools begin the day anywhere from about 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. So if you're one of those people who like to roll out of bed at the last minute before heading off for your morning commute, you may just find out you're starting your four-day work week on the wrong foot as all that extra traffic means you're going to be late.

Speaking of your morning commute, remember how you shaved a few minutes off your drive by adjusting your route to head by that elementary school?

Pay attention to school zones. One of the (few) great things about driving to your 9-5 job during the summer is that you just don't see as much traffic on side streets compared to September-June. Why? All that school-related traffic is gone.

One thing you probably don't think quite as much about is every time you drive by a school, the speed limit drops down, typically to 25 mph. That's only during the high-traffic times when school's about to start or when it's letting out. And those speed limits are only in effect when school is in session. With two-plus months of summer vaca-



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What? School's back in session? Time to get back in the swing of things.

tion, some commuters surely forgot what it's like to slow down appropriately when driving by a school.

Particularly the first weeks of school, local police agencies are far more likely to park themselves just inside one of those speed zones looking for those people still a little groggy and not paying attention. Those officers and deputies aren't looking to see how many scofflaws they can ticket – well, maybe one out there is – but as a visual reminder to drivers that school is, indeed, back in session and those traffic laws need to be followed.

It's not just the speed zones to remember, but those big yellow things, too.

Bus safety highlights. Some of the safety features on school buses have changed since we were kids. Not only are there blinking red lights, but also a miniature stop sign popping out next to the driver's window and blinking yellow lights where you expect those red ones. What does it all mean?

First things first. You should be paying attention while driving already. Even more if you see a bus. Maybe in November you'll start remembering all the places the bus stops to pick up or drop off kids, but for now, just assume

the bus will stop at a moment's notice.

If you see blinking red lights and the extended stop arms, by all means STOP. That means kids are getting on or off the bus. They may even be crossing the street. You need to stop at least 20 feet from the front or rear of the bus until the bus starts again or signals that you can pass. More confusing, perhaps, are those yellow blinking lights. That means to be ready to stop, though you don't have to stop and wait for the bus. It's a signal from the bus to drive with caution.

Those of you without kids can probably stop reading here, as the rest of the list focuses on parents and their children.

Don't forget school supplies. If you've waited this long to get folders, pencils backpack and lunch box, you may be in trouble. At least if you want your kid to be happy. Bold colors and prints are popular with the older crowd, princesses and trucks still rule with the little ones.

Don't have a clue? Take a look as to what's just about out of stock at the store, and most likely that's your best bet. Notice that there's a huge pile of black and white folders and notebooks no one else seems to

be touching? There's probably a reason why.

If the lackluster school supplies has your child ornery, think about what you can do to minimize that.

Practice bedtime routines. Kids can get cranky. Oftentimes it's because of a lack of sleep. It's one thing during the summer months when they can sleep in the morning or take a little break for some alone-time after lunch. But that's a little more difficult at school when kids are expected to be learning for upwards of seven hours.

Any teacher will tell you that they see kids stumbling in the morning half awake, or ready to doze off an hour or two before the final bell rings. Kids need their sleep, and waiting until Labor Day to start enforcing an earlier bedtime does no one any good. There's sure to be some brush back, and that's no way finish off summer vacation for your child. Spend these last few days getting them ready for the new school year and sleep cycles.

And on the topic of slow starts in the morning, you're on a tight time line.

Everything takes longer than you remember. It's been a few months since everyone in the house has jumped out of

the bed to get out the door at the same time. Or if the kids head off to day care, you know that some of the normal morning tasks could be followed up there.

But between showering, brushing your teeth and having breakfast, everything somehow seems to take a little bit longer. It's likely that hard-and-fast deadline of school hours that makes the easiest of tasks just a bit more difficult. Couple that with the last thing you were supposed to remember (setting up bedtime routines) and you're in for one hectic morning.

And after that first day of school, note how your child is walking with her shoulders leaning a bit farther back than usual.

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So while you'll looking forward to getting your children out of daycare – or out of your hair – be sure to remember to get yourself and your kids back into the swing of things to make the transition back a little smoother for everyone.

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Registration open for Wayne County Parks' Heroes of Hines runs

Wayne County Parks, in partnership with Running Fit, is hosting the third annual Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run on Saturday, Oct. 3. Proceeds from the race will support and maintain the First Responders Memorial in Hines Park, located at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

Built in 2013, the First Responders Memorial contains the names of the police, fire and EMS personnel from Wayne County communities who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The memorial includes monuments, seat walls, concrete walkways, a paver plaza, site furnishings and special lighting. The Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run will start and finish at the memorial site.

"I know what a place like the First Respond-

ers Memorial means to the families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty," Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans said. "The men and women represented on the wall were true heroes who made great sacrifices and encountered great risks to ensure all of our safety."

"To honor them in this way is not enough, but this memorial shows that we are grateful for their bravery in service and most importantly it shows that they have not been forgotten. The Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run is an opportunity for us to support them in remembrance," he added.

Last year's Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run raised \$10,000 for the First Responders Memorial. Improvements to the memorial included a video security system

and new American, Wayne County and state of Michigan flags.

Participants can register online at www.heroesonhines.com or in person at the Nankin Mills Interpretive, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Online registration for the Half Marathon and the 5K Run will be accepted until noon Oct. 1. After Oct. 1, participants must register in person.

Entry fees include a technical race shirt, drawstring backpack, post-race food and finisher's medal for all participants.

The Half Marathon begins at 8 a.m. The registration fee is \$59 through noon Oct. 1. Registration thereafter will be \$70.

The 5K Run begins at 8:45 a.m. The registration fee is \$34 through

noon Oct. 1. Registration thereafter will be \$40.

Participants can also compete for the chance to win the Community Spirit Award. This award is awarded to the largest group that registers to participate together in either the Half Marathon or the 5K. Last year's winner of the Community Spirit Award was the Sumpter Township Police Department.

Sponsors for the 2015 Heroes on Hines event include Running Fit Events, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Burroughs Inc., Aunt Millie's Bakeries, Huron Valley Ambulance, Durr and Friends of Wayne County Parks.

For more information about the event, go to www.heroesonhines.com. For information on other Wayne County Parks events, call 734-261-1990 or go to www.parks.waynecounty.com.

Top Teens chapter looking for new members

Top Teens of America, Michigan Metro Chapter, a community service youth organization, is recruiting for new members for its 2015-2016 program year.

The Michigan Metro Chapter will kick off the year with a meeting at noon Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Woodson Community and Resource Center, 29115 Carlyle Ave., Inkster.

Top Teens of America is a national service organization sponsored by Top Ladies of Distinction Inc., with more than 100 chapters across America from California to New York.

A co-ed group, it's open to males and females ages 13-19 who

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- » To work cooperatively with other organizations to reach common

goals of service to mankind.

- » To develop deep concern for senior citizens, the status of women, community beautification and community partnerships.

- » To encourage appreciation for ethnic and cultural heritage differences.

Some of the 2015-2016 program activities include community service and outreach activities to seniors, the military, at-risk youth and others; participation with March of Dimes, United Negro College Fund, leadership training, guest speakers and workshops.

Some of the monthly discussion topics will be bullying, teen violence,

decision making, perseverance, goal setting, overcoming obstacles, peer pressure, self-respect, and budgeting/financial management.

Other opportunities are available for teens include the Area Conference and Teen Lock-In, which are held annually in either Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky or western Pennsylvania. A national conference is held every other year in various locations nationwide.

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Collecting memories

State fair memorabilia fuels local's passion

Cal Stone
Staff Writer

For the past 20 years, Bob Cummings has been building a collection as the Michigan State Fair's official historian – and it is all be on display at this year's event running through Sept. 7 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Four years ago, Cummings contacted Blair Bowman, owner of the Showplace and the one responsible for reviving the state fair.

"I said, 'I've got this large collection. Would you like me to bring it?'" Cummings said.

Bowman, who was launching the privately-funded Great Lakes State Fair after the state's official fair was shut down in 2009, said yes, so Cummings has brought his display each year since. (Since 2013, the event has been called the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.)

"They give me a little more room to display it and are very accommodating," Cummings said. "It's cool."

This year, he'll be stationed inside near the home crafts area and pie competition.

And so it begins

Although he only went to the former state fair once or twice as a kid, Cummings volunteered for the soccer World Cup at the Pontiac Silverdome in 1994. The woman in charge of that event decided she was going to take on the Michigan State Fair.

"I said, 'Sign me up!'" he said.

He started to volunteer at the old state fair



Bob Cummings, with just a sample of his Michigan State Fair memorabilia collection, at the press conference kicking off this year's event.

(on Woodward in Detroit) in '95, pretty much just as a joke, he said.

"I was there for 12 years," Cummings said. "I said I'll search eBay and see what pops up. I think it was a 1954 program for \$5 or something. So I said, what the heck. I bought it and brought it into the state fair's volunteer headquarters and everybody got a chuckle out of seeing the old ads and entertainers."

Cummings decided to see what else was out there. From there it snowballed, he said, into "an obsession, I guess you'd call it."

He discovered many pieces of ruby glass engraved with "Michigan State Fair" and the year (from 1905-50).

"I tell people, this was their souvenir before hats and T-shirts," he said.

He has amassed 72

programs; several dozen pins (brass, steel and plastic); seven pendants; four colorful posters; and many other "cute" items from different years.

The 61-year-old has lived in the Novi-Northville area his entire life and he keeps the collection stored in numerous Rubbermaid boxes in his basement.

"It doesn't get displayed anywhere but the state fair," he said.

He said he still has gaps in his program collection to fill, with only three from the 1970s in his display.

"I'd like almost anything from the 1800s, but was there much even printed then?" he said. "I've got one program I think is unique. It's got the Simpsons characters on it. It's pretty neat; from the late '80s."

He looks at garage sales, but eBay remains

Cummings' best source for items. He's also had a lot of folks donate pieces.

"They're like, 'If you want 'em, come and get 'em!' I've gotten quite a few that way," he said, adding that he has created a flier crediting all who have donated items.

To help recoup some of his costs, Cummings sells duplicates. And he does have a limit of how far he'll go price-wise when bidding.

A woman gave him some of her collection, including a framed newspaper clipping with the singer Ricky Nelson. A woman saw it at the Novi event and told Cummings she was in the parade with Nelson and wanted to get her picture taken with it.

"I said, 'Absolutely!' That's the joy of doing this," he said, adding he gets a kick out of people's reactions when they see

particular pieces in the collection.

His program from the 1961 Michigan State Fair indicates then-Sen. John F. Kennedy was going to be at the band shell.

"A friend of mine was there and heard him speak," Cummings said.

Entertainers like Bob Hope and Alice Cooper were common occurrences at the old state fairs and Cummings said country western music would pack the fairgrounds back in the day.

One woman visiting his display last year noted that she had won the pie-eating contest when she was young. Then she pointed to her son, who had just won the same contest that day.

"She said she was a little disappointed because they were small pies and she had to eat one of the big nine-inch blueberry ones and her son had hardly got any smudges on his face!" Cummings said.

Two years ago, a man was pushing an older lady in a wheelchair around the inside of the Showplace when they came upon Cummings'

display. He said she was very frail and the man locked the brakes on her wheelchair so she could stand up and look into the display cases.

"He's talking and says she's been to 50 state fairs. I thought, wow, that's got to be a record," Cummings said. "The guy asks, 'What's the oldest piece?' I said a program from 1879. And she turns and looks at me and says, 'I wasn't at that one!'"

She got back in her wheelchair and they left. Cummings then realized he had blown an opportunity to get her picture. Fortunately, she (Ruthy Noga) returned to last year's fair in Novi and Cummings got her picture that time.

Yes, it's in the collection.

If you have any Michigan State Fair memorabilia you'd like to see in Cummings' collection, contact him at bob_cummings@sbcglobal.net.

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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.

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://livonianneighborsandfriends.tripod.com.

GREENLEAF COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Location: 3rd floor of the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

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

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

3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

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

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

SCRAP BOOKING CLASS

Time/date: 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 21.

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middle Belt Road, Livonia.

Details: Beginning and expert scrap bookers alike are invited to a six-week Scrap Booking Class. Cost is \$3 a night. Bring six photos you want to scrap book. They can be from a birthday, vacation, wedding, prom, or of your children, grandparents, your childhood, etc. In addition, the children's choir will be practicing at 6:30 p.m. and children

and youth classes for age 4 through 12th grade meet from 7-8 p.m. Nursery care is provided for newborn through age 3.

Contact: 248-474-3444; clarencevillechurch@gmail.com.

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Time/date: 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11.

Location: VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford.

Details: VFW Post 345 is starting its fall/winter schedule of spaghetti dinners. The public is invited. Cost is \$7 per adult and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Contact: VFWPost345@gmail.com; 313-538-6294.

PERFORMANCES BY FRANK RUNYEON

Time/date: 7 p.m., both on Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13.

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Hubbard and W.

Chicago, Livonia.

Details: Former Guiding Light actor Frank Runyeon left Hollywood to go to divinity school. He became a minister and used his calling to present one-man plays based on the Bible. He has been all over the United States at many different churches. On Saturday, he will be performing Luke: Stories on the Road along with Faith vs. Hollywood. On Sunday he will perform Signs: The Gospel of John. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 children 7-12. Childcare will be provided. Refreshments and the chance to talk with Runyeon will be held after both performances in fellowship hall.

Contact: Joyce Backus at bactwobac@sbcglobal.net or 734-335-6668.

EUCHE RE 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 defund Planned Parenthood in this annual event sponsored by Livonia-based Right to Life-Lifespan.

Contact: 734-524-0162.

CHURCH FESTIVAL/CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: Festival features food, beer/wine tent, entertainment including classic rock, country and Benny (Jets). Silent auction, children's activities and bounce house. (Free admission ticket with every food/drink purchase.) Craft show runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact: 734-721-5023.

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: More than 180 booths offering a wide variety of items. Food and refreshments will be available. Select village buildings will be open from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2; children under 12 are free. Refreshments are available for about \$1.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY

Time/date: 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18.

Location: VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford.

Details: In conjunction with POW/MIA Remembrance Day ceremonies, VFW Post 345 will dedicate a new monument in memory of Redford Township veterans who served in the armed forces. Funding for this project was provided by the Redford Parade Authority on behalf of the Redford War Memorial. There will be light

refreshments following the ceremonies.

Contact: VFWPost345@gmail.com, or call 313-538-6294.

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.

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA 2015

Time/date: 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

Location: Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty 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. For ticket information, contact Mary Holaly at 734-462-4518.

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Reading room opens doors to Norwayne community

Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Julie Roberts had a lot of books she was thinking of selling, but decided to cart them over to the Reading Room at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center.

"I brought two truckloads. I was going to do garage sale, but said no let's get these books in the hands of kids and adults," said Roberts who was back as guest reader at the Reading Room's grand opening Tuesday.

For Roberts, it was a homecoming of sorts. She had worked in the media center when the building was an elementary school. She's now a front office secretary at Elliott Elementary School, where the students at Jefferson Barns were transferred to when the building closed in 2010.

"It was totally weird," Roberts said. "It was like coming home again. I was totally shocked at how many books they had on the shelves.

Checking it out

Parents and children, city officials, members of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council and volunteers checked out the reading room where children and adults can take books out to read with no requirement that they be returned.

Leaning on one of the bookcases, art teacher Paul Chisholm was glad he had had the summer off to work on the murals he painted in two of the room's walls. One is a large tree fills two walls over the children's books. On another wall, a large dragon is reading a book. Children age 12 and younger can enter a contest to name the dragon now through October. The winner will receive a new bicycle donated by the Westland Police Department.

"I think it took me about 35 hours," Chisholm said. "I did it in blocks of three hours. It was cool to be inside and see the change. I watched the building transform over a few months. I got to see it go from looking closed to looking like this."

"I have plans for that



Volunteer Joan Hanawalt waits for folks who need a good read.

tree," said Margaret Reyez who works with Chisholm at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton. "We'll hang things from it, like leaves and snowflakes. I have TAG (Talented and Gifted) teachers at Walker-Winter saying anything they can do, let them know."

Joan Carr, the self-described birth mother of the Red Wagon Literacy program that delivers books to Norwayne neighborhoods during the summer, was the first adult to try out the rocking chair, reading a book with 3-year-old Hailey Coil. She and five other volunteers spent nine weeks cleaning up the room and sorting and organizing the donated books.

"There was nothing but boxes and boxes of books," said the Canton resident.

Father Gerry Bechard, pastor of St. Simon and Jude Catholic Parish, dropped in for a look-see. Before he left, he gathered the last of the group of guests together for a prayer circle to bless the new reading room. The plan is to have 12 churches adopt a month to provide books for the reading room. Kudos have already gone

out to St. John Episcopal Church for its contribution of books.

'Joy of Reading'

The mission of the Jefferson Barns Reading Room is to connect adults and children to "the joy of reading and to enrich lives, build community, and foster success by bringing people, information, and ideas together."

Parents encouraged their youngsters to take a few books. One youngster selected a *Star Wars* book and *Murray's 1st Word*, while Buster Wurm, who has been active in different projects in the Norwayne community with his mother, selected *Bridge to Terabithia*.

"The kids in my class said it's pretty good," he said.

Youngsters received free gift bags and a bookmark that included a quote from Dr. Seuss's *I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!* - "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Adults also were given a bookmark, with information on when the reading room is open.

"I think it's great," said Henry Johnson, president of the citizens



Joan Carr, founder of the Red Wagon Literacy program and a resident of Canton, reads to three year old Hailey Coil.

council. "It took 10 weeks to do and a lot of support. We had three deliveries of books today alone."

With the reading room now open, the focus has

shifted to transforming a courtyard at Jefferson Barns into a flower garden. Johnson has already begun looking for donations.

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CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2015-08-01-07 submitted by Kucyk Soave & Fernandes, P.L.L.C. pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the properties at 9439, 9441, 9443, 9445, 9447 and 9449 Hix Road (former Washington Elementary School site), located on the southwest corner of Hix and Ann Arbor Roads in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, from PL, Public Land, to R-1, One Family Residential - 60' x 120' Lots.

Petition 2015-09-02-14 submitted by Joseph Philips Architect, L.L.C., on behalf of Merri-Bowl Lanes, requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 19.06 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to expand the existing food service operation of the bowling alley to include an outdoor dining patio at 30950 Five Mile Road, located on the north side of Five Mile Road between Henry Ruff Road and Merriman Road in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14.

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

R. Lee Morrow, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Date: September 29, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Board of Education
Wayne-Westland Community Schools
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Westland, MI 48185
ATTN: David Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director of Business

All bids received after the date and time stated above will not be considered.

Bidding documents will be available at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2015 or by contacting 734-419-2048.

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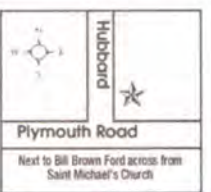
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Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson sophomore Emily Lauzon displayed a flash of mid-season form at Thursday's Ann Arbor Running Company Fall Preview race, which was held at Huron

Meadowmetro Park.

Lauzon led the Spartans to a third-place finish in the eight-team race by placing 11th with a time of 21 minutes and 45.2 seconds.

Stevenson junior Julia Cercone was hot on the heels of Lauzon as she finished 14th in

22:04.2.

Host Ann Arbor Pioneer won the event after accumulating just 21 points, 38 fewer than runner-up Canton.

Stevenson finished with 89 points to out-distance fourth-place Fenton (101).

Rounding out the field were Farmington Hills Mercy (142), Ortonville Brandon (171), Ypsi-

lanti Lincoln (193) and Detroit Country Day (201).

Six other Spartans posted sub-24-minute efforts: sophomore Kennedy Thurlow (22nd in 22:39.4), junior Megan Verant (26th in 23:00.9), junior Emily Zwicker (27th in 23:05.2), junior Grace Lamer-

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D'Agostino voted Athlete of the Week

The first Athlete of the Week poll was won by Gino D'Agostino, a senior receiver from Livonia Stevenson. He edged Simon Roennecke, a junior forward on the Roper varsity soccer team, as the top vote getter with 2,408.

Roennecke received 2,082 votes.

A total of 4,889 votes were cast during the four-day period on hometownlife.com.

This week's poll will begin Tuesday due to the holiday weekend.

Following are how the nominees fared:

(2,408) GINO D'AGOSTINO, LIVONIA STEVENSON, FOOTBALL – A senior receiver, D'Agostino caught six passes for 142 yards and two touchdowns and also returned a kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown Friday in Stevenson's 49-39 victory over rival Livonia Franklin.

(178) DESTON LANGFORD, SALEM, FOOTBALL – A senior running back, Langford was instrumental in the Rocks' 22-12 win over Belleville. He rushed 36 times for a career-best 233 yards. He scored one touchdown, on a run of 11 yards.

(64) TYLER LAURENTIUS, NOVI DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL, FOOTBALL – The 5-10, 175-pound senior defensive back had seven unassisted tackles, one assist and a key interception in the Shamrocks' come-from-behind 15-12 win over state power Muskegon.

(2,082) SIMON ROENNECKE, ROEPER, SOCCER – A junior forward, Roennecke scored 10 goals and added two assists in three games last week. He scored five goals with an assist Aug. 25 in a 7-1 victory over Ferndale; scored four goals with an assist Aug. 27 in a 5-2 win against Lutheran Northwest; and added one goal Friday in a 7-1 loss to Royal Oak Shrine.

(157) JAMISON SCARBER, FARMINGTON HARRISON, FOOTBALL – A senior slotback, Scarber caught five passes for 150 yards and three touchdowns Friday in Harrison's 35-28 loss to East Kentwood. His touchdown catches covered 34, 26 and 40 yards. Scarber (5-8, 160) also had 91 return yards on four kickoffs, rushed the ball four times and played cornerback on defense.

Mini kickers soccer school

The AC Milan Detroit soccer club will be hosting a Saturday morning soccer school for girls and boys between the ages of 3 and 5 years old.

The school will run 9-10 a.m. for six consecutive Saturdays, beginning Sept. 12, at the Dickinson Soccer Complex, located at 18000 Newburgh in Livonia.

The cost of the six-week school is \$105, which also includes a jersey for each participant.

Interested parents can register online at acmilan-detroit.com.

For more information, call 734-464-8575.

PREP FOOTBALL



Redford Union's Rhuben Crowley finds a seam in the Livonia Clarenceville defense Friday afternoon.

ED WRIGHT

MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH

RU overcomes 15-point deficit to notch first win since 2013

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Catch-22?

With a program-reviving interception firmly in his grasp, 100-plus yards of green grass ahead of him and a parade of blockers lined up to clear his path?

Not a chance – not for Livonia Clarenceville on Friday afternoon at Kraft Field once Redford Union freshman defensive back Anthony Lewis (No. 22) snatched a tipped pass

4 yards deep in the end zone and – instead of taking a knee, like most ninth-graders might tend to do – sprinted end zone to end zone to give the Panthers a five-point lead they'd never relinquish in an attitude-invigorating 20-15 victory.

Lewis' clutch play, which came with 46 seconds left in the third quarter, helped RU (1-1) earn its first non-forfeit gridiron victory over a team other than Detroit Edison Academy since Oct. 12, 2012, when the interceptor was just

a few weeks into sixth grade.

"I saw it in the air, I caught it and I followed my blockers," Lewis said, making his monumental pick-six seem like child's play. "To be losing like we were (15-0) in the first half and to come back and win feels great. The coaches told us at halftime to keep our heads up and keep fighting and that's what we did."

The 0-2 Trojans' defense played like a champion – with the exception of two plays: a 50-yard TD burst up the mid-

dle by RU junior steam-roller Marquise Hathaway that cut the Panthers' deficit to 15-6 and a 70-yard up-the-gut scamper by sophomore back Isaac Grant, whose lightning strike (and the ensuing two-point conversion run by Hathaway) brought RU to within 15-14 with 10:11 left in the third quarter.

And then there was the third pivotal play – one Clarenceville head coach Ken Fry was still shaking his head over a few moments after the game.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Denzel dazzles Milford with four touchdowns

Franklin QB Adams too elusive for Mavericks

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Tackling Livonia Franklin senior quarterback Denzel Adams is about as challenging as catching lightning in a bottle.

Milford's football team

found this out the hard way Thursday night as Adams dodged and darted for four touchdown runs in the Patriots' statement-making 35-0 road victory.

Speaking of bottles, the Patriots' defense canned the Mavericks' offense, limiting

the hosts to 49 yards rushing.

Adams picked up where he left off in the second half of last week's 49-39 loss to Livonia Stevenson when he brought the Patriots back from a 35-10 deficit to within three with his quick feet and deceptive power.

The fleet-footed signal-caller torched Milford's de-

fense for 149 yards on 12 carries. He also completed 2 of 3 passes for 12 yards.

Senior running back Nate Binkiewicz also had a productive night for the winners, rushing for 139 on 22 carries.

Defensively, David Brackett intercepted a pass for Franklin

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Cougar netters slam Lincoln

Railsplitters find scoring tough against polished GC

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

There were a lot of goose eggs laying around the Garden City High School tennis courts following the Cougars' non-league match against Ypsilanti Lincoln Thursday afternoon, and all of them were decorated in Railsplitter blue.

Garden City continued its strong play under veteran coach Ron Pummil by pummeling the 'Splitters, 7-0-1. Altogether, the Cougars won seven sets

by 6-0 scores. No. 1 singles player Robbie Moyers set the tone for the winners by sweeping his foe, Jacob Kedroske, 6-0, 6-0.

GC's No. 2 man Tyler Kelly and No. 3 swinger Jassen Matusczak followed suit by winning their contests by identical 6-1, 6-0 tallies.

The No. 4 singles match was won in a walk-over by GC's Jacob Grant.

The dismantling continued in doubles play as GC's No. 1 duo of Avery Emerson and Derrick Van

Dooren held a 6-4, 3-2 advantage before its match was rained out.

The No. 2 tandem of Tony Van Dooren and Justin Perrin ousted Nick Morgan and Cade Rickman, 6-2, 6-0, while the No. 3 pairing of Tim Tapper and Kevin Widmer dominated Joshua Carthron and Lucas Swanson, 6-0, 6-0.

Cougars Tanner Davis and Thomas Catton won on a walk-over at No. 4 doubles.

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Garden City No. 3 singles player Jassen Matusczak puts everything into a serve Thursday afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Out-of-sync Stevenson prevails, 1-0

Navarro nets game-winner against Vikings

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team didn't bring their "A" game against Walled Lake Central Wednesday night, but the Spartans' "B" performance proved to be good enough to notch a "W".

Brandon Navarro's net-finding shot from 20 yards out settled into the upper-left corner of the net to give the Spartans and 1-0 victory and improve their record to 4-1.

The Vikings battled the Spartans to a scoreless draw through the first half, but fell to 0-2-1.

Judging by the shot differential - 12-4 in favor of Stevenson - the winners controlled possession throughout most of the KLAA inter-divisional contest.

Turner Miller and Drew Padgen combined for the shutout after stopping one Viking shot.

"We were out of sync all game," admitted Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "Our back line did a nice job keeping everything in front of them."

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PREP FOOTBALL



Lutheran Westland's Ben Brown puts heat on Mayville quarterback Cole Couter from the blind side Thursday afternoon.

Shaky first half dooms Lutheran Westland

Mayville rolls to big half-time lead before coasting to win

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Mayville's ball-carriers not only got to the edge during the first half of Thursday afternoon's game at Lutheran Westland, the Eagles often turned it - sharply.

Led by slippery quarterback Cole Couter and hard-running tailback Brandon Blasius, the Eagles rolled to a 28-6 victory in a game played under gray skies at Dennis Tuomi Field.

The loss dropped the Warriors to 0-2 while Mayville improved to 2-0.

The winners tallied the game's first three touchdowns thanks in large part to their success on outside sweeps and quarterback keepers.

The Warriors' interior defense, which was anchored by tackle Mitchell Klein and linebacker Luke Smith, did



Lutheran Westland's Michael LaChance broke through the Mayville defense for a long second-quarter run Thursday afternoon, but the drive stalled in the red zone.

a decent job of bottling up the middle during the first 24 minutes.

Trailing 12-0 mid-way through the second quarter, the Warriors threatened to make a game of it when senior two-way standout Mi-

chael LaChance recovered a fumble - which was forced by sophomore John Davenport's hit - near mid-field.

LaChance then rumbled 24 yards inside the red zone before the hosts' drive was ex-

tinguished at the 12-yard line by the Eagles' defense.

Details of the second half were not available as of Thursday night.

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Livonia Stevenson's Dylan Zopko pursues the ball during a game earlier this season.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 11
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
Robichaud at RU, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Oak. Christ., 7 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Wednesday, Sept. 9
John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at S. Lyon, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Howell Play for the Cure Invite, 8 a.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 8
Franklin Rd. at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Clarenceville at G.C., 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
HVL at Greenhills, 6:30 p.m.
Thurston at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Novi Invitational, TBA
Wyandotte Invitational, TBA
Ladywood Invitational, 8 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Tuesday, Sept. 8
Franklin at Canton, 3 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Franklin at Wayne, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Canton at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 3 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Grosse Ile Invite, 1 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
HVL at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10

Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
HVL at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11

Truman at Garden City, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
W.L. Central at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
RU at Edsel Ford, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Charger Relays, 11 a.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Livonia City Meet, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
G.C. at Wayne, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Tommy Titan Invite, TBA
Rambling Rock Invite, 9:30 a.m.

SPARTANS

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son (29th in 23:17.4), junior Abigail Zwicker (32nd in 23:28.7) and junior Diana Graham, who placed 36th with a time of 23:40.6.

Mustang Invitational

The Spartans' juniors and seniors earned a ninth-place showing at Tuesday's Northville Mustang Invitational held at Cass Benton Park, while the team's sophomores and freshmen placed 12th.

Cercone was Stevenson's top finisher in the

upper-class division, taking 30th in 22:50.1. Rounding out the Spartans' top five were Zwicker (52nd in 24:15.5), Lamerson (53rd in 24:16.2), Colleen Fitzgerald (60th in 24:30.4) and Verant (75th in 25:03.2).

Lauzon placed 10th in the ninth/10th-grade race with a clocking of 22:23.4. Also competing for Stevenson were freshmen Anna Bonser (73rd in 27:10), Gretchen Stemmler (95th in 28:12), Sabrina Kliza (97th in 28:14.4), Anna Braschwitz (120th in 29:43) and Emma Rowe (123rd in 29:50.7).

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FRANKLIN

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and Kelvin Oleita recovered a fumble.

Adams broke a score-

less draw in the second quarter when he scored on a keeper from eight yards out. Jake Giacobbi then tacked on his first of five successful extra points to make it 7-0.

Franklin carried a 14-0

lead into the half thanks to a 22-yard TD run by Jacob Clark, who finished the night with 57 yards on three hauls.

The Patriots maintained the momentum in the third quarter with a

pair of scoring runs by Adams - one from nine yards out and the other on a 43-yard sprint.

Adams capped the scoring with a 1-yard plunge in the fourth stanza.

Milford quarterback Zack Jones completed 9 of 15 passes for 120 yards. Joe Bravo led the hosts' running attack with 28 yards on 10 carries.

Oleita had four tackles

for the Patriots, who visit Canton on Friday, Sept. 11, for the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

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HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING



CHRIS GUDECK

Garden City swimmers (from left) Hannah Harris, Kyiah Marshman and Kayla Westphal cheer on a teammate Thursday night.

Cougars drop opener to Dearborn

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The good news Thursday night inside Garden City High School: The pool was re-opened for business for the first time since a water-main break shut it down in December.

The not-so-good news: The host Cougars' girls swimming and diving team dropped its season-opener to Dearborn, 102-64.

Although her team came up short on the scoreboard, Garden City head coach Julie Johnston was "wowed" by their effort.

"The score doesn't show it, but it was a very close meet," said Johnston. "The girls did an

outstanding job. All of them swam at least three events and they did a great job on all of their events.

"I thought they started out the season with a bang. We are still in need of more endurance. I'm looking forward to the rest of the season."

The Cougars' lone first-place showing came from junior Sydnee Charlton, who won the 100-yard freestyle in 1 minute, 9.78 seconds.

The Pioneers picked up first- and second-place points in 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle, but the Cougars touched second in every other race.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



ED WRIGHT

Stevenson senior running back Austin Petrie (pictured during last week's victory over Franklin) had a phenomenal game Friday morning against Walled Lake Northern

DELAYED DEMOLITION

Petrie powers Stevenson to huge Friday morning win over WLN

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Who needs an alarm clock when you have an Austin Petrie?

With the Livonia Stevenson football team's Thursday night game moved to 10 a.m. Friday due to relentless lightning, Petrie woke the Spartans up in a big way by returning the opening kick-off 99 1/2 yards for a touchdown against visiting Walled Lake Northern.

The electrifying play lit the spark in the Spartans' emphatic 42-17 victory over the Knights, a formidable opponent that won its opener 56-0 last week.

Now 2-0, Stevenson will start defending its KLA Central Division championship next Friday at Novi.

In addition to at least tying the school record for longest kick-off return, Petrie rammed through the Knights' defense for 208 yards



ED WRIGHT

Stevenson's Anthony Leopardi (64) and Marco D'Agostino (36), pictured last week against Franklin, helped open big holes for Austin Petrie Friday morning.

and four touchdowns on 20 carries.

Spartan junior quarterback Chris Tanderys kept Northern's defense honest by completing 9 of 12 passes for 65 yards and a touchdown pass to Frank Carlin.

Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said the game plan was to keep things as normal as possible in light of the abnormal starting time.

"We reminded the kids that it was just like when they played little league football on Saturday mornings, only we were playing this one on Friday morning for a lot bigger marbles," Micallef said. "We brought

them in early, stretched and watched film, just like we normally do, and they responded well.

"Austin's kickoff return to start the game was phenomenal. It set the tone for the entire game. The stands were still kind of empty, so it gave us energy."

Petrie's productive morning was made possible by the blocking of Stevenson's guys in the trenches, including Kyle Foster, Giovanni Agazzi, Jordan Bauer, Kyle Holmes and Ben Piccard.

Stevenson's defense turned the lights out against the Knights, forcing four turnovers

and limiting them to 10 points until a meaningless, late-game touchdown.

Erik Doss was a beast for the Spartans, registering five solo tackles, five assists and one interception.

Nate Bunton also picked off a pass for Stevenson while Matt Brown and Tyler Statham recovered fumbles.

Northern promptly knotted the game at 7-7 following Petrie's kick-off return, however, the hosts seized the lead for good with back-to-back second-quarter touchdowns: a 5-yard run by Petrie and a 26-yard pass from Tanderys to Carlin.

Northern closed to within 21-10 at the half on a last-second field goal.

The Spartans put the game on ice with three third-quarter Petrie scores from 73, 42 and 1 yard out.

"Austin was tremendous offensively for us, but he also did a really nice job playing defensive end," Micallef said. "He played well in all three phases of the game today."

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CHRIS GUDECK

Garden City's Amy McNally cuts through the water during the 200-yard individual medley race Thursday night.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Howell thumps John Glenn, 37-7

Double-threat QB Chaperon leads Highlanders' offense

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's football team played toe-to-toe early on with powerful Howell Thursday night before ultimately dropping a 37-7 decision.

The Rockets, who trailed just 14-7 after the opening quarter, dropped to 0-2 heading into Friday's home game against Livonia Churchill (1-1). Highlander quarter-

back Brett Chaperon did most of the damage for the winners, completing 6 of 13 passes for 97 yards while running 12 times for 67 more.

Chaperon tossed two touchdowns — one each to Trevor Wetzel (16 yards) and Logan Russo (11 yards).

Senior Alfred Moll tacked on an 18-yard rushing TD for the hosts, who improved to 2-0.

Junior Caleb Gordish led the Highlanders' defense with six tackles.

John Glenn's statistics were not available.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Rockets blaze to big win over Ladywood

John Glenn's freestyle sprinters lead the way

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's girls swim and dive team rocketed off the launching pad during Thursday's season-opening dual meet against Livonia Ladywood.

Buoyed their deep and talented roster, the Rockets torched the Blazers, 102-71.

John Glenn's 200-yard medley relay team of Sahara Tomlin, Hannah Cizauskas, Kera Sells and Sidney Aloisi got things rolling for the winners by winning the first event with a time of 2 minutes, 6.57 seconds.

Ladywood's foursome

of Natalie Stevenson, Monica Rzepka, Lemmer Katy and Olivia Dario touched seven seconds later to earn the Blazers four second-place points.

With little time to rest, Stevenson captured the 200 freestyle for Ladywood in 2:24.77 — six seconds faster than John Glenn's Taylor Mifsud.

Ladywood prevailed again in the third race — the 200 individual medley — thanks to a golden performance from Rzepka, who completed the challenging event in 2:26.33. Cizauskas was second for the Rockets in 2:43.79.

The Rockets seized control of the meet in the 50 freestyle, which they swept thanks to lightning-quick strokes from Aloisi (25.81), Alana Rudd (30.07) and Amethyst Weiss (30.95). Ladywood's Rachel Williams, the meet's lone diver, earned six points by racking up 126.05 points.

The Rockets' speed struck again the 100 freestyle as Aloisi (57.47), Rudd (1:08.14) and Weiss (1:11.54) went 1-2-3 to chalk up 13 big points.

Moments later, Mifsud put her endurance on display by winning the 500 freestyle in

6:46.89 — close to 20 seconds swifter than Ladywood's Grace Doyle.

Glenn's quartet of Sells, Rudd, Weiss and Aloisi won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:58.15 before Sells cruised through the water to win the 100 backstroke in 1:10.10.

Rzepka won the 100 breaststroke in 1:12.59, nine seconds quicker than Hannah Cizauskas.

Ladywood's team of Stevenson, Dario, Katy and Rzepka gave the Blazers some momentum heading into their next meet by touching first in the 400 freestyle relay in 4:30.42.

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ED WRIGHT

Westland John Glenn's Austin Hamlett (14) brings down Skyline's Hunter Rison during last week's season-opening contest.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Local long-distance runners shine in opener

Mustang Invitational offers early-season test for harriers

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia's deep contingent of high school cross country standouts was well-represented at Tuesday's Northville Mustang Invitational at Cass Benton Park.

Stevenson's boys team enjoyed a banner day, placing second in the 11th/12th grade race with 109 points, 55 off the pace of first-place Northville.

Churchill (238 points) was 10th in the 21-team event while Franklin was 12th with 297.

Wayne Memorial's rebuilding squad took 20th with 544 points.

The premier Livonia individual runner was Franklin senior Tony Floyd, who galloped to a second-place finish in 16 minutes, 38.82 seconds.

Floyd was nipped for medalist honors by Lakeland's Jacks Grzymkowski, who posted a stellar early-season time of 16:37.67.

"Tony Floyd ran another great race for us, coming off of Saturday and considering the heat," said Franklin head coach Pat Koelzer. "He had the lead all alone for much of the race. Even-



Franklin's Natalie Douglas (left) placed eighth in Tuesday's Northville Mustang Invitational.



Churchill's Kathleen George placed 21st in Tuesday's Northville Mustang Invitational.

tually he fell just short at the end to a stronger finisher."

Stevenson's eye-opening day was paced by three-sport senior Andrew Bambach, who placed eighth in 17:45.45.

Additional scorers for the Spartans were Nathan Ward (15th in 18:04.32), Alex Brauer (22nd in 18:27.29), Nathan Wilson (27th in 18:44.96) and Trevor Tillman, who was 37th in 19:04.97.

Jacob Bieganski just missed contributing to the scoring ledger for the Spartans as he placed 38th in 19:05.43.

Along with Floyd, the Patriots were bolstered by a top-40 showing from Matt Lepper (33rd in 18:52.95).

Churchill's lead runners were Noah Hagood (34th in 19:00.86), Frank LaFave (39th in 19:06.19) and Jon Hovemale (52nd in 19:30.20).

Westland John Glenn's front-runners were Justin Hadyniak and Ben Biber, who placed 70th and 73rd, respectively.

Stevenson and Franklin finished fourth and sixth, respectively, in the boys freshmen/sophomore race.

Patriot freshman Grant Rudd was the top Livonia placer, taking 10th in 19:04.40. Stevenson's Ben Griffith was 11th in 19:11.93, just ahead of teammate Sean O'Meara, who crossed the finish line in 19:16.26 (14th place).

GIRLS RESULTS

Livonia Churchill turned in a strong fifth-place showing at Tuesday's 11th/12th-grade Northville Mustang Invitational.

The Chargers chalked up 141 points, 24 fewer than sixth-place Frank-

lin. Livonia Ladywood was seventh with 219 points.

Northville won the event with a miniscule 40 points.

Leading the Chargers' charge was Christina Murphy, who placed 14th in 21:19.55. Also running well for Sue Tatro's squad were Kathleen George (21st in 21:54.67), Hailey Pampreen (29th in 22:47.65), Alexis Lombardo (37th in 23:20.60) and Caroline George (49th in 24:11.31).

Franklin's Natalie Douglas raced to an eighth-place finish in 20:41.47. Other Patriots

who fared well included Camryn Zurawski (32nd in 22:59.72), Natalie Martinez (40th in 23:32.51) and Julie Wonch, who took 45th place with a time of 23:55.57.

Ladywood was energized by the stellar efforts of 33rd-place Sarah Wilson (23:07.91) and Catherine McLaurin, who was 41st in 23:36.23.

John Glenn's Shiann Proffitt was 51st in 24:13.95 while Wayne's Nikita Bhangu led her team with a 54th-place showing in 24:16.51.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Lutheran Westland spikers start season strong

Fairbairn kills Parkway's hopes of winning

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Lutheran Westland volleyball team improved to 1-1 Thursday with a thrill-a-minute 25-18, 26-24, 17-25, 20-25,

15-11 triumph over Parkway Christian.

Emily Fairbairn was strong all night for the Warriors, finishing with a team-high eight kills.

Ellie Storck also played well at the net for

the winners as she registered five blocks.

"It was a gutsy match by both teams," said Lutheran Westland head coach Tom Lange. "Parkway showed a lot of poise to come back from two sets down and force a fifth set. I was very

proud of how our team regrouped and improved our passing in the fifth set and come away with the win."

On Tuesday, the Warriors dropped their season opener, 25-12, 24-26, 25-13, 25-19 to Plymouth Christian.

Caylin Hindle was a defensive wizard for the Warriors, picking up 23 digs while setter Bethany Hoehne dished out 34 assists.

"Plymouth Christian is ranked No. 5 in the Class D pre-season ranking, which is well-deserved,"

Lange said. "They do everything well. It was a fun match and great challenge. I saw a lot of things from our team that make me excited about the upcoming season."

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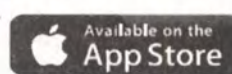


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PREP FOOTBALL

Thurston rallies to take down Crestwood

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston senior Alonzo McCoy is the real deal – or the Real McCoy, whichever you prefer.

On Friday night against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, the quarterback/cornerback game-changer powered the Eagles to a come-from-behind 26-22 victory to even their record at 1-1.

McCoy, who shared time at quarterback with Errol Franklin, accounted for 176 of Thurston's 302 rushing yards on 15 carries. He also completed his only pass of the night to Darryius King for a 17-yard touchdown and intercepted a pass to set up another touchdown.

Even with McCoy doing his thing, the Eagles still trailed at the half 14-6 due to a lack of cohesion in the trenches, head coach Bob Snell said.

"We're still a young team, especially up front, so in the first half we had some adjustment problems on the defensive



Thurston's Alonzo McCoy rushed for more than 150 yards for the second straight week.

side and some blocking problems on the offensive side," Snell said. "In the second half, we pulled together on offense and defense and finally started putting together some sustained drives."

Following a scoreless first quarter, the host Chargers bolted ahead 6-0 on a 46-yard run.

Thurston answered on

its next possession when McCoy found pay dirt from 9 yards out to knot the game at 6-6. McCoy set up the score by returning an interception to the Chargers' 25.

Crestwood carried a 14-6 lead into the intermission after scoring on an 8-yard run.

The Eagles set the second-half tone quickly by piecing together a

bruising nine-play, 82-yard scoring drive that culminated with a 4-yard TD run by McCoy, who also had a 50-yard run on the drive.

Thurston drew even at 14-14 when McCoy connected with Eric Gibson on a two-point conversion pass.

The Eagles seized the lead for good on their next possession, when



Thurston's Tavian Claybourne stops a Chargers player.

Enorick Hall took a reverse 64 yards to the end zone to make it 20-14.

Thurston upped its lead to 26-14 midway through the fourth quarter, when McCoy and King hooked up on a scoring pass.

Crestwood kept battling and cut its deficit to 26-22 with just over two minutes to play, but Thurston recovered the ensuing inside kick.

McCoy gained 32 yards on the first play of the final drive then ran 19 yards to the Chargers' 1 on the next play, but he took a knee instead of scoring so the Eagles

could run out the clock. Thurston's second quarterback, Errol Franklin, ran 17 times for 52 yards and completed 5-of-14 passes for 87.

The Eagles outgained the Chargers, 406-217, in total yards.

Garden City upended

For the first time in head coach Scott Murray's five-year head-coaching tenure, Garden City's football team was shut out Friday night, 21-0, at Romulus.

A telling omen unfolded for the Cougars on their first drive, when they moved to the Romulus 10-yard line before an errant pitchout was scooped up by an Eagle, who raced 90 yards the other way to make it 7-0.

Romulus's second touchdown of the first half was set up by a GC fumble.

"Defensively, we played pretty well tonight," Murray said. "But on offense, everything that could go wrong, did go wrong."

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UNION

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"In my 20-something years of coaching, I've never seen a play like that," Fry said, managing a good-natured smile. "We live and die by the throw and that one got tipped and happened to go in his hands."

"Miles has done a great job with this group. They have some players. (Grant) and (Hathaway) are tremendous backs. With the heat today (temperatures hovered in the mid-80s) and we lost some kids to cramping, I was proud of the kids. I

thought we played well."

RU's three-back, two-tight-end offense did what it's designed to do: run the ball often and pass when absolutely necessary. Grant picked up 123 yards on 15 carries while Hathaway ground out 88 yards on 15 attempts.

All told, the Panthers ran for 226 yards and threw for 5.

Clarenceville, on the other hand, picked up 120 yard through the air thanks to the strong right arm of senior quarterback Mitch Kubiak, who completed 9-of-21 passes before being force to leave the game in the fourth quarter after get-

ting crunched by a pair of Panthers.

"We knew all week that the biggest key for us was to get pressure on Kubiak," RU head coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "When he went down – and I'm not sure I would have gotten up after that hit – I knew they had lost a major piece of their offense."

"Even before that, though, we gave up a few big plays early on sweeps, but otherwise we held them in check."

Justin Davis led the Trojans' with 107 yards on 18 carries.

Clarenceville struck first on its opening drive, when Kubiak connected

with Kyle Nolan on a fourth-and-goal slant pass from the RU 12. Kubiak's extra point made it 7-0.

The Trojans appeared headed toward a lopsided triumph a few moments later, when Kubiak hit Darin Topolewski in stride for a 55-yard scoring strike. The extra-point snap was botched, but the heads-up Kubiak scooped up the ball and threw a two-point "fire" pass to Jamal Mitchell to make it 15-0.

The tide turned quickly, however, and the Panthers walked off the field with a performance they can savor over the Labor Day weekend.



Redford Union's Tallil Groves breaks up a pass intended for Clarenceville's Brandon Belanger.

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DOG FOSTERING

Here are a few observations from Mary and Kathryn Hurley on dog fostering:

- » Exercise patience and realize that fostering is "not something that is just for fun," Kathryn says.
- » Have a support system, so you can take occasional breaks from caring for your foster dog.
- » Expect to spend time at adoption events. "Some of the bigger rescues have events every Saturday and you'll have to bring your dog there," Kathryn notes. "So, pick someone local and know that there will be a time commitment."
- » Find a rescue you like. "You want to find someone who really matches up with your moral standpoint," Kathryn says.
- » Get to know the individuals you're working with.

The dog days this summer have passed, but it's always canine time at Dairy King in downtown Plymouth.

Spring through fall, the family-owned business draws ice-cream lovers, many with dogs on leash, who meet other dog owners, see other dogs, and bring their pooches to the outdoor service window, hoping owner Michael Hurley will take a snapshot for the Dairy King Facebook page.

"It's become a thing on Facebook," said Kathryn Hurley, 24, who often works with her dad at the ice cream parlor. "That has only been the last year and a half to two years that he has been putting the dogs on Facebook. People definitely comment on it."

"He just loves people's dogs," said mom Mary Hurley, adding that patrons want her husband to photograph their pets. "They ask, when are you going to post it? It's so funny."

Dogs lick ice cream, sport ice cream on their noses, smile with lolling tongues and stand on hind legs in photos that populate the page. Several Paws with a Cause dogs earned a posting in July. Buster, an akita who visits daily with Jim and Monica Woltkamp, hugs the service counter in a photo sequence dated July 30.

"We just love it," said Monica Woltkamp, during a recent visit with her husband and Buster, 3 1/2. "We live in Westland. There's nothing like this in Westland."

When Dairy King closes for the season in October, the postings continue, often with photos of adoptable pit bull puppies that Mary fosters at the family's Plymouth Township home. She also promotes small, grassroots animal rescue organizations by holding fundraisers at Dairy King during the summer.

Restoring their health

"It was roughly two years ago that she started. It seemed like it was one after the other," Michael described his wife's work as a dog foster. "She had befriended a couple of girls who had different rescue organizations and she kept bringing home these pit bulls. It is just amazing how wonderful they are."

"They come in and

they are thin and you know there has been cruelty involved and in two to three weeks you see the transformation. It's due solely to her. Once you place a dog you've got another one coming in. That's where my daughter came in."

Kathryn, a former intern at Detroit Dog Rescue and former employee at Michigan Animal Rescue League, promotes the pups on social media. Although all three of the Hurley children — and the couple's grandchildren — love animals, it's Kathryn who keeps a leash and blanket ready for rescue.

She's not sure how some callers get her phone number, but she has responded to numerous rescue calls. There was the time she headed out to Detroit at 5 a.m. to pick up German shepherd puppies from a recycling bin. Another time, a Detroit police officer asked her to take a pit bull found on a porch during a storm.

"My friends joke whenever we go to a Tiger game, 'OK, let's get her to the car before she starts searching for a stray dog to take home,'" Kathryn said.

Making them adoptable

Mary fosters, working primarily with Plymouth Township-based Good Juju Rescue Fund, and with a dog rescuer in Berkley. Most of the puppies are pit bulls, although she has taken in a German shepherd, Pomeranian siblings and Yorkshire terriers. She fosters puppies because they get along with the family's own adult dogs.



Kathryn Hurley nuzzles one of her family's foster puppies.

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Mary Hurley and her daughter, Kathryn, talk about dog fostering, rescue and the pups they see at Dairy King in Plymouth.



Monica and Jim Woltkamp of Westland and their akita, Buster, enjoy visiting Dairy King in Plymouth.

SHARON DARGAY



Dogs say hello in the driveway at Dairy King in downtown Plymouth.

SHARON DARGAY

The rescues allow her to interview the potential adopters, visit their homes and decide whether they are a good match for her foster pup. She pays for her foster dogs' food and vet care.

"I don't ask my rescues for anything," she said. "I pay for all my own stuff because I can and I want to."

Mary maintains a

relationship with the adopters, often visiting the growing pups in their new home or welcoming them to Dairy King.

"For whatever reason, we're just too darn good about getting homes. They come and go pretty quickly," Mary said. It helps that Dairy King is known as a dog-friendly establishment and that mother and daughter network on social media.

A joy to help

Finding the perfect home for her fostering puppy is a rewarding and emotional experience. But saying goodbye comes with tears.

"You get so attached. You get these puppies that are full of worms and fleas and then we get them healthy and we find amazing homes for them," Mary said. "If they could talk, they'd say thank you."

Since she began fostering, Mary once took in seven dogs simultaneously. She nursed a puppy with deadly parvo back to health and helped

transport a dog. Once, when visiting a former foster, the dog's exuberant siblings tackled her to the ground and knocked out her tooth.

But it's all good with the Hurley family. "We're the ones chas-

ing the dog in the middle of the highway, trying to get the dog into the car," Mary said. "It's nothing but a joy to help these animals."

Dairy King is located at 232 S. Main. Visit its page on Facebook.

Five authors to talk about their books at fall luncheon

Three novelists and two nonfiction writers will discuss their new books at the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society's fall book luncheon, Oct. 19 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The authors are David Maraniss, a Pulitzer



Bonnie Jo Campbell

Prize-winning reporter and Detroit native; Lily Tuck, author of five novels; John Katzenbach, master of

the modern psychological thriller; Jason Gay, a *Wall Street Journal* reporter and columnist; and Bonnie Jo Campbell, a novelist and short story writer from Comstock.

In *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story*, Maraniss draws a vivid portrait of the Motor City

in the 1960s when it was in the midst of a golden age. Tuck's new novel, *The Double Life of Lillian*, is an intimate portrait of a writer's coming of age.

Katzenbach's new novel, *The Dead Student*, follows a young man set on avenging the uncle

who saved his life. Gay writes about everything from sports to his "Rules" in columns in the *Wall Street Journal* that provide advice for everyday life.

Campbell's new collection of stories is titled *Mothers, Tell Your Daughters*.

The event starts at noon and will include lunch, book sales and the opportunity to have books autographed. Tickets are \$40 and online at www.bookandauthor.info and by phone at 586-685-5750.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy to speak at Giving Hope annual event

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy will talk about rape kits at the annual Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle Annual Event on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

One of Worthy's goals has been to decrease the backlog of more than 10,000 untested rape kits in Wayne County through the Enough SAID (Sexual Assault in Detroit) campaign. She'll talk about her efforts in reducing the backlog and in preventing future backlogs, at the event which will start with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program at 6:45 p.m. Admission is \$30, which includes appetizers and desserts. Online registration for the event is available at www.canton-foundation.org/giving-hope.

Survivors of sexual assault in Detroit are one step closer to justice after the announcement this past week that more than 10,000 sexual assault evidence kits discovered on a shelf in a warehouse



Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy will address the Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle on Oct. 7.

several years ago have been processed and the results sent to investigators for further action.

Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County prosecutor, said Friday "We're onto the next phase of the process. Now it's the investigation and the prosecution."

Gov. Rick Snyder, Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue of the Michigan State Po-

lice, Worthy, Laura Moody of Attorney General Bill Schuette's office, and Debi Cain, director of the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, all made remarks at a press conference that highlighted the completion of the forensic testing and outlined the next steps in seeking justice for survivors.

"The completion of the forensic examination of these sexual assault evidence kits is long overdue, and I commend all the various parties that came together to make this a priority and get it done," Snyder said. "Survivors of sexual assault crimes deserve swift justice, and we will continue working to make sure a stockpile of this nature never again occurs in Michigan."

A supplemental budget enacted in 2013 by Snyder included funding to test an additional 8,000 sexual assault evidence kits, after the first 2,000 were initially processed by the Michigan State Police using federal grants. The state approved \$4 million in funding for the 8000 Project, with an additional \$3 million for the Attorney General's office to assist in prosecuting the offenders identified by the testing. Additional money raised from private donors and nonprofits, organized by the Michigan Women's Foundation Enough SAID project, is expected to

help with next steps and prosecution efforts.

"We have been working tirelessly to bring justice to sexual assault victims since 2009," Worthy said. "Through various collaborations and partnerships, we have been able to do so on local, state, and national levels. Getting the rape kits tested was only the first step. Now we must investigate and prosecute all of the cases that have CODIS hits. We must also take a second look at those that did not have CODIS hits."

In all, a total of 10,087 sexual assault evidence kits from the Detroit Police Department have been tested, resulting in 2,616 associations in the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), including associations to either criminal cases or individuals in 35 states and the District of Columbia. CODIS is used to search DNA profiles obtained from crime scene evidence against DNA profiles from other crime scenes and from convicted offenders and arrestees to generate

leads in cases when an association is obtained.

Worthy has served as Wayne County prosecutor since 2004. Previously, she served as a judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court from 1994 to 2004 and as assistant Wayne County prosecutor from 1984-94.

"The Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle is pleased to support this important initiative through our Annual Event program," said Debbie Maloni, Giving Hope Special Events chair, in a press release. "Giving Hope will make a donation to the Enough SAID campaign to help continue its work."

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation that provides grants to address the needs of women and families in the greater Canton and Plymouth areas. Approximately 80 women comprise the Giving Circle, which aspires to make a positive community impact through philanthropy

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WORLD PEACE DAY

Time/date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Details: The Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit (IFLC), Plymouth-Canton Hindu Community, Geneva Presbyterian, Gurdwara Sahib Singh Saba of Michigan, Mata Tripta Ji Gurdwara Sahib (Old name Gurdwara-Sahib Hidden Falls), Living Peace Church and Muslim Community of Western Suburbs are sponsoring the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach World Peace Day. There will be Prayers for World Peace at 1:15 p.m. Kellogg Park and a Faith Learning event with refreshments at 2 p.m. at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Representatives from all faiths will be there. Games and food also will be available.

WESTERN WAYNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Time/date: 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

Location: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: Genealogist Carl Katafiasz, head of adult services at the Livonia Civic Center Library, will review the growing genealogical collection available for research. Bring dinner and enjoy conversation with other members. Katafiasz will begin speaking at 7 p.m. A Q&A and open forum will follow. Meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome.

MICHIGAN NATIVE AMERICANS

Time/date: 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

Location: Alexander Blue House, Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Details: The Livonia Historical Society will present a program on the lifestyle of Michigan Native Americans given by Naturalist Randy Baker. He will have a wide variety of artifacts on display. Baker has provided history and science programs to various groups for nearly 30 years. He also leads nature-oriented tours around the world. The public is welcome at no charge.

Contact: 734-416-3848.

TRI COUNTY CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

Details: Lori Shepard will speak on "Gluten Free the Scrumptious Way." A gluten-free food demonstration is part of her presentation. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

GUNS N' GOWNS

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Details: This Civil War Living History Event is presented by the 17th Michigan, Company E Volunteer Infantry. Military camp life, drills, demonstrations and equipment. Medical practices and field surgery. Civilian life, courting and mourning practices, fashions, phrenology, letter reading and more. Refreshments available Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alexander Blue House. Select village buildings open for tours. Sunday is ice cream tour day. For a small donation at the Geer Store you can receive an ice cream novelty.

85TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER FOR VFW POST 345

Time/date: 6-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.

Location: VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford.

Details: The Post will be celebrating its 85th anniversary in Redford with a dinner dance. This event is open to the public and tickets are on sale at the Post or from any Post officer. Cost is \$20 per person and includes dinner and dancing to the music of the Fabulous Oldies but Goodies Band. Beer, wine and set-ups are provided. BYOB.

Contact: VFWPost345@gmail.com or call 313-538-6294.

VINTAGE CAR SHOW

Time/date: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.

Location: Village of Redford, 25330 W. Six Mile Road, Redford.

Details: Entertainment, 50-50 raffle, basket raffle, \$100 Best in Show Prize, gas cards to the top three runners-up. Registration of \$15 includes lunch.

Contact: 313-541-6183.

GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Dec. 6 and 13.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. first three Tuesdays September through May.

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; kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org.

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 Confraternity of Christian Women.

Contact: Mary Allsteadt 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.

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

Location: St. Valentine School, 25875 Hope Street, Redford.

Details: Bake sale and refreshments. Entrance fee is \$1, \$2 for early bird. For table rental and contract, go to www.stvalentineschool.com.

Contact: Renee Williams at 313-931-2549 or Reene3471@att.net; Jessica Wimmer at 734-223-3390 or jessicawimmer@hotmail.com.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

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

Details: Hosted by the Women's Guild, this Holiday Bazaar will feature crafters' tables with new handmade craft items. Homemade baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. Some tables available for rental.

Contact: 734-464-0476.

LIVE AUCTION

Time/date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is having a live auction

as a fund-raiser. Preview of items begins at 11 a.m.; the auction starts at 11:30 a.m.

Items include holiday gifts items, event tickets, guided tours, homemade goods, and much more. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact: Lena Packer, LWV fundraising chairperson, 248-536-2583.

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/date: 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24.

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

Details: Seventy-four tables of gently used maternity, baby and children's items. Cost is \$2 for admission by 9 a.m.; \$1for admission after 9 a.m.

Contact: m2msale@stecmops.org.

ONGOING LIVONIA GOODFELLOWS

Details: Help the Livonia Goodfellows assist families in need and assure "No Child Without a Christmas." Consider sending donations to P.O. Box 51982, Livonia 48151, or volunteering this holiday season by calling 313-438-0862.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Free domestic violence/sexual assault group meetings.

Contact: 248-622-0359.

SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD GAMES

Time/date: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Cost is \$5 per person. Angel House uses the money to give \$50 gift cards to a family in need weekly. Donations are also accepted via www.theangelhouse.org.

Contact: 734-524-0380.

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. Cost is \$100. Check the www.seaholm-classof65.com website for more information.

DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1965

Reunion is planned for Sept. 25-26. Call Nancy Gervais Olszewski at 248-701-9374.

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 American Legion Post Hall in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 313-581-6623 or 318-399-7718 or email PatGastonChiesa@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. Send checks made payable to "SL Class of 85 Reunion" c/o HACC, P.O. Box 427, Hartland, MI 48353 or via PayPal to slhclasof85@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@tripoints.com, or Steven Johnson at 734-635-0369.

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ARTHRITIS AND CANCER

Does having arthritis place a person at risk for cancer? The general answer is no. The diagnosis of osteoarthritis, gout or back arthritis carries no concern for malignancy. But people with rheumatoid arthritis and lupus are different.

These two conditions fit into the group known as the autoimmune arthritides. The root cause of both rheumatoid and arthritis comes from an error of lymphocyte production and response. Lymphocytes are white blood cells whose purpose is to act as a sentinel against invasion by irritants, bacteria, viruses, fungi and a variety of substances, which if not opposed will cause bodily harm. In the case of rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, lymphocytes mistake a constituent of the body as being foreign, and mount an attack against the self via the production of auto antibodies, that is antibodies against itself.

In rheumatoid arthritis the perceived invaders are in the joints of the hands; in lupus the source of lymphocyte reaction is the kidney. This battle between lymphocytes and the body can continue for years. Medication acts to dampen this inappropriate lymphocyte activity, but only in a few instances does therapy completely quell the lymphocyte-antibody response.

Years of over activity form the basis for lymphocytes to change from ordinary white cells into cancer cells. Over a hundred years ago, long before we had medicine to fight rheumatoid and lupus, physicians observed that patients with these conditions developed lymphoma at a rate greater than people who were healthy or afflicted with other disease.

Oddly, patients with psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis, despite spending so much time in the sun, develop skin cancer at the rate of the public at large, but have lymphoma at the same rate as patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

Robert Joseph and Irene Helen (Chora) Siedlik of Livonia marked their 65th wedding anniversary June 17. The couple married in 1950.

The couple started kindergarten together and knew each other through their school years. They started dating after Robert was discharged from the U.S. Army.

The couple has three children, Mary (Sherry) Siedlik of Canton, Denise (Jeff) Berthiaume of Canton, and David (Cathy) Siedlik of Livonia. They have four grandchildren, Lauren (Eric) Bryan, Matthew,



Robert and Irene Siedlik of Livonia



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Rachel, and Caroline Siedlik. They also have one great-grandchild, Easton Bryan. They celebrated with

their family at a dinner at Moro's restaurant in Allen Park.

ENGAGEMENT

HERBERT-CLEVE

Sarah Elizabeth Herbert and Matthew Graham Cleve announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Cheryl and George Herbert of Westland, earned a bachelor of science degree in health care administration from Eastern Michigan University. She is a sales development representative at AppFolio.

Her fiancé, son of Mary and Richard Cleve of Grand Prairie, Texas, earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science and engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is employed as a senior sales engineer at AppDynamics.

A September 2016 wedding is planned in Saline.



Sarah Herbert and Matthew Cleve

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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

Jay and Lisa (Gade) Asquini of Livonia marked their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 29. They were married in 1980 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, in Livonia.

The couple visited New York City, N.Y., in August to attend a wedding and made a trip to Coney Island in Brooklyn. The couple has two children, Lina (Todd) Roeser of Clarkston, and Carl Asquini (fiancée Tara Wilson) of Seattle, Wash. Their grandchild is Kate Monroe Roeser.

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Jay and Lisa Asquini of Livonia announce their 35th wedding anniversary in the sand at Coney Island in New York City, N.Y.

ONE-YEAR CELEBRATION

John Michael and Whitney Michelle (Davied) Lezotte of Livonia will mark their one-year anniversary Sept. 19. They were married in 2014 at Wellers Carriage House in Saline.

John is employed by Alberici Constructors. Whitney is a stay-at-home mom.

The couple enjoys traveling, snow skiing, boating and working on their first house together.

They plan to celebrate with a trip to Glacier National Park.

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John and Whitney Lezotte in a 2014 wedding photo.

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BLISS, GEORGE N.
95, former Vice President of Research and Development at Diamond Systems, died Tuesday, August 25 after a short illness. Credited with developing the first totally automated system for grading eggs, Bliss held 21 patents in the field, and had been at Diamond since the company merged with Page-Detroit. He was a World War 2 Air Force veteran, and as a long time resident of Franklin and Birmingham, had been active with the Birmingham Village Players. An avid sailor, he participated in the Mackinac Race for many years. He is survived by his wife Joan of Birmingham, and sisters Rosemary Reed of Malibu, California, and Alison Graham of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.



KENYON, JAMES "BARRY" SR.

Born October of 1950, age 64 years, he passed away peacefully at his home on September 1, 2015. He graduated from Livonia Franklin in 1968 and on the day of his commencement he married the love of his life. Barry and Sue celebrated 41 years of happiness until Susie passed away in October of 2009. They were the proud owners of Barry's bump and paint in Westland. After Barry's wife passed away, he spent most of his time with family, friends and working. Many nights he spent hanging out with his best friend Bud Light. Barry is survived by his son James Barry Kenyon Jr (Jami), daughter Michelle Kenyon Conley (Mark); grandchildren Ryan, Brandon, Michael (Jamie), Tawni (Ryan); great-granddaughter Haley; his brothers and sisters Butch, Barb, Bonnie, Bev, Bill, and Brian. A whole bunch of nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers, sister-in-laws and of course his favorite Aunt Lois. Barry is preceded in death by his parents Patricia and Jack, his brother Bob, and son Jason. In lieu of flowers, the family will accept donations to go to the charities of their choice or any form desired by friends. Barry's celebration of Life will be held at Taps bar in Westland Sept. 19 2015, noon until 4 p.m.



ROSS, DOROTHEA "DOT"

Age 97. Formerly of Tonquish Creek. Died August 30, 2015. Dot's Community Farewell will be on Friday, September 11, 2015, beginning with gathering at 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. David Denzer and Pastor William Lindholm officiating at St. Michael Lutheran Church. In her honor, memorial donations may be shared with St. Jude Children's Hospital or The Salvation Army. Please sign Dot's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for the Ross family by calling 877-231-7900.

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WASHBURN, ROBERT G.

Robert G. Washburn's life came to a close Sunday morning, August 30. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughters, Kimberlei Horn and Wendy Schaffer; sons, Eric and Matthew Washburn; seven grandchildren; sister, Judith Hedberg; and nieces, Gail Warner and Laura Sissman. Robert was blessed with a huge artistic talent and used it generously, working for many years in the creative arts and advertising field. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, where he also produced and hosted the B'Jazz Vespers Concerts for most of the past 20 years. He lived his faith everyday, serving on boards and volunteering at The Community House, Friendship House and Judson Center. Robert was passionate about working with youth and took pride in being a Boy Scout leader as well as an Eagle Scout. He found great joy in mentoring and tutoring young people, as well as teaching Sunday school classes for many years. Robert Washburn was a wonderful husband, great father, and a friend to all. He is deeply missed and will be loved forever.

BRIGGS, JACK G.
Age 75, passed away September 4, 2015. Jack is survived by his wife Marguerite, sons: Mark (Dawn) and Paul (Michelle), grandchildren: Joshua, Faith, Rachel, Deborah and Abigail, his brother Richard (Marilyn) and sister Doris (Ron) Risdon. A Memorial Service will take place on Tuesday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m. with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com



FROMMERT, ELEANOR

Age, 96. Born November 29, 1918. Died peacefully August 22 at Angela Hospice. Buried August 24 from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park. Eleanor was born and lived in Detroit until 1965 when she and husband Marvin (deceased) moved to Livonia. Loving mother of Marilyn Wilbert. (Del) Proud grandmother of David and Mark Wilbert and Susan Exelby. Sister of Mildred Cseke and Virginia Cassidy (deceased). Memorials may be given to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church or Angela Hospice.



NEAL, DAN O.

September 2, 2015, age 92 of Westland. Beloved husband of Betty. Dear father of Kathy (David) Hatfield, Larry, Ruth (Zeljko) Deljevic, Danette (Robert) Morrison. Loving grandfather of Kelly Hatfield, Amy (Carlton) Abernathy, Trevor Morrison, Austin Deljevic, Mackenzie Morrison, Grant Deljevic. Great grandfather of Zachary Abernathy, Alexander Abernathy. Funeral Sunday 1 p.m. at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, MI. Family will receive friends Saturday 3-9 p.m. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

Learn about Forgotten Harvest at Women's Lunch

Forgotten Harvest will host its second annual Women's Harvest Lunch to help raise funds and provide farm fresh food for metro Detroit families in need. The event is set for 11 a.m. Sept. 25 at Forgotten Harvest Farms, 9153 Major Road, Fenton.

Tickets are available for women to attend the event, learn firsthand about Forgotten Harvest and have the opportunity to get involved to help make a difference.

Tickets cost \$100. Sponsorship opportunities also are available

beginning at \$500. To learn more about the Women's Harvest Lunch or to purchase tickets, visit forgottenharvest.org.



This is one of five houses that will be open during the Northville Home Tour.

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Tour homes in Northville, help raise funds for AAUW

From a cool condo makeover, to Victorian era houses real and faux, and a rare vintage train collection, Northville's 2015 home tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, has something for everyone.

This year's homes offer homeowners ideas that they can adapt to suit their own taste and space. It's a chance to see the beautiful home interiors.

Guests will set their own tour pace while listening to commentary by stationed docents. Two tour homes are in Northville Township — on Crystal Lake Drive and Crestview Circle — and three are in the city — on Hutton, Beal and Randolph streets. Parking for the Randolph Street house is at nearby First Baptist Church.

Ticket holders get exclusive access to a

bonus Garden Party, 2-5 p.m. on tour day at Starring "The Gallery" at 118 W. Main St. in Northville. The Garden Party will include free refreshments provided by Busch's Market and other local vendors.

Tickets are \$20. Buy them online at www.aauwnn.org (click "Home Tour 2015 Tickets"). Tickets also are available at Starring "The Gallery," Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville; Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main, Northville; Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile, Novi; and Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main, Northville.

Tickets may also be on sale at the display homes on tour day, but availability is not guaranteed. For details, contact Home Tour chair Jane Hecker at 734-276-6160.

ZIMMERMAN, BEULAH E.
September 2, 2015. Age 97 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late James. Dear mother of Florence (Ray) Payeur and James David (Carol) Zimmerman II. Loving grandfather of Margaret Zimmerman, Connie Smith, James Zimmerman III, Chris Payeur, and Angel Payeur. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren. Visitation Friday 1-6 p.m. and Saturday 12-6 p.m. at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Burial at Smith Chapel Cemetery, Hackney, OH, Monday afternoon. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com.



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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/LLjrF6Y>.

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 alsfmichigan.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 redcrossblood.org and enter the code, PROVSFLD or call Abigail at 248-849-3067.

» 1-6 p.m. Sept. 21, at Monahan Banquet Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Gourmet desserts will be available at the blood drive and those who try to donate will get a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to Meijer. For appointments, call 734-591-3237.

Celiac support

The Tri Colunty Celiac Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Lori Shepard will talk about "Gluten Free the Scrumptious Way." A gluten-free food demonstration will be included. tccsg.net

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, afe-rack@comcast.net

Peripheral arterial disease

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,



Walk with a Doc participants take a nature walk in Farmington Hills.



Sandy Fine, a cancer survivor, and her family participate in the Embrace Life 5K at St. Mary Mercy every year.

Sept. 21, in the hospital's South Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. PAD is one of the least recognized arterial 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-KARMANOS or visit karmanos.org.

Stomp out Sepsis

Detroit Medical Center and the Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners, present the first Stomp Out Sepsis walk challenge, 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13, at Stony Creek Metro Park (Baypoint Beach), Rochester. Fee is \$25. Register at michigan.stompoutsepsis.org by noon Sept. 12. Day of registration and check in opens at 8 a.m.

Walk/Run for Cancer

St. Mary Mercy Livonia presents its ninth annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, beginning on the hospital grounds, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy, including transportation services for cancer patients and services provided in the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. Registration is \$30. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the

5K Run. B-tag chip timing is used to ensure accuracy. Register at stmarymercy.org/embracelife5k.

Walk with a Doc

Brian A. Kopitzki, D.O., a board certified dermatologist, will discuss treatment and diagnosis of common skin cancers and pre-cancerous lesions, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Includes a nature walk and is held rain or shine. Register by calling Beaumont Hospital - Farmington Hills at 877-477-3621.

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. Includes refreshments and giveaways. 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.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Ply-

mouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pres-

sure testing, lipid panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

Health programs, support

The Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center offers classes designed to strengthen your heart after a cardiac event. It also offers an array of fitness classes, such as yoga, tai chi, Zumba, hula and Polynesian aerobics to keep you moving or to help you

relax. For more information, call 734-458-3242.

GCH Community Education offers classes in CPR (adult and infant), first aid, and diabetes self-management education. The hospital hosts various support groups including Nar-Anon, Alzheimer's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Focus on Living and Diabetes, which are held monthly. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Low vision support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at 734-453-0750, Ext. 232.

Lyme support

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, except January, July and September, at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 248-354-4488. For more information, visit www.mlda.org, or call 888-784-LYME.

Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Ruthann at 734-981-2519 or visit www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

Neuropathy support

The group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. The Southeast Michigan Neuropathy Support Group is designed for individuals with any kind of neuropathy.

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