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## Gas station clerk recounts being shot

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A clerk at a Westland gas station got emotional Thursday, testifying about the lingering injuries he suffered after being shot during an Aug. 27 robbery.

In Westland 18th District Court, Mohammed Saad slowly made his way to the witness

stand, using a walker, and had to be assisted getting into the witness box.

After identifying defendant Roger Groce as the man who shot him inside the BP station at Wayne and Warren roads, Saad testified



Groce

that he moved to avoid the first shot that was fired and hit the wall behind him.

"He told me not to move, to open the cash (register), to get the money. I saw the bullet and moved a bit," Saad said. "I started running away. I tried to turn away. The second bullet hit me. I fell over the chair."

Groce then came into the cashier's booth over the

counter, Saad said, which has a sliding partition used to the secure it. The robbery took place about 10 p.m., Saad said, about the time the partition would normally be closed each day.

"He asked me how to open the cash register. I told him to hit no sale. He was hitting buttons but was not able to open it," Saad said. "He grabbed my

shirt and stood me up near the register to open it. I opened it. He took the cash and ran. He went out the door (of the cashier's booth). I was saying 'Please don't shoot me again.'"

Shot in the left buttock, Saad said the bullet struck his bladder and resulted in a two-week hospitalization. Before

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Lindsey Wooten has several scarecrow frames available at the Wayne Main Street office in the Wayne Historical Museum.

SUE MASON

## Wayne council OKs rezoning of Kroger site

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A rezoning plan to allow expansion of an adjacent industrial use on the property where the soon-to-close Wayne Kroger store is located is moving forward.

After a public hearing Tuesday, the Wayne City Council approved the rezoning, which will have a second reading Oct. 6. Wayne Industries, owner of the property, is expanding its operations to include the 4.2-acre site that currently includes Kroger.

"I object to the rezoning. It will result in a reduction of my property value; there are environmental concerns. I'm concerned about traffic and the building to the west will block my sight to the west," said Paul Mocerri, a Brush Street resident.

Mocerri questioned whether there were any ordinance requirements to buffer the industrial use from residential property. Wayne Community Development Director Peter McInerney noted that the homes were separated from the Wayne Industries property by William Street.

A new building is planned for the western 4 acres of Wayne Industries property, which is already under industrial use. McInerney said the site plan for both parcels, approved in 2013, doesn't call for new construction on the east end.

"The first phase will start next week. We have no plans for a second phase unless there is growth in the business," Wayne Industries owner Paul Russo said.

Questioned about the wall of blocks in the parking lot used to screen and secure expensive metals, Russo said the blocks would stay. He offered to paint the blocks and also will work with the city on landscaping required by ordinance.

Resident Nancy Pride was concerned about truck traffic using residential side streets.

"The city needs to make sure it is impossible to use those streets except by residents," she said.

Until 1976, the two parcels had been zoned for heavy industrial use but were rezoned

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## Downtown Wayne to welcome scarecrows

Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Lindsey Wooten is hoping for a last-minute rush of people signing up for Wayne's annual Downtown Scarecrow Contest.

Wednesday is the last day for residents to register and purchase the wooden frames needed to construct scarecrows that will hang on light poles around downtown area in October. As of Thursday, there were 21 sign-ups for the contest.

"We're looking at lower numbers this

year," said Wooten, the Wayne Main Street director. "We'll probably have less than last year. We had 55 scarecrows displayed during October last year and that was down from the year before. The event may have run its course."

The wooden frames are available at the Wayne Farmers Market from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday and at the Main Street Office in the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday. Registration is \$20 for a new frame, or participants can reuse their frames for a \$15 registration fee.

There's no theme. Scarecrows can be dressed however their creator wants. In past years, Batman, Superman, The Cat in the Hat and a Lego Man have hung on poles in the downtown area. However, no political or religious themes will be accepted, said Wooten who has already said no to an inquiry about a Bernie Sanders scarecrow.

"We want it to be lighthearted and have a family-friendly theme," she said.

Completed scarecrows must be turned in from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept.

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## Woman charged with stealing from youth hockey group

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A Westland woman is facing charges that she embezzled thousands of dollars from the Westland Hockey Association.

Sheri Benton, 44, has been charged with embezzlement and writing insufficient check

funds.

She entered a not-guilty plea in Westland 18th District Court and was released on \$10,000/ten percent bond. A condition of bond is no contact with the



Benton

Westland Hockey Association, a youth sports group.

Westland Police report that the hockey group initially thought about \$8,600 was missing over the last couple of years. Instead, police said the financial records were closely scrutinized and approximately \$45,500 was missing over three years.

The charges are that Benton used the funds to pay personal expenses, including \$8,000 on a mortgage, and withdrew money from the group's account using an ATM card.

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## REZONING

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for commercial. Two years later, the city rezoned the western parcel, returning it to industrial use.

Established in 1989, family-owned Wayne Industries/Steel Pro is a steel distribution center. At 600,000 square feet, it is the largest integrated warehouse for steel products in the U.S.

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Heavy equipment has started removing a portion of the Wayne Commons parking lot that has been walled off from the remainder of the strip mall.

SUE MASON

## SCARECROWS

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26, at the State Wayne Theater on West Michigan Avenue, west of Wayne Road. The scarecrows will be hung on

light poles that same day. "We'll be hanging them as they come in," Wooten said. "We have the (Wayne Memorial) JROTC helping again this year and as people drop them off, they'll be hung on poles."

The scarecrows will be

displayed along Michigan Avenue between Third Street and Sophia and along Wayne Road between Glenwood and West Michigan Avenue. With the prospect of fewer entries this year, Wooten said they will be hung beginning at Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue and radiate out from there. If there isn't enough to cover the entire area, they will be centered in the core downtown area.

In the past, the contest had judges who selected

one winner and then residents made their selection for the People's Choice Award. This year part of the judging will be done on Facebook. Photos of all of the scarecrows will be online and the one getting the most likes will be declared the winner.

The People's Choice Award will be determined by voting at the Farmers Market Fall Festival on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Goudy Park. People will be encouraged to walk through the downtown to see the

scarecrows and then cast their vote at the festival.

In the past the Scarecrow reception was held after the market closed, but this year it will be during the market's 3-7 p.m. hours. There will be a bonfire and free cider and doughnuts, although there is a requirement to get the latter — casting a vote for a scarecrow.

"The main component of this is that it encourages people to walk around the downtown and see them," Wooten said. "At 7 p.m., we'll give out

the awards."

Residency isn't a requirement to enter the contest and the winners will receive a "small prize," bragging rights to being the best and featured on next year's registration form.

For more information about the contest, contact the Wayne Main Street office at 734-629-6822.

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## ROBBERY

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being shot, Saad said he worked 16-hour shifts at the gas station but now needed help getting out of bed and other daily tasks.

A Wayne resident, Groce, 25, was identified as a suspect after Westland Police released surveillance footage of the robbery and shooting.

The hearing scheduled for Thursday before Judge Mark McConnell was to be a probable cause hearing with the preliminary examination to follow at a later date. Due to the difficulty Saad was having due to his injuries, Wayne County

Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski exercised his legal option of holding the preliminary examination Thursday.

Since he had received discovery materials in the case, defense attorney David Lankford didn't object to the preliminary examination being held. However, Groce, who already had asked to have Lankford, a court-appointed attorney, replaced as his counsel, objected.

"The defendant wants me to subpoena all 16-17 (prosecution) witnesses. That's not going to happen," Lankford said.

Groce told the judge he was replacing Lankford with a retained attorney and wanted the hearing delayed a week.

"I would like to seek other counsel. I'm fighting for my life here," Groce said. "I want to make sure he (Lankford) asks the appropriate questions."

More than once, McConnell reminded Groce that his comments were being recorded and anything he said could be used against him in court proceedings.

"I'm sure that after his long years of experience, Mr. Lankford will ask the appropriate questions at the appropriate time," said McConnell, who later warned Groce to keep quiet or face being removed from the courtroom for the rest of hearing.

Groce, who has been jailed since his arrest,

was ordered bound over on charges, including armed robbery causing serious injury, assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, felonious assault and felony firearm.

Lankford noted that bond wasn't an issue because the Michigan Department of Corrections already had a hold on Groce, who was on parole until 2017. Groce is set to be arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court on Sept. 24.

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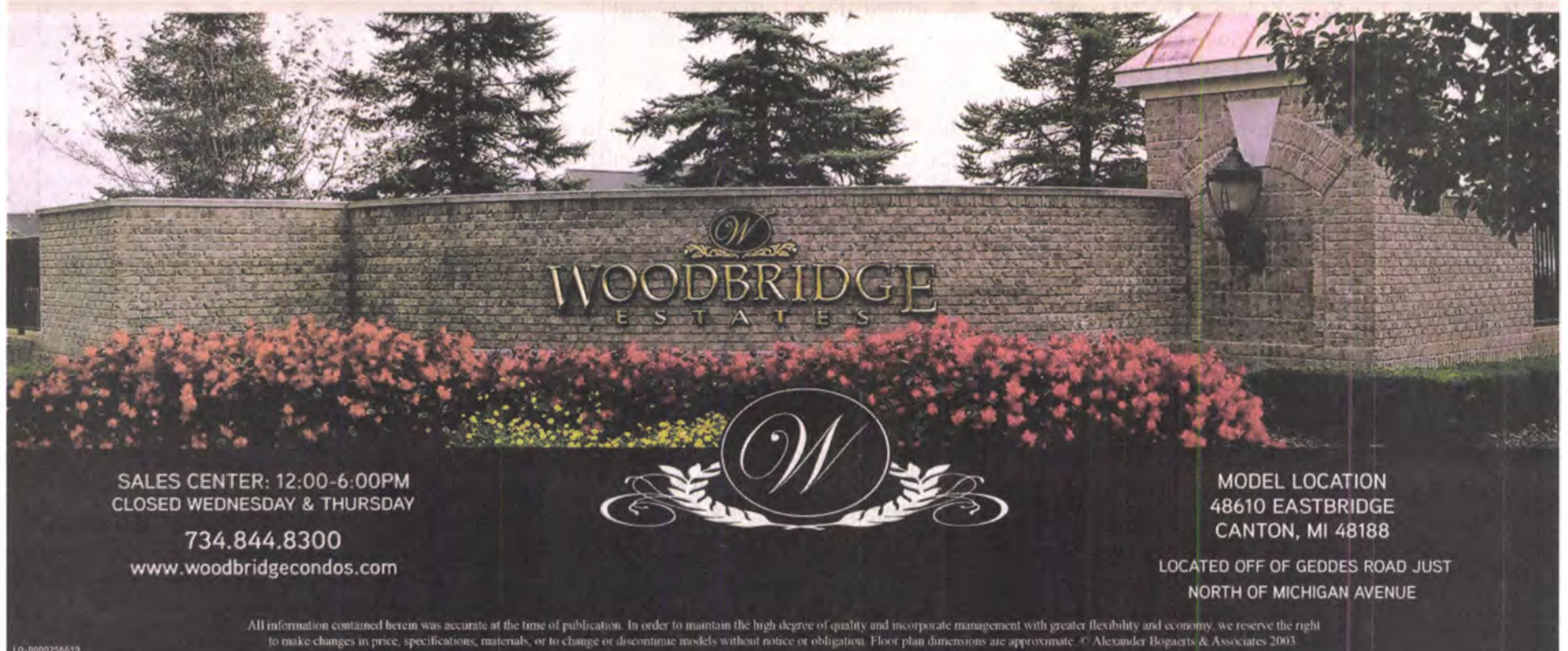
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## Long line waits for H&M to open at Laurel Park Place

It's not too often live DJs can be seen performing at the mall. But that's what happened Thursday as crowds awaited the opening of fashion retailer H&M at Livonia's Laurel Park Place.

The store, billed as one of the world's largest fashion retailers, opened at noon Thursday with a line of people almost to the mall's food court. Customers who made it early were provided with free goodies, including gift cards and other items, as employees danced and entertained the line as they waited for the opening.

The store, which employs about 30 people, offers collections for ladies, men, young ladies and young men, "store within a store" sections for accessories, lingerie, maternity, sports apparel, and a plus-size line.

H&M was established in Sweden in 1947. Today there are 379 stores in the U.S. and approximately 3,600 H&M stores in 59 markets worldwide.



H&M district visual manager Stina Turner greets patrons entering the new store. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Livonia resident Tonya Faris and 7-month-old son Sid waited in line to enter the new store. She said, "I live around the block so, I'll be here all the time." BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



H&M staffers Talon Glaspie and Cammerlyn Ali dance to the music at the opening of the new store. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Wayne-Westland gets school supplies from local businesses

Students in the Wayne-Westland Community School District have everything they need to start the school year thanks to donations from two local businesses.

The Family Resource Center received donations of school supplies and toiletries from Webasto and Jack Demmer Ford.

Webasto, a Tier 1 automotive supplier for Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, was looking for a community service project for the fall. It held a School Supply Drive that garnered the support of it 200 employees. One employee even ordered two boxes of books and sent them to be used for the Red Wagon Literacy program, according to Human Resources Assistant Marlene Broughton.



Danielle Garrett, Jack Demmer Ford title clerk, Liz Loos, Jack Demmer Ford biller, Nicole Brusher, Jack Demmer Ford accounts payable, and Amanda Dybus, director Family Resource Center, show off the supplies collected by the Wayne dealership

Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne held a Demmer Drive and filled a truck with school supplies for

Wayne-Westland Community Schools students. In addition, it purchased 100 backpacks and filled

them with supplies. This is the third year the dealership has supplied backpacks but the first year

they opened it up to take donations of all school supplies. Family Resource Di-

rector Amanda Dybus said she was grateful for the support of the local business community. The backpacks, school supplies and toiletries are going to families in need in the school district, she said.

The Family Resource Center is inside Adams Upper Elementary School, 33475 Palmer. They accept donations year-round and always need of personal hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, sanitary items and toilet paper.

They always welcome donations of school supplies and new socks and underwear.

For more information on the Family Resource Center, call 734-419-2709 or email dybusA@wwcsd.net.

## Dining to Donate benefits John Glenn High cheerleaders

The John Glenn High School cheerleaders are responsible for promoting team spirit through their enthusiastic chants and upbeat attitude, but their attire is no laughing matter.

In fact, their uniforms barely pass muster.

"They're worn, discolored and falling apart at the seams," John Glenn Cheer Coach Veronica Chambers said. "The girls are piecing together uniforms that are up to 15 years old."

Enter TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants.

The Michigan-based family-owned restaurant group — with an expansive portfolio of casual, quick-service and family dining restaurants throughout the state — is

partnering with former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover and NFL alumni to host Dining to Donate to raise money for the cheerleaders from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Westland Applebee's, 36475 Warren Road.

During the event, 15 percent of all guests' food sales will be donated to the John Glenn High School cheerleaders. The funds collected will assist in the purchase of new uniforms for all 48 cheerleaders who make up the varsity, junior varsity and freshman squads.

The fundraiser will include prizes and a raffle featuring Detroit Lions memorabilia

"It was a no-brainer because cheerleaders are

often overlooked but make a sizable contribution to the overall high school football experience," said Conover, a Lion from 1991-1996.

Several NFL alumni, including former Detroit Lions Lomas Brown and Ron Rice, will join Conover and his wife Courtney in meeting and interacting with guests.

Courtney Conover, a graduate of John Glenn High School and former junior varsity cheerleader, was a television reporter and deputy mayor of Westland before resigning to pursue writing full-time. She created the lifestyle blog CourtneyConover.com and her work has appeared in 10 *Chicken Soup for the Soul* publications.

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# Report: Man, 81, targeted in iTunes gift card scam

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Seniors in Livonia continue to be targets of phone scams, and police are warning residents to be aware and careful when handling such calls. The most recent incident was reported to Livonia police Thursday evening, when an 81-year-old Livonia resident came to the police station to file a report.

The man said he received a call a week earlier from someone claiming to be his grandson. The suspect on the other end of the line told the man he had gotten into a bad car accident and was at an unknown hospital. He said the other driver involved was seriously injured and could face criminal charges. The suspect then passed the phone to another individual, who

claimed he worked out a settlement with the other driver for \$1,500 and needed the money. The second suspect told the Livonia man on the phone he needed to go to a CVS and purchase three \$500 iTunes gift cards, which the man did. The cards are used to purchase music, movies and games on iTunes and through Apple's App Store. He then read off the redemption codes to the

suspect on the phone, who then asked him to send an additional \$3,000 in addition to the redemption codes. The victim hung up and called his grandson, who informed him he was not injured or in a car accident. After the man called his bank to report the incident, they told him to file a police report and that they could assist with getting his money back. He told police he

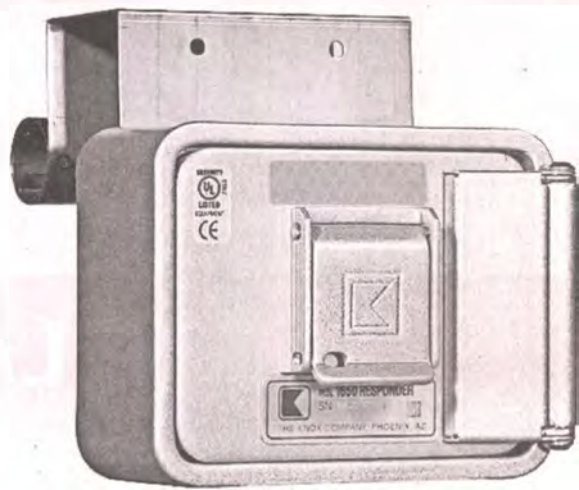
was not out any money in the incident. Similar scams have taken place in Livonia before, and other communities have seen this similar scam involving iTunes gift cards take place. Some suspects will try to get residents to wire money through other means, such as MoneyGram. Police advise those who receive such calls to be skeptical and to con-

tact that individual on a communication line they know they will answer, such as a cellphone. Any resident who has had similar occurrences and may have lost money through similar scams can contact Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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## Livonia to lend 'Knox Boxes' to non-ambulatory residents

The Livonia Fire Department is offering residents who are recovering from surgery or short-term illness the use of a temporary Knox Box device that provides firefighters safe, quick access to the home in case of emergency. These boxes are designed to attach to your front door and provide a highly secure place to store your house key so emergency responders from the Livonia Fire Department won't need to break a window or door to fight a fire or provide Advanced Life Support. Some business owners and a few residents have purchased and currently use Knox Boxes for this purpose.



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"Our Fire Department is the only one with the pin code to unlock the key in the fire engine and even the owners (of the building or house) don't have a key to the Knox Box, just us," Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead said. Addresses that have

these boxes are entered into the emergency dispatch system so firefighters can secure a key from the engine when they arrive on the scene.

Currently, Livonia has seven of these boxes, donated by Jarvis Property Restoration and the Livonia Firefighters Union, to distribute as a loaner for up to 90 days to those who are not ambulatory or have had recent surgery.

To apply for a temporary Knox Box, stop by the Livonia Fire Depart-

ment headquarters at 14910 Farmington Road, next to the police station, and fill out a brief application. The seven boxes will be awarded (and installed by the Fire Department) on a first-come, first-served basis.

The city is hoping donors can help provide two dozen or more of these boxes to loan to residents who qualify.

Contributors or those with questions can call the Fire Department at 734-466-2444 during weekday business hours.

## Man pleads guilty to scamming Westland senior

An elderly Westland woman got \$3,500 back as a man accused of scamming her entered a guilty plea to a reduced charge of fraud Thursday.



Ross

Westland resident Tony Ross, 38, also known as Tony Miller, was facing felony charges of embezzlement from a vulnerable adult less than \$20,000, obtaining money under false pretenses and being a second-degree habitual offender.

The charges were that Ross obtained \$3,500 from an 84-year-old widow after telling her she needed cement work at her home. No work was performed.

As part of his plea bargain in Westland 18th District Court, Ross agreed to pay restitution to the woman, who suffers from a degree of dementia, and plead guilty to a misdemeanor fraud charge. The remaining

charges were dismissed by Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

"This was the best possible outcome. The victim received full payment and he (Ross) got a conviction," Westland Police Sgt. Burke Lange said. "He will be more closely supervised here in Westland than he would at Wayne County."

Free on bond, Ross is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 16. Questioned by Cicirelli before his plea was accepted, Ross said he obtained the money from the victim under false pretenses. His attorney turned over \$3,500 in cash to Lange, who counted it and handed it to the victim, who was in court with family members.

Police credited neighbors with obtaining a license plate number for the suspect and looking out for the woman.

With her adult children living out of state, police said the woman was aware that she was suffering from some dementia and had asked a neighbor to assist her with her finances.

As a result of the neighbor's access to the woman's banking records, she noticed the \$3,500 withdrawal and asked what happened to the money. Neighbors obtained a license plate number for the suspect who police said returned to the home after repeatedly calling the elderly woman seeking more money.

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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, October 6, 2015, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

**Petitions 2015-09-02-15 submitted by TeleSite Wireless**, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 18.42A of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to erect a wireless communication support structure (130 foot high monopole) adjacent to the Church Hill High School athletic field at 8900 Newburgh Road, located on the east side of Newburgh Road between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32.

**Petition 2015-09-02-16 submitted by TeleSite Wireless**, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 18.42A of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to construct a supporting cell tower equipment shelter in the southeast corner of the American Legion property at 9222 Newburgh Road, located on the east side of Newburgh Road between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32.

**Petition 2015-09-02-17 submitted by Brodersen Management**, on behalf of Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen, Inc., requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(c)(1) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to construct and operate a freestanding full service restaurant with drive-up window facilities at 13050 Middlebelt Road, located on the east side of Middlebelt Road between the CSX Railroad right-of-way and Schoolcraft Road in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25.

**Petition 2015-07-03-01 submitted by Ignacio and Jacklyn Salazar**, pursuant to Section 12.08 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances of the City of Livonia, as amended, to determine whether or not to vacate part of an existing utility easement at 37190 Weymouth Drive, located on the north side of Weymouth Drive between Levan Road and Newburgh Road in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8.

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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### City of Livonia - 8/17/2015 Regular Meeting Synopsis

**Present:** Kritzman, Pastor, Meakin, Toy, Scheel, Nash, Brosnan  
**Absent:** None

- Items were received and filed.
  - #247-15 Approving the minutes of meeting held on 08/05/15.
  - #248-15 Approving a request to hold a block party from Karen Werden for 9/9/2015.
  - #249-15 Approving the request of Academic Cooperative Preschool for a non-profit organization designation to obtain a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan.
  - #250-15 Refer request to vacate a portion of an easement to Planning, received from Ignacio & Jacklyn Salazar.
  - #251-15 Authorize an addendum to the Specialized Services Vehicle Agreement for the purchase of one lift equipped bus.
  - #252-15 Authorize the execution of the Municipal Credit Contract for one year.
  - #253-15 Accept the bid of ICOM North America for the installation of 2 bi-fuel conversion kits.
  - #254-15 Authorize the City's right of first refusal for properties to be reimbursed from Community Development Block Grant funds.
  - #255-15 Approving Petition 2015-06-02-11, United Lawnscape, Inc to operate a contractor's yard.
  - #256-15 Approve Petition 2015-06-02-11, Acy, L.L.C. to remodel Ten Yen Plaza.
  - #257-15 Refer to the Administration for report & recommendation the subject of the City's sign ordinance.
  - #258-15 Refer to the Administration for report & recommendation the subject of flying model aircraft.
  - #259-15 Authorize the Administration to negotiate proposals with Waste Management and Rizzo Environmental Services.
  - Second Reading** was given to an ordinance amending Section 32 of the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia. (Petition 2015-03-01-03)
  - #260-15 Approving Petition 2015-06-02-12, Crosswinds Court Sub, Inc. to develop a residential development.
  - #261-15 Approving Petition 2015-07-08-08, GPS Hospitality to remodel the exterior of an existing restaurant. (Burger King-Middlebelt)
  - #262-15 Approving Petition 2015-07-08-08, GPS Hospitality to remodel the exterior of an existing restaurant. (Burger King-7 Mile)
  - #263-15 Approving Petition 2015-07-08-10, Schostak Brothers & Company, Inc. to construct a high-rise office building within College Park.
  - #264-15 Suspend the rules
  - #265-15 Authorize a Cable Franchise Agreement with Bright House Networks.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.  
Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.  
Susan A. Hoff  
Livonia City Clerk

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# Review documents thoroughly before signing

**Q: Dear Rick: I got divorced about three years ago. As part of the divorce settlement, I was obligated to pay my ex \$75,000 by the end of this year. The money was basically coming from the sale of our home which closed in February. I didn't want to give my ex the money early and it was recommended by my financial advisor that as opposed to putting the money in the bank, which I wanted to do, he convinced me that I can make more money by putting the money into an annuity. I just found out that not only is the annuity worth less than I originally paid, but in addition, I have a substantial penalty if I close it. I now find that my annuity has a 10-year penalty provi-**



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**sion. I never would have purchased this annuity if I'd known that I could lose money or I had to pay a penalty to get my money out. My advisor knew that I needed this money by the end of the year. Is there anything I can do?**

**A:** You may have a legal claim, but it will be difficult. What you would have to show is that the advisor, or as I prefer to call them, salesperson, sold you an inappropriate investment for your goals and objectives.

Depending upon the documents that you signed, you may have to

**All too often when people buy an investment, salespeople swamp you with paperwork they say is standard.**

go through an arbitration procedure that, unfortunately, will take time. It's unlikely that you can have this issue resolved either through litigation or arbitration in just a few months.

That said, I do believe that you should sit down and consult an attorney who specializes in this area of the law. The attorney may be able to reach out to the annuity company to reach some sort of settlement.

In many situations, annuity companies are willing to make settlements when the facts are clear that the investment was inappropriate. However, you do have a difficult road ahead of you. The reason is you signed a variety of documents and one of those would have acknowledged that there are early termination fees. It doesn't mean that you don't have a case; but it does mean that it is not a slam dunk.

Unfortunately, many annuity salespeople are not advisors. They don't necessarily look at what's good for you but, rather, what's good for them. No responsible advisor would ever invest someone's money in a long-term investment knowing that the client needed the money over the short run.

In this environment it does not make sense to buy an annuity where you're going to have substantial penalties if you decide to cancel your annuity over the next few years. The annuity salespeople don't like to talk about the penalties because they know that these penalties are not for the advantage of the client but, rather, for the salesperson.


The type of annuity you purchased is what is known as a variable annuity. There are many variable annuities you can buy that have very low costs and no back-end penalties. Companies like Fidelity, Vanguard and Charles Schwab all offer no-penalty annuities. Of course, if you go to a commissioned salesperson they won't recom-

mend that type of annuity because they don't receive commissions.

Investors have an obligation to review documentation before signing. All too often when people buy an investment, salespeople swamp you with paperwork they say is standard. Don't believe it. It is important to understand the terms of a document you are signing. Take the time read and understand documents before you sign. Good luck.

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

## Ask Dr. Stewart



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# 'This time I really mean it,' Livonia mayor says of retirement

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

It was a record crowd that came to see Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey's final State of the City address Wednesday.

More than 600 people attended the speech at Laurel Manor, and with it being Kirksey's final address, several personal touches were included, including comments from his son Jay, who flew in from Colorado to introduce his father on stage.

Looking at his father's resume, Jay Kirksey said his father's career path is truly something to behold. Jack Kirksey has spent time in the Air Force, as a state representative and an educator, to name a few, in addition to his 16 years as mayor of Livonia, Michigan's ninth-largest city.

"It truly is amazing when you look at it," he said. "It got me tired just looking at it."

Jack Kirksey began his mayoral terms in 1996 and ran twice before sitting out for four years because of term limits. He became mayor again in 2008 and will end his term at the end of the year. City council vice president Brian Meakin and treasurer Dennis Wright are vying this November to replace him.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, presented the mayor with a pair of "retired" ribbon-cutting scissors mounted on a plaque in recognition of the high number of ribbon cuttings he had participated in during his tenure.

"No matter the size of the new business coming in town, Mayor Kirksey made a point to attend as many grand openings as his schedule would allow," he said. "He always enjoyed the chance to meet new business owners."



Mayor Jack Kirksey has cut so many ribbons that Chamber President Dan West thought that it's time to retire the ceremonial scissors.



Applause for Patt Kirksey from the crowd and great-grandson Asher Wendt.



Patt Kirksey joins Jack to say goodbye.



Applause for Kirksey from the sold-out crowd.

Despite it being his final address, Jack Kirksey also took time at the beginning of his address to remember former mayor Bob Bennett, who died earlier this month after battling a lengthy illness. The two were close and had been

friends for a long time, going back to their time in college. "We celebrated New Year's Eve for 62 consecutive years and remained close," he said. "Our hearts still ache for the loss of a very close friend." A public servant for

much of his life, Jack Kirksey said after he leaves office at the end of the year, his time as an elected official will be over. While he said he plans on spending time with family, he will miss the daily activities the office requires and thanked the city for al-

lowing him to serve. "People say, 'You're going to retire, but we really don't think you are,'" he said. "I'm good at retiring, but I'm not good at staying retiring. This time, I really mean it. "I will miss coming to work. I mean that. Ev-

eryday is a delight," he said. "It is a wonderful job. A fantastic honor that you have bestowed upon me."   
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**Reception and award ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 24th**  
Light refreshments will be served.

Every attendee to the art show will receive a raffle ticket for a door prize. Door prizes (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place) will be on display. Door Prize drawing will take place **Saturday, September 26th at 3pm.**  
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# Artists display works at Garden City Fine Arts Association show

More than 15 artists will be featured at the Garden City Fine Arts Association's annual art show Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 24-26, at First Methodist Church in Garden City.

Fifty-five pieces of art, including sculpture, pottery, oil paintings, acrylics, watercolor, colored pencil, drawings, photography and collage works will be on display and available for sale during the show which will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

A reception will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, during which \$375 in awards will be presented. There will be first-, second- and third-place awards presented by judge Frank James Fisher, the Santieu Family Award, Norma McQueen Award, Stock Award and Mayor's Award. Mike Kuhn of the



Promoting the annual art show are Garden City Fine Arts Association member Bob Sheridan and Susan Trotter, show chair.

Michigan Art Center in Garden City is donating three of his pieces for door prizes.

Fisher has been an artist for 35 years. He is an experienced painter,

illustrator, photographer, graphic designer and highly regarded ceramicist. He has been an art instructor at Schoolcraft College, University of Toledo, Ann Arbor Art

Center, Adrian College, Grand Valley State University, Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center and the Michigan Art Center.

# Nominations sought for Livonia Greenleaf Award

Do you know a Livonia-based business or organization that is demonstrating leadership in sustainability initiatives? Now is the time to let the rest of the community know.

To increase awareness of more sustainable business and volunteer organization practices in Livonia, the Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce will award its second annual City of Livonia Greenleaf Award. Last year's inaugural award went to Kohl's department store for its distinction in being the city's second Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified building, and employing sustainable business practices.

The goal of the Greenleaf Award is to recognize businesses or volunteer organizations that have demonstrated leadership in making Livonia a resilient and sustainable community.

Businesses or volunteer organizations can nominate others or themselves for the Greenleaf Award. The nominations will be judged on a number of criteria, including recycling, waste reduction and energy efficiency or water conservation efforts. Other measures to be evaluated are whether the business or organization adheres to or goes beyond environmental regulations for their industry. Does it have goals to maintain and improve sustainability, and is it involved in sustainability groups within its industry?

Nominations for the award are now open, and will close Dec. 1. Greenleaf Award applications will be reviewed by a selection committee, and nomination guidelines can be found on the City of Livonia Greenleaf Sustainability website at [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us). For more information, contact Jim Baringhaus at [jbaringhaus@gmail.com](mailto:jbaringhaus@gmail.com)

# Farmington Hills officials 'excited' about Daimler move

**Brad Kadrich**  
Correspondent

While the number of new jobs Daimler AG is estimated to be bringing to Farmington Hills is a relatively small 30, local officials are still happy to hear the auto giant is bringing more work to the community.

Farmington Hills Acting City Manager Dave Boyer, while stressing any job growth is good, said he's "excited" about the news Daimler AG is adding to its presence in the Farmington community.

"Certainly, we'd like to see that (jobs) number grow, but any new job growth is great for the

region," Boyer said. "We're excited they're coming here, because we can see what's going on in metro Detroit with the resurgence of the auto industry. They're all going to end up back here, where the work is being done."

According to a press release from Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, Daimler AG is consolidating its North American financial services offices in Michigan.

"Michigan is the world's automotive leader, and Daimler's decision to increase its presence in state is another indication that we intend to hold that position for generations to come,"

Snyder said in a statement.

The Michigan move for Daimler North America Corp., the holding company for all of the company's business units in the U.S., is some 50 jobs, (including 20 workers already here). Michigan already has some 3,000 Daimler employees at Detroit Diesel, a subsidiary of Daimler Trucks North America; Daimler's financial services; and the company's research and development.

There were no state or local economic incentives offered for the move, according to the Michigan Economic Development Corp. The

move is expected to take place by the end of the year.

After meeting with Daimler executives at the 66th Frankfurt Auto Show, Snyder said the headquarters relocation will bring 30 jobs to Michigan in central office functions including treasury, legal, accounting and executive staff, according to the press release.

In the release, Snyder also announced Michigan is expanding its international presence with the opening of a Michigan Europe Center.

Michigan.com contributed to this report.

## WHY BE CATHOLIC?

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**Tuesday, September 29th, 7 PM**

Former President of the Michigan Board of Education and founder of Detroit's Cornerstone Schools, **Clark Durant and his wife Susan**, will kick off Season 7 with their joint conversion story. Having met at the Economic Foundation for Education in New York, both shared a mutual attraction to the Eucharist, particularly the teachings of Christ reflected in the Gospel of John and the notion of belonging to a Eucharistic community.



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# Livonia teenager earns Eagle Scout rank

Scout Bryan Stephen Hives — a member of Troop 1539 in Plymouth — received his Eagle Scout rank Dec. 9, 2014, for helping the members of VFW Post 6695.

The Plymouth post sponsors Bryan's troop. When it came time to develop an Eagle Scout project, the Livonia resident consulted with Dennis Bielskis, then-Post Commander.

With Bielskis' help, it was decided that the best way to help was to construct wooden shelving units and a work bench out in their pole barn to help get the place cleaned up and organized. Bryan held a bowling fundraiser to purchase all the materials needed and it was a huge success. The project was successfully executed and finished Oct. 11, 2014. The importance of

**Bryan is currently Troop Guide and earned a total of 27 merit badges to rise to the rank of Eagle Scout in five short years at the age of 15.**

Bryan's project stems from VFW members' need for an organized place to repair donated medical equipment before giving to someone in need, as well as a spot to store other items that will be donated.

Bryan's first experience with scouting was not a positive one back in first grade when he went to his first Tiger Cub meeting. He and his dad came home overwhelmed

and decided it wasn't going to be for them.

But after a year, Bryan's dad decided to try again. This time it stuck and Bryan became a Wolf Scout at Cleveland Elementary with Pack 897 in Livonia. He finished Wolf and Bear with Pack 897 and then moved to finish Webelos with Pack 271 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia. Bryan completed all requirements needed and then some to earn his Arrow of Light award and Super Achiever.

The scout crossed over to Troop 1539 in 2010. He has held the positions of Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Instructor, Webmaster, Scribe and is currently Troop Guide and earned a total of 27 merit badges to rise to the rank of Eagle Scout in five short years at the age of

15.

He is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and a very proud member of the South-eastern Michigan Regional Contingent that serves as the Governor's Honor Guard on Mackinaw Island every summer, where he serves on the guide staff.

Bryan is a varsity swimmer at Livonia Franklin High School and member of the LCSC swim club. He has also run track in the spring and plans to run cross country in the fall. He currently holds down two jobs working the shotgun counter at Western Wayne County Conservation Association and at LightSource Inc. working with theatrical lighting.



Scout Bryan Stephen Hives received his Eagle Scout rank.

## Senior Celebration Day set for Oct. 4 in Livonia

State Rep. Laura Cox invites Wayne County seniors to attend the 21st annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day.

The celebration will take place Sunday, Oct. 4, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center at 27777 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

The event will be hosted by Cox and Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, a nonprofit organization serving senior citizens in the metro Detroit area.

"Seniors have made generous contributions to our county, cities and neighborhoods," said Cox, R-Livonia.

Tickets to the event — which include lunch, a raffle, games, music, prizes and other fun activities — are now on sale for \$5 each. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door, but event organizers encourage those who plan to attend to purchase advance tickets at the Civic Park Senior Center at 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES OF REDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved Minutes for meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the month of August 2015 are posted at the following public places within the Township:

Community Center, 12121 Hemingway  
Fire Department, 15145 Beech Daly  
Library, 25320 Six Mile Road  
Department of Public Services, 12200 Beech Daly  
Police Department, 25833 Elsinore  
Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly

Approved Minutes may also be viewed on-line at [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com)

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, Clerk  
Charter Township of Redford

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION SPECIAL ELECTION SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OPERATING CHARTER MILLAGE PROPOSITION**

ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a special election regarding an Operating Millage proposal for the Schoolcraft Community College District will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, Wayne County, MI, for Precinct 4 only, on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Notice is hereby given that electors who wish to vote in the special election regarding the College Operating Millage proposal must be registered no later than Monday, October 5, 2015.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address, you may register to vote in the Clerk's office in the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road, during the hours of 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday or at any Secretary of State office.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC  
CLERK, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

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**Schoolcraft College**

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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.

**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. The event features some of Metro Detroit's best restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors. A silent auction with sports tickets, sport memorabilia, travel and theater and food packages is also planned. Raffle tickets featuring cash prizes and dinners at the American Harvest Restaurant are available for \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing is held between 4-5 p.m. the day of event. The raffle grand prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$750 and third prize is \$500. Three prizes of dinner for two at American Harvest are also available. For ticket information, contact Mary Holaly at 734-462-4518.

**LIVONIA HISTORIC CEMETERY WALK**

**Time/date:** 2 p.m., with tours starting every half hour until 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20.  
**Location:** Livonia Center Cemetery, Farmington Road south of Five Mile, Livonia.  
**Details:** Meet some of Livonia's "liveliest characters" featured at the Livonia Center Cemetery during the fifth annual Livonia Historic Cemetery Walk. Tickets are \$10 each in advance, \$15 at the gate. Proceeds benefit Livonia's historic cemeteries. Parking is available at Livonia Public Schools' Administrative Offices. This is a rain-or-shine event.  
**Contact:** 248-477-7375.

**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.

**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.

**WESTERN WAYNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Time/date:** 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.  
**Location:** Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.  
**Details:** Genealogist Carl Katarfiasz, 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. Katarfiasz 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.  
**Contact:** www.wwcgs.org.  
**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.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 24-25, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26  
**Location:** First Methodist Church of Wayne, located across from the Wayne Post Office  
**Details:** Last day of sale is bag day - \$2 for a regular-sized bag, \$5 for a large plastic bag (not in the plus room).  
**Contact:** 734-721-4801.

**ASTRONOMY AT THE BEACH**

**Time/date:** 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25-26.  
**Location:** Maple Beach, Kensington Metropark, Milford.  
**Details:** Dr. Nicole Zellner from Albion College will guide participants in an educational program about the moon, exotic hydrocarbon seas and the most distant reaches of human exploration. Other activities will include: seeing Saturn through telescopes and taking a constellation tour (weather permitting); comet making; 3D tour of the solar system; Michigan Science Center's STARLAB portable planetarium providing kids a view of the stars no matter what the weather; "The Rescue of Andromeda" interactive kids performance, plus vendor and astronomy club tables. The only cost is the \$7 daily entry fee into

the park.  
**Contact:** 810-227-8917.  
**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.  
**Contact:** 248-477-7375.  
**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.

**CITY OF LIVONIA**

The City of Livonia will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan for the purpose of hearing written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016. All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interests of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and submit comments.

A copy of the entire proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. weekdays at the City Clerk's Office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

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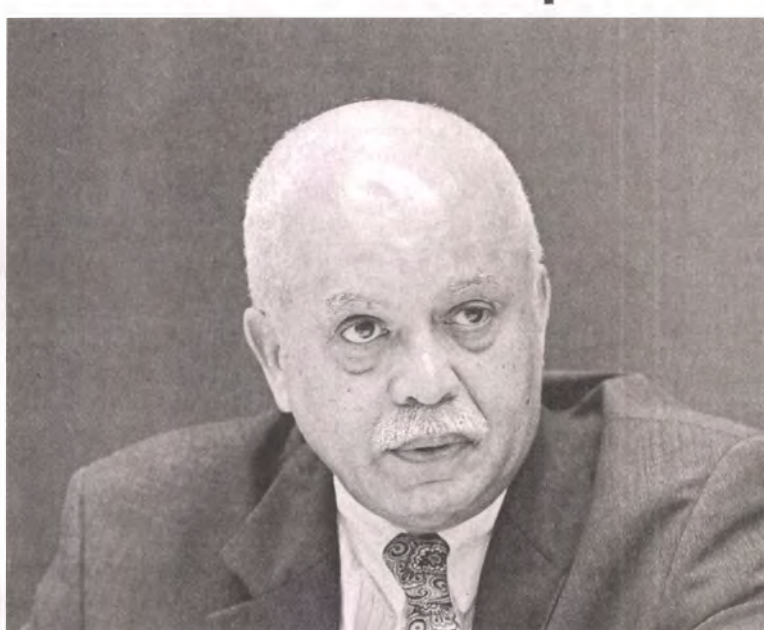
# County Commission adopts balanced 2015-16 budget

The Wayne County Commission voted 14-0 Sept. 17 to approve a \$1.56 billion balanced budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1.

The 2014-15 adopted budget was \$1.68 billion, meaning it was reduced by about \$120 million, or more than 7 percent.

The Commission's Committee on Ways and Means held seven hearings between late July and early September in which each department gave feedback about its proposed budget. The committee met again Sept. 16 and gave a recommendation to the Committee of the Whole, which on that day sent the proposed budget for the full Commission for a final vote.

"The committee, com-



mission staff and administration worked very hard together to

craft this budget, which addresses the county's precarious financial

position head on," said Commissioner Joseph Palamara, D-Grosse Ile

MICHIGAN.COM  
The only department that didn't see a cut was the office of Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and that's because several positions were transferred from other departments' budgets, administration officials said, in the name of furthering transparency.

Township, Committee on Ways and Means chairman. "There were some difficult decisions to make, but we've made them in the course of righting the county's financial ship."

The budget was adopted under the parameters of Wayne County's consent agreement with the state of Michigan, which went into effect Aug. 21. The agreement, approved Aug. 13 by the commission, came on the heels of Gov. Rick Snyder declaring a state of financial emergency in Wayne County.

The consent agreement is in effect for at least three years, including two years after the state treasurer declares that the county's financial situation is

stable. The budget - which the administration said will eliminate structural and accumulated deficits that were \$52 million and \$88 million, respectively, at the start of this calendar year, but have since been reduced, and aims to shore up a pension system that's 47 percent funded - factors in several money-saving measures, including a reorganization plan that was unanimously approved by the commission. The biggest part of the plan was the creation of the Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness, which merges services that were offered by several other departments and divisions under one umbrella, with the goals of improved customer service and reduced costs.

The budget also reflects some employee pay, benefits and pension reductions starting Nov. 1. And it reflects the elimination of retirees' health care. They'll receive a stipend instead.

The departments taking cuts in the budget are: Corporation Counsel; County Clerk; Health, Veterans and Community Wellness (based on budgets of previous departments and divisions); Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Management and Budget; Personnel and Human Resources; Probate Court; Prosecuting Attorney; Public Services; Register of Deeds; Retirement Commission; Senior Services; Sheriff's Office; Technology; Treasurer; and non-departmental.

Also taking reductions are the county commission and 3rd Circuit Court, which are separate branches of county government.

The only department that didn't see a cut was the executive's office and that's because several positions were transferred from other departments' budgets, administration officials said, in the name of furthering transparency.

A major reason for the county's financial distress is a significant drop in property tax values since the 2007-08 fiscal year. That year, the county collected \$389 million in property taxes. In 2015-16, the number is projected to be \$266 million, or a reduction of nearly 32 percent.

**ORDINANCE NO. 152-N  
AMENDED ZONING MAP #5-15**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 152-N, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Redford shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property is rezoned, to-wit:

**Map #05-15:** To rezone from R-1 (one family district) to C-2 (general commercial district)

**Legal Description:** THAT PART OF THE SE ¼ OF SEC 20 DISTANT N 87D 43M 20SEC E 1689.33 FT FROM THE S ¼ COR OF SEC 20 AND PROCEEDING TH N 1 D 04M 03SEC W 574.84 FT TH N87D 57M 47SEC 2 117.47 FT TH S 1 D 03M 9SEC E 574.30 FT TO THE LINE OF SEC 20 TH S 87D 43M 20SEC E 117.47 FT TH S 1 D 03M 9SEC E 574.30 FT TO THE S LINE OF SEC 20 TH S 87D 43M 20SEC W ALONG SAID S LINE 117.48 FT TO THE POB EXCEPT THE SOUTH 102 FT THEREOF 1.27 ACRES

**Property more commonly known as 24340 Schoolcraft Road, Parcel 79-028-99-0020-000**

**Section 2.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 3.** The rezoning was approved by the Board of Trustees, at the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption or upon publication.

**AYES:** Christie, McRae, Sullivan, Johnson, Kennedy, Cavanagh and Kobylarz  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**Motion #15:110 carried: 7-0**

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 152-N, Map #5-15 was published in the Redford Observer, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Redford on September 20, 2015, which date was within thirty (30) days after the adoption of said Ordinance 152-N,

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**ORDINANCE NO. 152-N  
AMENDED ZONING MAP #3-15**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 152-N, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Redford shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property is rezoned, to-wit:

**Map #03-15:** To rezone from R-1 (one family residential) to PS (professional service district) for uses permitted by Article VIII of the Township Zoning Ordinance, including other uses determined to be similar by the Site Committee, with the following exceptions: standard restaurants, massage parlors, massage schools, private clubs, fraternities and lodges and similar businesses are prohibited, excepting those the chief activity of which is a service customarily carried on as a business.

**Legal Description:** Lots 128 thru 134 inclusive, also lots 135 through 139 except the North 7 Ft. thereof, also the North ½ adjacent vacated alley; B.E. Taylor's Brightmoor-Woodworth.

**Property more commonly known as 26025 & 26215 Five Mile, Parcel 79-021-01-0128-000**

**Section 2.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 3.** The rezoning was approved by the Board of Trustees, at the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption or upon publication.

**AYES:** Kennedy, Cavanagh, Christie, McRae, Sullivan and Kobylarz  
**NAYS:** Johnson  
**ABSENT:** None

**Motion #15:108 carried: 6-1**

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 152-N, Map #5-15 was published in the Redford Observer, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Redford on September 20, 2015, which date was within thirty (30) days after the adoption of said Ordinance 152-N,

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**ORDINANCE NO. 152-N  
AMENDED ZONING MAP #4-15**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 152-N, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Redford shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property is rezoned, to-wit:

**Map #04-15:** To rezone from C-1 (local business district) to C-2 (general commercial district) Lots 1074 through 1079 of Chesterfield No. 4 according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 60 of Plats WCR.

**Property more commonly known as 26770 Grand River Avenue, Parcel 79 004 01 1074 000**

**Section 2.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 3.** The rezoning was approved by the Board of Trustees, at the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption or upon publication.

**AYES:** McRae, Sullivan, Johnson, Kennedy, Cavanagh, Christie, and Kobylarz  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**Motion #15:111 carried: 7-0**

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 152-N, Map #4-15 was published in the Redford Observer, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Redford on September 20, 2015, which date was within thirty (30) days after the adoption of said Ordinance 152-N,

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# Man ready to climb one of world's tallest mountains

**Jay Grossman**  
Staff Writer

A month or so from now, Steve Cook expects to find himself on the side of a mountain.

The Milford resident is preparing to climb Ama Dablam in Nepal, a trek of slightly over 22,300 feet. He departs from Michigan on Oct. 17, when his 22-hour flight will take him from Los Angeles to Seoul, Korea, to Kathmandu.

"The thing I've never done before is climb this high," said Cook. "And you don't know how you're going to do until you get up there. You never know how you're going to handle the thin air."

It's a journey of a lifetime for Cook, the 17-year golf course superintendent at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township. Plus, he's climbing for a cause by pledging to raise a minimum of \$30,000 for Make-A-Wish Michigan. The amount equates to about \$1.34 for every foot he climbs up the mountain.

"My wife has volunteered with Make-A-Wish for over 10 years," he said. "I'm not a parent and I can't imagine what a parent goes through when they find out their child is ill ... but here's an organization trying to help these kids and put a little joy back in their lives."

## Bigger mountains

Cook, 56, has been climbing since 2009 when he ascended Mount Rainier in Washington. He's honed his skills through technical climbs in Ouray, Colorado, and Wyoming's Grand Teton with an elevation of over 13,700 feet.

He often climbs with Brian Warren, a professional guide with California-based Alpenglow, and for the past several



Steve Cook trained in Ouray, Colorado, to prepare for the icy mountain conditions in Nepal.



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"The thing I've never done before is climb this high," Steve Cook said about his upcoming trip to the Himalayas. "And you don't know how you're going to do until you get up there."

years the two have talked about taking on bigger mountains.

"This is the right time," he said. "It's the off-season at the golf course, and at my age it's a mountain I can handle safely. I've hiked and backpacked my whole life, and I've transitioned to rock climbing and climbing ice in the winter. The U.S. Amateur is coming next year to Oakland Hills, and in 2017 I'll be pushing 59. I'm ready to take my shot."

By any definition, Ama Dablam is a big mountain. The Himalayan peak, about 12 miles

from Mount Everest, is known for its breathtaking views and steep passages carved out rock, snow and ice.

Cook knows the climb is dangerous. His trip coincides with the opening of the film *Everest*, which chronicles the death of eight climbers in 1996 who were trapped near the peak in a blizzard. Ten years later, in 2006, six climbers were killed on Ama Dablam when they were caught in an avalanche.

"It's a very technical mountain so your rope skills have to be good," he said. "You need to

make sure your winter camping skills are honed in ... and there's the weather. We'll probably continue even if it drops to 15 below, but we won't climb if it gets too windy. If someone gets hurt up there, it's very difficult to get them down."

He does most of his cross-training at Kensington Metropark, where he jogs, hikes and bikes with a loaded backpack.

"Not getting sick is the biggest thing right now," he said. "The last thing you want to pick up is a bug or virus right before you're about to climb."

Warren and a small team of Sherpa guides

will lead the expedition. Along with Cook, the group will include a climber from Singapore and another climber from Russia. They'll rendezvous in Kathmandu before heading to base camp.

Oxygen won't be necessary since the ascent won't exceed 24,000 feet. Cook said for the most part, the terrain is very similar to Grand Teton, only much higher.

"I've lived in Europe and traveled a lot back and forth," he said. "But I've never flown to Asia so this will be a whole new experience for me."

He plans to chronicle it with a diary and photographs. Even if he

doesn't make it to the top, he won't be disappointed.

"There are so many factors - especially the weather," he said. "My goal has already been reached, knowing I'll be helping out others. If it's in God's hands to reach the summit, great, it will be a wonderful experience. But I won't be disappointed if things don't work out."

He'll return home on Nov. 19. Visit [www.steveswishclimb.blogspot.com](http://www.steveswishclimb.blogspot.com) to track his journey or help with his fundraising efforts.

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### Wish you were here



Philip and Maureen Abele of Livonia recently returned from a month-long trip out West where they visited many national parks and monuments, from southeast Arizona northward to Montana and North Dakota. This photo with the Observer was taken at the Navajo Monument at Four Corners, where Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah come together.

### Wish you were here



The Grisa family of Livonia visited beautiful Lake Cumberland in Kentucky. Of course, they took along the Observer. Pictured are Frank Sr., Rose, Frank Jr., Janice, David, Michael, Reagan, Dale, Erik, Chloe, McKenna and Ally Laurentius.

### Wish you were here



Kent and Susan Smith of Livonia visited the Mendenhall glacier in Juneau, Alaska, in June. Susan noticed a marked difference in the glacier size from when she visited in 2002. "If you ever wanted to see Alaska and the majestic glaciers, don't delay," she said. "The natural beauty and fresh air are a lasting memory."

### Wish you were here



Twenty-six members of the Hillebrand/Cox family traveled to Hillsboro Beach, Fla., for Tom and Ari Atkin's wedding this year and brought along the Livonia Observer.

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# 'Man of La Mancha' opens Barefoot Productions' 10th season

Having achieved his own "impossible dream," Craig A. Hane is bringing to the stage the musical that introduced that phrase to the world.

Hane's Barefoot Productions — he is the founder and artistic director — opened its 10th season Friday with *Man of La Mancha*, a musical inspired by Miguel de Cervantes and his classic 17th-century novel *Don Quixote*.

Hane, with the support of a group of friends and actors, opened Barefoot in October 2006. The nonprofit theater is at 240 North Main in Plymouth.

*Man of La Mancha*, written by Dale Wasserman and with music by Mitch Leigh and lyrics by Joe Darion, is Barefoot's first musical. The 1965 Broadway production won several Tony awards, including for best musical.

The show features classic songs such as *I, Don Quixote*, *Dulcinea* and *The Impossible Dream* (also called *The Quest*). Barefoot's production is co-directed by Hane and Mike Cuba, and Hane is also the scenic designer and lighting engineer.

Principals in the cast include Butch Plague of Canton Township as Cervantes/Don Quixote, Ann Morgan of Livonia as Aldonza/Dulcinea, and Jonathon Wennstrom of Canton as Sancho Panza, Quixote's "squire."

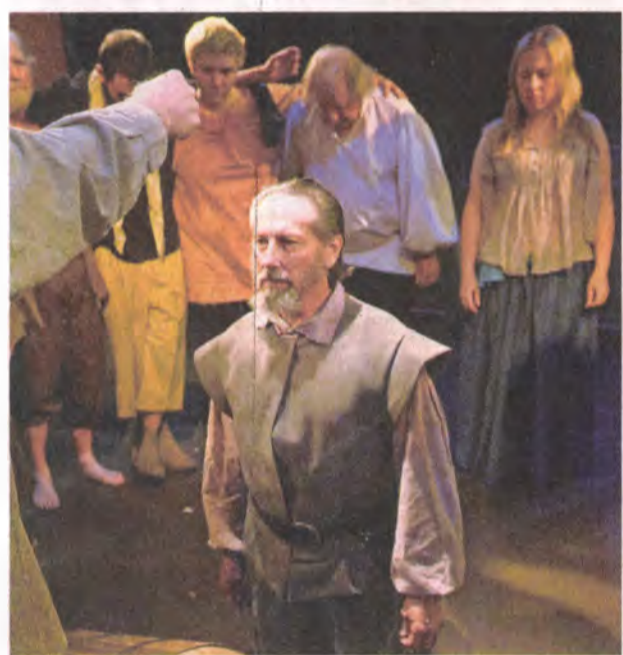
*Man of La Mancha* continues through Sunday, Oct. 4. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays.

All seats are \$20. Tickets can be ordered by calling the Barefoot box office at 734-404-6889 or by visiting [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com)



Anne Morgan of Livonia plays Dulcinea.

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Butch Plague is Don Quixote, the Knight of the Woeful Countenance, in Barefoot Productions' season opener, "Man of La Mancha." Plague is a Canton resident.



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Don Quixote (Butch Plague of Canton Township) and his squire Sancho Panza (Jonathon Wennstrom of Canton) entertain the court and prisoners in "Man of La Mancha" at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

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## HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING & DIVING

### Stevenson swimmers sink Rockets

Spartans overcome strong performance by Sells

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's girls swimming and diving team had its way with Westland John Glenn Thursday night in a KLAA cross-over meet – and

it was a corps of young talent that led the Spartans to a 128-55 victory.

Among the underclassmen who made strong contributions to the triumph was Maria Arakelian, who touched first in the 100-yard freestyle in 56.38 seconds, just a stroke ahead of John Glenn's Sidney Aloisi, who posted a time of



Arceri

56.71. The pair of sprinters also waged an exciting race in the 50 free, which Aloisi won in 25.95, just over a second faster than her Spartan opponent. Arakelian was also instrumental in Stevenson's triumph in the 200 freestyle relay, joining Rachel Arceri, Claire Belmore and Sara Bo-

wen to contribute a first-place time of 1:51.11.

Bayne Froney was likewise effective in Stevenson's impressive victory as she won the 200 free in 2:12.11 before taking the top honors in the 500 free with an impressive early-season clocking of 5:44.20.

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### John Glenn spikers host Make-A-Wish match

On Thursday, Sept. 24, the Westland John Glenn volleyball team will host a charity match against Canton that will benefit the Make-A-Wish Michigan.

In addition to the Rockets wearing special uniforms, the program will raise funds for Make-A-Wish by charging an admission fee of \$10, half of which will go toward the Make-A-Wish organization.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing that will also raise funds for the organization that assists children who are coping with serious illnesses.

The varsity match is slated to start at approximately 6:30 p.m.

### High school golf

Livonia Franklin posted a 187-200 victory over host Livonia Churchill Tuesday afternoon at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Sofia Cueva was the match medalist as she carded a round of 41. Also scoring for the Patriots were Kendall Payne (44), Jaime Whitney (49) and Brenna Campau (53). Non-scorers for Franklin were Angelina Diponio (54) and Olivia Napier (56).

Churchill was paced by its No. 1 player Paige Peterson, who registered a solid 44. Additional scorers for the host Chargers were Jenny Rousseau (50), Kelsie Nowicki (52) and Macey Reese (54). Mackenzie Brown fired a 57 while Brianna Foley came in with a 74.

During a three-team match Thursday at Walnut Creek Golf Course, the Chargers shot a 211 while dropping a pair of KLAA cross-over matches to Northville (181) and Novi (167).

Peterson led the way for Churchill with a 49. Also scoring were Reese (54), Rousseau (54) and Nowicki (55).

Novi's Alexa Hatz was the day's medalist after turning in a 38. Northville's best golfer was Gabby Jaszczur, who recorded a 45.

### RU baseball golf outing

The Redford Union baseball program will be hosting a scramble-format golf outing on Sunday, Sept. 27, at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford.

The event is set to start at 1 p.m.

The cost of the fundraiser is \$75 per person, which includes lunch, dinner and beverage tickets.

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For more information, contact head coach Bob Miller at 248-568-2448 or [coachbobmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:coachbobmiller@yahoo.com).

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin running back Jacob Clark secures a read-option handoff from quarterback Denzel Adams before breaking loose for a substantial gain Friday night.

### NEARLY PERFECT

Franklin's offense gets an 'A' for execution in rout of Rockets

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

During Livonia Franklin's no-punts, no-turnovers and no-incomplete passes offensive performance Friday night against Westland John Glenn, the "F" on the side of the Patriots' helmets could have stood for Flawless.

Glaring mistakes by the Patriots' offense were nonexistent – at least to the non-coaches' eyes in attendance – as the hosts rolled to a 58-35 victory to improve to 2-2 overall

and 1-1 in the KLAA South Division.

John Glenn slipped to 0-4 and 0-2, respectively, despite another all-world effort by senior running back Jaylen Smith, who ran for 259 yards and two long TD's on 21 carries.

In a twist from the winners' first three games, senior quarterback Denzel Adams demoralized an opposing defense with his arm, not his legs.

Adams completed all nine of his passes for 199 yards and two

See ROUT, Page B2

## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

### Cougars, Mulbah out-kick Trojans, 5-1

Clarenceville goal-keeper Murphy brilliant in loss

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville junior goal-keeper Jonathan Murphy was spectacular during most of Wednesday night's Western Wayne Athletic Conference soccer match against visiting Garden City, but over the long haul he was no match for the offensive firepower of the Cougars, particularly forward Emmanuel Mulbah.

Murphy kept the Trojans within striking distance for

much of the first half – which ended with the Cougars owning a 3-1 lead – turning away a series of point-blank Garden City scoring chances with all-out, diving saves.

Mulbah's relentless pursuit of the net, however, ultimately led the visitors to a 5-1 victory. The senior Cougar registered three goals to help his team improve its record to 3-4 overall and 2-0 in the WWAC.

The setback was the first of

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Clarenceville's Elijah Spens (13) and Garden City's Tommy Fisher pursue the ball during Wednesday's WWAC game.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Rockets deadlock Canton, 1-1

Stevenson rolls past South Lyon

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Freshman forward Cameron Simpson's goal four minutes into the second half earned Westland John Glenn a 1-1 draw with Canton during a KLAAs South Division match played Tuesday.

Simpson chased down a through ball delivered by junior Kyle McCarthy and then directed the sphere past the last Chief defender and into the unoccupied net.

Canton's lone goal came in the 25th minute when a free kick by James Walkinshaw was headed into the twine by Chief leading scorer Hunter Olson. John Glenn goal-keeper

Andrew Frendo continued his stellar play by turning away eight Canton shots.

**Stevenson rolls**

Livonia Stevenson showed South Lyon who the boss was early and often during Thursday's 7-1 victory over the Lions.

The Spartans constructed a daunting 4-0 halftime advantage before rolling to the victory, which improved their record to 6-3 overall and 2-2 in the KLAAs Central Division.

"It was a nice team effort across the board for us tonight," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker.

Stevenson's Max Hoover broke the scoring vacuum 20 minutes in when he pounded in a header off a bending corner from Brandon Navarro. That net-finder got the ball

rolling for the Spartans, who tacked on first-half goals from Joe Nicolas (from Tyler Gregory), Val Qejvani (from Ian Henzi) and Hoover again, this time off a corner from Justin Schultz.

Schultz added his name to the goals-scored column by ripping in a penalty kick one minute into the second stanza.

After Oliver Ravn netted the Lions' lone goal two minutes later, Stevenson finished strong with goals from Trevor Furkas (from Nicolas) and Dylan Zupko, who was assisted by Christian Zapata.

Turner Miller, Drew Padgen and Adam Bixby took turns in goal for the winners. Jack Dalzochio and Alex Sickelsteel combined for four saves for South Lyon.

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ED WRIGHT  
Westland John Glenn senior Brendan Murphy is pictured during a game earlier this season.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

# Franklin spikers overcome inexperience with energy

Patriots relying on underclassmen after losing 8 seniors from '14

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The Livonia Franklin volleyball team's rebuilding process is moving along faster than head coach Ashly Butkowski could have imagined one year after losing eight seniors — many of them starters — to graduation.

During the early portion of the 2015 season, the young and energetic Patriots have already displayed an impressive combination of spirit and talent that has led to a third-place showing in the Dearborn Invitational and a first-place silver bracket finish in last weekend's Ladywood Invitational.

"Even though we're young, this team is working hard and meshing well together," said Butkowski. "This team's strength is the momentum it brings to the court every game. They cheer each other on, they never give up, they fight to the end and they have a ton of respect for one another."

"People can see the potential in this team. I even had one parent tell me last weekend that this is as good as they've seen the varsity in a few years."

With just three seniors on the varsity roster, the Patriots have been energized by several first- and second-year varsity performers, including sophomore co-captain Hannah Nordstrom, a middle hitter who was promoted from the junior varsity squad last season for the Class A district tournament.

"Hannah takes whatever steps she needs to always help the team," said Butkowski. "She's a leader on the court and she helps lift up the younger players when they get down on themselves. She pushes people in a positive way."

"Off the court, Hannah helps plan things like 'Senior Night' and updating the showcase."

Senior co-captain Rachel Beers has also been an irreplaceable element in the Patriots' early-season success, Butkowski noted.



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Livonia Franklin's Bella Facione passes the ball during Thursday's match against Westland John Glenn.



CHRIS GUDECK  
Livonia Franklin's Paige Brothers passes the ball during Thursday's match against Westland John Glenn.

school — and she keeps in contact with the rest of the team every day, making sure they have all the information they need."

Additional key players for Franklin this season will be sophomores Paige Brothers, an all-around contributor and exceptional outside hitter, and Bella Facione, who will serve as the team's libero.

"Paige is a very good all-around player," Butkowski said. "She knows where to place the ball and she's awesome in the back row when it comes to covering tips and moving."

"Bella has improved so much at covering the back row. There's still room for her to grow because she's so young, but she's already an awesome defensive player."

The Patriots split their first two KLAAs South Division matches, upending Wayne Memorial before dropping a three-setter to Canton.

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## ROUT

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touchdowns — the first a 67-yard strike to Rob Erwin.

Franklin's ground game was powered by senior Nate Binkiewicz, who churned out 142 yards and one score on 13 hauls.

"I just can't stop moving my feet," Binkiewicz said, when asked about his downhill running style. "I couldn't do it without my offensive line, that's for sure. They open the holes and I run through them."

"It helps playing with Denzel too because when they key on him, it opens things up for us. And when they key on us, he has more space."

Even during the Patriots' two setbacks this season, they've been in the hunt late in the fourth quarter — which is a sharp contrast from their 2-7 season in 2014.

"There's definitely more chemistry on this team than last year," Binkiewicz confirmed. "We fight through everything together and we don't get down on one another, which makes a huge difference."

Franklin, which raced to a 41-7 halftime lead, piled up 562 yards in total offense.

"Last week (in a loss to Canton) we didn't have good execution, so that's what we focused on this week in practice," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert. "They were loading up to stop our running game tonight, so that opened things up for our passing game. Denzel has shown steady improvement as a passer, and it showed tonight."

Following three straight weeks of rushing for more than 100 yards, the Patriots' electric quarterback carried

the rock just six times for 36 yards.

"Their safety was spying on him, so we took what they gave us," Kelbert said.

The defensive play of the night for Franklin unfolded with three minutes left in the first quarter when sophomore linebacker Jacob Mass's jarring hit separated John Glenn quarterback Nate Szymanski from the ball, which was scooped up by Jax Gasaway, who rumbled to the 1-yard line before getting taken down.

Franklin's Chris Nehasil scored his second TD of the night to expand the lead to 21-7 (following Jake Giacobbi's extra point).

"That was a big, momentum-shifting play," Kelbert said.

For the record, Mass also recovered two onside kicks for the Patriots.

Smith chalked up 187 of his yards in the second half alone thanks to two long scoring sprints of 59 and 80 yards.

Smith's most breath-taking effort came mid-way through the third quarter when he took a hand-off to the home sidelines, but back toward the middle of the field, broke a tackle with a spin move while keeping his knees from hitting turf by balancing himself with his left hand before dodging two more defenders for a 17-yard gain.

John Glenn quarterback Nate Szymanski completed half of his eight passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns — both to Cortney Cochran.

Rocket senior running back Anthony Hurt showed flashes of brilliance late in relief of Smith when he squirted free for a 46-yard run before scoring on a 13-yard scamper.

Jacob Clark added 99 yards on the ground for the Patriots.



ED WRIGHT  
John Glenn's Cortney Cochran split the Franklin secondary for a first-quarter touchdown reception.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

# Garden City keeps rolling in WWAC

Cougars in sync from start in sweep of Tigers

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

It was tough to find flaws in the Garden City volleyball team's performance Thursday against WWAC rival Belleville.

Powered by the front-row play of Allie Lynn (15 kills) and Heather Pennington (seven kills), the Cougars rolled to a 25-10, 25-13, 25-9 triumph to remain unbeaten in the WWAC Blue Division standings.

Engineering the winners' attack was setter Alex Roffi, who dished out a team-high 24 assists. Pennington was as impactful from the service line as she was the net, contributing eight aces.

Lynn finished with a serve-receive rating of 2.27.

The Tigers led 6-5 early in the first set before Marti



CHRIS GUDECK  
Marti Dziendziel played well for Garden City during Thursday's victory over Belleville.

Dziendziel gave GC the lead for good with a string of six consecutive service points.

A strong service run by Pennington then gave the Cougars a commanding lead.

A heads-up play by Jacey Law, who made a dazzling running stab off a covered block, spearheaded the Cougars' second-set win.

The Cougars' controlled play from the get-go in the third set, pulling away to a 15-4 lead before winning by 16.

"We played a very complete match," emphasized GC head coach John Pace. "We wanted to win the serve-serve receive battle and we were successful."

"We have a tremendous amount of respect for Belleville and went there as fully-prepared as possible. That gym is very hard to win in. Our serving and offense as a team were very steady."

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## SWIM

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John Glenn's points leader was Kera Sells, who had a big night by winning the 200 individual medley (2:21.05) and the 100 butterfly (1:03.45).

Stevenson's D'Amour sisters — Ashley and Andrea — touched first in the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke, respectively.

The Spartans swept the top three spots in the diving competition led by Megan Lord's first-place point total of 140. Kat Dersha earned runner-up points with a score of 120.25.

The Rockets capped their night on a positive note by winning the 400 freestyle relay thanks to strong efforts by the foursome of Hannah Cizauskas, Taylor Mifsud, Katie Thorne and Alanna Rudd.

The loss dropped the Rockets' dual-meet record to 1-1, according to KLAAsandings.com.

Special thanks to John Glenn head coach Jim Sells for reporting the results of the meet.

- STEVENSON 128, JOHN GLENN 55 Thursday at John Glenn**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (Rachel Arceri, Sara Bowen, Ashley D'Amour, Scout Frone), 2 minutes, 4.92 seconds; 2. John Glenn (Sahara Tomlin, Hannah Cizauskas, Kera Sells, Sidney Aloisi), 28.49.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Bayne Frone (LS), 2:12.11; 2. Amber Gulau (LS), 2:17.38; 3. Claire Belmore (LS), 2:20.07.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Kera Sells (JG), 2:21.05; 2. Scout Frone (LS), 2:22.82; 3. Rachel Arceri (LS), 2:24.77.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Sidney Aloisi (JG), 25.95; 2. Maria Arakelian (LS), 26.86; 3. Andrea D'Amour (LS), 27.49.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Megan Lord (LS), 140 points; 2. Kat Dersha (LS), 120.25; 3. Maddi Dean (LS), 73.5.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Kera Sells (JG), 1:03.45; 2. Amber Gulau (LS), 1:05.54; 3. Kate Plashnik (LS), 1:07.76.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Maria Arakelian (LS), 56.38; 2. Sidney Aloisi (JG), 56.71; 3. Briane Lebbos (LS), 1:03.09.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Bayne Frone (LS), 5:44.20; 2. Kiira Hadden (LS), 6:01.20; 3. Sara Bowen (LS), 6:06.17.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Rachel Arceri, Maria Arakelian, Claire Belmore, Sara Bowen), 1:51.11; 2. John Glenn (Sidney Aloisi, Amethyst, Alanna Rudd, Kera Sells), 27.25.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Ashley D'Amour (LS), 1:10.40; 2. Megan Heath (LS), 1:15.04; 3. Sophia Robertson (LS), 1:15.08.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Andrea D'Amour (LS), 1:18.21; 2. Rachel Arceri (LS), 1:18.54; 3. Emily Czarniecki (JG), 1:25.73.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. John Glenn (Hannah Cizauskas, Taylor Mifsud, Katie Thorne, Alanna Rudd), 4:39.71; 2. Stevenson (Mya Kerby, Natalia Roznowski, Caroline Emery, Kaitie Golinske), 4:44.27.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

# Garden City net squad pulls off rare trifecta

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Garden City's boys tennis team reeled off a rare three-victory week by posting triumphs over Redford Union, Ferndale and Belleville.

The week started for the Cougars on Monday with a 7-1 victory over the Tigers.

No. 1 singles player Robbie Moyers got thing started with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Richard Allison.

Joining the singles sweep for the Cougars Tyler Kelly, a 6-0, 6-1 victor over Jeff Boykin at No. 2, Jassen Matuscak, who bested Ethan Kobucar, 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 and Tony Van Dooren, who blanked Matt Mrocca, 6-0, 6-0. Spearheading the doubles charge for GC was the No. 1 pairing of Avery Emerson and Derrick Van Dooren, who outstroked Tyler Haney and Evan Charles, 6-2, 6-3.

Also posting wins for GC were the doubles teams of Tim

Tapper-Justin Perrin, Tony King-Tanner Davis and Thomas Catton-Josh Tapper.

On Wednesday, the Cougars white-washed short-handed RU 8-0. GC didn't lose a set. The closest match was at No. 4 singles where Van Dooren defeated Tyler Collard, 6-2, 6-1.

The Cougars capped their ultra-successful week with an 8-1 non-league win over Ferndale. The doubles teams of Tapper and Perrin and King and Davis captured exciting three-set victories.

**Stevenson wins handily**

Junior No. 1 singles player Cade Bunton set the tone for Livonia Stevenson's boys tennis team Tuesday during its KLAA Central Division match at South Lyon East.

Bunton got the momentum rolling for the Spartans by dismantling senior John Kochanek, 6-3, 6-1.

Also notching a point in singles action for Stevenson were

No. 2 player Andrew Dziobak, who defeated Robert Reid in straight sets

Stevenson's third and fourth singles players, Jack Dunne and Peter Akel, lost in straight sets to Jon McCarthy and AJ Clark, respectively.

The Spartans were unstoppable in doubles play as they followed the lead of the No. 1 unit of Jeff Della Mora and Scott Findlay to a 5-0 sweep.

The Spartans No. 2 duo of Dalton Rhodes and Jacob Redd ousted Nathan Anton and Tanner Ostraff, 6-2, 6-0, while the No. 3 pairing of Steve and Tom Dunne proved to be too much for Matt Meadows and Carson Swadling, 6-4, 6-0.

The No. 4 tandem of Wiston Werdan and Josh Maj won 6-2, 6-1 over Josh Hengtgen and Ryan Hayden, and the No. 3 team of Kevin Dunne and Alec Said dominated Nathan Neville and Matt Emery, 6-0, 6-1.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

No. 2 singles player Tyler Kelly executes a slick back-hand shot during Garden City's win over RU.

PREP FOOTBALL

# PLYMOUTH PAYBACK

Led by Stella, 'Cats turn tables on Churchill

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Cameron Stella remembers how last season ended for his Plymouth Wildcats football team, dropping a playoff game to Livonia Churchill.

Actually, the Chargers defeated the Wildcats twice in 2014, including a regular-season tilt.

But Friday, the hard-nosed Stella returned from a two-week injury absence to make sure that losing skid against Churchill came to a stop — running 28 times for 202 yards to spark host Plymouth's 24-16 KLAA South victory.

"Our linemen did exactly what they what they were supposed to do," Stella said about his big game. "I couldn't have really asked for anything else."

Stella smiled about being able to enjoy a little payback against the Chargers (2-2, 1-1 in the KLAA South.)

"Huge, especially because we're really young this year and it's personal to all of us," Stella said. "Our coaches are friends with them and they beat us twice last year."

**Key return**

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said it was a key to get Stella back on the field. He had missed two games with a shoulder injury.

"The kid's a game-breaker, he's a game-changer," Sawchuk said. "That's huge for us. But our other back (Darius Timmons) is good, too."

"So we just got to clean it up, stop the undisciplined stuff and we'll be all right."

Another standout for the Wildcats was senior quarterback Chris Walls, starting his first game this season. He complemented Stella, running for 113 yards in 21 carries and scoring on runs of 35 and 15 yards. The Wildcats out-gained Churchill 424-161.

Walls also completed a 30-yard TD strike to junior Isaac Emminger late in the first quarter to even the score at 7-7.

On the play, Walls dumped the ball over the middle to Emminger, who took it from there down the field.

Churchill had taken an early 7-0 lead on a 28-yard pass from junior quarterback



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Plymouth quarterback Chris Walls (left) eludes a tackle attempt by Livonia Churchill's Jacob Chantres on the way to a TD.



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Livonia Churchill's Joe Hatley (right) tries to stop Plymouth senior running back Cameron Stella.

Evan Cummins to Matt Pachota.

Before the opening quarter could end, the Chargers took a 14-7 advantage on a nifty bit of trickery.

Cummins handed the ball off to halfback Mike Hill, who dropped back and fired an aerial to wide-open Antonio Alexander. He caught the ball near the 30-yard line with nobody around him and took it in for a 43-yard score.

"We hit a couple plays that we had in our game plan," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "That that was one of our keys, when we had a chance to get some explosive plays to make sure we hit on them. We did early."

Plymouth bounced back to march 72 yards for the equalizer with 7:26 left in the second.

Walls found junior Chase Timko (two catches, 69 yards) for a 34-yard reception down the right sideline to keep the drive going. The quarterback's 35-yard run capped the drive.

He faked a handoff and shot up the middle through the line, accelerating with every step.

"We struggled to contain their quarterback," DeFillippo said. "Third-and-long, he'd scramble around and hit a 30- or 40-yard pass downfield in a key situation."

The Wildcats took their

first lead of the night when Alan Farmer connected on a 32-yard field goal, with just 39 seconds to go in the first half.

**Missed chances**

It was far from an immaculate contest between division rivals, on the varsity turf football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

There were numerous muffed handoffs and fumbles sustained by both sides.

"We just had way too many self-inflicted wounds tonight," DeFillippo said. "Offensively, we snapped the ball at the wrong time a couple different occasions that messed up some plays."

For example, a fumbled exchange by the Wildcats gave the Chargers a first down at the Plymouth 22.

But two plays later, a sack by Matt Wayne knocked the ball out of Cummins' hands to give the ball right back.

Sawchuk lamented some of the miscues by his own team (3-1 overall, 2-0 in the division), such as "turning the ball over, running in the end zone (on a safety that drew Churchill to within 17-16 in the third) and kids being kids."

On the safety, DeMarco McKinney chased down Walls in the end zone.

Closing out the scoring early in the fourth was Walls, on a 15-yard scoring run.

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KLAA FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

# Stevenson flattens South Lyon East

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Like the second-half clock, Livonia Stevenson's football team was running non-stop throughout Friday night's KLAA Central Division contest at South Lyon East.

The Spartans steamrolled their hosts to the tune of a 38-0 halftime lead, which kicked in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 35-point mercy rule, which dictates that the clock runs after incomplete passes and in which the ball-carrier runs out of bounds.

When the ground-up tire particles had settled on the Cougars' artificial surface, the Spartans had earned an emphatic 45-0 victory.

Stevenson, which played mainly second-string players throughout the second half, outgained the Cougars 336-30 in total yards.

East would have finished with minus yardage if not for a 39-yard run late in the game against Spartan reserve defenders.

Among the Spartans' brightest defensive stars was Joshua Page, who registered three solo tackles, one assist, two sacks and a forced fumble, which was recovered by teammate Tyler Hudson.

Hudson was another anchor for the Spartans' defense, picking up three solo tackles and two assists.

Stevenson set the tone on offense by scoring on its first play from scrimmage — a 64-yard jet sweep TD by Malik Lowery. Kicker Ian Henze added the extra point — his first of six on a night when he also booted a 37-yard field goal.

Other first-half scores for the winners came on Chris Tanderys' eight-yard TD strike to Ryan Ledbetter, Austin Petrie's nine-yard run, a 36-yard sprint to paydirt by Frank Carlin and a 30-yard Tanderys-to-Ian Knoph TD pass.

Ladarius Sharp scored the only second-half points on a five-yard run.

Lowery finished as the winners' leading rusher with 64 yards on two carries. Carlin gained 53 on three runs while Sharp picked up 43 on four attempts.

Another highlight for Stevenson was defensive back Nate Bunton's third interception in three games.

Tanderys completed 5 of 9 passes for 104 yards.

**Wayne tumbles**

Highlights were few and far between Friday night for Wayne Memorial, which got bulldozed by visiting Canton, 57-0.

The loss dropped the Zebras to 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the KLAA South Division. Canton, on the other hand, improved to 4-0 and 2-0, respectively.

Marcus Sanders and Reid McDonnell both scored three touchdowns a piece for the Chiefs, who outgained Wayne 426-163 in total yards.

Canton outrushed its hosts 394-38 and picked up 18 first downs to the Zebras' four.

Zebra starting quarterback Brandon Drain completed 3-of-10 passes for 79 yards.

Wayne's Danny Delleh hauled in one Drain pass for 73 yards.

Bruce Lewis paced the Zebras' running game with 14 yards on three attempts.

The Chiefs owned an invincible 43-0 lead at the break.

# SOCCER

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the season for Clarenceville, which slipped to 4-1-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

The contest was knotted at 1-1 during the first 10 minutes thanks to a successful set piece from each team. Trojan Armin Andelija roped home a free kick from roughly 30 yards out in the

seventh minute to stake the hosts to a quick 1-0 lead, however, GC notched the equalizer when James Falk punched in a penalty kick at the 30:25 mark after the official ruled Mulbah was fouled in the box.

Garden City seized the lead for good with 22:27 left in the first half when Mulbah settled a pin-point pass from AJ Staley and ripped a sizzling shot past Murphy to make it 2-1.

The Cougars' third goal was right out of a soccer textbook as Maxwell Frederick slid a pass to Falk, who one-touched a dime to Jacob Sadowski, who sent a one-timer just inside the left post.

Among Murphy's highlight-reel saves was a stone-wall of a close-in shot by Tommy Fisher, who had secured a slick drop pass from David Rush.

Mulbah accounted for all

of the Cougars' offense in the second half as he notched two more goals.

Murphy finished with a whopping 16 saves to make the final score respectable.

Ian Tesarz continued his strong play in front of the net for the Cougars, who were bolstered defensively by senior sweeper Vinnie Bakerian.

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ED WRIGHT

Members of Churchill's boys cross country team are pictured during the start of last week's Livonia City Meet.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

# Churchill romps past John Glenn in division opener

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Livonia Churchill's boys cross country team galloped to an impressive 15-48 victory over Westland John Glenn Tuesday afternoon in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

The Chargers' sterling performance was paced by Josh Mussen, who won the race in 17 minutes and 24 seconds.

Churchill, which swept the top-five spots, also received strong efforts from runner-up Jon Hovermale (18:14.5), Noah Haygood (18:21), Clint Cowen (18:41.6) and Dash Dobbar, who placed fifth in 18:50.9.

Running but not scoring for Churchill were Alex Piper (18:51.9) and Trevor Kornaga (18:55.4).

"The guys ran better as a group today," said Churchill head coach John McGreevy. "Josh ran smart. We have a long way to go, but we are improving."

**Stevenson girls win**

Livonia Stevenson's girls cross country team opened its



ED WRIGHT

Stevenson's Emily Lauzon and Julia Cercone are pictured competing in last week's Livonia City Meet.

in a dual meet held at Island Lake State Park.

Leading the Spartans' 1-2-3 finish were Julia Cercone (21:50), Emily Lauzon (22:16) and Emily Zwicker (22:39).

Also scoring for Stevenson were Abigail Zwicker (sixth place in 23:33) and Grace Lamerson, who was eighth in 23:51. The next three Stevenson finishers were Diana Graham (10th in 24:39), Delaney Harris (11th in 24:41) and Colleen Fitzgerald, who placed 13th in 24:52.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, Stevenson placed eighth in the 18-team Rolling Rock Invitational.

Cercone was the team's fastest harrier, crossing the finish line in 27th place in 20:50.2. Lauzon (21:18.7), Emily Zwicker (21:54.7) and Abigail Zwicker (22:51.5) all finished in the top 60 in the talent-rich event.

In the junior varsity portion of the event, Stevenson was led by Taressa Schultz (33rd in 23:50.6) and Sabrina Kliza, who was 59th in 24:56.4.

KLAA Central Division slate Tuesday with an emphatic victory over South Lyon East



ED WRIGHT

Redford Union's Isaac Grant couldn't find much running room Friday against Belleville.

WWAC FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

# Bulldogs outrun Thurston

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Staff Writer

Dearborn Heights Robichaud lived up to the hype during Friday night's pivotal Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division showdown against visiting Redford Thurston.

The Bulldogs ripped off several big plays on the way to a 49-21 victory.

Robichaud is now 4-0 overall while the Eagles slipped to 2-2 heading into next week's game against Dearborn Fordson.

"They have an outstanding team - they're very athletic," Thurston head coach Bob Snell said of Robichaud. "The things we needed to do to win we didn't do. We turned the ball over a couple of times and they didn't turn it over once. We gave them good field position a couple of times and we couldn't sustain drives."

The breaking point for Thurston's defense came on fourth-down plays when it gave up three TD's to the Bulldogs - one coming on the last play of the first half that stretched the home team's lead to 28-7.

After falling into a 7-0 hole, Thurston drew even on its first offensive possession when Alonzo McCoy scored on an 8-yard run before Kobe Williams boot-ed the extra point.

The Bulldogs eventually pushed their lead to 35-7 before Thurston got on the board again thanks to a 61-yard run by McCoy. The extra point was no

good, leaving the score at 35-13.

Trailing 42-13 in the fourth quarter, the Eagles kept battling and scored on a three-yard run by Errol Franklin. The TD was set up a couple plays earlier when McCoy returned a kick-off 75 yards to the Robichaud 15.

Although it yielded 49 points, Thurston's defense had a few standouts, most notably line-backer Kobe Williams and cornerbacks Darryius King and Keion Harris.

"Our corners played very well tonight, especially against the pass," Snell said.

McCoy finished with 94 yards on five carries. Starting quarterback Zackary Crofford completed five of 15 passes for 31 yards and one interception.

**RU bumped**

Belleville showed little mercy for Redford Union Friday night as the Tigers clawed the Panthers 49-0.

Belleville led 28-0 at halftime and never looked back.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the WWAC Blue Division.

**Other WWAC scores**

Dearborn Fordson improved to 3-1 overall by defeating Garden City, 58-0. The loss dropped the Cougars to 1-3 overall and 0-3 in the WWAC Blue.

Also, Romulus edged Livonia Clarenceville, 19-7, dropping the Trojans to 1-3.

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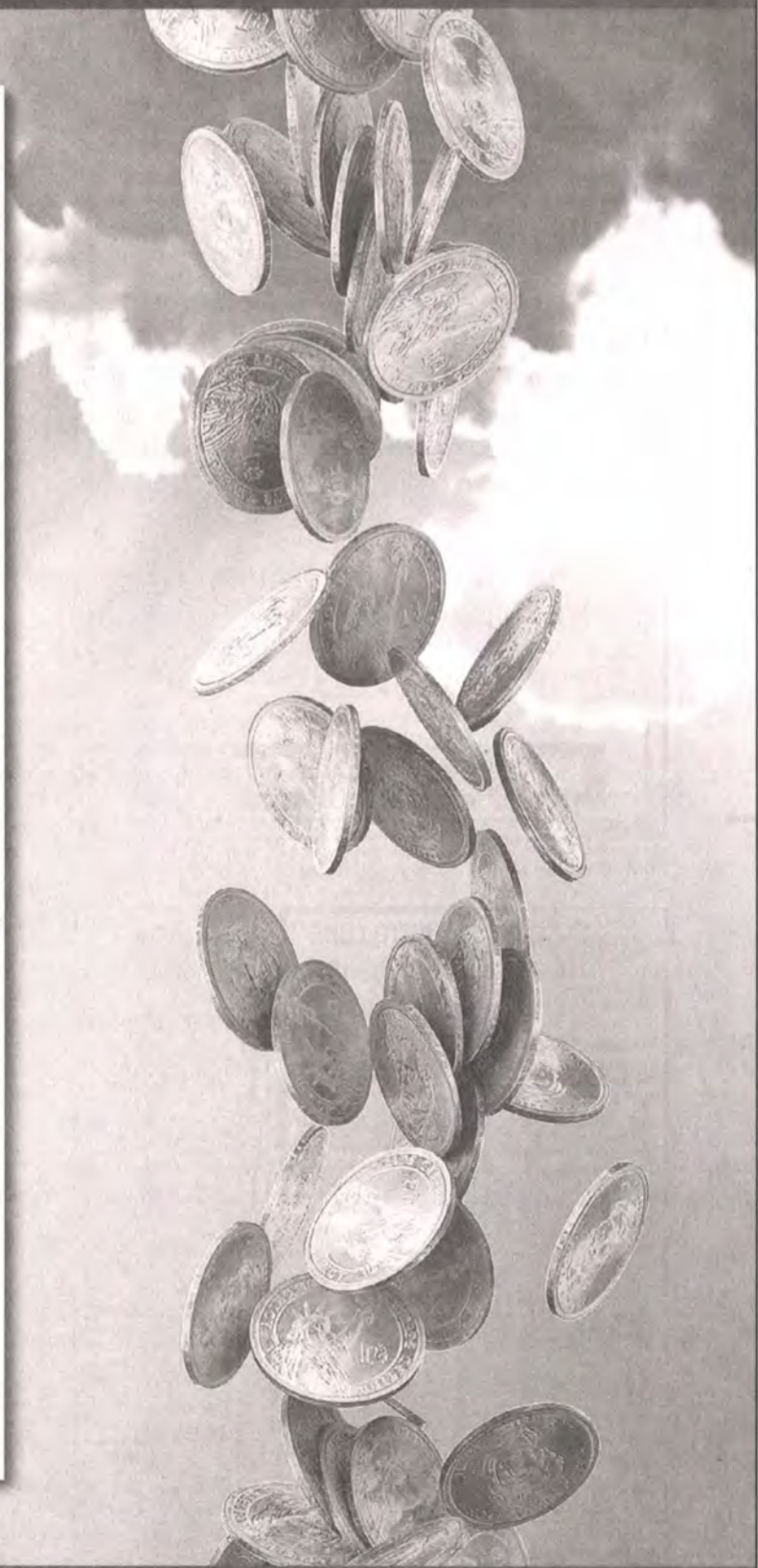
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# 2015 Lincoln MKC: Arrive in style

Ford's premium brand is entering the luxury compact crossover fray with the 2015 Lincoln MKC.

For the folks at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn, the move is a game-changer.

"It's a unique vehicle to Lincoln," sales manager Steve Hunsinger said. "It's a brand-new product for us, which is fantastic. The '15 MKC is Lincoln's new flagship for a new style and a new product to expand the Lincoln lineup and target additional customers."

"With our location in the heart of Dearborn and in the heart of Ford country, it's great to have the Lincoln lineup available, not just to Ford employees or retirees, but to the Dearborn market itself and Detroit," Hunsinger said. "And with our ever-increasing product lineup, our store is going to expand and it's going to grow. It's just a matter of time — as our volume grows, our clientele list will grow."

"It's a great day for Jack Demmer Lincoln."

The 2015 Lincoln MKC aims to compete with established luxury compact crossovers like the Audi Q5, Acura RDX and Cadillac SRX and somewhat smaller, new premium entries like the upcoming Mercedes-Benz GLA. The MKC compares favorably, Hunsinger says.

"It's the lowest price of the class, but equipment-wise, it's right up against the toughest competition head to head," he said.

A wide selection of inventory is available now — customers don't have to wait to drive home the model they desire.

Coupled with the seal of approval from A-list movie star Matthew McConaughey — who's



The 2015 Lincoln MKC aims to compete with established luxury compact crossovers.



The MKC retains the concept's prominent winged grille, sculpted body and full-width LED tail lamps with wraparound lift gate.

Unlike many vehicles that use Ford's troubled multimedia system, the MKC's panel also features buttons and knobs for controlling audio and climate functions — a welcome sight.

Connectivity is a highlight. With the MyLincoln Mobile app, drivers can start, lock, unlock and locate their MKC. They also can use the app to call roadside assistance and check the vehicle's fuel level, tire pressure and battery charge.

### Under the hood

Although the MKC shares a platform with the Ford Escape compact crossover, one of its powertrains is new. Under the hood is a turbocharged 2.3-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder. Lincoln says it's good for 275 horsepower; fuel-economy figures are not yet out. The standard engine, however, is the Escape's turbocharged 2.0-liter; it

makes 240 horsepower in this application. Lincoln hasn't confirmed the MKC's transmission, but we expect it to use the Escape's six-speed automatic. One item carried over from the concept version is the push-button shifter instead of an actual mechanical shifter.

Front-wheel drive is standard; all-wheel drive is an option and includes a new continuously controlled damping system. Drivers can select from Sport, Comfort and normal drive modes, and Lincoln says CCD continually monitors the road and adjusts the suspension according to the mode selected.

### Safety features

The MKC is loaded with safety options, including a blind spot warning system, collision warning with brake support, lane keeping system, cross-traffic alert and the class-exclusive park-out assist system. Rather than help guide the vehicle into parallel parking spots, the latter system helps steer the car out of a tight parking spot.

### Value in its class

The MKC is a well-rounded luxury car with athletic looks and a driving experience to match, along with all the luxury goods buyers expect in the segment. Lincoln sold roughly 600 MKCs per month during its first two months on sale, May and June 2014. Cars.com's national inventory is quickly populating with MKCs and most run from \$40,000 to \$45,000, a price range in which the MKC should be a serious consideration.

—Cars.com contributed to this report

appearing in a series of sleek, memorable TV commercials — the 2015 Lincoln MKC is a brand on the rise.

"It shows Ford's commitment to Lincoln and the Lincoln brand with this new product," Hunsinger says. "And tied in with the new spokesperson for Lincoln, it really shows that Ford is standing with a commitment to the Lincoln brand and we're moving forward,

which is fantastic.

"It's a nice feeling to know that we're not forgotten and we're expanding our product line to increase our clientele base."

### Exterior

The MKC slots below the MKX in size and Lincoln stayed true to the concept car in styling the production version. The MKC retains the concept's prominent winged

grille, sculpted body, menacing LED-accented headlamps and full-width LED tail lamps with wraparound lift gate.

### Interior

Inside, a panoramic sunroof, leather seats with French stitching and real wood trim give the cabin an airy, upscale look. An 8-inch touchscreen that uses Ford's Sync with MyLincoln Touch is front and center.

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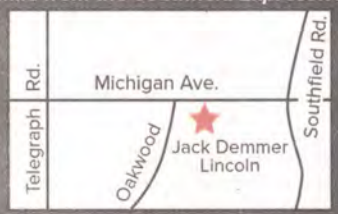
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# Livonia church adds peace pole to its labyrinth prayer park

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Lunice Clay hopes visitors think about peace as they walk the labyrinth at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia.

She and other members of the congregation will help meditators focus on the issue by installing a peace pole Sunday, Sept. 20, at the entrance of the church's prayer park. The pole planting, held after the 10 a.m. worship service, will include a blessing and music. The peace pole will be the newest addition to the park, which includes a patio, benches, a fountain, and the maze-like labyrinth which recently was lit for night use. It comes just in time for the International Day of Peace, which is celebrated worldwide on Sept. 21.

"It was my big idea. I've had some prior experience with peace poles," said Clay, church labyrinth facilitator. "I thought it would be nice to observe that day. This is a wonderful place to put a peace pole. When people transition from the parking lot to the labyrinth, it's something to get them focused on the connectedness between us all."

The peace pole shows the phrase "may peace prevail on earth" in a different language on each of its four sides.

"We chose English, Hindi, Arabic and Hebrew," Clay said. "The thinking behind that was that English is used in the church here. Judaism and Hindu are major religions, along with Islam. This is kind of a prayer that the major religions live in peace and the people live in peace."

Peace poles began showing up in Japan in the 1950s and were introduced to the United States in 1986, when The World Peace Prayer Society opened offices on both coasts. A program of the organization is The Peace Pole Project which seeks to unite individuals through the peace message, "may peace prevail on earth."

"Peace never gets old," Clay said.

The church bought its pole from Peace Pole Makers USA, a company based in Maple City, near



The labyrinth at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church enables visitors to walk and meditate.



Plantings, benches and a fountain are part of the church's prayer park.



David Moffat and Mary Kay Whalen make and sell peace poles.

Glen Arbor, in northwest Michigan that has produced poles for 30 years. David Moffat took over the company from its original owners in 2001 and sells approximately 500-600 mostly four-sided poles every year. His busy season is spring-fall, with a major push just before the International Day of Peace.

#### Variety of sizes

The poles are made of Canadian western red cedar and the message is either written on an environmentally friendly plaque that is attached to

the pole or is sandblasted directly into the wood. Moffat crafts four-sided and six-sided full-sized poles for placement outdoors, 20-inch-tall desk-top poles and 7-inch mini poles.

"We've had people use the mini poles as place settings at weddings," Moffat said. "Quite a lot of churches and schools use (full-sized poles) for conflict resolution." They're also placed at hospitals, domestic abuse shelters, and private residences.

"I had a mini pole go into space years ago on



Cindy Channey, church secretary, places the peace pole into the ground at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Livonia.

the space shuttle. There's one at the North Pole and South Pole. We've sent them just about everywhere and pretty much on every continent."

Customers can choose from 1,000 different languages, including Esperanto and Braille. Moffat said English, Russian and Spanish were the most popular languages when he took over the business 14 years ago. Now it's Hebrew, Arabic, English and Spanish.

Moffat said he has several peace poles at his home. That includes a half-purple pole he made for a woman in California who loves purple. The stain on the first pole he made wasn't drying properly. The second took more than nine months to dry. He ended up with one of them.

"That's why we don't do custom painting any more."

Moffat said the outdoor poles last for years

if they get a fresh coat of stain occasionally.

"There's been a pole at a local restaurant for 10 years that doesn't look a day over a year or two. We try to make them as weatherproof as we can."

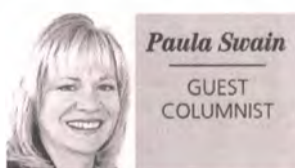
Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located at 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. The prayer park and labyrinth are free and open to the public. Visit [holycrosslivonia.org](http://holycrosslivonia.org).

Visit Moffat's business online at [peacepoles.com](http://peacepoles.com).

## It counts: Nine steps to help your kids save, spend money wisely

Kids and money, how frustrating. I thought I taught my kids to value money, don't get into debt, pay

your bills on time and save, save, save. I think it went in one ear and out the other side. I know, why should my kids be



Paula Swain  
GUEST  
COLUMNIST

any different than I was at their age?

We all go through that period where we think we know more than our parents. It isn't until later that we figure out they were right. But now that I am a parent it is my responsibility to teach my kids, even though they don't think I have a clue. "You know, mom, it's totally different today than when you were a kid." UGH! Those words drive me crazy.

I happen to come across an article on the "Nine Steps to Raising Money-Smart Kids," so I thought I would share some steps with you.

1. Help your children realize money doesn't grow on trees. How many times did you hear that growing up? When my kids were young they thought you could go to the money box, ATM, and get money any time you wanted.

2. Get children interested in money early.

When they are around 3 or 4 show them how to tell different coins apart. Give them piggy bank to keep their money safe.

3. Teach your children the difference between a "need" and a "want." A need is something you have to have. A want something you would like to have. I reinforce this concept again with my clients when they are ready for retirement.

4. Give regular allowances. An allowance allows kids to experience real-life money matters. Guidelines you may want to consider:

- » Encourage them to save at least some of their allowance
- » Advise them to spend it wisely
- » Do not take away allowances as a punishment
- » Do not be too generous
- » Set guidelines for raises

5. Encourage them to look for other money-earning ventures. Help your children earn money beyond their allowance. Encourage them to do special household chores or seek jobs around the neighborhood.

A family I know puts money inside envelopes, writes a chore on the front and hangs it on the fridge. If you complete the chore you get the money inside.

6. Open a savings account in their name. My children would get really excited to go to the bank to deposit money. Even if that deposit was just a dollar. I would let them fill out their own deposit slip. Their little faces would light up when they looked at their balance. They has such a feeling of accomplishment. It was fun.

7. Encourage them to set goals. Help them make a lists of their wants. Make a poster board with photos of their wants. I still do this today. My photo boards help me visualize my goals which then inspires me to achieve them.

8. Help them determine the cost of their wants. Give them ideas on how they might earn the money needed. You might also want to consider contributing a matching amount every time they achieve one of their saving goals.

9. Making savings a

habit can often get children off on the right foot. Consider making it a house rule to save 10 percent or more of their allowance, cash gifts, part-time job or any other income they earn. If you implement this at a young age, you should not run into any resistance. If you don't set some sort of guidelines and stick to them it is pretty slim your child will take the initiative and save on their own. For proof, all you have to do is think back to when you were a child. Were you encouraged or not?

Saving money is a learned skill. Maybe one day they might even turn to you and say, "Thanks, mom and dad, I owe it all to you."

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More investigation revealed that the best chance for success occurred if the patient took 2 colchicine immediately when an attack came on, and another tablet one hour later if the flare had not subsided. In sum, three tablets taken in short order worked better than 12 tablets taken over half a day.

Medical investigators also found another use for colchicine in gout. When a patient was starting either allopurinol or febuxostat (Uloric) for the long term control of gout, the body reacted by releasing stores of uric acid, the chemical that causes gout, into the blood stream in amounts that led to gouty flares. Colchicine stops such attacks.

Colchicine is not the drug of choice for long term control of gout. Colchicine can stop an acute attack much like sandbags can prevent an overflowing river from flooding the countryside. But long term prevention requires keeping the water at a safe level. Allopurinol or febuxostat can bring serum uric acid to a safe level, colchicine cannot.

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## St. Mary Mercy Livonia targets obesity, substance abuse

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia in conjunction with key community organizations, hopes to reduce childhood obesity and improve behavioral health over the next three years.

Those two health issues were identified in a year-long health assessment led by the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. It determined that both obesity and behavioral health were the most important health needs in the communities served by five of its hospitals, which includes St. Mary Mercy.

Under the Affordable Care Act, tax-exempt hospitals must complete a Community Health Needs Assessment every three years. The idea is to implement strategies and programs to address the needs.

That's just what St. Mary Mercy did after identifying senior health care, chronic care management, access to care, obesity and behavioral health in its last assessment in 2012.

"It's not something we do because it's mandated. It's something we do because it's the right thing to do," said Michaeline Raczka, St. Mary Mercy director of community health.

After the last needs assessment the hospital expanded its senior emergency room, par-



Seniors learn exercises to maintain balance in a class at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The hospital introduced the class after a community assessment in 2012 indicated that senior care could be improved.

icipated in healthy aging conferences, and added classes and activities, such as fall prevention exercise classes, aimed at seniors.

"We launched a diabetes prevention program with the National Kidney Foundation," said Raczka, identifying one of the ways the hospital addressed the need for chronic disease management.

It added cooking demonstrations — a swipe at obesity — at major events it sponsored. It created a specialist care program for uninsured patients who need follow-up care after an emergency visit and it provided room for mental health and substance abuse support group meetings.

### Collaboration

Although both the 2012 and 2015 assessments included a community questionnaire, this year's assessment, which started in Sept. 2014, was led by a Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee comprised of both hospital staff and members of key community organizations. Raczka said that steering committee helped to double questionnaire responses from residents in Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland.

"This is what is really exciting. This survey cycle, one

thing we committed to was collaborating with community partners. We called the community partners together and had them form a steering committee," Raczka said. "We had a grass roots effort and because we had built collaboration, the partners went to their constituents and said this is important, you should fill it out."

"We had 800 (completed questionnaires) in 2012 and 1,578 this year." The survey also went from eight questions in 2012 to 30 in 2015.

### New programs

Committees working on strategies to address obesity, behavioral health and access to

care over the next three years have hit the ground running. Raczka said the hospital has partnered with South Redford Schools and Meijer for an "All School Tasting Day" and family grocery store tours to encourage children to eat more fruits and vegetables.

"We're hoping it will start in October. We're starting with one school and the goal is to build a program that is sustainable and can be replicated."

The group working with behavioral health needs set a goal to reduce consumption of alcohol by 5 percent in the community.

"That was a lofty goal," Raczka noted. "They decided to approach that goal by partnering with Livonia Save Our Youth and Growth Works Incorporated, in a monthly forum."

The forum on substance abuse and recovery meets at 7 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of the month at the hospital.

"It reduces the stigma of talking about the issue and gets people the information they need at the time they need it."

To read the complete Community Health Needs Assessment and its implementation plan, visit [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org).

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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. To register, call 734-738-6300 or visit <http://bit.ly/LLjrF6Y>.

### Blood drive

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. 734-591-3237.

### Bullying

Phil O'Dwyer, clinical director of the Center for Counseling at Garden City Hospital, will tell parents how to reduce their child's risk of being bullied, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Westland Shopping Center, East Court, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. 734-458-4259.

### Celiac support

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at the First Presbyteri-

an 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](http://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

The Garden City Hospital group is designed for individuals who have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes, had gestational diabetes, are overweight, have high blood pressure or are at risk. It meets at 6 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 21, in the Medical Office Building on the hospital campus.

6345 Inkster, Garden City. Register at 734-458-4330.

### Medicare workshop

Bettie Hughes of The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, will answer questions about Medicare eligibility, coverage, and enrollment options with Medicare and the new Integrated Care dual program MI Health Link, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the Plymouth District Library. Register by calling 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or visit [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) and click on "events."

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