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# Ford-Wayne intersection among most dangerous in Wayne County

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Intersections in Redford and Westland are among the most dangerous in Wayne County. Rated as the third most dangerous

intersection in the county, reconstruction of I-275 has dramatically increased the amount of traffic at Telegraph-Schoolcraft in Redford and led to a 17-percent increase in crashes, according to Redford Police Department statistics. Sgt. Duane Gregg

doesn't see those numbers returning to normal until work on the freeway concludes in mid-September.

"That's the detour," Gregg said of the intersection. "It has created a real mess for us." Fortunately, for township drivers,

Telegraph-Schoolcraft is the only intersection that made the Michigan State Police's top 10 list for 2015. Others include:

» Ford and Haggerty in Canton, 116

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## ALL ABOUT SAFETY



Victoria Wallace, 8, helps her 2-year-old sister Amelia learn how to talk on the ambulance radio, while their mom, Keesha Wallace, looks on. They're from Canton.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Ken Obudzinski competes at bocce ball.

### It's fun, fitness, friendship at the Canton Senior Games

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Going into this week's inaugural Canton Senior Games, 58-year-old Janet Brady already had accumulated 121 medals in county, state and national senior Olympic competitions.

She already had earned gold, silver and bronze medals in shot put, horseshoes, hammer throw, long jump and power-lifting, among other contests, in Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, the Meijer State Games of Michigan and National Senior Olympics. She is Meijer's Female Athlete of the Year.

"I like being fit and being conscious about fitness," she said. "I also like the friendships. It's really nice to meet other people."

As the three-day Canton Senior Games wrap up Thursday, Brady was hoping to earn new medals as she competed in the softball and football throw, bean bag toss, Frisbee toss, bocce ball and Wii bowling.

She was among 170 seniors competing in events at Heritage Park and the Summit on the Park recreation center. Most live in Canton, but some came from communities such as Westland and Livonia.

Canton organized its own senior games after Wayne County chose not to host its event this year.

Paul Meador, 82, has racked up numerous medals by tossing a Frisbee, softball, football and bean bag, among other competitions, such as marksmanship, in the Wayne County games. He hasn't let double-bypass heart surgery get in his way.

"I used to walk five miles a day, but now I'm down to one mile," he said.

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### Public safety agencies join Beaumont to promote safe habits

If you were looking for two words to describe the first Community Safety Day at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, "hot" would be one of them.

The other, according to organizers, "successful." Joe Gomez, RN, EMT-P, Injury Prevention Coordinator at Beaumont, Wayne, estimated that the first-time event drew more than 350 people to the sun-baked hospital lawn. Gomez and Adrienne Gall, emergency department specialist at Beaumont, Wayne, coordinated the event.

"We had a good response from the community," he said. "It was a better turnout than we thought we would have."

Based on community safety days hosted at Beaumont Hospital, Trenton in the past, the event was designed to provide

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COURTESY BEAUMONT, WAYNE  
Wysong children Claire, 2, Tanner, 3, and Addie, 8, all of Westland, try out the hurdle course at the Beaumont, Wayne safety day.



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## Council OKs library board pick

On Monday, Aug. 15 at the Westland City Council meeting, the council approved Mayor William R. Wild's appointment of 45-year resident Bob Johnson to the William P. Faust Library Board for a five-year term to expire Aug. 15, 2021. The five-member Library Board is appointed by the mayor and confirmed by city council. The board oversees the library director and the operations of the William P. Faust Public Library. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the library's Community Meeting Room, located at 6123 Central City Parkway.

Johnson lives with his wife and they have two children and one grandchild. Johnson formerly served on the city's Cable Commission and the Brownfield Redevelopment Boards, respectively.



Johnson

## CRASHES

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crashes

- » Ford and Lilley in Canton, 89 crashes.
- » Dix Highway and the Southfield freeway in Lincoln Park, 80 crashes.
- » Ford and Wayne in Westland, 71 crashes.
- » Ford and Canton Center in Canton, 60 accidents.
- » Telegraph and Eureka in Taylor, 60 accidents.
- » Telegraph and Van Born in Dearborn Heights and Taylor, 59 crashes.
- » Middle Belt and Schoolcraft in Livonia, 56 crashes.
- » Ford and Middle Belt in Garden City, 55 accidents.

As of Aug. 22, a total of 67 accidents have been recorded at Telegraph-Schoolcraft — 10 more than the same time last year. Gregg said township officers were on the scene for five accidents one recent day at the intersection.

He described most of the crashes as being low-speed side-swipes and t-bones. The township does what it can to minimize accidents, Gregg said.

*"A lot of accidents don't get reported because people aren't carrying insurance and don't want to get a ticket for it."*

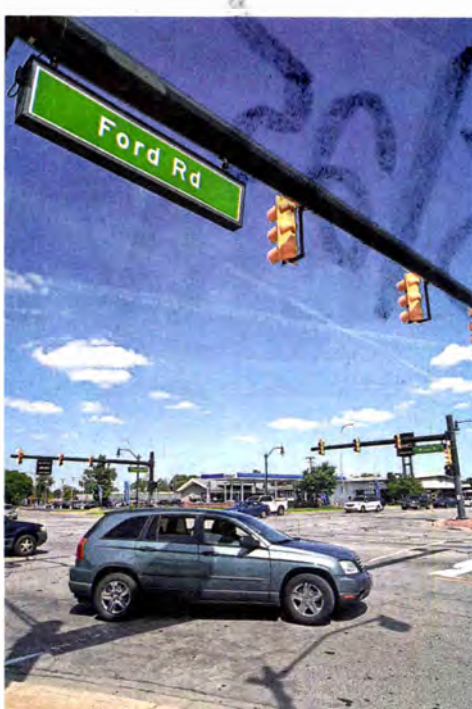
SGT. DUANE GREGG

"We've been working the heck out of it, writing tickets," he said. "But it's just a ton of traffic right now."

Westland's Ford-Wayne intersection ranked fifth for the number of crashes. Like Redford, most accidents were minor in nature, Westland Police Sgt. Robert Wilkie said.

In 2015, he said only 10 injuries resulted from 71 crashes at the intersection. He expects the number of crashes to be down this year because of the closing of a gas station on the southwest corner of the intersection.

"It has cut down on some of the accidents so far," Wilkie said. Ford is the city's most traveled east-west road as Wayne is from north to south, meaning the intersection will likely remain at the top of Westland's list. "It's consistently one of



Be careful driving through the Ford Road and Wayne Road intersection.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

craft. Township-wide, in fact, the number of hit-and-run accidents are also up 17 percent this year.

Gregg believes ever increasing insurance rates are partly to blame.

"A lot of accidents don't get reported because people aren't carrying insurance and don't want to get a ticket for it," he said.

With the help of the secretary of state, the department is cracking down on drivers without insurance. When a Redford officer makes a traffic stop, the state is flagging drivers without insurance.

As a result, Redford officers are confiscating license plates and impounding vehicles of drivers without insurance. Gregg said the idea is to discourage drivers from keeping insurance only long enough to renew their license and registration.

Insurance agent Dan Murphy said some companies are writing seven-day or 30-day policies. A fixture in Redford since 1953, the Murphy-Goddard agency doesn't, he said.

"We don't offer that kind of policy," Murphy said. "That's not the kind of business we want."

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information on injury prevention to the community, highlight the services offered at the hospital and build a relationship with local public safety agencies.

Representatives from the Wayne/Westland Fire Department, the Romulus Fire Department, the Wayne Police Department and the western Wayne County S.W.A.T. team took part.

The Canton Fire Department brought their smoke house trailer to the event and the Department of Natural Resources also provided

information about hunter safety, while hospital staff distributed information about concussion awareness, healthy eating, bike safety and more.

The Beaumont One helicopter was on site for part of the event, too, as were Beau the bear, the mascot of Beaumont Children's Hospital, a Beaumont ambulance, representatives from the Law Enforcement Education Program, Gift of Life and the Encore service group. The Fur Angels pet therapy group greeted attendees, too.

Children received bike helmets and backpacks with school supplies and those that completed a bike safety pass-



Officer William Mangan of the Wayne Police Department and his 5-year-old K-9, Zeto, greet Ayat Aldubaily, 10, and Ashwag Aldubaily, 9, of Dearborn.

COURTESY BEAUMONT, WAYNE



Noah Pepper, 2, of New Boston, with Lieutenant Neal Allgood of the Romulus Fire Department.

COURTESY BEAUMONT, WAYNE

port were registered to win a free bike. Sixteen of them were raffled off.

Gomez said 255 children took and completed the passport throughout the

five-hour event. "Overall, we thought it went well," he said.

"We're already thinking of ways we can improve it for next year."

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## GAMES

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But he also works out three hours a day — five days a week — at the Summit. He once weighed 230 pounds, but has gotten it down to 175 through exercise.

Canton sisters Ginny Garner and Annette Garner participated together in the Canton games.

"I like to recapture my youthful days as a tomboy and get out and exercise," Ginny Garner said.

The sisters were planning to compete in events such as Frisbee toss, softball throw and basketball shoot, among others.

"It's fun being out here with other people," Annette Garner said Tuesday in Heritage Park. "I just enjoy it."

Local recreation officials say keeping sen-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Pete Serini sends the Frisbee through the hoop.

iors fit and helping them make new friends is why Canton rolled out its competitions this summer.

"We're hoping to expand it next year," said Stephanie Diago, Canton recreation specialist for adult ser-

vices. More than half of this year's 170 athletes signed up for the golf competition, but many competed in more than one event. Men and women competed separately in the age categories of 55-65, 66-75

and over 75. Medal winners will be honored during a closing ceremony and luncheon Friday at the Summit.

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### ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-23 August 16, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT PRESENTATION: Ali Sayed, HYPE Athletics. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Aug. 2 & spec. mtgs. of Aug. 1 & 4; Appts to Vacant Property Comm.; Rules & Procedures Comm.; City Manager Review Comm.; City Attorney Review Comm.; budget amend. 2017-5 (\$5,000) 2017-6 (\$50,000) & 2017-7 (\$25,389); consent calendar. Adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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# Woman gets jail for drunken driving, fleeing crash scene

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Livingston Daily

"It's not that I need to drink. It's just that I don't want to stop when I start."

Those are the words of Ashley Elizabeth Wheeler — a 23-year-old Redford woman whom a Livingston County assistant prosecutor said deserves no mercy in her sentencing for driving drunk and fleeing the scene of a three-vehicle crash.

"I'm sorry," Wheeler told the judge, who sentenced her to 11.5 months in the Livingston County Jail for third-offense drunken driving and failure to stop at a personal injury accident.

"I definitely have an alcohol problem I'd like to address," she added.

Circuit Judge Michael

P. Hatty also sentenced Wheeler to 93 days in the county jail for operating a vehicle without a license. He sentenced her to two years of probation under the county's Swift and Sure program, which is an intensive supervision program targeting high-risk felony offenders, and ordered her to be on electronic monitoring for six months following her release from custody.

Unadilla Township police said Wheeler's 1999 Pontiac Bonneville crossed the center line near the intersection of M-36 and Bullis Road in Gregory and struck an eastbound Dodge Ram pickup that was pulling a trailer with a farm tractor around 10:20 p.m. Aug. 27.

The impact sheared off one of the Bonneville's



Wheeler

westbound 2014 Dodge Durango.

Wheeler then drove the Bonneville "several hundred feet down the roadway" before stopping, police noted. Both the Bonneville and Durango drivers suffered minor injuries.

Police said Wheeler left the scene, but a Livingston County sheriff's canine team located her shortly after.

Assistant Prosecutor Shawn Ryan called Wheeler's behavior a "public safety risk" that

front wheels and caused the pickup driver to lose control of his vehicle, which struck a

is evident by the defendant's prior drunken driving offenses, which included her also striking other vehicles. "She's graduated to injuring people," Ryan said.

Defense attorney Timothy Livingston said his client has "not had an easy life" and that she's had "problems fitting in." He said she is a classic case of the person whose drinking habit is "one is too many and 20 is not enough."

Livingston said Wheeler noted to the probation office she doesn't need to drink, but can't stop when she starts.

"The only way she won't drive drunk is not to drink," he said. "That is her truism."

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### BB pellets damage house

The aluminum siding of a home in the 31000 block of Bock was struck by BB pellets Aug. 18.

There were nine dents to the siding, a police report said. The day after the report was filed, the homeowner told police that when he went to his 2001 Ford Expedition he noticed the rear window of the vehicle was completely shattered and it looked like it had also been struck by BB pellets.

During the initial report, the homeowner said about 9 p.m. he heard multiple popping noises coming from the front of the home near the picture window, on the south side.

The man's roommate said he saw a silver minivan pull away onto Merriam from Bock.

The homeowner and his roommate said they didn't know of anyone who would want to damage their property and they didn't recognize the silver minivan.

When the homeowner filed the second report about his vehicle, he recalled that a former coworker might have been responsible. The coworker reportedly blames the homeowner for being fired a few months ago. Further information about the suspect wasn't given, a police report said.

### Canine to the rescue

On Aug. 19, a Garden City K9, Rudy, was tracking two men who were wearing backpacks and exited the backyard of a house on the 500 block of Deering.

Rudy tracked their scent north on Deering, then east through the backyards south of Sheridan Street. Rudy continued through the back-

yards to Cardwell Street where he tracked south for several houses then east through the backyards to Belton Street.

While on Belton, Rudy tracked northbound on the west side of the street, to a Jeep Liberty in the driveway of a house on the 600 block. The officer found the door unlocked and the glove box was open. The officer contacted the owner who said he parked the vehicle after midnight and forgot to lock the doors. About \$5 in miscellaneous coins were reported stolen.

Meanwhile, Rudy continued to track the scent to the 800 block of Belton where an officer found another vehicle that was unlocked and the glove box was also opened. The homeowner wasn't home.

The track continued northbound on Belton to Marquette where the track ended in a parking lot. Another officer recalled seeing a pickup parked in the lot shortly before Rudy arrived. Police are unsure if the vehicle was stolen and whether or not the cases are related, a police report said.

### House broken into

A home on the 6000 block of Huntleigh Ave. was reportedly broken into Aug. 21.

The homeowner, who had been away from his home for a couple of days, said about \$1,000 worth of miscellaneous jewelry, along with a \$400 Sony PlayStation and a \$30 airsoft gun were taken.

The man said when he returned home he noticed the curtains in the kitchen weren't in place and a garbage can was upside down outside the kitchen window as if it was used to gain entry to the house.

# Plymouth man charged in Jimmy John's robbery

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com

A Plymouth man faces several criminal charges after Livonia police allege he robbed a sandwich shop and took police on a high-speed chase into Detroit.

Livonia police say Bradley Edward Toombs, 40, faces charges of unarmed robbery, fourth-degree fleeing and eluding and larceny from the person, said Capt. Robert Nenciarini of the Livonia Police Department.

Police say Toombs entered Jimmy John's at 13453 Middlebelt, located south of Schoolcraft in front of the Livonia Com-

mons shopping center, around lunchtime Aug. 17 and handed a cashier a note demanding cash from the register. He allegedly left the store with the note and an undisclosed amount of cash after a manager gave it to him.

After police were called, Toombs' vehicle was reportedly spotted driving eastbound on I-96 near Inkster toward Redford Township and Detroit. Police began following the vehicle and attempted to identify the driver to see if he matched the description of the suspect. After identifying the suspect, police continued to follow



Toombs

the vehicle as it drove eastbound into Detroit.

The vehicle began to accelerate near the

Southfield Freeway, which is when police activated their sirens in an attempt to pull over the suspect, police said. The chase continued, with the suspect vehicle driving close to 107 mph eastbound toward the Davison Freeway, which is when the chase was terminated, police said.

After investigating, police were able to track

down the suspect and arrest him the next day.

Toombs was arraigned on the three charges over the weekend and was given a \$500,000 cash or surety bond, according to online jail records. As of Tuesday afternoon, he remained in Wayne County Jail.

If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison. He's due in court for a probable cause conference Sept. 1 in Livonia's 16th District Court, Nenciarini said.

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Goldie says hello. A new pooper-scooper hangs on the kennel built by C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. a few months ago.

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# Freeing outdoor dogs from 'the chain' takes heart, hope, persistence

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

Rusting metal, broken window glass, used paper plates and other debris anchor the corner of a backyard in southwest Detroit.

A few feet away, Lesa Whitley and Wendy Leach are busy creating shade. The women are members of C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., an organization that helps outdoor, tethered dogs and their owners with free pet food, straw, doghouses, spay and neuter costs, vaccinations and fencing, with an ultimate goal of freeing dogs from their chains. On this sweltering Friday afternoon, the mission is seemingly simple, stretching a tarp from fence to fence over a doghouse.

The women improvise the structure, working quickly in the relentless sun, while their team leader, Dawn Lamsa, picks up a rake and begins to corral the surrounding garbage into a heap.

"This will make it a little cleaner for him," Lamsa tells the dog's owner. He holds the white and tan, blind pit bull by a chain at the side of the yard, allowing the women to work unhampered.

"You leave lots of water for him because it's super-hot out," Lamsa advises. "Do you bring him inside? Do you need a crate or anything for him, to bring him inside the house?"

"Oh, yeah. We do it in the winter when it's real cold," the man replies, adding that his dog — which knows only life outside on a chain — has on occasion "messed up" the basement when brought indoors.

"When we get one in, we'll give you a nice, big crate," Lamsa promises. "Then he can go in that inside."

The volunteers heap straw in and around the doghouse, then fetch treats and a bowl of food, while the owner refreshes his dog's water. They snap a few photos and take notes to inform other C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. teams that return regularly to check on the animal's welfare.

Before they leave, Whitley squats and stretches her arm in a friendly gesture. "I don't think he's aggressive, but



Dawn Lamsa spends a little time with Goldie before heading to the next stop.

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Dawn Lamsa and Wendy Leach apply salve to the ears.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

he is blind and he gets scared," she says, petting him as he gnaws playfully on her hand, soaking up her attention. "Good boy. Such a good boy. It's OK. It's OK."

Living blind, on a chain 24/7, outdoors, sheltered only by a tarp and a doghouse, with straw for comfort, is not ideal. But C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. volunteers keep in mind the mantra, "Don't let perfect get in the way of better."

## Red to green

The half-hour stop is one of several listed on the team's itinerary that includes a few first-time assessments and welfare re-checks. Initial visits are based on owner requests or calls from neighbors. Volunteers also notice needy dogs in backyards and residents sometimes approach C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc.'s

truck. It's easy to spot and piled high with supplies.

Convincing owners to bring their dogs indoors can take months of education and trust-building. Dog owners who are eager to keep water bowls full, their dogs well-fed, inoculated and who permit their pets to be spayed or neutered, earn a "green" or "good" rating and are more likely to receive help with backyard fencing or kennels. A "red" rating may indicate abuse or neglect and sometimes merits a call to cruelty investigators or a request to surrender the dog. Volunteers work with owners on their dog care skills and look for improvement in the pet's health and environment. A "yellow" rating is average.

"It's sad, but while you are there, you are doing a

## BBQ FUNDRAISER

**What:** Raises funds for C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., Good Juju Rescue in Plymouth and Dog Aide, based in Fenton

**When:** 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27

**Where:** Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, Oakland Township

**Details:** Choice of pulled pork, smoked chicken or veggie wraps, along with baked beans, coleslaw or doughnut. Music by Jilian Linklater and Just Lookin' for Places to Play. Includes kids activities, bounce house, raffles, silent auction. Dogs welcome.

**Tickets:** \$20 for adults; \$10 for children, 10 and under. Go to eventbrite.com and search Paint Creek Cider Mill BBQ Fundraiser

good thing for these dogs," says Leach, a Wyandotte resident who works for a manufacturing company in Detroit. "There are owners you can really talk to and they seem to get it. They'll get the dog off the chain and into the house.

"If they just don't get it, they get very regular visits to see what has changed and what we can do to help. A lot is they don't care. These dogs are a security system, not a pet they care about, and that is frustrating to those of us who love dogs."

Whitley, a Trenton resident who works for a financial services firm in Canton, became a C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. volunteer two years ago. Her most rewarding experience is taking a dog and owner from a red rating to green.

"That is what makes your heart melt," Whitley says. "They take the dog in at night. I don't know if it's because they are being held accountable or if their attitude changes ... their dog becomes a part of their family."

Lamsa says family and cultural attitudes, an inability to pay for fencing, apathy about dog training and the desire for protection compel owners to keep dogs chained in their backyards.

The Sterling Heights woman calls herself a "crazy cat lady," who initially was "petrified" of dogs before joining C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc.

"When I see them chained, I can't sit here. I have to do something," she says.

## Annual fundraiser

In addition to volunteering, Lamsa is coordinating a third annual barbecue fundraiser for C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. and two other animal welfare groups, 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, in Oakland Township.

Proceeds will help C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., pay for supplies and vetting. Gina Freeman, founder and president, figures her organization spends approximately \$250 per dog at each initial assessment. The cost includes a doghouse, straw, flea and

tick preventative, food and treats. The nonprofit organization also assists with spay and neuter, vaccinations, de-worming and heart worm preventative.

C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. targets southwest Detroit neighborhoods, one neighborhood on the city's east side and Downriver communities. Freeman says her group has helped more than 1,600 outdoor dogs over the past five years, working with owners in baby steps.

"We try to take the homes we currently have and make them better," she says, adding that at least half of them improve significantly.

"The chained dog is the most miserable dog of all in existence. It's horrendous. They live in horrible conditions in dilapidated houses with no interaction. They are more likely to bite because they are not socialized. It's just the worst form of animal abuse ... the worst form of neglect."

Freeman, a registered nurse from Brownstown Township, saw her first chained dog five years ago while coming home from work one snowy January evening.

There was no answer when she knocked on the homeowner's door, intending to offer her help. Freeman returned with straw, food and help from the dog owner's neighbors. The dog remains involved with C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., but has been freed from the chain.

Goldie and Duke were tethered outdoors in their southwest Detroit neighborhood until volunteers built a kennel for a few months ago. They are the highlight of Lamsa's route. She tells green-rated owner Gloria Correa she'll look into getting a play pool and indoor crates.

"I had them inside yesterday. It was so hot," Correa says. They stay indoors in cold weather, too.

Correa is grateful for the help, especially the kennels.

"I like to see them run around," she says. "It's a lot easier for me and a lot safer for them."

For more about C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., go to chained2011.org.

sdargay@hometownlife.com

## Shinola's Panis keynotes Western Wayne banquet

The story of Shinola will highlight an annual evening of influential networking and collaborating among hundreds of political and business leaders from communities along the I-275 corridor.

The fourth annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, presented by Bank of America and Beaumont Health, returns Tuesday, Oct. 4, to Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. Corporate table sponsorships and individual seats are

available for the program that runs 5-8 p.m. and features a mixer, dinner, and keynote address.

Jacques Panis, president of Shinola, the Detroit-based manufacturer of trendy, handmade watches leather products, and bicycles will be the banquet's keynote speaker. He joined the company in 2010, prior to its inception, to lead product development and was elevated to president in 2013. He credits metro Detroit and its tradition of manufacturing for the company's success in its

first five years.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome the president of Shinola, Jacques Panis, as our keynote speaker," said Westland Mayor William R. Wild, chairman of the Conference of Western Wayne, the municipal advocacy group that serves 18 western Wayne County cities and townships, which coordinates the



Panis

event with several chambers of commerce in the region.

"Since its inception four years ago, we have worked hard to make the Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, a new type of event that inspires and brings together the smartest and most progressive leaders in both government and industry," Wild added.

Ron Fournier, associate publisher of Crain's Detroit Business, returns as the event's emcee. The program is scheduled to feature the appearance of

the city mayors from Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland; and the township supervisors from Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren. Together, this region represents 700,000 residents and 54 percent of the county's tax base.

"It is an outstanding opportunity to network with decision makers in our region," said Dan West, a lead event plan-

ner and president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "There are a lot of good things taking place in downtown Detroit and Oakland County and this event is designed to bring attention to the good things also taking place in western Wayne County."

For more information on the banquet and to register, contact the Conference of Western Wayne at 734-953-8834 or one of the participating chambers of commerce in Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Canton, Dearborn, Wayne or Romulus.



Jim Bohnwagner founded CHI Roofing in 2001.

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Bogges founded this company in 2001 with the idea of offering the best service for home improvements at a rate people in the community could afford.

Bohnwagner, also known as Mr. B, is a school principal in Garden City. He has served the schools for 16 years, both as a teacher and principal.

This business has done work done at Moeller Fields and hundreds of local homes.

Certified Home Improvement is located at 30519 Ford Road in Garden City. For more information, call 734-CHI-ROOF, email info@chiroofing.com or visit www.chiroofing.com

## End of year is rapidly approaching: Are you ready?

As I went out the other morning to get my paper, I noticed the chill in the air. It's a reminder to me that summer is winding down and fall is just around the corner. It's also a reminder that there are some rapidly approaching deadlines you need to be aware of.

For those of you who filed an extension for your 2015 tax return, your return is due Oct. 17. The extension that you previously received was automatic. Any additional extension of time you may need is not automatic, but is at the discretion of the IRS. If you have filed an extension, you don't want to wait too long to complete your return. For too many people, the norm is to rush and do your tax return right before the deadline. Unfortunately, the result is mistakes, which can result in penalties, interest and even an audit. Therefore, while you still have sufficient time, if you have not filed your 2015 tax return, now is the time to start working on it.

Although you have until the end of the year, it's also not a bad idea to start the process to determine whether you are going to convert traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. That transaction must be completed by the end of the year. Once again, in too many situations, people wait until the end of December and then find it's too late to complete the transaction. Now is the time to begin the process to determine whether a Roth IRA conversion makes sense.



Rick Bloom  
MONEY MATTERS

My general rules when it comes to Roth conversions are: 1) The money that you are converting from your traditional IRA is not going to be needed for at least five to seven years; 2) By converting the money, it won't throw you into a higher tax bracket; and 3) You have the money, without touching the money converted, to pay any additional tax liability. If you meet all three of these requirements, converting all or a portion of your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA cannot only be a great tax move, but also makes sense financially.

It's always important to remember that if for some reason you made a mistake and converted money that you shouldn't have, you can always reverse the transaction. You have until your tax return due date, including any extensions, to re-characterize the transaction.

It is also important to remember for those of you who are over age 70½ and are subject to required minimum distributions, you cannot convert your minimum required distribution into a Roth IRA. However, you can convert anything above and beyond that.

For those who have flexible spending accounts through your employer, you should make sure you spend down the account before

the end of the year. A few years ago, the IRS changed the rule to allow people to carry over \$500 of their flexible spending account into the next year. Companies were not required to make this change and many did not, but it is important to make sure you have a game plan to spend down your flex spending account so you don't lose the money.

Lastly, for those of you who are charitable in nature, this is a good time to begin thinking about any charitable contributions you want to make before the end of the year. It is important to have a strategy when it comes to charitable contributions. Do you make your charitable contribution this year or do you wait until the beginning of next year? In addition, should you use cash for your charitable contribution or should you gift appreciated securities? One of the benefits of gifting appreciated securities is the fact that you avoid paying taxes on the gain. For example, if you own a stock that you paid \$10 a share for and today it's worth \$25 a share, if you gift that stock, your charitable contribution is \$25 a share and you don't have to pay taxes on the \$15 a share gain (25 minus 10). Gifting appreciated securities can be a great strategy; once again, it takes time to implement. Therefore, while you still have plenty of time — why not begin the process?

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser.

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

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer 156:  
- Harbor Freight Tent Sale, 34600 Warren Rd. 8/18-21.  
- Purchase of Jet Truck for DPS: total cost not to exceed \$193,674.  
- Purchase of 2 2017 Ford F-150 XLT's for DPS, total cost not to exceed \$56,000.  
- Adoption of NSP Resolution to acquire 12 tax foreclosed properties from Wayne County.  
- Adoption of Land Division Resolution. Parcel #56-060-99-0003-000, 35900 Palmer Road, Church of Christ, north side of Palmer.  
- Independent One "Turn the Town Teal" Campaign 9/1-9/30.  
157: Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive 10/7-9 Wayne & Warren Rds.  
158: Minutes of regular meeting on 8/1/16.  
159: Second Chance Network solicitation for Homeless at various intersections 8/17-20.  
160: E & B Property Haunted Attraction Event-34043 Ford Rd. on various dates from 9/23-10/31, 2016.  
161: Conf appt. of S. Smith as Delegate to MERS Conference 9/28-29.  
162: Conf. appt. of B. Johnson to Library Bd. for 5 yr. term to exp. 8/15/21.  
163: Appr. checklist: \$1,070,982.19  
Mtg. adj. at 7:55 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Richard LeBlanc  
City Clerk

Published: August 25, 2016

## Zeal, volunteers report successful backpack drive

Zeal Credit Union recently completed its eighth annual Backpack Drive, in partnership with Volunteers of America Michigan, to provide donations of new backpacks and school supplies to needy students throughout the state.

"In total, we were able to donate more than 1,300 items including nearly 60 backpacks — thanks to our credit union members and team members," said Tiffany Sweet, youth and community development coordinator for Zeal Credit Union. "We also received a very generous donation of nearly \$500 from the Downriver Wanderers Classic Car Club that allowed us to purchase backpacks and supplies to include in that donation."

According to Sweet, everyone got into the spirit, including staff members who participated in a "dress down" day by contributing school supplies or donating money. In addition to new backpacks, donated items included notebooks, paper, crayons, pencils, scissors, markers, rulers, protractor/compasses, calculators, highlighters and a variety of items needed for



Tiffany Sweet (left) of Zeal Credit Union and Stephanie Doud from Volunteers of America survey the new backpacks and school supplies collected for distribution to needy students throughout Michigan.

different grade levels. "Studies show that children who do not have basic school supplies experience lower test scores, attendance problems and emotional issues at home and at school. Education is key to a child's future success. It is contributions like these that help," said Stephanie Doud, from the community engagement team at Volunteers of America Michigan, which is responsible for distributing all of the items collected. "We greatly ap-

preciate Zeal's ongoing commitment and partnership."

"Our work with students doesn't end with the beginning of school," added Sweet, who oversees Zeal's student credit union program and youth financial literacy presentations throughout the year.

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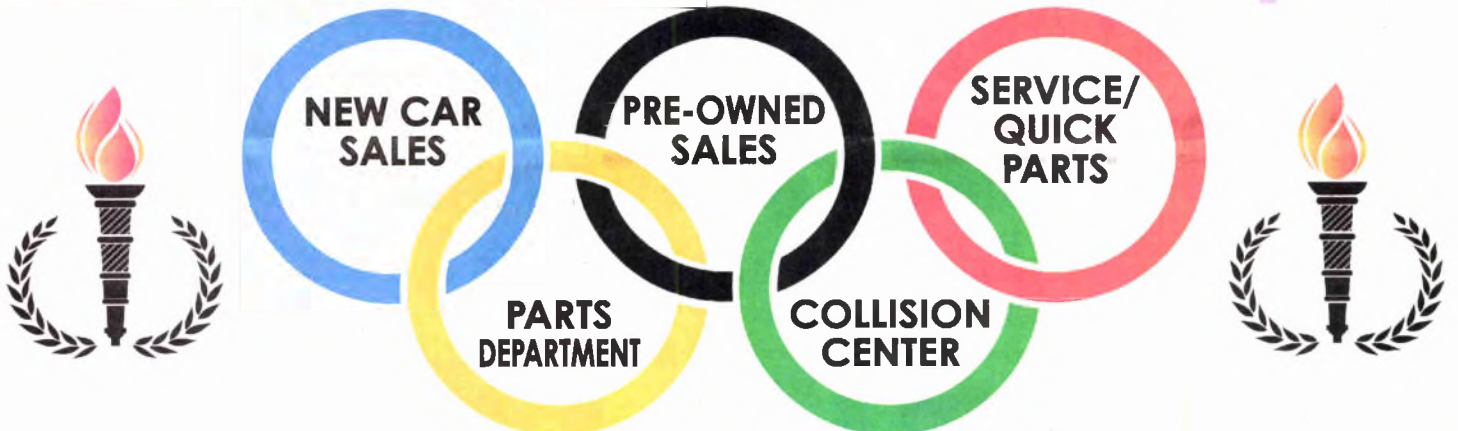
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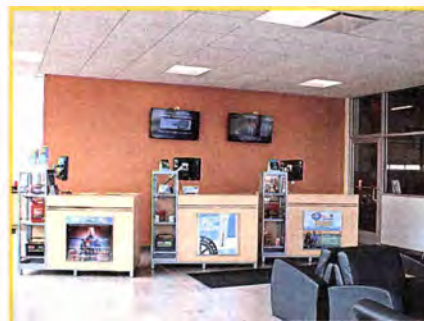


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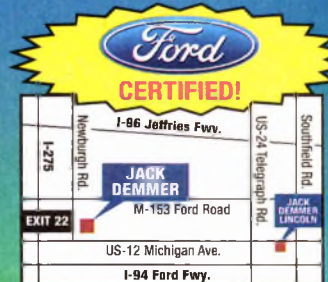
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- » Someone using your Medicare card to get medical care, supplies or equipment
- » A company using false information to mislead you into joining a Medicare plan.

There are steps you can take to reduce the likelihood of falling victim to Medicare fraud. The website [www.medicare.gov/fraud](http://www.medicare.gov/fraud) is a good place to look. It includes these do's and don'ts.

**Do's**

Do protect your Medicare number (on your Medicare card) and your Social Security Number (on your Social Security card). Treat your Medicare card like it's a credit card.

Do remember that nothing is ever "free." Don't accept offers of money or gifts for free medical

care.

Do ask questions. You have a right to know everything about your medical care including the costs billed to Medicare.

Do educate yourself about Medicare. Know your rights and know what a provider can and can't bill to Medicare.

Do use a calendar to record all of your doctor's appointments and what tests or X-rays you get. Then check your Medicare statements carefully to make sure you got each service listed and that all the details are correct. If you spend time in a hospital, make sure the admission date, discharge date and diagnosis on your bill are correct.

Do be wary of providers who tell you that the item or service isn't usually covered, but they "know how to bill Medicare" so Medicare will pay.

Do make sure you understand how a plan works before you join.

Do always check your pills before you leave the pharmacy to be sure you got the correct medication, including whether it's a brand or generic and the full amount. If you don't get your full prescription, re-

port the problem to the pharmacist.

Do report suspected instances of fraud.

**Don'ts**

» Don't allow anyone, except your doctor or other Medicare providers, to review your medical records or recommend services.

» Don't contact your doctor to request a service that you don't need.

» Don't let anyone persuade you to see a doctor for care or services you don't need.

» Don't accept medical supplies from a door-to-door salesman. If someone comes to your door claiming to be from Medicare or Medicaid, remember that Medicare and Medicaid don't send representatives to your home to sell products or services.

» Don't be influenced by certain media advertising about your health. Many TV and radio ads don't have your best interest at heart.

» Don't give your Medicare card, Medicare number, Social Security card or Social Security Number to anyone except your doctor or other authorized Medicare provider.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Garden City Library says thank you**

The Garden City Public Library is thankful for the contributions made by local businesses that helped build a record-setting Summer Reading Program.

Contributions from the community allowed the library to expand overall programming, nearly tripling the number of themed events from 13 to 35 free youth programs offered between June and August compared to last year. These free programs and raffle prizes helped encourage the children's program participants to far surpass the library's goal of reading 2,000 books. Kids read over 3,300 books this summer.

Participants in the Teen Program increased their reading hours by 180 over last year (over a full week's worth of hours), all to compete for one of our five Teen

Raffle prizes. These included gift cards to Pandemonium and A to Z Cards & Comics, along with themed gift baskets of Harry Potter, The Raven Cycle, and Minicraft.

Adults enjoyed weekly raffle drawings for prizes ranging from a Date Night package to gift certificates to local businesses. The programs available to adults were so well received the library is continuing many of the events in the future, including a car show, healthy eating events, and yoga on the library lawn.

The full staff at the library is grateful for the donations that made these programs such a success. Many in the community look forward to the Summer Reading Program which is made more memorable through the support of local businesses. Such generous local support allows us to continue to

maintain quality free programs for the youth of Garden City.

If you would like to donate to the Summer Reading Program for next year, please contact Youth Librarian, Erin Look.

Betty Adams  
Garden City Library aide

**Oscar nominations for 'Fiddler on the Roof'**

I was one of the lucky ones who had the chance to see "Fiddler on the Roof" at the O'Leary Performing Arts Center Friday night.

What a tremendous and fantastic show it was! Everyone in the cast deserves an Oscar.

Dolores Kapanke  
Garden City

**Zoo is a fraud**

In my opinion the Detroit Zoo is a fraud. I say this as a "Zoo Member" and a frequent visitor.

It is common knowl-

edge that zoo attendance, per capita, among citizens in Southeast Michigan is very low.

From my personal experience I have found that so many don't go because it is in Detroit. That is a statement I have heard from many people.

Yet, it is not in Detroit and yet again — these very same people and many others like them voted for a millage for the zoo.

What's going on at the zoo? From what I can gather they have no real breeding programs going on. There are many signs there proclaiming they participate in breeding programs but you would be challenged to find the result.

I recall a beautiful but vicious tiger kept on Belle Isle. It was violent and would attack. I recall it hunting the people walking along the upper

walkway. It would lunge in futility to get to them. Some found it funny. I saw on more than one occasion how it would land its claws in the wood and hang there in angry frustration before falling back to the cage bottom.

When Belle Isle Zoo was shut the tiger was taken to the big zoo. The director said the tiger would never be bred because they could not confirm its genetic history. I don't see it on display at the big zoo — where is it being kept?

Scattered through the zoo are animals taken

from circuses, side-shows and animal dealers. Dancing bears, a blind seal, two wild horses, three buffalo, two zebras and sometimes a colt, two giraffes and the forever calf, one hippo, three elderly polar bears, a collection of mail-order frogs, Chinese alligators, 8-foot snakes in tiny enclosures, an aviary with half the birds missing, the Ford building with a photo room and 3D "adventures."

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Alfred Brock  
Wayne

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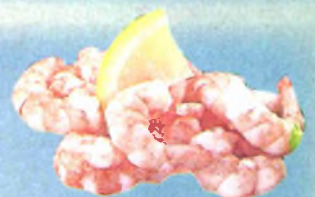
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COLLEGE SOCCER

# Yankasky proves she belongs

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One bad break couldn't diminish several solid performances during former Garden City soccer star Lindsay Yankasky's debut season at Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne University.

Yankasky was well on her way to making a stellar first impression with the Mastodons as she started the first 11 games as a true freshman for the Division 1 school's women's

soccer team.

However, in the final game of her team's pre-conference schedule, she suffered a season-ending broken collarbone that resulted from a collision with an opposing player.

"During a 1-v-1, I bumped into another player and hit the ground pretty hard," reflected Yankasky. "I

wasn't in any pain, but when I tried to get up, my shoulder sagged. I knew something was wrong."

The injury forced Yankasky to endure a four-month rehabilitation program, that started with one month of zero activity.

"Thankfully, surgery wasn't required," she said. "It was pretty hard going to the games and having to watch, because I've never really had to do that before, but it made me appreciate my health even more. I'm

100 percent now and ready to go."

A defender at IPFW after four years as an attacker at GC, Yankasky said it took her awhile to adjust to the speed of the college game.

"You really don't have a lot of time on the ball; you pretty much have to touch it and go or you're going to have a couple defenders on you," she said. "The more I played last year, the more comfortable I got

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Yankasky

## Franklin vs. Stevenson football parking

Fans who are planning to attend Thursday night's 7 p.m. football clash between Livonia rivals Franklin and Stevenson are encouraged to walk or carpool to the stadium if possible due to construction at Stevenson, above all, arrive early.

The west front entrance of the school will be closed off by construction.

The east front bus loop entrance will be open for cars to enter and then proceed to the west lot to park. This will be the only entrance open at the front of the school.

Trinity Church lot west of the school will have limited parking spaces. The Learning Tree entrance is a good option. To use the Learning Tree entrance, go west onto Curtis Road (there is a light) and proceed to park on the grass using the dirt road. FHS spectators should use this option. Stevenson spectators should continue to the end of the dirt road and park in the stadium parking lot.

Handicap parking will be provided at the front of the stadium by using the front service drive.

All tickets are \$5 and there will be no tailgating allowed due to space limitations.

Parking attendants will provide guidance for all parking areas.

## AA baseball oversight

Westland John Glenn senior shortstop Reed Zielinski's name was mistakenly absent from the All-Area Baseball Team's "Honorable Mention" listing last week.

Zielinski had a stellar senior season, both in the field and at the plate, where he was a tough out near the top of the order.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Livonia Franklin's strong contingent of linemen will lead the Patriots into the 2016 season.

ED WRIGHT

# PATRIOTS READY TO GRIND

Sustained drives, improved defense to power Patriots

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With its riveting "Remember the Titans"-like playoff run (starring Denzel Adams, not Denzel Washington) from 2015 in the rear-view mirror, Livonia Franklin's football program is ready to power into the 2016 season behind a robust offen-

sive line and with a larger-than-ever target on its back.

Franklin scripted perhaps the most compelling Cinderella story in Michigan high school football last fall when it rebounded from a 2-7 season in 2014 to advance to the Division 2 semifinals, where it got sidelined by eventual state champion Detroit King.

The Patriots should be strong again, but their method of operations will be slightly altered, head coach Chris Kel-

bert said.

"We're going to have to do more grinding this year," said Kelbert, who earned several post-season coaching awards last season. "We had a lot of big plays last year; this year we're going to have to be more methodical."

"Everybody worked hard during the off-season, for the most part. We're bigger, faster and stronger than we were last season, but we're going to have to win using a different style."

Franklin's mettle will be tested right from the get-go thanks to a season-opening clash against Livonia Stevenson.

"Having our season-opener against Stevenson helps give our off-season training a true purpose," Kelbert said. "It will be baptism by fire. We'll see what we've got right away."

Senior Bobby Madley knows as well as his teammates that

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## Hole-in-one

On July 15, Dan Carey aced the 135-yard eighth hole at the Links of Gateway Golf Course.

Carey used a 7 iron to register his first career hole-in-one. He carded a nine-hole score of 40.

It was Carey's first ace in 15 years of playing golf.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Massive line, smart QB to lead Spartans

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It only takes a few minutes of observing a game-week practice to discover what commodities will fuel the Livonia Stevenson football team this fall.

Watch third-year starting quarterback Chris Tanderys zip a couple on-target spirals to wide-outs Ian Knopf and Evan Marini, and it becomes clear that the Spartans are all set at the all-important field-general position.

And just a glimpse of the Spartans' massive set of offensive linemen running through

a blocking drill -- with Giovanni Agazzi's calves bigger than most humans' torsos -- is all it takes for you to get the picture that head coach Randy Micallef's guys-in-the-trenches unit will be formidable.

Young in spots, but formidable.

"I like the make-up of this team; it's tough-minded and the kids work hard," said Micallef. "We have kids with athletic ability. We just have to put them in the right spot to be successful."

The Spartans will know their ranking in the Livonia

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ED WRIGHT  
Livonia Stevenson running back Tyler Whiteside (40) follows the block of Keegan Vaughan (70) during a Monday afternoon drill.

## Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com or 734-578-2767.

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

# Stevenson, Ladywood, Churchill all play well

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The 2016 girls golf season teed off this week in spectacular fashion for several local high school teams.

Livonia Ladywood placed second at the American Control Tournament hosted by Marian High School, while Livonia Stevenson placed third at the 22-team Hartland Invitational.

Livonia Churchill, meanwhile, already made its mark in the KLAAs South Division standings by upending Canton, 182-190.

Ladywood registered 348 shots in first-year head coach Andrew Pitzer's dazzling debut. Gabriella Scopone led the Blazers with an 81, which placed her in the top 10 finishers.



Ladywood's golf team got the season started in style with a second-place finish.

Lydia Cranmer carded a solid 84, five shots lower than teammate Jordyn Rioux's 89. Evelyn Krueger shot a personal-best 94 while Marissa Aloe came in with a 126.

The Blazers were primed to return to action Wednesday in Clarkston.

**Spartans sparkle**

Led by Anna Vento's team-low round of 83,



Stevenson's golf team placed third at the Hartland Invitational.

Stevenson shot a 340 to finish behind only Rochester (303) and Northville (335).

"We're not far behind Northville, but we have a lot of work to do to catch

Rochester, but the season is young and I think they can do it," said Stevenson head coach Curtis Hay. Also playing well for Stevenson were team

captains Madi Maurier (84) and Kristen Szabelski (88), and Rachel Crachiola, who shot a 39 on the front nine before finishing with an 85.

**Chargers oust Chiefs**

Churchill roared out of the gates in KLAAs South Division play by trumping host Canton, 182-190 at Fox Hills.

"The girls played extremely well today on the road," said head coach Paul Worley. "The scary thing is they know they can play better."

Paige Peterson (42) and Kelsie Nowicki (43) provided a dynamic one-two punch for the winners, who also received solid play from Ashley Harlock (47), Emma Grodek (50), Macey Reese (52) and Jenny Rousseau, who fired a 53.

PREP SOCCER

## Dramatic opening-night draw on the pitch

Stevenson, Franklin duel to 2-2 tie

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Deuces were wild during Monday night's Livonia soccer rivalry showdown featuring host Stevenson and Franklin. The game was pretty wild, too.

In a battle featuring ground-shaking momentum swings, dazzling offensive runs and super-clutch defensive plays (one in particular), the Spartans and Patriots walked off the pitch just before 9 p.m. with the scoreboard reading 2-2.

The match marked the Franklin varsity coaching debut for Mike Bona, who, when asked if all of his games at Franklin would be as exciting as Monday's, quipped, "I hope so."

The unquestioned play of the game unfolded with 5:29 left when Patriot sophomore goalkeeper Scott Beebe went horizontal to his right to deflect Brady Brown's penalty kick off the crossbar to preserve the draw.

Stevenson's Joe Nicolas was fouled in the 18-yard box to set up the PK.

"I looked at Chris (Burnette) just before the PK and said, 'He's saving it,'" Bona said. "Scott's length on that was huge. He has a pretty big wingspan, and he needed all of it."

The teams were even



Stevenson's Joe Nicolas clears the ball from the box as Franklin's Tyler Forrest looks on.

at 1-1 after a first half that saw the Spartans jump ahead 1-0 in the third minute on a net-finding rocket off the foot of junior Lucas Rea.

"The ball popped out of the box and Lucas smashed it in from about 21 yards out," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker.

Patriot Austin Corona knotted the game at 1-1 at the 21:40 mark of the opening stanza when he ripped home a PK after getting fouled in the box moments earlier.

Corona threatened to give the Patriots their first lead two minutes later, but his hard

screamer from 10 yards out was denied by Stevenson senior keeper Drew Padgen.

Some slick dribbling in a crowd preceded Franklin sophomore Josh Wilson's goal 10 minutes into the second half, giving the Patriots a 2-1 advantage.

Stevenson senior co-captain Conrad Kean roped a dangerous cross into the box at the 25:40 mark, but Beebe emerged from the traffic to swat the ball out of harm's way.

The Spartans tied the game at 2-2 with 14 minutes left when Christian Zapata slid a precise pass



Franklin's Austin Corona eyes a loose ball in the box during the first half of Monday's crosstown-rivalry game.

to Rea, who beat Beebe in a 1-on-1 duel from about 10 yards out.

"The first half was super-unsatisfying for me," said Shingledecker. "We sorted some things out in the second half and I was more pleased with

our play. "Lucas Rea had quite a night. To score two goals in his first varsity game was pretty cool."

Bona praised the play of Corona and Dom Pelle, in addition to underclassmen Wilson and Julian

Megrano-Mayorga, who is just a freshman.

"I knew we'd need good efforts from our younger guys this season, and we definitely got them tonight," he said.

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PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

## Stevenson to rebuild with talented pieces

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Some high school athletic teams suffer graduation losses that amount to a trickle; for others, it's more like a tidal wave.

With 15 players graduated from the 2015 roster, Livonia Stevenson's boys soccer team is facing the latter dilemma, but head coach Ken Shingledecker isn't fretting.

"Even though we graduated 15 seniors, this team still has a lot of depth, a lot of good players," said Shingledecker. "I like our versatility. We have a lot of players who can play multiple positions."

"Every day, we're getting better. I was very pleased with how the guys continue to grasp what we're trying to do. It's a good group that is ready to go."

Stevenson should pack a season-long scoring punch thanks to the presence of a dangerous crop of forwards, including Christian Zapata and Lucas Rea, both of whom sparked in Monday's season-opener against visiting Livonia Franklin. Rea scored twice and Zapata kept the Patriots'



Stevenson senior goal-keeper Drew Padgen rises above the fray to haul in a save Monday night.

defense on its heels most of the night.

"I expect Christian to be very good up top," said Shingledecker, in the moments following last week's scrimmage against Livonia Churchill. "We was very, very good in our scrimmages. He was more of a reserve last year, but he's ready to take the next step."

The Spartans' goal keeping status is bullish thanks to the return of senior Drew Padgen, who sat (and learned) patiently behind three senior netminders last fall.

The 6-foot-4 keeper is both big and agile — a tough combination for

opposing forwards.

"Having three senior keepers ahead of me last year was actually a good thing for me as I learned something from each one of them," Padgen said. "I gained a lot of insight watching them play in games and in practices."

"Being 6-4 gives me an advantage because I can touch the crossbar without even jumping. I'm pretty good at going up to get crosses into the box, too, due my height advantage."

Senior co-captain Conrad Kean will be a mainstay in the back for the Spartans, who will also rely on Zak Mer-

chant and Justin Schultz, among others.

Kean played forward for a good portion of his youth soccer career, but welcomed his switch to the back a few years ago.

"When I was younger, I liked stopping other people from scoring goals more than scoring goals myself, so defense is perfect for me," Kean said. "Playing right back like I do gives me a chance to join the attack and push the ball up when the situation calls for it."

Schultz drew high praise from Shingledecker.

"He's one of the top center-backs in the state in my opinion," Shingledecker said. "He's super-sound back there and so consistent."

The Spartans will be energized in the midfield by the return from the Wolves Academy of senior Brady Brown.

"He's a top-level talent," Shingledecker said. "We actually have six players who play for the Academy who haven't come back. While they're very good players, I'm excited about the group we have."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

**St. Edith soccer**

The St. Edith athletics CYO fall sports programs are accepting registrations for the upcoming fall season.

The programs are for girls and boys entering grades 4-8 who are members of the following Catholic parishes: St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Aidan.

The season runs from the second weekend in September until mid-October.

Sports offered are soccer (boys and girls), girls volleyball, girls cheerleading, and boys football.

To register, visit [stedithcyo.com](http://stedithcyo.com), click on the home tab, then the sports registration link and follow the prompts.

Another offering is the little Eagles freshman soccer program for boys and girls entering kindergarten through third grades. This will be held on Saturday mornings for six weeks, with the first session set for Sept. 10. Each session will consist of a practice and a game. Register for this program at [stedithcyo.com](http://stedithcyo.com).

All soccer practices and home games will be

at Ladywood High School. Volleyball practices and home games will be at the St. Edith School gym. Cheerleading practices are the St. Edith school gym. Football practices will be held at Riley School.

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**St. Thomas the Apostle sports**

St. Thomas the Apostle is looking to continue a CYO athletic program at the parish level. The nearby Catholic parishes whose children who attend grade 3-8 that would fall into the category of being eligible to play sports for St. Thomas the Apostle would include: St. Richard, Sts. Simon and Jude, and St. Mary and Cause of Our Joy.

St. Thomas the Apostle as a CYO program would follow in the steps of the St. Raphael program that was involved in the CYO for the last five decades.

If interested, email athletic director Dan Wickett at [wickettd@yahoo.com](mailto:wickettd@yahoo.com).

ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF

# Top players ace test for all-area accolades

**FIRST TEAM**

**Jack Boczar, Plymouth:** It was another brilliant season for junior co-captain Boczar and the Wildcats, who again reached the Division 1 state finals.

Boczar shattered the school record twice, registering 18-hole scores of 66 and 64 strokes and also tied for the individual state championship.

He also was named to the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association Super Team, only the fourth Wildcat golfer to do so (following Kelsey Murphy, 2012; Kyle Rhodes, 2013; Katie Chipman, 2015).

The third-time all-KLAA honoree averaged 36.3 for nine holes and 72.25 for 18.

"Jack is a very hard worker and he deserves all the positive recognition that is coming his way," coach Dan Young said. "He's one of the best, there's no doubt about it."

**Kyle Kozler, Plymouth:** One of Plymouth's superb quintet, senior co-captain Kozler was always consistent and sometimes spectacular for the KLAA and D1 regional champions.

Kozler, also a standout defenseman for Plymouth's varsity hockey team, averaged 38.2 per nine holes and 77.3 for 18 and was an all-conference selection for the second time.

"Kyle Kozler had a great career," Young said. "Very proud of him and he's someone we could always rely on. He's a winner and he's going to be a tough guy to replace."

**Justin Kapke, Plymouth:** Another integral member of Plymouth's outstanding team was junior Kapke.

He averaged 38 per nine and 77.9 per 18 and was named to the all-conference team for a second time.

"Justin Kapke has a very bright future," Young said. "He strikes the ball as well as anybody and we have confidence that he will be one of better golfers in the state next season."

**James Baldwin, Plymouth:** Virtually every member of the Wildcats lineup was an all-star performer, including senior Baldwin.

He registered 38.75 per nine and 81 per 18 and was named to the all-KLAA squad.

"James Baldwin also had a great senior year and was big in us winning as much as we did," Young said. "He earned the fourth spot on a very competitive team and was consistent all season."

**Phillip Conrad, Canton:** The senior was excellent all season, averaging 40.8 per nine and 81.7 per 18.

Along the way, Conrad shot a 75 at the Maples Invitational at Hudson Mills, 78 at the conference meet at Idyl Wild, 84 at districts and 83 at regionals.

"Phillip relies on his accuracy," coach Tom Alles said. "His is a very straight hitter of the ball. He tends to make intelligent decisions on the course and has the ability to control his emotions while playing. Phillip does not get rattled if the breaks don't go his way. He is cool under pressure."

**Connor Jakacki, Stevenson:** Jakacki established himself as one of the KLAA's top players

as a sophomore as he was the Spartans' No. 1 player. Jakacki was the team low-scorer in 13 of the 16 events he played in and was the overall medalist five times.

"Connor has become a long ball striker and is an excellent putter," said head coach Curtis Hay. "Most importantly, he has learned to manage himself around the course and take the good with the bad. I have already named him as our team captain next year as a junior because of his attitude and leadership."

**Jon McDonald, Stevenson:** A senior captain for the Spartans, McDonald was the Spartans' low man in three of the 15 competitions in played in and medalist once. He also earned all-KLAA honors.

"Jon was long off the tee and had a great iron game," said Hay. "He has a very good attitude and is level headed."

**Jackson Tellerico, Farmington:** Tellerico averaged 40.5 in nine-hole matches and 80 in tournaments. He was second overall in the Division 2 district at Maple Lanes Golf Course and finished in the top 10 in both OAA White Division meets.

"Jackson worked very hard to earn the No. 1 spot on the FHS team," coach Ray Maleyko said. "His game really matured over the course of the season, and he was able to balance the heavy golf schedule as well as his school workload."

"He was physically and mentally tougher coming into the season, also. He knew what was

expected of him, and the team had confidence in his ability to hit shots and score in tournaments.

"Jackson's game will continue to improve over the next two years, and I'm confident he'll be playing somewhere after high school."

**SECOND TEAM**  
**Joe Fontana, Plymouth:** Fontana's junior season was a strong one. He averaged 40.5 per nine holes and 82.3 per 18, one of the Wildcats' consistent

threats. He earned selection to the all-KLAA team.

"Joe Fontana got the experience he will need to be a top performer for us next season," Young said. "He's very close and with his continued work he will be very good for us."

**Suhas Potluri, Canton:** Potluri's junior season was filled with accomplishments, including registering an 81 at the KLAA conference meet and 83 at the KLAA meet. He tallied a 69 at the state districts, earning a top-five finish.

Potluri averaged 40.6 per nine and 82.1 per 18 and was dual medalist twice and was named to the all-conference team.

"Suhas is a hard worker and he is frequently on the practice range trying to improve his game," Alles said. "He played No. 1 for us all season and handled the pressure well."

**Hayden Winch, Salem:** The senior averaged 40.25 per nine and 84.5 per 18, and earned a spot on the all-KLAA team as well as qualifying for the state regionals.

Winch was the top scorer for the Rocks, a repeat accomplishment for the four-year varsity performer.

"Hayden should be very proud of his accomplishments on the course and the impact he made on the Salem Golf Program," coach Ryan Nimmerguth said.

**Brian Oldani, Canton:** Oldani enjoyed a standout senior season for the Chiefs, averaging 41.7 per nine and 85 per 18.

Among highlights, the team captain was dual match medalist twice, shot 80 at the conference meet, 82 at districts and 83 at regionals.

"Brian is very athletic and can hit the ball a long way," Alles said. "As our team captain he displayed leadership both on and off the course."

**Matt Wiebelhaus, sr., Franklin:** Wiebelhaus thrived throughout his senior season, which was highlighted by a stellar round of 74 at Gateway Golf Course.

"Matt was a great team captain and was always willing to help the team out," said head coach Jason Rammeler.

**Joe Majoros, Farmington:** A four-year varsity golfer, Majoros averaged 43 strokes in nine-hole matches and 87 in 18-hole tournaments to earn a place on the all-

area second team again. "Joe was our leader this season," Maleyko said. "He led through example and really stepped up when we needed him."

"One of my proudest moments this season was watching the younger kids on the junior varsity team gravitate to Joe. His genuine demeanor is one of his greatest assets, and he will be missed next year."

**Luke Seflic, Farmington:** Seflic averaged 45 strokes per dual match and 86 in 18-hole events to rate among the top golfers in the area.

"Luke worked extremely hard last season and over the winter to emerge as our No. 2 golfer," Maleyko said. "He is one of the most mentally prepared and determined golfers I've ever coached."

"Luke knew his role coming into the season would be more difficult. He moved up to varsity at the end of last season, and we discussed his goals for the upcoming year."

"He played in several tournaments last summer and worked all winter with a swing coach. I was very pleased with how well he played and what an exceptional young man he has developed into."

## 2016 ALL-OBSERVER

**BOYS GOLF TEAM**

Jack Boczar, jr., Plymouth  
Kyle Kozler, sr., Plymouth  
Justin Kapke, jr., Plymouth  
James Baldwin, sr., Plymouth  
Phillip Conrad, sr., Canton  
Connor Jakacki, soph., Stevenson  
Jon McDonald, sr., Stevenson  
Jackson Tellerico, soph., Farmington

**SECOND TEAM**

Joe Fontana, jr., Plymouth  
Suhas Potluri, jr., Canton  
Hayden Winch, sr., Salem  
Brian Oldani, sr., Canton  
Matt Wiebelhaus, sr., Franklin  
Joe Majoros, sr., Farmington  
Luke Seflic, sr., Farmington

**HONORABLE MENTION**

Salem: Adam Marcer, Shawn Weldon;  
Canton: Dominic Dimaya, Patrick McDougall; Plymouth: Matt Decker, Logan Stefanko, Jacob Sylvester, Vaishak Mendon; Farmington: Justin Walsh, Stephen Mercure; Harrison: LJ Tucker, Nick Snell; Churchill: Aaron Walton, John Doyle, Peyton Elkins; Garden City: Connor Johnson, Austin New, Evan Breen; Wayne: Andrew Aigelinger; Franklin: Jeremy Haisit, Jacob Kenward; Stevenson: Trevor Lopus, Easton Schlattebeck, Alec Moore.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL



Nikki Salloum, a graduate of Livonia Churchill, and other Madonna softball players will greet prospects Aug. 28.

## Madonna prospects get chance to shine Aug. 28

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Winning college softball programs aren't built in a day, but veteran Madonna University coach Jerry Abraham is hoping Aug. 28 will prove to be something big for the 2017 squad.

That day, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will be Madonna's Prospect Day at University Field (east of Newburgh Road, between Five Mile and Lyndon). Abraham and his assistant coaches will welcome any high school sophomore, junior or senior, as well as college athletes who are eligible to transfer to Madonna for the 2016-17 school year.

Prospect Day will give participants a chance to get in on fielding, hitting and fundamental drills while also meeting returning players from the 2016 team, such as senior infielders Nikki Salloum (Livonia Churchill), Kayla Rebaun (Plymouth), junior outfielder Julia Cavagnini (Churchill), junior pitcher/utility player Erika Randall (Livonia Stevenson), sophomore infielder Halee Warren (Canton), senior infielder Bri Giordano (Plymouth), sophomore outfielder Becky Giacobbi (Livonia Franklin) and junior outfielder Mallory Daschke (Novi).

But that's not all that will be on the agenda. Prospective Madonna student-athletes will

receive a wealth of information about admissions, potential campus visits and tours.

No RSVP is required, but it is advised that interested participants confirm their attendance in advance by calling Abraham at 734-748-3128 or emailing him at jbraham@madonna.edu.

According to the Madonna website: "Eligible college transfers include community college student-athletes who are beyond their first year of play and any four-year collegiate student-athlete with a signed written release from their current or former institution on file with the Madonna University athletics department prior to the event."

BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW

# Shamrocks reboot after strong 2015 campaign

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Coming off its best season in 20 years, Novi Detroit Catholic Central will try and take it one step further in 2016.

The Shamrocks captured their first regional title since 1996 before falling to eventual MHSAA Division 1 champion Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in the state semifinals, 3-1.

CC, which finished 20-3-3 overall last season, lost three first-team All-Area players to graduation including stand-out goalie Peter Kirouac, defenders Justin Murray (University of Detroit Mercy) and Cole Moscovic, along with second-team All-Area defender Matt Turton.

And even though freshman standout Charlie Trevisan elected to play with the Academy Wolves, the Shamrocks still possess plenty of firepower with the return of second-team All-Area midfielder Justin Savona, who is joined by midfielders Cade Kozlowski and Valentino Ivezaj, both seniors, along with junior defender Jared Lee.

"My personal opinion, I think we're as good or if not better than last year," CC fifth-year coach Gene Pulice said. "But as we saw, it takes a lot more than being good to win a state champi-



Catholic Central's captains this season include (from left) Valentino Ivezaj, Justin Savona, Jared Lee and Cade Kozlowski.

onship — not to take anything away from (Grand Rapids) Forest Hills Central because they were very good. I think we're looking pretty good."

Junior Trevor Ostrowski, who possess a basketball and football background, will fill the void in goal for the graduated Kirouac.

"He's never played soccer, but he's a beast of an athlete," Pulice said of Ostrowski. "We'll be in good shape with him. We got lucky there."

Northville (16-3-1) could have easily made a run in the Division 1 tourney, but it was derailed in the district semifinal by CC in a shootout.

The Mustangs, who captured the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference crowns, lost Area Player

of the Year Garret Weaver (U-D Mercy) and first-team all-area selections Nick Toupin and Jake Reitzloff.

Northville, which returns second-team all-area midfielder Mario Plachta, simply will be reloading under 26th-year coach Henry Klimes.

Among the other key returnees for the Mustangs include senior forward Ben McCauley, senior goalie Evan Treiber, junior midfielder Owen Marshall and senior defender Alex Braeseker.

"We graduated a great team, but Northville High School has lots of young talent to make another serious title run," Klimes said. "We had around 120 trying out for this year's program. We're looking forward to a fun season."

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# C'ville gridders change gears offensively

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Old is new for the Livonia Clarenceville football team this year as it takes a page from its past.

With the return of Lloyd Slabaugh as offensive coordinator, the Trojans will be doing some of the things that worked well for them previously.

Clarenceville, which employed a passing offense in recent years when it had Jake and Mitch Kubiak playing quarterback, will be more traditional in its approach.

Slabaugh, who spent the last two seasons at Farmington, was in charge of the Clarenceville offense when the Trojans went 11-1 three years ago.

"Lloyd was with me when we did the big run (to the Division 5 state semifinals)," head coach Ken Fry said. "We'll run more 1 (formation) and a little twins. We'll run the ball more than pass. We'll do a lot of short stuff."

"We really don't have a thrower, so we'll be going back to more traditional football, so to say. It won't be 3 yards and a cloud of dust. Maybe a little bit of misdirection and deception. We'll definitely play with a tight end this year, too – more of a pro forma-



Clarenceville captains (from left) Justin Kelley, Darin Topolewski, David Means and Kyle Nolan are pictured with head coach Ken Fry (center).

tion."

Junior Kyle Nolan (6-0, 165), who was a wide receiver last year, is the new quarterback and will take charge of the revised offense.

"He's able to run, so we hope to run and throw a little bit with the quarterback," Fry said. "We'll see how he handles it. It's brand new for him. He seemed to be the best one to fit the bill."

Nolan will be handing the ball to junior running backs Justin Davis (5-8,

160) and Dion Turner (5-8, 165), both of whom are moving up the JV. Davis did play in a couple varsity games.

Junior Darin Topolewski (5-7, 125) and senior Brandon Belanger (5-9, 165) are veteran wideouts and will double as defensive backs, too.

"They have the experience, but we don't have the backups for these kids," Fry said. "They have to stay healthy and, hopefully, we get some more bodies."

Senior Zack Richards (5-11, 164), who played mostly defense last year, will go both ways at upback and linebacker. The tight end will be junior Jordan Wutka (6-2, 170).

**Leaders up front**

The Trojans don't have much depth on the offensive line, but the starting five should be pretty good, according to Fry.

Seniors David Means (5-11, 170) and Justin

Kelley (6-0, 245) are team captains with Nolan and Topolewski.

Means, a wrestler whom Fry compares to the Energizer bunny because of his internal motor, will be a guard and linebacker. Kelley is a tackle and end on defense.

"The line is where we're thin," Fry said. "We have five or six guys and that's it. I'll be stealing from the JV, so it's not really helping me either."

Fry is counting on junior Trevor Hills (5-10, 315) and senior Andrew Jasper (6-2, 290), a pair of first-year players, to play center and tackle, respectively.

Senior J'Quan Davis (5-10, 160) is a returning defensive end who will help at running back, too.

**Positive outlook**

"The kids are excited and practicing well," Fry said. "We're still small in numbers, so that's a little disappointing. We have nine kids coming back. We have strong senior leadership and some kids who've played."

"I think it's a good senior group. They've been around for a while. I think they're ready to play and redeem themselves a little bit."

The Trojans were 1-4 in the six-team Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division (fifth place) and 1-8 overall.

"I think we'll play better than we did last year but be in the middle of the pack," Fry said, adding Clarenceville could've had a few more wins last year.

"We'll be good and we'll be competitive – a lot more so than we were last year. That's a big plus."

Clarenceville begins the season Friday night with a 7 p.m. kickoff at Macomb Lutheran North.

## FRANKLIN

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opponents will be geared up to play the Patriots in the wake of their remarkable 2015 performance.

"I think our workouts were more intense this off-season because we expect more from ourselves after last season," said Madley, one of the returning mainstays of a highly-regarded offensive line. "We know what we're capable of now and no one wants to fall short of that."

The prototypical Patriot is senior two-way battering ram Chris Nehasil, who overcomes his modest size with a relentless motor and superior toughness.

"Chris is a throw-back, there's no doubt about that," said Kelbert. "He's definitely the leader of this team and he's a two-year captain. He's vocal and he leads by example. Just a tough, hard-nosed kid."

Re-joining Madley in

the trenches will be Daniel Domzalski and Jax Gasaway, who are big and mobile, their coach revealed.

"Daniel is a very athletic guard, so he does a great job of clearing the way for our backs when he pulls," said Kelbert. "Jax led us in sacks last season and as an offensive tackle, he gives us great intensity. He never takes a minute off. He's usually running up with our backs when we run sprints."

The graduation of Adams has created a healthy battle at the quarterback position between Jacob Clark – one of the go-to guys during last season's play-offs – and David Brackett, who was the team's back-up QB last year before suffering a season-ending injury against Jackson.

"David is the more complete quarterback, because he's played the position longer than Jacob," said Kelbert. "He's a better thrower, but not as dynamic when it

comes to running.

"Jacob has been working hard on his throwing and he gives us a running threat at the position. You want the football in the hands of your best athlete, so he gives us a great option at the quarterback position."

When Clark isn't calling the signals, he'll most likely be in the backfield taking hand-offs. Junior Isaac Moore is also a big-time running back candidate thanks to a sophomore season when he showed flashes of brilliance after a mid-season promotion to the junior varsity squad.

"Isaac is a big, strong, powerful kind of runner," Kelbert said.

Running back Nyassinu Crowell, a transfer from Detroit Pershing, possesses both speed and strength, Kelbert noted.

Whoever earns the starting QB nod will get to throw a stable of proven receivers, including seniors Jake Giacobbi, Ke-mauri Heard and Nate Abraham.

"Jake has very explosive speed; he's quick off the line and he has great hands. He's also our punter, kicker and a starting cornerback, so he'll rarely leave the field."

"Ke-mauri is a big kid with great hands. He knows how to position his body to get open against smaller defensive backs."

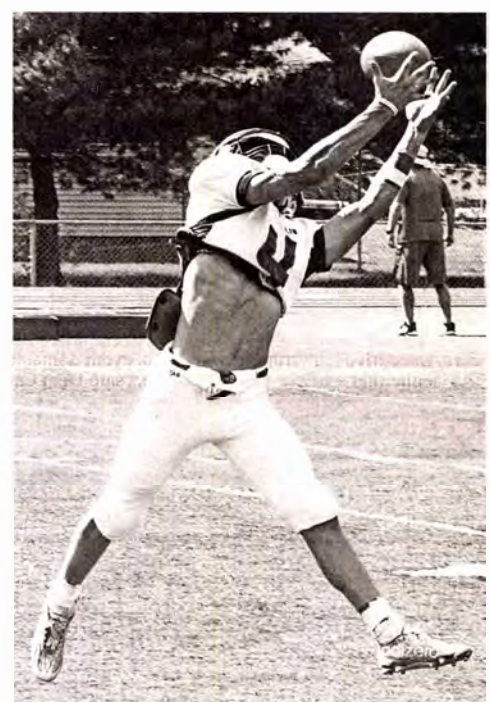
The offensive line will be fortified by Mannie Willie and Marcus Martin, both juniors, and senior returner Devin Visnaw.

The defensive line will feature a combination of the O-line standouts.

Linebacker-wise, the Patriots will be strong thanks to the unit of Heard, Jacob Mass and Donny Terry.

The secondary will feature Giacobbi, Nehasil, Abraham and Austin Cramer. Junior Brad Gibson, a late-season standout in 2015, will join the mix once he recovers from an off-season injury.

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Senior Jake Giacobbi hauls in the ball during a defensive-backs drill Monday afternoon.



Lindsay Yankasky's informal fan club – Yank's Squad – includes (from left) Taylor Lilla, Anna Cawood and Kayla Cane.

## YANKASKY

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with the speed."

Yankasky said the off-the-pitch conditioning program she follows at IPFW is "pretty intense", but nothing she can't handle.

"There's more weight-lifting involved in college than in high school," she said. "There's more off-season conditioning, too. I'm in better shape than

I've ever been in."

Yankasky, who plans to pursue a degree in psychology before eventually attending graduate school, is a star in the class room at IPFW, just like she was at GC.

Yankasky, who compiled a flawless 4.0 grade-point average as a college freshman, plans to ultimately enter the field of physical therapy.

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## STEVENSON

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football hierarchy before Labor Day even rolls around, thanks to an early schedule that includes games against Livonia Franklin (Thursday at Stevenson) and Churchill.

"Those are two quality teams, so we'll find out right out of the gate what we're made of," he said. "When you play both your cross-town rivals in the first two weeks, it definitely helps keep you motivated during the off-season. We're going to be relying on quite a few underclassmen to step in and help us out."

Tanderys, who is one of four captains along with Nick Poulos, Nathan Micallef and Anthony Leopardi, already owns several Stevenson passing records. Poised, accurate and tough, the 6-foot, 180-pound senior will be looking to guide the Spartans to playoffs for the third straight season.

"Chris has so much experience and so many games under his belt, there aren't a lot of situations he hasn't faced and excelled in," said Micallef. "He's an incredibly heady player who knows how to make all the throws. He has great touch when he needs it,



Stevenson quarterback Chris Tanderys hits Evan Marini in stride.

and he can air zip it in there when he needs to."

Every quarterback in the area would love to have a receiving corps like the one Tanderys will have at his disposal. The group will be headed by Ian Knopf, Poulos and Evan Marini.

"Nick is not only very quick, but he's extremely intelligent," Micallef said. "Ian and Evan are both over six-foot tall, so they're big targets who also have great hands."

Backing up Tanderys will be junior Parker Graham, who will also see time at running back and cornerback.

"Parker was called up to varsity at the end of last year and he looked good," Micallef said. "He's big and he has a

very strong arm."

Stevenson is deep at running back, thanks to the presence of Dalen Cobb, LaDarius Sharp, Tyler Whiteside and Michael DiPonio.

"Tyler is about 5-10, 220, so he gives us some power while the other guys are smaller and shifter," Micallef noted. "Devin Dunn also gives us an all-purpose type of player on offense and defense."

Starting center Bobby Cavin is the smallest starting lineman – even though he's a solid 6-foot, 235 pounds. He'll be flanked by guards Johnny Suiter (5-10, 280) and Devlen Kuschel (6-4, 275).

Agazzi (6-3, 275) is a returning starter at tack-

le. The other starting tackle is sophomore Keegan Vaughan (6-6, 263).

"All of these guys dedicated themselves to getting strong during the off-season," Micallef said.

Spencer Eddings and Kyle Lynch will also be in the line mix on both sides of the line of scrimmage. Leopardi will be a mainstay on the field, playing some guard on offense and tackle on defense.

Leading an impressive group of linebackers are Nathan Micallef, Josh Page, DiPonio and Spencer Langley.

"With me coaching for so many years, Nathan has been around football his entire life, so nothing he sees on a football field is ever new to him," Micallef said, of his senior-captain son.

The cornerback contingent consists of George Ferguson, Spencer Weber, and Joe Kubeshesky, while Dunn, Poulos and 6-5 junior Scott Rushlow will battle for minutes at the safety position.

Kicking candidates include double-duty soccer players Justin Schultz and Philip Vrzovski, and girls soccer standout Sarah Monte, who Micallef believes is the first female to play for Stevenson.

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The Michigan State Housing Development Authority Board recently authorized a \$975,000 grant to support domestic violence prevention efforts.

## Domestic violence prevention focus of Housing Development Authority grant

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority Board recently authorized a \$975,000 grant to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to support domestic violence prevention efforts and provide shelter and other services to survivors, Executive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said.

"Since 2005, MDHHS has been a valued partner with us on the Campaign to End Homelessness and this award will allow our two organizations to align domestic violence funding to help meet our larger joint goal of ending homelessness in Michigan," Elsenheimer said.

The money comes from matching funds MSHDA add-

ed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant dollars and will be in effect from Oct. 1, 2016, to Sept. 30, 2017.

"These dollars will be extremely important in our efforts to empower survivors and prevent domestic violence," said Debi Cain, executive director of the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. "The funding will provide survivors with safe housing and other support so that they can realize their right to self-determination."

The governor-appointed board, housed within MDHHS, was established in 1978 to focus state activity on

domestic violence. The board administers state and federal funding for domestic violence shelters and advocacy services, recommends policy and provides technical assistance and training.

"Providing consistency in funding to domestic violence prevention service providers allows us to stretch these limited dollars and help more of our state's most vulnerable residents," said Kelly Rose, MSHDA's chief Housing Solutions officer.

This is the third year MSHDA has granted funds for this purpose to MDHHS.

The MSHDA provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create

and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs.

For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda).

## State's Key to Own effort can help with credit problems, boost owning a home

Dollar Bay, Michigan, resident Tom Rossi is the 400th person to achieve the dream of homeownership through Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Key to Own program.

"This most definitely is a milestone worth celebrating for the Key to Own program," MSHDA Executive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said. "Not only is it the 400th closing, it's a first in the Upper Peninsula. It was a pleasure to visit Mr. Rossi in his home and hear about how he went from voucher-holder to homeowner."

Key to Own helps families and individuals in the MSHDA housing choice voucher (HCV) program transfer their rental voucher to a homeownership voucher.

"I worked really hard to clear all of my old debt and raise my credit score," Rossi said. "It took me three years to save my portion of the down payment, but it was worth it. I'm proud to say that I am officially a homeowner."

Rossi worked closely with MSHDA representatives and counselors at Chippewa-Luce Mackinaw County Community Action Agency to prepare for homeownership. MSHDA's voucher program in combination with USDA Rural Development partnered to provide the financing for his new home.

To be eligible for the program, current HCV participants must meet the following requirements:

» Maintain an annual earned income of at least \$15,000 and work at least 30 hours per week (exceptions for elderly or disabled persons).

» Be a first-time homeowner or have not owned a home in the last three years.

» Be in good standing with the rental HCV program.

"MSHDA is leading the nation in housing choice voucher-only closings," Elsenheimer said. "Key to Own is changing the lives of our citizens here in Michigan."

Residents can learn more or request an application by calling 517-241-4474 or emailing [lehmanl1@michigan.gov](mailto:lehmanl1@michigan.gov).

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long, Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Sponsored by: Changing Places Moving Company, Devon Title Agency, Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Bank of Birmingham. For more information, visit [www.hallandhunter.com](http://www.hallandhunter.com) or call 248-644-3500.

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

For more information, email [Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com) or visit [www.freeforeclosuretour.com](http://www.freeforeclosuretour.com).

## National Association of Realtors touts benefits of working with industry pro

In some school districts across the country, kids are already heading back to school after the summer break. While households with children commonly choose to buy a home in the late spring to get settled in before the new school season starts, rising home prices and a lack of homes for sale may mean more families have been forced to continue their house hunt into fall.

"In a fast moving market with fewer homes for sale and rising prices, more buyers find themselves in need of a real estate professional to help them find the right home and guide them through each step of the process," said National Association of Realtors President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida. "Despite recent industry reports to the contrary, busy families require hands-on attention and unparalleled transaction and local market knowledge and regularly turn to full-service agents, who provide a broad range of services and manage most aspects of a home purchase and sale."

The median days on market to find a buyer was 32 days in May (the shortest time on record) and 34 days in June (tied with June 2015). Fewer and faster-selling houses on the market translate into more pressure to make quick decisions and despite advances in online real estate information and technology,

the vast majority of consumers still prefer buying and selling a home through a real estate professional because it saves them time and makes the process less stressful, the NAR notes. While more than eight in 10 buyers worked with an agent to purchase a home last year, according to NAR's 2015 "Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers," agent use is even higher among buyers ages 36-50 (87 percent) and 35 and younger (89 percent) — the demographics most likely to have school-aged children.

"Buyers with children have a slightly harder time finding the right property, likely because of their desire to purchase a home that best meets their family's needs or is in their preferred school district; 53 percent of families with children cited finding the right property as the hardest step in the buying process compared to 50 percent of buyers without children," Salomone said.

In many cases, families are looking to move because their current home is too small (cited most at 29 percent for families with children at home compared to only 9 percent with no children at home); a job relocation (23 percent), or a change in their family situation such as birth of another child, marriage or divorce (12 percent). The typical home buyer with children bought a 2,100-square-foot detached single-family home with four bedrooms and two full bathrooms.

Nearly 80 percent of recent sellers worked with an agent that provided a full range of services; only 9 percent received a limited set of services and 12 percent of sellers worked with an agent to list their home on the multiple-listing service and received few if any additional services. Sixty-two percent of sellers with children at home negotiated their agents compensation compared to 68 percent of sellers with no children at home.

When choosing a buyer's agent, parents with children under 18 at home want someone who can provide more mobile-ready, easy-to-access information; 71 percent said it was important when choosing an agent that he or she sends postings as soon as a property is listed or its status changes; sends property info and communicates via text (59 percent); sends market reports on recent listings and sales (55 percent); sends emails about specific needs (56 percent); and has a mobile site to show properties (30 percent).

When it comes to seller's agents, twice as many parents with children at home needed to sell their home urgently compared to those with no children at home (24 percent compared to 12 percent), perhaps to time transactions around the school season. It makes sense then, that sellers with children at home placed a higher priority on selling their home within a specific time frame (22 percent) and help

pricing it competitively (19 percent); compared to sellers with no children at home (20 percent and 15 percent, respectively).

Busy parents also rely more on referrals for finding their seller's agent; 46 percent of sellers with children at home first found their agent through a referral from a friend, neighbor or relative compared to only 40 percent of sellers with no children at home.

When it comes to the home search, for buyers with children under the age of 18 living in their home, it's no surprise that the quality of the school district and convenience to schools was a strong influencing factor of their neighborhood choice. Recent buyers with children cited quality of the school district an influencing factor (at 50 percent compared to 11 percent with no children in home), as well as convenience to schools (at 46 percent compared to 6 percent).

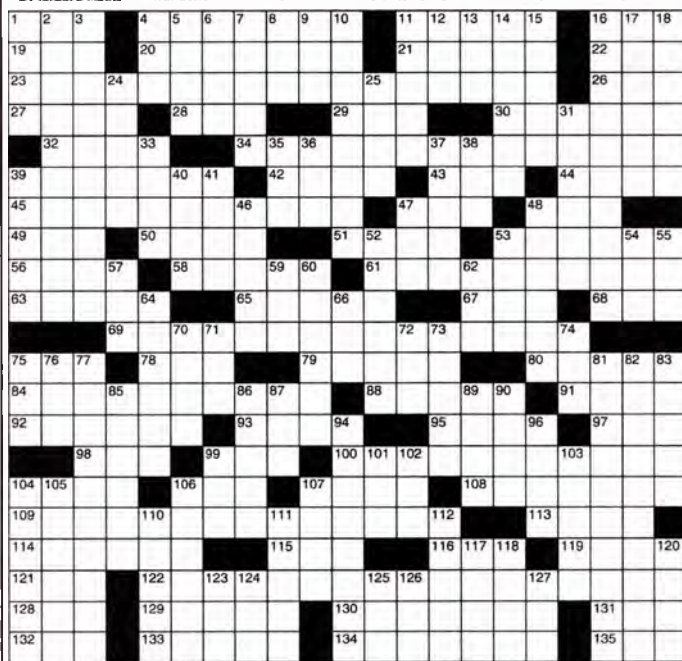
"If you are thinking of buying or selling a home this fall, don't be intimidated by the market or process while kids are back in school; overall, the fundamentals of the market are strong," Salomone said. "A Realtor helps get sellers ready to sell and buyers ready to buy — whether or not they have children — and knows the ins and outs of the real estate transaction the market where you want to buy or sell."



# THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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  - 95 "Othello" villain
  - 97 Suffragist — B. Wells
  - 98 Sun — -sen
  - 99 "Platoon" war zone
  - 100 Robed group
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  - 109 Product of alkalized cocoa powder
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  - 115 Bit of a giggle
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  - 119 Old Russian ruler
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  - 6 Tic — (some mints)
  - 7 Moral climate
  - 8 See
  - 13-Down
  - 9 Hot tub sigh
  - 10 Discourse
  - 11 Hall-of-Fame cager — Thomas
  - 12 ENIT or OB
  - 13 With
  - 8-Down, very shortly
  - 14 Auto garage squinter
  - 15 Brick dresser
  - 16 Like deluges
  - 17 Sear's shrine
  - 18 Fixate (on)
  - 24 German city
  - 25 Cato's 2,400
  - 31 Plenty
  - 33 Per unit
  - 35 Very little
  - 36 Having one flat, musically
  - 37 Beijing site
  - 38 Witch's work
  - 39 SAG- (performers' labor gp.)
  - 40 Neighbor of Nigeria
  - 41 Amp effect
  - 46 Barbara's collaborator
  - 47 West with one-liners
  - 48 Cheerful
  - 52 Pellets for air rifles
  - 53 Latte option
  - 54 Sports draw
  - 55 Raw metal
  - 57 "Definitely!"
  - 59 Ad add-on?
  - 60 Available
  - 62 100 yrs.
  - 64 To boot
  - 66 Mo. in fall
  - 70 Tolkien menaces
  - 71 — -jongg
  - 72 Prefix with brow
  - 73 Broadcast anew
  - 74 Test for college srs.
  - 75 A pair of
  - 76 "Whapi!"
  - 77 Not inclined to travel
  - 81 Forming a labor group
  - 82 Very thin material for book pages
  - 83 Loved ones
  - 85 Opportunity
  - 86 Old Texas siege site
  - 87 The "sum" of Descartes
  - 89 Anter pair
  - 90 Turkish VIP
  - 94 Increases
  - 96 Folkie Phil
  - 99 — degree
  - 101 Jimmy Buffett's "Ain't — Genius"
  - 102 Final: Abbr.
  - 103 Intuitive inkling
  - 104 With
  - 63-Across, floating freely on the ocean
  - 105 Soft leathers
  - 106 Real
  - 107 Word after party or film
  - 110 "No — español"
  - 111 Swindle
  - 112 "Levon" singer John
  - 117 Lot unit
  - 118 Very little bit
  - 120 Post-Q string
  - 123 Bi- plus one
  - 124 Idiot boxes
  - 125 Certain NCO
  - 126 Out — job
  - 127 Dollar div.



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

## SUDOKU

	3		2	6	9			7			
			1					4			
7		5		4				1			9
				2							
8		4		5				3			2
		7						6			
	1		3	8	7				2		

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	2	9	7	8	3	6	1	5
7	4	2	5	9	6	8	1	3
3	9	7	4	1	2	8	6	5
2	9	1	3	5	4	7	8	6
6	5	9	2	8	7	4	1	3
9	1	8	6	4	3	5	7	2
6	9	1	8	3	5	4	7	2
8	3	2	7	4	6	5	9	1
1	4	3	8	2	9	6	5	7

## GOLF WORD SEARCH

Z H V I V N A G I L L U M G F E R S H G  
 Y M K V N O E A N E V F F E R E D A P T  
 A H D R C V L I N L Z K S V V E Y C F F  
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 H E D N U Y N T L R U M R K T I K N W H  
 P Z D F D K B I A E I D G C F U P C A S K  
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 G G A E R A T I O N P I E H L R S M R A  
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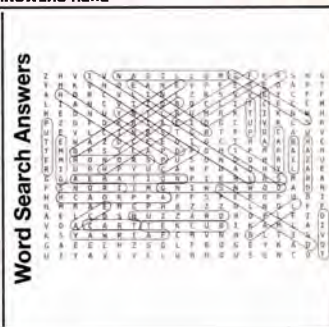
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 HONORS  
 INVITATIONAL  
 IRONS  
 MULLIGAN  
 PUTT  
 PUTTER  
 SHOT

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

**Crossword Answers**

ETD	BITESAT	IDIOM	TOO
AHT	ONATEAR	SONIA	ORB
RISER	CHIEF	SONALS	RAIS
SPAIS	ESCO	AMA	COERCIE
APSE	SWITCH	CHANNELS	
ATPEACE	ENID	HEN	ONES
FRENCH	CHEFS	MIX	JUT
TIA	HABA	EBAN	COGITO
RORY	DONHO	BEACH	CHAIR
ATSEA	NONOS	EAU	LEE
SITOM	ACH	GHURNING	
TBS	TRA	ATONE	DRUID
WATCH	CHAIN	TITARA	ENNE
OMAHA	S	LADS	TAGO
YAT	NAM	CHURCH	CHOIR
ASAN	ATM	GAL	KAHUNAS
DUTCH	CHOCOLATE	SNIP	
REHEAT	HEE	LAW	CZAR
I DO	BUTTERS	COTCH	CHIPS
FEM	LARVA	UPFORIT	NET
TSE	ALIST	PLANETS	GRU



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## RELIGION CALENDAR

### AUGUST CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Aug. 25-26  
**Location:** Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Trinity and Friends choir presents "Let's Go To The Movies." Tickets are \$12  
**Contact:** trinityinthewoods.org

### PRaise AND WORSHIP

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28  
**Location:** Open Arms Church, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The Beatenbos will minister  
**Contact:** 734-471-5282

### T-SHIRT COLLECTION

**Time/Date:** Through Sept. 15  
**Location:** Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The church is collecting T-shirts in bright colors for adults and youngsters in Zimbabwe. Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based charity, will send the donations to Africa next month. A donation box is accessible 24/7 and is stationed at the church's front door  
**Contact:** kenwoodchurch.org

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24  
**Location:** St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy  
**Details:** Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760 AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20  
**Contact:** 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org

### BIBLE STUDY

**Time/Date:** Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, from Sept. 8-May 11  
**Location:** Berkley Community Church 2855 Wiltshire, Berkley  
**Details:** This 30-week, in-depth, inter-denominational study of Romans is for women. Children's program also is available for youngsters through kindergarten. Register at 248-885-5718  
**Contact:** birminghamberkley.cbcsclass.org

### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16  
**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Cheek to Cheek sings pop-jazz and R&B duets. Get tickets at unityoflivonia.org  
**Contact:** 734-421-1760

### FAITH FORMATION

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24  
**Location:** St. Priscilla Parish activity center, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia  
**Details:** "Prayer: The Faith Prayed - Making Room For God," is the first of the parish's "Growing in Faith Together - Intergenerational Sessions" for 2016-17. A light meal will be provided. Free will donations will be accepted. RSVP by Sept. 16  
**Contact:** faithformation@saint-priscilla.org; 248-476-4700

### GRIEF SHARE

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org  
**Contact:** Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894

### MONEY MANAGEMENT

**Time/Date:** Noon, Sunday, Sept. 11  
**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Robert A. Finnigan, who has a background in fi-

nance and accounting, and who is a student of Unity teachings, will lead a personal finance workshop  
**Contact:** 734-421-1760; unityoflivonia.org

### PRAYER DAY

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20  
**Location:** Capuchin's St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit  
**Details:** A prayer service, with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir and the Dearing Dancers, will celebrate the International Day of Prayer for Peace. The theme is Let Peace Begin With Me and the featured speaker is Capuchin Friar Ray Stadmeier  
**Contact:** 313-579-2100; TheCapuchins.org

### RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 17  
**Location:** The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Specialty boutique, house wares / household electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Grand opening with 20 percent mark up is Sept. 14. Bag sale is Sept. 17  
**Contact:** 248-477-1410

### ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required  
**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancycelen879@att.net

### Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000  
**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniaist-michael.org.

### Faith Community Wesleyan

**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one  
**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476  
**St. Innocent Orthodox Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township  
**Details:** An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386  
**Contact:** facebook.com/stinno-cenredford

### EXERCISE

**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com  
**Contact:** 313-408-3364

### BARRY-SORBER

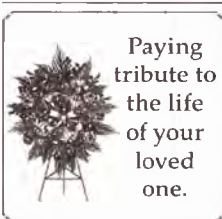


**LUZ ANGELINA (LUCHA)** August 20, 2016, Age 84. Dear Wife of Charles Sorber. Beloved Mother of Martha, Daniel (Kelly), Lucero (Steve) and the late Armando (Amy). Also predeceased by her loving Husband Daniel W. Barry. Proud Grandmother of Daniel, Louisa, Olivia, Louis, Naomi, Marcus and William. Special thanks and recognition to her caregivers "the Angels", Kristina Travis and Elecia Finley. Funeral Mass for our Dear Mamacita will be held Thursday 10:30 a.m. at Henry Ford Village Chapel 15101 Ford Rd., Dearborn with visiting beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
**www.mcfarlandfoss.com**

### BRYANT



**KAREN** beloved wife of Howard Bryant, passed away peacefully the morning of August 17th, 2016, after a battling a long illness. Born May 5th, 1943, in Detroit, Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Al and Eleanor Eagen, and a brother, Dennis. She is survived by her loving husband, Howard, and her sister, Debbie Eagen West. Karen graduated from the University of Michigan in 1965 majoring in Latin and history. After her graduation, Karen began a career in teaching at Mason Middle School in Waterford. She then moved to Troy Athens High School where she taught Government, and World, Ancient and American History. After earning her Masters in Library Science, she finished her 35 year teaching career as head librarian at Hill Elementary in Troy. She was also active in the Troy Education Association attending state and national conventions and serving on the Association negotiating team. Among her many interests, Karen was an avid reader, loved the theatre (even writing and directing all school plays) and was an adventurous traveler. Highlights of her early spirit in travel were a train trip to Pasadena for the 1965 Rose Bowl, and a two month tour of Europe with friends after graduation. She and Howard, her husband of 35 years, spent the last several years visiting historic sites throughout the United States, many Canadian provinces, the Caribbean and Mexico. Their winters were spent near the water in Bradenton, Florida. By far, the most important quality Karen possessed was a kind and gentle manner that knew no bounds. She was a warm, gracious and loving woman who opened her heart to everyone, and that love was returned to her in kind by everyone who knew her. She will be greatly missed. In lieu of a funeral service a memorial celebration for Karen will be held at a later date.



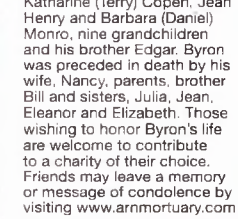
### CALECA

**MARY LOUISE** 64, went to be with her Lord Sunday, August 20 in West Bloomfield surrounded by her family. Born in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of the late Thomas Phillip Caleca and Louise Elizabeth (Nickola) Caleca. Mary graduated from St. John Vianney Catholic School and attended Mott Community College and University of Michigan, Flint. Mary's faith was a supremely integral part of her life and enjoyed sharing her deeply held beliefs to encourage others along their life's journey. To that end, she led weekly bible studies in her home and volunteered in many capacities in her local church and also abroad, helping to build churches in The Gambia. Born the second oldest of seven children, Mary was a natural at helping to raise children and excelled in the field of being a Professional Nanny for several families in Plymouth, MI and also Naples, FL. Mary loved entertaining and generously hosted holiday parties for her family and friends. Her passion for cooking and baking combined with her attention to detail left everyone feeling loved and catered to. Mary cherished being with her family and was always there to celebrate their successes. She will be remembered for her steadfast support and encouragement to all who knew her. Mary was preceded in death by her nephew, Jeffrey J. Haisha Jr., and is survived by her siblings, Pietro (Thess) Caleca, Rosina (Greg) Rorvik, James Caleca (Annmarie Mazzaresse), Therese (Vincent) Blood, Thomasina Rizk (Michael Dandy), and Valerie (Jeffrey) Haisha. Many nieces and nephews also survive. Gathering will be Saturday, August 27 from 10 a.m. until the time of her service at 12 noon at the Wessels and Wilk Funeral Home, 23690 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069. Family suggests donations to GKTW, Orlando, FL. <http://www.givekidstheworld.org>.  
**www.wesselsandwilk.com**

### ELLIS



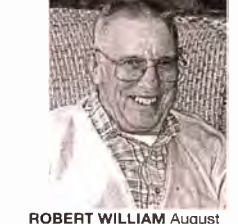
**BYRON EDWARD** Age 91, of Indianapolis, passed away on August 19, 2016. He was born on January 16, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan to Lockwood and Clara (Bourke) Ellis. Byron spent his youth in Birmingham, MI with his loving parents and six brothers and sisters. He served in the U.S. Army Airforce from 1943-1946 and the U.S. Army from 1950-1952. He received his B.A. from Michigan State College in 1950. Byron worked for the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, MI and Indianapolis, Indiana, retiring after 30 years of service. Byron was a licensed pilot and enjoyed flying small planes in Michigan and Indiana. Byron was a member of the United Methodist Church in Castleton, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, the American Legion, the Airplane Owners and Pilots Ass'n and the Experimental Aircraft Ass'n. Byron was devoted to his wife of 65 years, Nancy Pauline DeLee Ellis, and to his six children. Byron is survived by his children: James (Barbara), Richard (Nancy), Charles (Susan), Katharine (Terry) Copen, Jean Henry and Barbara (Daniel) Monro, nine grandchildren and his brother Edgar. Byron was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, parents, brother Bill and sisters, Julia, Jean, Eleanor and Elizabeth. Those wishing to honor Byron's life are welcome to contribute to a charity of their choice. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting [www.armortuary.com](http://www.armortuary.com)



### LASHER

**BEVERLY J.** Died August 18, 2016, in her home at the Bay Club of The Cypress on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, formerly of Herring Gull Lane. She was born April 26, 1927 in Port Huron, Michigan, the daughter of Carl H. Lasher and Lillian Moak Lasher. She attended Port Huron Schools and the University of Michigan. Go Blue! She was employed at the Kresge Eye Institute and later owned Postal Instant Press, a printing company in Birmingham, Michigan. She is survived by her longtime friend, Arlene E. Stearns; her niece, Julie West Moulds (Kris); and nephews, Judge Michael L. West (Kim), Thomas R. West (Pam), and Richard C. West (Angie); several great-nieces and great-nephews; and friends, Thomas K. Anderson, Marysville, MI, Debbie Dyckman, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Bitsy Peffer, Spokane, Washington. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Catherine Lasher West (Francis). A memorial gathering will be held September 10, 2016, 4:00 p.m. at The Cypress on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The Island Funeral Home and Crematory.  
**theislandfuneralhome.com**

### LEMON



**ROBERT WILLIAM** August 21, 2016, Age 92. Beloved husband of the late Audrey C. Lemon. Loving mother of Kathleen (Bob) Pawlik; Robin (Jack) McKenzie; Thom (Shirley) Lemon and Dawn Lemon (David Richardson). Grandfather to 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Lee and Pearl Lemon, his sister Alice (Lowell) Garnsey and his brothers Lyle and Leonard Lemon. Survived by his sisters-in-law Jean Lemon and Frances Herbert and many nieces and nephews. Visitation 4-8 p.m. Thursday, August 25th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Funeral 11 a.m. Friday, August 26th at the funeral home. Memorial contributions suggested to Lawrence Technological University or Michigan United Conservation Clubs.  
**www.thayer-rock.com**

### TALBURTT

**BARBARA F.** passed peacefully on August 6, 2016 at the age of 95. While her family members grieve their loss, she leaves us with valued lessons about the importance of education, compassion, service to others and social justice. Barbara was a WAVE in World War II, a social worker, a League of Women Voters volunteer and a lifelong advocate for children. She will be deeply missed, but her legacy lives on through her three children and their spouses, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A private memorial service is planned.



### TRAINOR



**MICHELLE R. "SHELLEY"** Of Novi. Age 47, after a 10 month battle with ovarian cancer, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on August 22, 2016. Shelley is survived by her husband, Chris; her three children, Jack (17), Jeffrey (15), and Lauren (12); mother, Nancy Foley; brother, Todd Foley, (Maylanie); niece, Celia; Uncle, Ron Sossi; father, Tim Foley (Amy); half-sisters, Sydney and Claire Foley; father-in-law, John Trainor; mother-in-law, Daniel Trainor (Claudia Berg); niece, Alexis and nephew Ryan. Shelley graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School and earned a BS, Family and Community Services - Child Services from Michigan State University. She was a proud sister of the Delta Gamma Sorority at Michigan State University. After college, Shelley worked in the fields of early childhood education, provided childcare and eldercare benefits to local companies, and supported efforts to prevent drug and alcohol abuse for teens. Recently, Shelley worked in the Novi Community School district as a special education paraprofessional. Shelley loved being a mother and was very active in her kids' lives and was also a big supporter of the Island Lake of Novi Community where the family lives. She was an advocate for always helping others in need as she promoted anti-bullying efforts with Kids Empowered and she was also a board member of the Congregation of Every 1, a nonprofit charitable organization based in Novi. Her charity, volunteerism and leadership are a lasting memory for all and she will be deeply missed by many. In lieu of flowers and other gifts, the family has requested that donations be made to Kenya Relief, a nonprofit charitable organization that was very special to Shelley after she traveled to Africa on a humanitarian mission. Please visit kenyalrelief.org for more information. Use the drop-down menu to select "Other" and type "Shelley" to make contributions in her name. Memorial service will be 7 p.m. Friday, August 26, 2016 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI, 248-348-1800. Family will receive friends 1-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.



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## 2016 SCHEDULES



**FRANKLIN  
HIGH  
SCHOOL**

8/25/2016	7:00 PM	AWAY	Livonia Stevenson
9/1/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	Waterford Kettering
9/9/2016	7:00 PM	AWAY	Pinckney
9/16/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	Canton
9/23/2016	7:00 PM	AWAY	Wayne Memorial
9/30/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	Westland John Glenn
10/7/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	Livonia Churchill
10/15/2016	7:00 PM	AWAY	Plymouth
10/21/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	KLAA X-Over (TBD)

## 2016 SCHEDULES



**LIVONIA  
CHURCHILL  
HIGH  
SCHOOL**

8/26/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	Monroe
9/1/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	Livonia Stevenson
9/9/2019	7:00 PM	AWAY	Howell
9/16/2016	7:00 PM	AWAY	Plymouth
9/23/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	Westland John Glenn
9/30/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	Canton
10/7/2016	7:00 PM	AWAY	Livonia Franklin
10/14/2016	7:00 PM	HOME	Wayne Memorial
10/21/2016	7:00 PM	AWAY	KLAA Crossover To Be Determined



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## 2016 SCHEDULES



### CLARENCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, Aug. 26 @ Macomb Lutheran North	away	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 2 vs. Redford Union	home	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 9 @ Dearborn Heights Annapolis	home	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 16 vs. Romulus	away	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 23 @ Dearborn Edsel Ford	home	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 30 vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood	away	7:00 PM
Friday, Oct. 7 @ Dearborn	home	7:00 PM
Friday, Oct. 14 vs. Dearborn Heights Robichaud	away	7:00 PM
Friday, Oct. 21 vs. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood	away	7:00 PM



### STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, Aug. 25 vs. Livonia Franklin	away	7:00 PM
Thursday, Sept. 1 @ Livonia Churchill	home	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 9 @ Walled Lake Northern	away	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 16 vs. South Lyon	away	7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 23 @ Salem	home	6:30 PM
Friday, Sept. 30 @ Novi	home	7:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 7 vs. Northville	away	7:00 PM
Friday, Oct. 14 @ South Lyon East	home	7:00 PM
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