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Anti-blight efforts effective in Norwayne

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As the city acquires another eight blighted houses in Norwayne for demolition, efforts to make that neighborhood a community of choice seem to be working.

"For the first time in my eight years with the city, people are calling to ask for numbers for rentals in Norwayne," Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said. "That's really great." Along with the eight fore-closed, blighted homes in Nor-

wayne slated for demolition, an additional Norwayne home and three homes in other parts of Westland were acquired for rehabilitation. The goal is to eliminate blighted housing stock and also reduce the high density of the neighborhood. "We are definitely seeing an

impact. Most importantly, our occupancy rate during the recession was 40 percent vacant," Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said. "Now the vacancy rate is 5 percent. We have fewer vagrants because there are fewer buildings to

squat in." Working with funds from various federal programs, including Neighborhood Stabilization and Community Development Block Grant, has acquired and demolished 93

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Former rec center employee Ron Hays shoots hoops at the HYPE/Wayne facility. He's there every day, since 1974. He says "Nobody has been in this building more than me."

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HYPE REC CENTER STRONG 1 YEAR INTO NEW MANAGEMENT

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The former Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, is under new management, now the HYPE Recreation Center. HYPE stands for Helping Youth Progress and Excel, said Brian Haddad, facility manager for the center in Wayne. HYPE also operates the HYPE

Recreation Center on Warren in Dearborn Heights. Cost issues for the city of Wayne and Westland prompted HYPE coming in as a private firm to run the Wayne center, which took place Aug. 17, 2015. "We have done some building improvements," Haddad said. Those include the former ice arena becoming three basketball courts.

"Hockey's just too expensive of a sport nowadays," he said. "We are pretty busy almost every evening with basketball." For HYPE, people pay a membership, with no difference in cost on residency to belong. The building on Howe also changed to LED lights in the past year for energy savings. It has a connected leisure pool

and lap pool of 240,000 gallons. The pool didn't really need an upgrade, just cleaning, Haddad said. That was true of much of the building, which was structurally sound. Its first phase was built in 1974. "We just came in and did a lot of cleaning for two and

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Drivers get northbound I-275 back

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It's almost there. The Michigan Department of Transportation says it expected northbound Interstate 275 through Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi to reopen sometime before Wednesday's commute. MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said external conditions, such as rainfall, could delay some of the work, but contractor Toebe Construction was set to reopen the freeway before Wednesday's commute. "We're close," she said Monday morning. "We've very, very, very close to open the freeway." Northbound I-275 from Five Mile to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange has remained closed since July 5 for work, days after southbound reopened for its portion of construction. The work, totaling about \$75 million, has consisted of new concrete along the road, along with improvements to bridges, ramps and roadway technology systems.

Cross said the Wixom-based contractor was expected to give MDOT eight hours notice so preparation can be done to reopen the freeway and alert the public. After I-275 reopens, intermittent lane closures will most likely take place along the freeway in order to take care of other work needed to be done, Cross said. An announcement that the freeway would reopen came Tuesday night. Cross said MDOT is pleased the work is finally wrapping up, knowing it's caused headaches for the hundreds of thousands of drivers its displaced over the summer. The project comes with a five-year warranty, the maximum the state is able to get for such work.

She said because of limitations by the insurance companies involved, five years is the maximum length most companies will offer warranties for. "There's no insurance company that will do more than a five-year warranty," she said. While I-275 opening this week, there will still be work and closures up in the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange. The current closures include southbound M-5 to I-696 and M-5 eastbound, which will remain until mid-September, Cross said. Other work, such as additional guardrails and other improvements, will also be added. "The freeway portion will be open, but there is still plenty of work to do," she said.

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Trump supporters rally at major area intersection

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Rob Costis and his family have one of the most recognizable vehicles seen in Livonia: the self-proclaimed "Trumpmobile." The Livonia resident and his extended family have donned massive signs all over an RV and on another truck in support of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. Those vehicles were on display Tuesday afternoon during a demonstration for Trump at Eight Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township.

"As soon as Donald Trump ran, we said, 'We need to do something to support him,'" he said. "So we started with the back of the camper and then we went up north camping and people were beeping the horns and wanting to take pictures. We just decided to do the front." Costis was one of about 100 people who attended the event, which was coordinated at sites all across the state by the Michigan Conservative Coalition. Supporters stood in front of the Meijer gas station near the



There were lots of signs at the Trump rally showing support for the GOP Presidential nominee and also their lack of interest in the Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

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Jennifer Lord, of Pitt McGehee Palmer & Rivers, has been named by Michigan Lawyers Weekly as one of its "2016 Women in the Law."

Lord, a partner with the firm and West Bloomfield resident, focuses her practice on all forms of workplace discrimination, breach of contract, Family and Medical Leave Act, whistleblower issues, C-level severance negotiations and class actions.

She is currently representing thousands of

Michigan citizens in a class action lawsuit against the state of Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency. The lawsuit, filed last year in Michigan Court of Claims, alleges the state made unconstitutional fraud accusations against unemployment claimants based on determinations made by a suspect computer program. The lawsuit also seeks restitution for claimants who were illegally assessed huge penalties, had wages garnished and tax returns seized by the state.

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Lord

HYPE

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a half weeks" before opening, Haddad said. "It's geared more for families," he said, noting kids must be at least 12 to join on their own. Basketball leagues for kids and adults are popular, as is a workout class, water aerobics and regular aerobics.

HYPE will soon offer free academic tutoring for students and also has run a summer day camp, Haddad added. Banquet rooms are rented for meetings, weddings and showers, and get "very good use," he said. He described the city partnerships as "very good." For marketing, HYPE uses Facebook, www.hypeathletics.org, Twitter, Instagram, and program booklets that go out to schools.

"We have done very well. We're not rolling in dollar bills or anything," Haddad said. "Every day's a new day."

They like to add programs based on community suggestions.

"We want to grow in our memberships," said Haddad, which now stand around 1,800 for Wayne.

With the closing and tearing down of Bailey Center on Ford Road further north in West-



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Morning at the rec center.

land, some have asked for recreation in that part of town. "I haven't heard that,"

Haddad said of HYPE members. "We get people from all over." That includes Canton,

Westland and Ypsilanti. Haddad knows a Pinckney member who joined because he works nearby.

"Our membership is pretty diverse when it comes to where they live," Haddad said.

The HYPE Recreation Center at 4635 Howe Road is at 734-721-7400.

The City of Westland and the Wayne/Westland Parks and Recreation Department are surveying Westland residents on parks and recreation needs. PB & A Marketplace has assisted the city in conducting an intelligence survey through phone polling. The survey was also available to complete online July 14 through the last day in August. Paper copies of the survey were also available at all city buildings.

The survey asked residents about their opinions on the convenience and usefulness of adding recreational facilities as well as specific programming and the costs associated, according to a city press release. The department will take the information obtained through the survey into consideration when planning upcoming recreation plans, the release says.

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BLIGHT

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blighted, foreclosed homes over several years. The majority of the demolished homes were in Norwayne.

The eight buildings acquired for demolition are: 31631-33 Grand Traverse; 31803-05 Bay; 32007 Cheboygan; 32864-66 Mecosta; 33016-18 Akron; 33307-09 Belding; 2017-19-21-23 Elbridge; and 2203-05-07-09 Emer-

"We are definitely seeing an impact. Most importantly, our occupancy rate during the recession was 40 percent vacant,"

JOANNE CAMPBELL
Westland Community Development director

son. The acquisitions were funded by the CDBG funds.

Acquired for rehabilitation were: 32307 Ogemaw; 30842 Mackenzie; 38479 Meghan; and 35807 Somerset. The latter three were purchased

using proceeds from the sale of previously rehabilitated houses in the program.

"The number of foreclosures is down. There were 50 this year. It was 80 last year, 90 the year before and a 100 the year

before that," Campbell said.

The city's focus on improving Norwayne has spurred homeowners and landlords to fix up their properties, too, she said.

A historic neighborhood developed for World War II workers at Willow Run, Norwayne will be celebrating its 75 anniversary next year.

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Celebrate what's great at Michigan State Fair

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Get ready for a bigger and better state fair. The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair kicks off next Thursday, running Sept. 1-5, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"We've added more since last year. We continue to build every year," executive director Steve Masters said. "We have one of the largest carnival midways in the state and the largest in metro Detroit for Labor Day weekend. We are opening Thursday to accommodate all the people who may be heading out of town for the holiday weekend."

With good weather, Masters hopes to have fair attendance top 110,000 for the weekend. In a cool twist this year, one-third of the fair is indoors in air-conditioning.

Besides 50 carnival rides spread over two midways, the fair features the traditional agricultural exhibits, with about 1,000 livestock — a 20-percent increase over 2015 — and favorites such as racing pigs and a "Beginning of Life" baby animals exhibit.

In the equestrian pavilion, there will be a variety of classes and competitions, including English, Western, barrel racing and reining. Education abounds with "Farmer for a Day" and MSU Extension offering expertise in areas including not only agriculture, but also health and nutrition, gardening, personal finance and 4-H youth development. Hands-on learning includes an archery station.

Kid focus

The Michigan State Fair also wants to encourage putting books in the hands of kids, as well and will host a special appearance Sept. 1 by Jonathan Rand, author of the Michigan Chillers and American Chillers children's book series. Rand will be the first of several Michigan authors at the fair over the weekend, meeting readers of all ages. The fair will also display local artist-decorated Little Free Libraries that will be installed this fall at urban gardens in Detroit stocked with books. "Every year, we're



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Hundreds of visitors enjoy an afternoon showing of the Shriners Circus at the Suburban Collection Showplace during the Michigan State Fair.



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This year's midway at the Michigan State Fair was expanded.



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A sow and her piglets take a nap together in the exhibition hall of the Michigan State Fair.



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

adding new events," Masters said. "The little library project is new in the literacy area. We are really storytellers. We are a place for people to tell all their Michigan stories and celebrate all the great things about our wonderful state."

Contests are a big draw at the fair and range from the cute diaper derby baby crawling races to the delicious pasta and coney-eating competitions to the skill-testing hula hooping and the out-of-the-ice-box frozen T-shirt unraveling. Entertainment will shine throughout the five days of the fair, with performances under three big Detroit Shrine Circus tents, including a tiger act, the Flying Walendas, the Liberty horses and the popular Shrine clowns.

Music to my ears

Musical acts include 15 Superstar Contest semifinalists representing various genres, competing for prizes and performing Thursday and Friday evenings. Five finalists will per-

form for the judges Sept. 3, before a grand prize winner and runner-up will headline the fair Sept. 4.

The Michigan Music Mega Jam returns 1-4 p.m. Sept. 5 and will feature a state all-star revue, including natives Thoretta Davis, Jill Jack, Sean Blackman, Brandon Calhoun, locals and former Superstar grand prize winners Alison Albrecht and Carly Bins.

The Accidentals will be the final performers of the fair, taking the stage following the Mega Jam. With Northville native Michael Dause on drums, the folk band will perform hits, including "Michigan and Again," their new release, which will also be the common song performed by Superstar finalists.

Also Labor Day, the last day of fair, the second annual Michigan State Fair Parade commences at 10 a.m. with 300 Shriners and their parade units in attendance, rain or shine. The parade marches two miles, from Novi High School down Taft Road to

Grand River, up to the east main entrance to the fair at Suburban Collection Showplace.

Tickets for the Michigan State Fair and information on the event, as well as discounts,

including free fair only admission for senior citizens 62 and older Sept. 1, are available at www.michiganstatefairllc.com. Tickets are also available at all south-east Michigan Kroger

stores. The Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River, Novi.

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Interest income			(25,877)
Other			\$ 1,282,751
Total revenues			
B. Bond reserve			
None			
C. Expenditures			
Community and Economic Development		\$ 967,424	
Capital outlay		4,482	
Debt service:			
Interest		88,372	
Principal		317,293	
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D. Outstanding bonded indebtedness (Plan 1)			
Principal		\$ 3,024,602	
Interest		\$ 470,782	
E. Initial Assessed Value		\$104,150,761	
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Ex-cop to serve up to 7 years for child porn, other charges

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For 20 years, he enforced the law in Farmington Hills. He's now headed to prison for up to seven years, for possessing child pornography and secretly photographing his friend's 20-year-old daughter with a camera disguised as a clock hung on the bathroom wall.

Matthew Parsons, 48, a Farmington Hills ex-cop, expressed remorse for his actions Wednesday in Oakland County Circuit Court, prior to Judge Nanci Grant handing down his sentence. While his attorney, Douglas Gutscher, had told the court that Parsons suffers from mental health issues, Parsons said that was no excuse for his actions. He also requested a sentence not to exceed 12 months.



Matthew Parsons, a Farmington Hills ex-cop, was sentenced Aug. 24 for possessing child porn and secretly photographing an unclothed person.

"I'm not trying to blame anything on any mental health issues and I'm pleading with the court to help me move forward from this," Parsons said. "At the present time, anything over 12 months is not going to allow me to move forward and seek the help that I think I need, that I agree I need ... I'm very sorry for everything I did."

Parsons was arrested in May following an investigation by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. He initially faced 13 counts of computer and sex-related crimes for allegedly using his personal electronic devices to possess child pornography and secretly photograph an unclothed person.

At the time of his arrest he was reportedly renting the basement of a friend's Waterford home. It was there that he reportedly hung a camera resembling a clock in the bathroom, secretly recording the friend's daughter during her visits.

In a deal made with the Attorney General's Office, all but

three charges were dropped in exchange for him pleading guilty to possession of child sexually abusive material, using a computer to commit a crime and recording an unclothed person. Sentences for the three ranged from 1-4 years to 1-7 years, to be served concurrently.

As part of his plea, Parsons must register as a sex offender for 15 years and can never again serve as a police officer in Michigan.

"I'm glad the chapter is over and justice was done," Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said.

Nebus noted that Parsons never used the police department's equipment to commit the crimes, and none occurred while Parsons was on the job.

He also reminds residents that he and the rest of the department "cooperated fully" with the Attorney General's

investigation, working hand-in-hand with them.

"And I speak for myself and all the men and women in the Farmington Hills Police Department that (Parson's criminal acts) are not reflective of the department," he said.

Grant called it "a very sad case," noting that police officers and others in "positions of trust ... are held to a higher standard, whether anyone thinks it's fair or unfair."

She also discounted any thought that what Parson's did was a victimless crime.

"It's not victimless, because somebody is being exploited," Grant said. "If people weren't looking for and downloading (child pornography), there would be no market."

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Entertainment venues present firefighting challenges

This is a tough topic to cover, as we often look forward to large-scale events that need the large venues to accommodate. Looking back in history, there was a fire at the Iriquois Theatre in Chicago in 1903 that killed 603 people in a matinee performance at the newly opened theater.

In Hartford, Conn., the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus came into town on a hot July day in 1944. That fire that started under the big top killed 167 people who were out for an afternoon of entertainment. In Bradford, England, an outdoor soccer stadium had a fire start under the bleacher seating, killing 56 people.

These fires illustrate the point that safety must be a key consideration when heading out to a venue of this size.

Most people are quite familiar with the main entrance they entered through, and they make a mental note of where it is located since they plan to use the same doors when leaving. This can become a problem in a fire situation, where a fast-growing fire pushes crowds to the exit as quickly as possible.

This can often be faster than the exit will allow, leading to delays in evacuation. The Station nightclub in Rhode Island had a fire start on the main stage when a band lit their pyrotechnics off, igniting the soundproofing material. Many of the patrons headed toward the main entrance, resulting in the delay of the building's evacuation.

It is interesting to note that majority of the 100 fire deaths from that event were presumed to have passed by a less crowded exit to get to the main entrance/exit ... because that was the same location they used to enter the nightclub just minutes before.

Look around and locate all of the exits near your seat the next time you are at a large



Shadd Whitehead
GUEST COLUMNIST

event. The main entrance you used to enter can be one to consider, but look around you. There is a good chance you may find exits that are closer. Look in both directions, as the event causing evacuation may be to either side of you, so you may be forced to exit in a different direction. Avoid following the crowd and stick with your plan if you had already looked around and put a plan in your mind.

Many people consider these large venues to be fully protected by fire suppression systems. While this may be true for most newer structures, many of the older buildings were built before suppression systems were a part of the code, and can continue to operate without them.

Do not block doors open on your way out. You may consider this to be a time-saving move for those who may be behind you, but the fresh air allows for rapid spread of fire into the burning area with plenty of oxygen available.

Fire extinguishers should be conspicuously marked and easily accessible. Remember that portable fire extinguishers are designed for occupant use, to control or extinguish small fires. If you think the fire is beyond the scope of a fire extinguisher, pass it by. You may find pull alarms on your way outside. If so, pull them to alert firefighters so they can begin their response.

Large venue events can be fun and exciting. Just take a few minutes to make sure that you are safe during the performance.

Shadd Whitehead is the fire chief for the City of Livonia Fire Department.

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The Batmobile got a lot of attention at the Hines cruise.



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Ken Halloway of Garden City takes care of his '65 Corvette.



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The sixth annual Cruisin' Hines rolling car show drew thousands of people who came to see and show off their rides in the Hines Drive classic car show.



TOM BEAUDOIN

The cruise featured cars 25 years old or older.

Diane Gale Andreassi
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The sixth annual Cruisin' Hines rolling car show ran smoothly with only a couple of bumps in the road.

"This was the best year we've had. We had the least amount of issues and I'm looking forward to lucky seven next year," said event promoter Don Nicholson, of Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC.

Thousands of people came to see and show off their rides in the Hines Drive classic car show featuring vehicles 25 years and older in the park setting.

If you missed the classic car show Aug. 28, look for another glimpse of vehicles from days gone by at Motor City Casino. Leake Auction, a classic car auction company, was featured at the Cruisin' Hines event and spokespeople announced it would bring 300 classic cars, all valued at \$25,000 or more, to the casino Sept. 9-10.

"We were happy to introduce them to the car community," Nicholson said.

Foggy weather at Cruisin' Hines might have deterred some classic car owners from bringing their vehicles out, Nicholson said, adding that he can't say exactly how many, but he knows the car count was down from last year.

Another factor for the lower count, "was the fact that we cut back in not allowing newer cars," he added. "Some people want us to open the doors and let everyone in, but if we do that Hines would become a parking lot."

Another disappointment came when it was discovered that an \$800 Cruisin' Hines banner was taken from an overpass on Merriman Road. The mammoth street sign has promoted the event the last six years.

Cruisin' Hines sponsors and supporters were Wayne County Parks, WOMC Radio, MotorCities National Heritage Area, Pure Michigan, Detroit Visitors and Convention Bureau, Leake Auction, Gateway Classics, UAW 1a, Best Western Livonia, Hagerty Insurance and Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Pat Radtke and her boyfriend Dwayne Skrobot of Westland sit in the shade as they enjoy the cruise.



TOM BEAUDOIN

The Monkeemobile was one of several TV-show vehicles in the cruise.



TOM BEAUDOIN

This pint-sized entry was a mega hit.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Livonia residents Tom Lamble and his daughter Monica take in the sights at the Cruisin' Hines event.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Farmington Hills residents Bob and Ann Harri sit with their 1965 Mustang.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Wally Sparks of Livonia and his sister Lori Schroeder, who came from Florida for the event, watch as the cars cruise through Hines Park.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Garden City resident Scott Riste sits with his 1970 AMX as he watches classic cars drive by.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Brighton residents Dave and Eleanor Parker sit with their '69 Camaro.

Champps restaurant closes over the weekend

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Those who frequented Champps in Livonia will need to find a new location to hang out this football season.

That's because the restaurant, located at 19470 Haggerty, in front of the AMC 20 theater complex, closed its doors.

"Thank you for partying with us," a sign affixed on the doors to the restaurant Tuesday morning read. "Our location has closed. We appreciate your support over the years."

Several tables were standing on the sidewalk outside of the building Tuesday morning, as well as a large dumpster on

the south side of the property.

The restaurant, which has been in Livonia since that complex opened, closed over the weekend, along with many others across the nation. The parent company of Champps, Last Gurantor, LLC, filed for bankruptcy earlier this summer.

A message was left with Champps, which is based in Dallas, Tuesday afternoon. An employee who answered the phone there said more than a dozen restaurants were closed over the weekend.

The only other Champps open in the area is the one at 7410 Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield, just north of Farmington Hills. An employee who



The Champps restaurant on Haggerty in Livonia closed over the weekend.

answered the phone there Tuesday said they were the only Champps that remained open in the area. Another Champps location on Big Beaver is also closed. The phone at the Troy location just

kept ringing when called Tuesday afternoon.

In addition to Champps, other restaurants owned by the company shuttered their doors over the weekend, including Bailey's in

Canton.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said the closure came as a surprise to him, but he knows another business can come in and succeed at the site.

"We had heard the ownership was having some financial troubles, but it was still a surprise to hear they were closing. That Haggerty Road corridor is a premier area for dining and this area has more development in the works," he said. "We expect someone to take over the Champps site and have a good opportunity for success."

This is the second major chain restaurant to suddenly shutter its

doors in Livonia this year: Max and Erma's in Laurel Park Place Mall closed its doors without warning back in January.

Barb Gamber, the economic development coordinator at the city of Livonia, said she was surprised to hear about the closing. She said she drove by the restaurant earlier in the week and saw chairs outside. She said she originally thought they may have been doing some remodeling.

"We find out in the press just like everybody else does," she said.

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Plymouth Absopure donates water to Flint

Absopure, a Plymouth-based provider of quality, bottled natural spring water, will continue its water donation to the city of Flint by providing 8,500 gallons of free bottled water to the HealthPlus Crim Festival of Races for the 40th anniversary race on Saturday, Aug. 27.

"A supporter of community initiatives throughout the Midwest, Absopure has been proudly providing the Crim with bottled water at the start and finish lines, as well as the festival area, for many years. With ongoing water concerns in Flint, we knew we were uniquely suited to support the Crim in a bigger way," said Frank Zolenski, marketing director.

In previous years, Crim organizers were able to source water for

hydration stations along the course from Flint's fire hydrants, which are directly connected to the city's water supply. In need of a new water source due to quality concerns, long-time Crim water donor, Absopure, coordinated to have two semi-trucks filled with one-gallon jugs of water delivered to Flint in advance of the race. The water, which is equivalent to 200,000 cups, will then be dispersed to each aid station along the race course using 16 U-Haul trucks to ensure enough water is on-hand for runners throughout the day. Any water not consumed during the race will be donated to the greater Flint community to further provide assistance to those in need.

"We did not want Flint's current water situation to concern par-



Absopure in Plymouth has donated 8,500 gallons of free bottled water to the HealthPlus Crim Festival of Race in Flint.

ticipants and supporters, or overshadow the hard work and dedication these runners, organizers and city officials put into preparing for the Crim," said Zolenski. "By donating the additional water needed, we are

putting the focus back on the runners and making sure they are properly hydrated for a stellar race-day performance."

"The health and safety of all Crim participants is our top priority, and we do not want to take

any risks with the water we provide," said Crim Fitness Foundation Race Director Andrew Younger. "Thankfully, Absopure has once again generously stepped up to provide all the water needed, before, during

and after the races. It's that kind of commitment to the community, when companies like Absopure volunteer to help create a great experience, that makes the Crim such a special event for the entire area."

Absopure's Crim donation is the latest in the company's ongoing support of the City of Flint and its residents. Since the water crisis began, Absopure has partnered with a number of local organizations, including the Flint Food Bank, local grocery stores and the Jay Towers Water Drive, to donate more than 35,000 gallons of bottled water to residents in need throughout the city.

For more information about Absopure and its involvement with the Crim, visit www.absopure.com/blog.



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Community Choice launches new grant program

Community Choice Credit Union is issuing its first open request for grant applications through the Community Choice Foundation.

Each quarter the Foundation will award a grant of up to \$3,000 to a nonprofit in Michigan.

Nonprofits must be located in Michigan and address one of the Foun-

ation's four priority areas: health and human services, projects or programs that address the physical and or mental well-being of children and adults; capacity building, which would support staff or board trainings, financial audits or strategic planning; basic needs, for organizations who pro-

vide food and shelter for the most vulnerable residents of Michigan; and neighborhood safety/community development, which would support organizations who are fighting blight and beautifying their communities. Eligible organizations must also have their own 501(c)3 legal status.

Scam artists make use of new technology

When it comes to writing a personal financial column, I believe one of the most important things is to keep people informed about scams that attempt to separate them from their hard-earned money. With technology and the advent of the Internet, the number of scams has been increasing dramatically. That's why I want to devote time to those scams. It's important to realize that, in today's world, these scams impact everyone: the rich, the poor, old, young, the educated, the uneducated and everyone in between. The bottom line, scams affect everyone.

A scam that has been around for the last decade has taken off the last few years. This is ATM skimming which, according to recent reports, the number of people affected has increased by well over 500 percent in the last few years. ATM skimming is when a criminal attaches an illegal card reading device on an ATM machine, a gas pump or other public-area machines that process debit cards. When you put your card into one of these machines, they skim the information stored on the magnetic strip. In addition, through the use of a hidden camera when you use the ATM, they are able to capture your PIN number as well. With your PIN, along with the



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

information on the magnetic strip, they can either make a duplicate of your card and go to town on your dime or they can sell your information on the black market.

The crooks know that it is very difficult to determine whether the ATM we are using has a skimmer attached to it. That being said, there are some things that you can do to lessen the risk. The first is to be cautious about what ATM you use. Preferably, the ATM you should use is your bank's. Not only are the security procedures better at banks, but also you can save on ATM fees by using your own bank's machine. I recommend that you avoid the ATMs that you find at places such as gas stations, party stores and bars. These machines have a higher likelihood of being tampered with and should be avoided. In addition, you want to avoid any ATM that appears to have been tampered with. If something just doesn't seem right, such as the card reader being loose, walk away.

When you use an ATM or any charge card machine where you have to enter your password, you should make sure that you keep one hand over

the touch pad so a camera can't see your PIN as you enter it. By protecting your PIN, the crooks will not be able to access your account.

Lastly, you want to make sure of is that you monitor your bank account for unauthorized withdrawals. You have protection under the law, but it is up to you to monitor your account and to timely notify your financial institution of a breach. Most banks and financial institutions will send out alerts when your account is accessed. If your financial institution offers this, it's a good idea to sign up.

Technology was supposed to make our lives easier and, in many ways, it has. There is the other side of the coin and that is technology has allowed for a new generation of crooks to use more and more sophisticated ways of stealing from us. I wish there was a 100-percent way to avoid scams, but there isn't. That's why it is always important that we keep our eyes and ears open, monitor our accounts and put up enough speed bumps to reduce the likelihood that we will be scammed.

Good luck!

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Donald Trump supporters take to the northwestern corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty on Aug. 30 to show their support for the Republican Party presidential hopeful.



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Rob Costis, owner of the "Trump Mobile" stands outside his RV with a cut-out of Donald Trump during the Aug. 30 rally.

RALLY

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intersection where Northville Township, Novi and Farmington Hills meet, holding signs, flags and even a life-size cardboard cutout of the candidate himself, supplied by none other than Costis himself.

The event was a success, said Tami Carlone, a Novi resident who sits on the board of the Michigan Conservative Coalition. She said another coordinated event like Tuesday's will take place again sometime closer to the election. Many motorists driving by honked in support of the group, with some got into shouting matches with others.

She said a lot of work needs to be done if Trump is to win Michigan's 16 electoral votes over Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. "There's so much work to be done to turn Michigan red," she said. "We need to get the message out. It's our job to do that."

Michigan has not awarded its electoral college votes to a Republican since George H.W. Bush won them in 1988.

Novi resident Rick Watkins said he attended the campaign event earlier this summer held at the Suburban Collection Showcase that featured Trump's



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Laurie Abney, a Commerce Township resident, shows her support for Donald Trump on Aug. 30 at Eight Mile and Haggerty.

vice presidential candidate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, and enjoyed what he heard. He said he was a Republican until 2012, when he became an independent.

He said he still is an independent, but supports Trump this time around.

"I think Donald Trump's going to do great," he said. "I'm

very confident that he's going to do good things for America and he will do it. He's not going to be like all the other Republican politicians I voted for and stood me up."

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The rally got underway around 4 p.m. Aug. 30.

**CITY OF LIVONIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 19.08 of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, and having received an appeal from a determination made on **June 28, 2016** by the **Planning Commission** in its resolution **#06-69-2016**, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the City Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

Appeal of the denial of the Planning Commission regarding Petition 2016-04-02-07 submitted by Laurel Park Retail Properties, L.L.C., requesting waiver approval to construct and operate a freestanding full service restaurant with drive-up window facilities (Panera Bread) within the parking lot of the Laurel Park Place shopping center located on the north side of Six Mile Road between Newburgh Road and I-275/96 Expressway (37700 Six Mile Road), in the Southeast ¼ of Section 7.

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OUR VIEW

Back to school: safety is paramount

It's a new school year and it's hard to say who is more excited — the kids who get to see classmates after the summer break and meet their new teachers or the parents who are probably celebrating the fact that the kids are out of their hair.

Whatever the case, it's a busy time in neighborhoods and around schools, with an increase in foot and motor traffic. Drivers play an important role in safety near schools at this busy time of the year. Getting the kids into a routine takes time and can leave parents rushing to get them to school on time. A driver in a hurry can lead to unsafe conditions for students and others walking, bicycling and driving in the area.

According to the National Safety Council, drivers should always:

» Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits, both in school zones and in neighborhoods surrounding the school.

» Comply with local school drop-off and pickup procedures for the safety of all children accessing the school.

» Avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks to let children out of the car. Double parking

blocks visibility for other children and motorists.

» Avoid loading or unloading children at locations across the street from the school. That forces youngsters to cross busy streets unnecessarily — often mid-block rather than at a crosswalk.

» Watch for children walking or biking to school when backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage.

Another thing drivers need to be cognizant of is the school bus. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walking to school. However, the reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers.

Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, ages 4-7, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For that reason, drivers need to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses.

Every state has a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert mo-

torists that they are preparing to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

All 50 states also require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are getting on and off a school bus and traffic behind the school bus must stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Motorists should stop their vehicle far enough from the bus to allow children the space to safely enter and exit the bus.

Be alert. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus who are comfortable with their surroundings tend to take risks and fail to look both ways when crossing the street. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops or those arriving late for the bus. They may run into the street without looking for traffic.

The start of the school year can be a challenge for parents, students and motorists. They all need to be alert and put safety first now and throughout the school year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The extra mile

What would it mean to our city, our region and our state to boast a unique attraction that draws visitors from multiple states, supports our community with revenue for businesses, encourages the arts and enhances our city's progressive reputation?

Such a unique attraction is in the works. Hopefully, this vision will be a reality right here in our Westland community. It's an art village, a community resource for our residents and children, much like ArtPrize in Grand Rapids, which has

expanded to support the arts in so many ways.

As part of the community team working to achieve this, I'd like to introduce you to our concept. Our team consists of John Glenn alumni and city residents past and present. Many of us have our families and careers here, in and around the community. We want to give back to the community that means so much to us.

The property known as Hawthorne Valley, bordering Hines Park at Warren and Merriman Roads, is the perfect location for this "Westland Art Center." Much

like ArtPrize, our center will display work from local and national artists.

But we won't stop there. You'll be able to take classes, walk through sculpture gardens, taste food prepared onsite by local chefs or enjoy music from musicians in amphitheaters or while strolling through the gardens. You and your family can take those classes from established artists, chefs and musicians or just come to enjoy a cup of coffee and relax on a Saturday morning.

Our project team of successful people from many organization types is working hard to ensure our success. Despite this, it's not enough. Such an art center requires commitment from our entire community of city leaders, business leaders and residents to embrace and support this vision. Working together we can

create something unique in Westland.

The Hawthorne property location is essential and provides an excellent opportunity for our non-profit venture. However, there's currently an alternative option for this property.

On Sept. 6, the city council votes on approval of a sale to a storage facility business. This would mean immediate revenue for the city and a possible reduction in the city's responsibilities to maintain the property. As a local businessman, I certainly understand the challenges in cost control. I also understand the value of innovation, creativity and unique benefits a project such as the art center brings to our community in the long term.

Our team is ready to deliver that value. To accomplish it, we need your support. It won't be

easy. Together we can surmount the challenges and achieve our vision. The legacy we create will benefit generations to come and countless people young and old. We urge you to contact your city representatives and/or show your support at the coming council meeting.

If it were easy, everyone would do it. Only those willing to go the extra mile can create extraordinary results. We're willing. Are you?
David M. Miller, President
Duo-Gard Industries, Inc.

Morally bankrupt

In regards to the Epi-Pen allergy device sold by Mylan I have this to say: The CEO of this company says no one knows what anything costs.

They are a public company trading at nearly double what they did two years ago. Reported-

ly the CEO is a child of a United States Senator from West Virginia, Joe Manchin.

My friend, a doctor, adds: Every other country limits what pharmaceuticals can cost the patient, and I use the word patient, not consumer. A consumer chooses to buy or not buy ... but forcing people to choose between food or life-saving medications is deplorable.

Big Pharma is not innovating, they are repackaging 50-year-old medicines and finding clever ways to fudge their bottom line to fool investors. And also remember "their" big discoveries were financed by our tax dollars funding the NIH research that ultimately led to novel therapies.

These people are just morally bankrupt.
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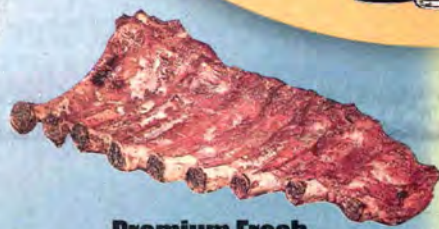
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ROLLER SKATING

Riverside skaters strike gold

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Call them the "Dazzling Dozen."

Twelve skaters who train at the Riverside Arena Skating Club (RASCals) in Livonia rolled home with medals at the USA Roller Figure Skating Championships held in July at Lincoln, Neb.

The RASCals won more awards than any other skating club in Michigan.

The top Riverside winner, Ian Heersink of Livonia, successfully defended his title in the World Class Men's figure division, placed second in Jr. World Class figures and earned a spot on Team USA at the upcoming World Roller Skating Championships in September at Novara, Italy. Heersink

placed fourth last year in Cali, Colombia, in his first World Championship outing.

To help support funding for Heersink's trip to Italy, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/2hqj9d6k>.

Also winning multiple awards were partners and Livonia residents Ryan Heersink and Emma Chappell, who captured gold in the Sophomore A Team Dance event, as well as a bronze medal in Open Free Dance.

Taking home additional gold medals were Chloe LaMay of Plymouth in Open A Inline Creative Solo Free Dance; Joshua Stadler of Livonia in Freshman/Sophomore B Loops; and Mari DeSchryver of Livonia in Elementary B figures.

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Pictured are (front row, from left) coach Lawaun Modrich, Morgan Williams, Christine Asai, Reese DeSchryver, Mari DeSchryver, Chloe King and coach Jillian Heersink and (back row from left) Chloe LaMay, Emma Chappell, Connor Lhamon, Ryan Heersink, Joshua Stadler and Tina Stadnik.

Stevenson soccer alumni game

All Stevenson High School boys soccer alumni are invited to a Stevenson soccer alumni game, at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.

The game will take place under the lights on the Stevenson field immediately following the boys Varsity game against South Lyon East. So far players from 1988-2016 have replied that they plan to attend.

Stevenson alumni t-shirts can be ordered for \$10-\$15/shirt. If you can join the soccer alumni contact David Burton, the junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant coach, at dburton@twmi.rr.com, and provide your graduation year and shirt size.

PREP PROFILE



Churchill's Jamal Allen looks for running room during last week's victory over Monroe.

GARY SHATTER

Ruffed Grouse banquet

The Greater Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society will host its 39th Annual Conservation and Sportsmen's Banquet on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

The event will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

As with all RGS fundraisers, proceeds from this event will be used to enhance habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other forest wildlife.

The evening will feature a live and silent auction, games, drawings and door prizes, highlighted with the finest selection of quality firearms, artwork and collectables.

Individual membership and dinner tickets are \$75. There is also a membership and spouse package for \$100 (includes 2 dinners) and a junior membership and dinner ticket for \$40 (17 and under).

Banquet, Conservation, Sustaining and Gold sponsorship packages are also available at \$275, \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500, respectively.

Attending the banquet helps preserve the country's rich sporting traditions through the creation of healthy forests for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other forest wildlife, organizers say.

For more information, call Jim Gilsdorf at 734-662-7512.

CATCH HIM IF YOU CAN

Blazing-fast Allen is a two-way threat for Livonia Churchill's football team

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When Jamal Allen isn't studying for an exam, hustling through a football practice, working out in the Livonia Churchill weight room, eating or sleeping, he's probably selling jewelry at his job at Alex and Ani in the Twelve Oaks Mall.

Allen's part-time money-making gig in Novi is appropriate, given that the Chargers senior has reached the gold standard when it comes to

playing defensive back and receiver in high school.

A starting DB since his sophomore season — which included a game-ending overtime interception against Brighton in just his second varsity game — Allen is the complete package: jaguar-ish fast, Army Ranger tough and instinctive beyond his years.

Allen's trademark is undoubtedly his speed. During the Chargers' preseason testing sessions, Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said his staff clocked Allen at between

4.35 and 4.39 seconds in three attempts at the 40-yard dash.

By comparison, Purdue's Anthony Brown ran the fastest 40 at the 2016 NFL combine: 4.35 seconds.

"Jamal is a play-maker, both on offense and defense," DeFillippo said. "He can flat-out run and he's smart, too."

Last week against Monroe, Allen blew up the stat sheet, catching three Evan Cummins spirals for 99 yards (including a highlight-reel 67-yard TD bomb when he ran under a Cummins spiral while running down the home sidelines) and picked up 33 yards on his only carry.

And to think Allen's gridiron career started out in the

trenches.

"I was kind of chubby when I first started playing little league football, so I was a lineman," Allen said with a smile. "I actually got hurt my freshman year of little league and didn't play again until my freshman year here, at Churchill."

"I slimmed down and got faster by running track and from all the speed work we do here."

Of the 11 interceptions he's recorded in just two-plus seasons of varsity football, Allen has four pick-sixes to his credit.

A cornerback his first sea-

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PREP FOOTBALL

Warriors nearly unstoppable in opener

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The Lutheran Westland football team's D.J. wasn't spinning any records Saturday, but he sure was breaking them.

D.J. Nykiel, the Warriors' senior running back, maximized his 5-foot-7, 160-pound frame by piling up 327 yards and seven touchdowns (both school records) on just 15 carries to lead Lutheran Westland to a 60-28 victory over Marine

City Cardinal Mooney.

Nykiel's seven touchdowns ranged in distance from 4 to 93 yards, with 70- and 58-yarders mixed in for good measure.

"D.J. is very Barry Sanders-esque; he's not real big, but he's very fast and he's elusive," LW head coach Paul Guse said.

As a team, LW rushed for 557 yards on 48 attempts.

The titans in the trenches who paved the way for the



Lutheran Westland's football team rejoices following Saturday's season-opening victory.

DAVID SMITH

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MU soccer wins

Less than 48 hours after posting a season-opening road win, Madonna men's soccer returned to the friendly confines of the Madonna Athletics Complex for their home opener against nearby Cleary University. Yet to allow a goal in 2016, the Crusader defense was stifling once again as MU moved to 2-0-0 after racing past the visiting Cougars, 4-0, on Monday.

The Crusaders were in top form all afternoon, notching the win behind a smothering defense and balanced attack up top. The Crusaders out-shot the visiting Cougars 10-1 in the first half, including four on net. The fourth and final shot on target broke a scoreless tie as defender Billy Werthman recorded points for the second time in as many outings as a Crusader with a goal in the 40th minute.

After notching an assist in the season-opening victory, Werthman was able to start the Crusaders' scoring party against the Cougars thanks to a well-played ball into the box by Danny Swanson. The goal would stand as the game-winner as Werthman knocked in his first goal in a blue-and-gold uniform. For Swanson, the assist was his first point since the 2014 campaign after the talented midfielder missed the 2015 campaign.

PREP FOOTBALL

Wayne Memorial steamrolls Ecorse in opener, 30-0



Wayne Memorial senior Bryan Struppa played well on both sides of the ball during the Zebras' 30-0 victory over Ecorse.

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Wayne Memorial's football team killed two birds with one football, so to speak, during Thursday night's season-opening game against Ecorse.

Not only did the Zebras win their first season opener since 2009 (a 34-29 victory over Waterford Kettering) by steam-rolling Ecorse, 30-0, but they also posted their first non-forfeit shutout since 1998 (a 32-0 white-washing of Southgate Anderson).

"The players on this year's team are more focused than last year," second-year head coach Donald Anderson said. "We don't have players on this

team who just want to play to get a jersey. We don't have the numbers we'd like — we have 25-30 players on varsity — but the players we have are here to play football.

"We still have a long way to go; we still have a lot of work to do. But we're on the right path."

Among the mainstays in the Zebras' big win over Ecorse was senior running back Bryan Struppa, one of the team's biggest offensive threats this season. Struppa also starts at free safety for Wayne.

"Not only is Bryan exceptionally fast, he's a very good leader and he's an outstanding student," Anderson said.

Like Struppa, senior Ronald Heard III starts both ways, but

at 6-foot-2, 225 pounds, he does his best work in the trenches.

"I'm very proud of the way Ronald has turned it around this year, especially with his attitude," Anderson said. "He has learned how to keep his composure regardless of if we have a good play or a bad one."

Joining Struppa and Heard as a tri-captain is senior safety Brandon Drain, who had a big interception in the win over Ecorse.

"Brandon has good cover skills, plus he can come up and put a hit on a ball carrier," Anderson said.

Taking over the reins of the quarterback position (from Drain) this fall is junior Gjerdonte Williams (6-2, 184). An-

derson said his first-year field general is a dual threat who can break down a defense with his legs or his arm.

The Zebras' Mr. Everything is junior Reggie Micheaux, who at 6-3, 220 pounds will play defensive end, wide receiver, punter and kicker.

"What I liked best about our first game was the way we executed and stay focused," Anderson said. "We finished plays and we played one down at a time."

Among the defensive standouts were Marquise Ray, who registered 16 tackles, and Anthony Callaway, who piled up seven solo tackles.

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PREP FOOTBALL

'Cool-hand Chris' is Spartans' composed field general

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For those who know Chris Tanderys well, it's not hard to imagine the Livonia Stevenson senior quarterback standing in the midst of a horrendous storm and firing a tight-as-can-be 25-yard spiral into the teeth of a sideways downpour and into the hands of a never-breaking-stride receiver.

Tanderys epitomizes the term "poise in the pocket."

And it's not a skill he recently mastered just recently, during his third season as the Spartans' starting quarterback.

It's a trait his coaches observed during his three-year stint with the Livonia Falcons junior league program.

"I started out as a running back in the sixth grade, but my coaches asked me that season if I'd mind switching to quarterback," said Tanderys, who already owns a nice-sized stack of Stevenson passing records with at least eight games left in his high school career.

"I told them I'd do whatever they wanted me to do to make the team better. The more I played the position, the more progress I made."

Tanderys' demeanor is cool, calm and collected — no matter the weather, regardless of the pressure.

"The reason I wear No. 8 is because I'm a fan of (Tennessee Titans quarterback) Marcus Mariota," Tanderys said. "I've always liked how he doesn't let anything bother him. I admire his poise."

What makes Tanderys so effective — he threw for four touchdowns in the Spartans' season-opening victory over Livonia Franklin last week — is that he can deliver a wheel-route pass to a back coming out of the backfield and deftly as he can spin a 30-yard post pattern.

And when the situation demands it, Tanderys isn't afraid to tuck the ball and run.

"Chris can make all the throws," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "Sometimes the toughest throw is the one to the back curling out of the backfield, but he puts it on the money."

After leading the Spartans to a decisive triumph over Thursday the Patriots, Tanderys will be asked to face his school's other cross-town rival, Churchill, this week.

The clash promises to be



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RANDY MICALLEF, Stevenson head coach

entertaining, to say the least, given Churchill's resounding opening-week win over Monroe.

"I know a lot of those guys from playing against them on the Falcons," Tanderys said. "It's kind of strange playing our two rivals the first two games of the season, but it's a lot of fun, too."

Tanderys comes from a super-athletic family. His dad Jeff was a high school quarterback at Novi High School and an outstanding pitcher (he was drafted in the 31st round of the 1987 Major League Draft by the Detroit Tigers), while his mom Michele was an outstanding athlete at Northville High School.

"It was kind of funny when we played at Novi last year," Tanderys said. "After one of my runs, the announcer said,

'The ball carrier was Jeff Tanderys.' My dad was a really good pitcher back in the day. I hear he really threw some heat."

Tanderys, who carries a 3.15 grade-point average into his senior season, will more than likely continue his next-level athletic career on a baseball diamond. A smooth-fielding, hard-hitting shortstop, he has earned some offers from Division II schools for baseball.

Tanderys said he has pretty much ruled out a Bo Jackson-type football-baseball double in college.

"I really want to focus a lot on academics in college, so one sport will probably be enough," he said with a smile.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Franklin's trail blazers start with a strong second

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In preparation for any long trip — whether it's 3.1 miles or 310 — packing is important for the travelers.

That held true for the Livonia Franklin boys cross country team, which opened its season with a second-place showing in the South Lyon Invitational, which was held at Island Lake State Recreation Area.

The Patriots finished with 96 points, fewer than any team except mighty Novi (19).

Brighton was third at 97, followed by South Lyon East (125), Holt (133), Northview (141), Whitmore Lake (159) and Clay (Ohio), which scored 165.

"On Friday, we discussed the importance of packing together and minimizing the gaps between teammates,"

Franklin head coach Pat Koelzer said. "Our top five were very close together through the first mile.

"They separated during the rest of the race, but still hung on to pick up second behind a very dominant Novi team. We competed very well as a team today, but still have a lot to work on as there are a lot of strong opponents on the schedule."

Grant Rudd was the first Patriot to cross the finish line, taking 10th in 18 minutes, 7 seconds. Also scoring for the Patriots were Jackson Nordbeck (17th in 18:34), Logan Evanchuk (18th in 18:35), Russell Rusnell (23rd in 18:47) and Trevor Doyle, (28th in 19:02).

Also competing for Franklin were non-scorers Mike Mackiewicz (31st in 19:12) and Logan Highfield (38th in 19:37).

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Franklin's boys cross country team is pictured after its second-place finish Saturday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 1

Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Waterford Kettering at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Waterford Matt at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
RU at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 2

Romulus at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 1

Churchill at Grand Haven Invite, noon
RU at Dearborn, 10 a.m.
University Prep at Thurston, 6 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 1

John Glenn at Belleville, 5:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Taylor Prep at Thurston, 5 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, Sept. 1

Saline Homet Early Bird at Huron Meadows, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland Time Trials, TBA

GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, Sept. 1

Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
PCCS Classic at Fox Hills, 8 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, Sept. 1

Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
South Lyon vs. Stevenson, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Sept. 1

Belleville at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. G.P. North, 6 p.m.
Annapolis at RU, 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

John Glenn soars off launching pad with 3-0 start

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The Westland John Glenn boys soccer team improved to 3-0 Monday night with a 3-0 victory over host Waterford Mott.

The Rockets scored first when sophomore midfielder Devon Bonderenka slid a pass to senior forward Noah Said on the left side. Said then crossed the ball to sophomore forward Cameron Simpson, who touched it past the keeper.

First-half injuries to senior right outside back Kyle McCarthy and sophomore center back Tanner Rhoades forced head coach Ralph Cabildo to make adjustments, which went smoothly thanks to Josh

Butkevich's without-missing-a-beat transition to center back and Simpson's successful move to center mid.

McCarthy was able to return halfway through the second half, but Rhoades was unable to return.

About 12 minutes into the second half, senior center midfielder Michael Pizutti played a ball into senior forward Justin Brown on the left side. Brown beat his defender and was tripped from behind before getting a shot off.

Simpson stepped to the spot and calmly ripped home a penalty kick to give the Rockets a 2-0 edge.

This led to higher pressure from the Corsairs, but the Rockets were able to stand tall defensively.

With about 15 minutes left, Butkevich switched the field with a booming ball over the top of the defense to find streaking senior forward Race Loving, who neatly brought the ball down and slotted it past a charging keeper and into the corner of the net to put the Rockets up 3-0.

John Glenn freshman goalkeeper Brendan Balko earned the shutout with four saves, including one from point-blank range.

The defense was led by outstanding efforts from sophomore center back Blake Grove, junior outside back Ahmad Diab, Butkevich, and Rhoades. The Rockets have outscored their early-season foes 16-1 so far.



TOM BEAUDOIN John Glenn's Noah Said pushes the ball up the field during a game earlier this season.

2016 ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER

Star players shine bright on Observer team

FIRST TEAM

Hannah Lapko, F, Canton: The Chiefs finished 17-3-4 and came up just short of a Division 1 state championship, and junior forward Lapko had plenty to do with that sustained excellence.

Lapko's third season on the varsity squad featured a steady stream of big plays, whether setting up teammates for goals or finding the range herself. Her efforts were strong enough to earn her a spot on the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association first team for Division 1.

"She had an outstanding year with many great goals and helped keep our team in the running for a state championship," coach Jeannine Reddy said.

Lapko has verbally committed to play women's soccer at Ferris State University, beginning in 2017.

Olivia Janke, M, Plymouth: Plymouth's steady senior co-captain made her presence felt yet again, tallying nine goals and chipping in with 11 assists for the Wildcats.

Janke, who is playing this fall at Valparaiso (Division I), proved versatile as she divided playing time between midfield and forward.

"Olivia's just a smart, crafty player that really was creative whether creating for herself or making space for others," coach Jeff Neschich said.

"Just a smart, hard-working player." Janke was selected to the MHSSCA D1 second all-state team for a second consecutive season.

Jordan Anheuser, G, Canton: Not only did 2016 Division 1 state finalist Canton have a well-oiled offensive machine and strong competitors on defense and in the midfield, the team had a rock-solid goalkeeper in the senior standout.

Anheuser was instrumental in the Chiefs' march to the finals, blanking Woodhaven in the regional final and coming up clutch time and again in Canton's 2-1 victory over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in a semifinal contest.

"Jordan is a very smart, determined and playoff-ready keeper," Reddy said. "She ... keeps the team's spirit up when we get down and is an excellent teammate."

The goalie, named to the third D1 all-state team by MHSSCA, will continue her soccer career at the collegiate level, at Saginaw Valley State.

Madison Archibald, M, Canton: It was another standout season for the senior midfielder and captain, who was a big part of the Chiefs' all-around success throughout all four seasons of her varsity prep career.

"Madison has been through a few great playoff runs and helped keep our team focused," Reddy said. "She was a great leader and and player

2016 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

Hannah Lapko, sr., F, Canton
Olivia Janke, sr., M, Plymouth
Jordan Anheuser, sr., G, Canton
Madison Archibald, sr., M, Canton
Karie Cummins, sr., M, N. Farmington
Megan Verant, jr., M, Stevenson
Gabby Teodorescu, jr., D, Salem
Conner Huggins, sr., M, Ladywood
Jennifer Richmond, jr., F, Canton
Audrey Kopitz, soph., F, Stevenson
Kennedy Thurlow, soph., M, Stevenson
Olivia Elby, jr., F, N. Farmington
Patil Tcholakian, soph., G, N. Farmington
Anna DeBiasi, sr., M, Plymouth
Megan McCurry, sr., D, Plymouth
Kim Lindberg, sr., M, Harrison
Brooke Collins, jr., F, Garden City
Angela Boyce, jr., M, Farmington

SECOND TEAM

Allie Crecelius, jr., F, Ply. Christian
Raquel Church, jr., F, Canton
Mary Galin, sr., D, Canton
Kathryn Gordon, sr., F, Plymouth
Hailey Katulski, sr., D, Salem
Skyler Brant, jr., G, Salem
Jenna Thom, sr., D, Stevenson
Jessica Paulson, jr., F, Ply. Christian
Gabriela Sgambati, soph., M, N. Farm.
Hailey Melnick, jr., M, Plymouth
Tara Arin, jr., M, Farmington

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Sarah Hammond, Marlee Taylor, Casey Muglia, **Plymouth:** Bree Pfifer, Lexi White, Kenna White, **Salem:** Marissa Martin, Nikki Pilon, Jayna Lenders, Katie Coleman, **Plymouth Christian:** Crystal Bock, **Farmington:** Kayla Sharp, Jackie Carbone, Marlee Pope, Courtney Knowler, **Harrison:** Emma Vrooman, Anya Turner, **North Farmington:** Arti Vaishnav, Bethany Wood, Sydney Cohn, Abby Hegarty, Carina Wright, Sam Randle, **Mercy:** Chloe Russo, Alia McDowell, Missy Hunt, Rebecca Heaman, Maggie Shrader, **Churchill:** Ashleigh Slawer, Sara Taylor, Alivia Kondrath, Franklin, Riley Burnette, Rachel Dudek, Bailey Elliott, **Stevenson:** Alia Basore, Paige Ackman, Haley Demers, **Garden City:** Skyler Clendening, Alex Shurlock, **Ladywood:** Brianna Rogers, Abbey Reppen.

for us. She's always focused in training and it pays off for her on game day."

Gabby Teodorescu, D, Salem: Salem's defense was a plus during the 2016 season, with nine shutouts, and junior Teodorescu's stellar play in the back was a major factor in that.

Teodorescu also chipped in with six assists and was one of the Rocks' go-to players in all situations. Her season of excellence earned her selection to the MIHSSCA third all-state team.

"She has been our most consistent player all year," coach George Tomasso said. "She plays at a very high club level (with the Michigan Hawks) which elevates her high school team."

"She is a great leader by example as well as leading through inspiration. Gabby is a versatile player who makes here entire team around her better."

After concluding her Salem career next spring, Teodorescu is set to play collegiately at Saginaw Valley.

Conner Huggins, M, Ladywood: Huggins, who is headed to Villanova University to play college soccer, had an amazing senior season at Ladywood, earning first team All-Catholic honors in addition to all-District, all-Region and all-State accolades.

She was voted team MVP and was the Blazers' captain.

Jennifer Richmond, F, Canton: The Chiefs won the KLAAs South Division and went on to nearly run the postseason table in part thanks to the way Richmond emerged during her junior season.

Richmond was clutch, demonstrating a knack for getting open and converting chances. She was rewarded for her year with selection to the D1 all-state squad as an honorable mention pick.

"She scored big goals for us and was a threat with her speed and shooting abilities," Reddy said. "She was a veteran playoff player and played her heart out."

Following her senior season at Canton, Richmond will attend Siena Heights University.

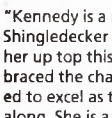
Audrey Kopitz, F, Stevenson: Kopitz shared the Spartans' team MVP award with Verant. A dangerous threat to score whenever she possesses in the final third, Kopitz finished with 17 goals and three assists on the way to earning honorable mention All-State accolades and All-KLAA first team honors.

"Audrey was fantastic this year," Shingledecker said. "She played a major role in possession for us and she always finds herself in goal scoring spots. She led our team in goals and her work rate off the ball is excellent."

Kennedy Thurlow, M, Stevenson: Only a sophomore, Thurlow earned



All-KLAA first-team honors and all-State honorable mention recognition. A Central Michigan University commit, Thurlow scored six goals and dished out 10 assists.



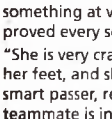
"Kennedy is a right back by trade," Shingledecker noted. "We moved her up top this year and she embraced the change and really started to excel as the season went along. She is a very dynamic dribbler and would draw man marks in multiple matches this season."



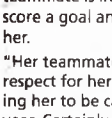
An aggressive, hard-driving forward, Elby led the Raiders in goals scored with 15 and also had two assists.



Her contribution helped put the Raiders in contention for the OAA Red championship. Elby is a Division 1 all-state honorable mention.



"Olivia is one of those unique players who can create her own shot, and she does so with both feet — something at which she has improved every season," Russell said.



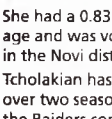
"She is very crafty with the ball at her feet, and she is becoming a smart passer, recognizing when a teammate is in a better position to score a goal and getting the ball to her."



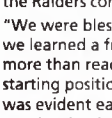
"Her teammates showed their respect for her leadership by electing her to be captain for her senior year. Certainly, we are in good shape up top next season with Olivia returning."



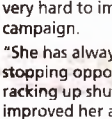
In two seasons as a starter, Tcholakian has established herself as an elite goalie, earning a D1 all-state honorable mention this year.



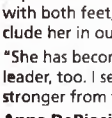
She had a 0.83 goals-against average and was voted the No. 1 goalie in the Novi district.



Tcholakian has posted 26 shutouts over two seasons and has helped the Raiders compile a 26-8-4 record.



"We were blessed last year when we learned a freshman keeper was more than ready to step into the starting position," Russell said. "It was evident early she had worked very hard to improve for this year's campaign."



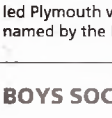
"She has always been great at stopping opponents' shots and racking up shutouts, but she has improved her ability to play the ball with both feet, allowing us to include her in our passing game."



"She has become a more vocal team leader, too. I see her only getting stronger from this point on."



Anna DeBiasi, M, Plymouth: The senior midfielder's swan song as a Plymouth Wildcat followed the script established in DeBiasi's first three varsity seasons, providing stellar play and consistency.



DeBiasi, who this fall will play D-I women's soccer at Cleveland State, led Plymouth with 14 assists and was named by the MIHSSCA as an hon-

orable mention recipient.

"Anna was just a very crafty ball-dribbler," Neschich said. "Her technique, her basic skill set was just amazing. (She) played center-mid and really just created a lot from that position."

Megan McCurry, D, Plymouth: Another integral part of Plymouth's nucleus over the past four seasons, McCurry capped off her prep career with another outstanding year.

McCurry, who was a captain, earned D1 honorable mention all-state honors and will go to Siena Heights.

"Megan was a fantastic center-back for us and just held everything down in the back," Neschich said. "She kept our defense rock solid."

Kimberly Lindberg, M, Harrison: Lindberg was a four year varsity starter for the Hawks and had an outstanding high school career. She also is a high-level club player with the Novi Jaguars.

A midfielder and sometimes attacker, Lindberg always presented an offensive threat to opposing teams.

She added 13 goals to her career tally the past season and finished with a total of 33. Lindberg, who will play soccer at Adrian College, also had 15 career assists.

"Kim played defense her freshman year and helped us post a 10-2-5 record," coach Matt Conrad said. "Since then she became our most dangerous attacker, playing in the midfield."

"The role she played this year, drawing defenders to her to open up teammates and scoring goals herself, was invaluable. Because of this, she is practically irreplaceable."

Brooke Collins, F, Garden City: The junior and three-year varsity standout was a force for the Cougars this past spring, netting a team-high 17 goals to go along with four assists.

She earned first-team All-WWAC honors.

Angela Boyce, M, Farmington: The junior midfielder is always in the middle of the action and plays a vital role for the Falcons.

She tallied six goals and assisted on five others the past season.

Boyce, who made a verbal commitment to play for the University of Akron, was voted team MVP in addition to being named to the all-OAA, district and region teams.

She's also plays for the Northville Rush in the Midwest Regional League.

"She's a fantastic player and deserves all the accolades she receives," coach Matt Gasparotto said. "She's just a very well-balanced player."

"She can take you on the dribble and, if you try to challenge her, she can pass the ball with very good accuracy. She's a hard player to defend, because she's so balanced in her ability to attack."

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Seniors will lead the way for Churchill this season

Ed Wright
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Fortified by a remarkable contingent of seniors, Livonia Churchill's girls cross country team is primed to hit the trails this fall with a crisp pace.

"I am very happy with the senior leadership on this year's team," Churchill head coach Sue Tatro said. "All of the seniors have been the backbone of this team for the last three seasons and have a lot of racing experience."

"They have high goals and aspirations for the season and I am looking forward to seeing them take this team to the next level."

The Chargers' quartet of rock-solid captains includes Kathleen George, Caroline George, Christina Murphy and Raquel Zwick.

"They are all lead-by-example athletes that are very supportive of their teammates," Tatro said. "It has been a pleasure watching them develop into great leaders and mentors for their younger teammates."

In addition to the four captains, the Chargers' leading



Churchill seniors (from left) Kathleen George, Christina Murphy, Caroline George, Raquel Zwick and Hailey Pampreen will lead the team.

returners include junior Gabby Swider, senior Hailey Pampreen and sophomores Emily Halkey, Cathryn McGowan and Sharan Mangat.

The Chargers' crop of prom-

ising newcomers includes freshmen Sierra Greener and Vanessa Cummins and sophomores Sarah Sumbulla and Shelbi Jasin.

BOYS SOCCER

Stevenson overwhelms Pinckney for first victory

Ed Wright
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Livonia Stevenson's boys soccer team had too much firepower for host Pinckney during Monday night's KLAAs crossover match.

The Spartans posted a dominating 3-0 triumph over the Pirates, outshooting their foes 17-1.

"We finally got rolling in the attacking third," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "The Pinckney goalkeeper was outstanding. He made at least four big-time saves to keep the game close."

Now 1-1-1, Stevenson grabbed the lead for good in the 18th minute, when Brady Brown scored off an assist from Joe Nicolas.

Two minutes later, Conrad Kean scored after securing an assist from Zac Merchant.

Ryan Cox iced the victory cake with his first varsity goal (from Brown) in the 52nd minute.

Stevenson goalkeepers Drew Padgen and Dylan Jesmore did not have to make a save as the Spartans notched their first shutout of the 2016 campaign.



Senior Conrad Kean scored the middle of three goals for Stevenson's soccer team Monday night.

Riley Alexander turned away eight Stevenson shots.

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BOYS SOCCER



ED WRIGHT

Trevor Hayes advances the ball during a game earlier this season.

Franklin kickers remain unbeaten

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Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team erased an early 1-0 deficit Monday night at Walled Lake Western and stormed back to seize a 3-2 victory to improve its record to 1-0-1.

After falling into an early one-goal hole, the Patriots countered with three consecutive goals — one late in the first half and the final two in the second.

Matt Conley had a hand ... er, foot ... in all three goals as he assisted on Tyler Forrest's game-tying strike before scoring two goals in the final 40.

Conley's first goal was assisted by Nick McNabb; his second goal was unassisted.

Zack Robinson tended the net in the first half for the winners, while Scott Beebe controlled the crease in the second half.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Patriots place third in South Lyon Invitational

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With its peak performances still weeks ahead, Livonia Franklin's girls cross country team opened its 2016 season Saturday with a solid third-place showing at the South Lyon Invitational, which was held at the picturesque Island Lake State Recreation Area.

The Patriots compiled 75 points to finish behind only Sylvania (Ohio) Northview's 43 and Plymouth's 70.

The host Lions were fourth with 82 points, followed by Clay (Ohio), Holt and Whitmore Lake.

Erin Seibert led the Patriots' charge by placing seventh in 21 minutes, 30.4 seconds.



Pictured (from left) are coach Dave Bjorklund, Cassie Young, Erin Seibert, Hailey Kutrukis, Camryn Zurawski, Emma Devine, Allyson Stabler and Kaylee English of the Franklin girls cross country team.

Also figuring in the scoring for head coach Dave Bjorklund's contingent were Camryn Zurawski (11th in 21:48.2), Hailey Kutrukis (14th in 21:52.3), Allyson Stabler (16th in 22:11.4) and Kaylee English (27th in 23:29.6).

Cassie Young (36th in 24:32.7) and Emma Devine (40th in 24:51.1) ran hard, but did not score.

"I think our best races are still ahead of us, but we ran well enough today to take home the third-place trophy," Bjorklund said. "Island Lake is a tough course with lots of long, gradual hills. I'm very excited to see what our group can do this year!"

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GIRLS GOLF

Stevenson continues strong with second-place showing

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Members of the Livonia Stevenson girls golf team are still days away from attending their first class, yet they've already won one tournament (the Livonia City Tournament), placed second in another (the KLAA Pre-Season Conference Tournament) and earned an impressive dual-meet triumph over Central Division rival Salem.

Led by medalist Alexa Hatz (77), Novi was the champion in Monday's 10-team Kensington Conference get-together at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia, posting a four-player score of 329.

The Spartans turned in a stellar runner-up performance by firing 342, six shots lower than third-place and always powerful Northville.

South Lyon East (355) and Plymouth (360) rounded out the top five spots in the standings.

Livonia Franklin placed eighth with 392, while Livonia Churchill was 10th at 397.

Anna Vento was the catalyst of the Spartans' strong day as she carded a solid round of 80. Also figuring in the scoring for Stevenson were Kristen Szabelski (82), Madi Maurier (90) and Megan Gronau (90).

Joining Hatz on the winners' scorecard were Abby Livingston (78), Leah Kiura (84) and

Lauren Henry (90).

Sharing low-round honors for Franklin were Sophia Wygonik and Summer Horen, both of whom shot 95. Sofia Cueva (100) and Brenna Campau (102) also played well for the Patriots.

Paige Peterson (87) was the only Charger to break 90. Macey Reese shot 99 for Churchill, Kelsie Nowicki came in with a score of 100 while Jenny Rousseau and Halena Harris both shot 111.

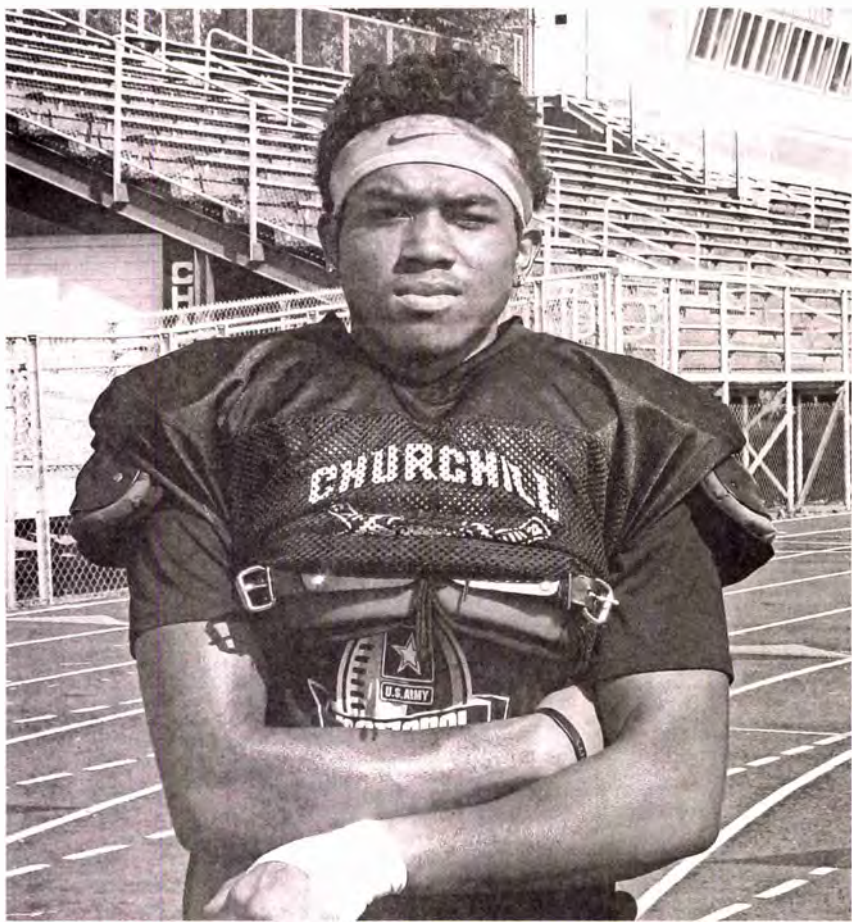
Spartans take down Rocks

On Aug. 25, Stevenson won its KLAA Central Division opener, 168-176, over Salem. Szabelski and Vento paced

the winners with identical rounds of 40. Rachel Crachiola helped her team's cause with 43, while Maurier fired 45. Non-scorers for Stevenson were Gronau (45) and Callie Kimble (46).

Salem was led by Darby Scott's 35. Also scoring for the Rocks were Hanna Saad (43) and Grace Grelak and Nicole Hahn, (49 each).

The Spartans captured the JV match against Salem, 194-239. Jackie Green and Reese Sutton led the way with 46 each, while Emily Walters (49) and Allison Gronau (53) also figured in the scoring.



ED WRIGHT

Jamal Allen's immense talents have drawn the attention of several Division I college football programs.

ALLEN

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son and change at Churchill, Allen seamlessly switched to free safety early last fall after a teammate was injured.

"It was a challenge at first, but I enjoyed playing another position," Allen said. "Colleges are looking at me as a corner now, unless I get bigger, then they'd probably move me to safety."

Allen, who has verbally committed to play for the University of Toledo, said he has enjoyed the college football recruiting process.

"It's fun getting to visit the schools and getting to know the head coaches and their staffs," Allen said.

Big-time schools like Michigan State and Pitt are still showing interest in Allen, who said he is thoroughly focused on helping Churchill achieve its lofty goals this season.

"I really like this team," he said. "We're really strong in the skill positions and our lines on both sides of the ball are coming on, too."

Allen and his Churchill sec-



GARY SHATTER
Jamal Allen hauled in a 67-yard touchdown pass from Evan Cummins last week against Monroe.

ondary colleagues will encounter possibly their stiffest test of the season Thursday when they match up against Livonia Stevenson senior quarterback

Chris Tanderys and the Spartans' high-scoring spread offense.

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SKATERS

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Tina Stadnik of Northville won a silver medal in Freshman A loops.

Placing third in the nation in the Jr. Precision event were the RASCals Precision Team, which included skaters Ryan Heersink, Emma Chappell, Mari and Reese DeSchryver, Chloe LaMay, Joshua Stadler, Tina Stadnik, Christine Asai of Livonia, Morgan Williams of Howell, Chloe King of Garden City and Connor Lhamon of Ludington.

The Riverside club members, who practice up to three hours a day, four to five days a week, perform in a variety of disciplines, including compulsory team and solo dance, creative dance, figures, freestyle, pairs and precision skating.

The Riverside team is led by coaches Lawawn Modrich and Jillian Heersink.



Ian Heersink is pictured with his gold medal.

Riverside Arena, which has a 75-year history of supporting competitive roller skating, is owned and operated by Lionel and Debbie LaMay.

For more information about the Riverside Arena Skating Club, go to riversidearena.com.

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DAVID SMITH

Lutheran Westland's D.J. Nykiel takes off on a long run during Saturday's victory over Cardinal Mooney.

WARRIORS

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explosive ground game were center John Davenport, guards Nick Glynn and Camden Hess, tackles Jeremy Orm and Brendan Downer and tight end Ben Brown.

"Our fullback, Andy Faith, was also the lead blocker on a lot of our big runs," Guse said.

Senior quarterback Luke Smith completed 1-of-5 for 3 yards.

Faith churned out 53 yards on 10 carries, while Nate Ivey dashed for 68 (including a 60-yard sprint to the house) and Layne Priess ran for 60 yards and a 37-yard TD on six runs.

"I like our front line," Guse said. "We're more experienced

than we were last year; more mature as a group. We have two seniors, two juniors and a sophomore. With D.J.'s speed, he doesn't need a lot of space."

Brown and Davenport both recovered a fumble for the Warriors' defense, which was spearheaded by Christian Zimmerman's 12 tackles. Faith and Downer both added eight tackles.

Nate Green was Cardinal Mooney's star, gaining 275 yards on 35 carries. He scored all four of his team's TDs.

"We didn't see film on Cardinal Mooney coming into the game, but I knew they were young; they had a good senior class last year," Guse said. "On the other hand, we were pretty young last year and more experienced this season."

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Insurance industry experts recommend having a renter's policy.

Renter's insurance: A little expense goes a long way in fire, theft

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Jeff Jueneemann, a long-time insurance agency owner, has seen fires in Westland destroy a number of apartments in the last 18 months or so.

"The apartment building can't protect their stuff," Jueneemann, who owns Jueneemann Insurance Agency in Westland, said of tenants. "They can't and they don't provide protection for the renter's belongings."

That's why he and others in the insurance field recommend a renter's policy, which Jueneemann noted can cost you as little as \$100 a year when bundled with an auto policy through the same carrier.

"Obviously to protect their belongings," said Jueneemann, a Northville Township resident. That includes furniture, clothing and even hobby items.

"Typically, it's not your apartment that burns that causes damage," he said. "Even as responsible as you

are, you're tied together in the same building."

Theft is also a concern for renters. "It's amazing how quickly your values accumulate," he said. That can be a new TV, new gaming system, and new clothing to replace.

"It adds up very quickly and it doesn't cost much to have enough coverage," Jueneemann said.

Agreeing is Larry Johnson, owner of the Larry Johnson Agency of Farm Bureau Insurance of Plymouth.

"We do an awful lot of renter's policies," said Johnson, a Plymouth Township resident. "Most people have a tendency to underestimate how much risk they have. When you start replacing everything you own, you'd be surprised. I believe it's a very valuable policy to have."

Even your dishes can be costly to replace, Johnson said. "Just the little things, you'd be amazed," he said.

A homeowner's policy also covers such liability issues as a slip and fall or dog bite. For renters, "It would generally be the inside areas" of the

apartment covered, Jueneemann said.

The apartment owner would generally bear responsibility for common areas. Jueneemann said often now when tenants sign leases they're required to show they have renter's insurance "which is smart on the part of the apartment building."

If the liability is caused by the tenant, "the apartment building wants not to be the deep pocket," he added. Johnson too sees more and more landlords requiring renter's coverage, a practice he recommends.

Said Johnson, "You have a tendency to see more younger people renting apartments." They may not fully understand risk of fire and theft, Johnson said.

"In a loss like that, it's devastating for the tenant," Johnson said. He encourages people to talk to their agent about coverage.

Johnson also encourages those in senior assisted-living facilities to have insurance coverage for theft and fire. He has an older customer who

escaped a fire with only the clothes she wore and was not physically hurt.

"There's an expense there," Johnson said. Such senior units may only be a couple hundred square feet, but replacing clothing and other items quickly adds up "and some of them can be expensive," he added.

Johnson noted for seniors their glasses and hearing aids can be covered by a policy. He talks to adult children of senior policy holders if those children are involved in key decisions.

Of things like family photos, "There's really no way to cover sentimental loss. There's no way to replace photos that burn," Jueneemann said.

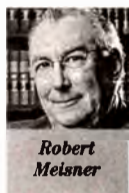
Jueneemann's neighbors lost wedding photos and sentimental Christmas ornaments in a fire. "It's just gone. There's no way to replace it," he said of a child's elementary school trophy, agreeing family safety is foremost.

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FHA mulls change on reverse mortgage eligibility

Q: I am a senior citizen and I currently live in a condominium unit. I heard that the federal government is considering eliminating the availability of reverse mortgages for seniors that live in condominiums. Is that true, and if so, why?

A: The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) has proposed a new plan which will make senior citizens residing in Community Association priority lien states, such as Michigan, ineligible for FHA reverse mortgages. The stated purpose of the proposed modifications to the program is to build in



Robert Meisner

safeguards to stop predatory lenders from using financial emergencies, or other circumstances, to enrich themselves by siphoning off a senior citizen's home equity. However, this proposal is not without controversy, as consumer advocates argue that some seniors need this type of financial relief available to them to assist with payment of medical or retirement expenses.

Reverse mortgages are often the only option for these individuals to raise funds to pay expenses and, therefore, these type of mortgage options allow seniors to avoid selling their homes to raise necessary funds. Also, Community Association advocates are concerned that the FHA is using these proposed modifications as a tool to attack the real target: states that grant priority to a portion of Association Liens when assessments remain unpaid by co-owners which is not the case in Michigan. Association advocates claim that the priority lien laws are the most effective tools that they have for collection purposes, especially when banks delay foreclosure on abandoned properties or co-owners otherwise fail to timely pay assessment dues.

Q: I understand that there are condominiums in suburban Prague which are, of course, cheaper than living in an apartment in the inner city, but what is the transportation like?

A: Prague has an excellent transportation system. It has trams, subways and buses running from the suburbs to throughout the city and you can buy a ticket from the suburbs for \$20 a month to reach the city. It may not be necessary, therefore, to even have a car in Prague, even if you live in the suburbs, because of the excellent transportation which, unfortunately, is not the case in every American city. Property values are less expensive than in the City Center.

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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, 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, contact HallandHunter.com or call 248-644-3500.

Inventory issues impact housing market, prices

Slowed by frustratingly low inventory levels in many parts of the country, existing-home sales lost momentum in July and decreased year-over-year for the first time since November 2015, according to the National Association of Realtors. Only the West region saw a monthly increase in closings in July.

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family homes, town homes, condominiums and co-ops, fell 3.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.39 million in July from 5.57 million in June. For only the second time in the last 21 months, sales are now below (1.6 percent) a year ago (5.48 million).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says existing sales fell off track in July after steadily climbing the last four months.

"Severely restrained inventory and the tightening grip it's putting on affordability is the primary culprit for the considerable sales slump throughout much of the country last month," he said. "Realtors are reporting diminished buyer traffic because of the scarce number of affordable homes on the market, and the lack of supply is stifling the efforts of many prospective buyers attempting to purchase while mortgage rates hover at historical lows."

Adds Yun, "Furthermore, with new condo construction barely budging and currently making up only a small sliver of multi-family construction, sales suffered last month as

condo buyers faced even stiffer supply constraints than those looking to purchase a single-family home."

The median existing-home price for all housing types in July was \$244,100, up 5.3 percent from July 2015 (\$231,800). July's price increase marks the 53rd consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of July inched 0.9 percent higher to 2.13 million existing homes available for sale, but is still 5.8 percent lower than a year ago (2.26 million) and has now declined year-over-year for 14 straight months. Unsold inventory is at a 4.7-month supply at the current sales pace, which is up from 4.5 months in June.

"Although home sales are still expected to finish the year at their strongest pace since the downturn, thanks to a very strong spring, the housing market is under-shooting its full potential because of inadequate existing inventory combined with new home construction failing to catch up with underlying demand," Yun said. "As a result, sales in all regions are now flat or below a year ago and price growth isn't slowing to a healthier and sustainable pace."

The share of first-time buyers was 32 percent in July, which is below last month (33 percent) but up from 28 percent a year ago. First-time buyers represented 30 percent of sales in all of 2015.

All-cash sales were 21 percent of transactions in July, down from 22 percent in June, 23 percent a year ago

and the lowest share since November 2009 (19 percent). Individual investors, who account for many cash sales, purchased 11 percent of homes in July, unchanged from June and down from 13 percent a year ago. Seventy percent of investors paid in cash in July.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage dropped from 3.57 percent in June to 3.44 percent in July. Mortgage rates have now fallen five straight months and in July were the lowest since January 2013 (3.41 percent). The average commitment rate for all of 2015 was 3.85 percent.

NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida, says in addition to affordability concerns, an issue seen earlier in the housing recovery may be re-emerging. Realtors are indicating that appraisal complications are appearing more frequently as the reason why a contract signing experienced a delayed settlement.

"Appraisal-related contract issues have notably risen over the past year and were the root cause of over a quarter of contract delays in the past three months," he said. "This is likely a combination of sharply growing home prices in some areas, the uptick in home sales this year and the strong refinancing market overworking the already reduced number of practicing appraisers. Realtors are carefully monitoring this trend, and some have

already indicated they're extending closing dates on contracts to allow extra time to accommodate the possibility of appraisal-related delays."

Coming in at the lowest share since NAR began tracking in October 2008, distressed sales — foreclosures and short sales — were 5 percent of sales in July, down from 6 percent in June and 7 percent a year ago. Four percent of July sales were foreclosures and 1 percent were short sales. Foreclosures sold for an average discount of 18 percent below market value in July (11 percent in June), while short sales were discounted 16 percent (18 percent in June).

Properties typically stayed on the market for 36 days in July, up from 34 days in June but down from 42 days a year ago. Short sales were on the market the longest at a median of 95 days in July, while foreclosures sold in 54 days and non-distressed homes took 34 days. Forty-seven percent of homes sold in July were on the market for less than a month.

Inventory data from Realtor.com reveals that the metropolitan statistical areas where listings stayed on the market the shortest amount of time in July were Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, Colorado; San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, California; San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, California; and Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Washington, all at a median of 32 days; and Vallejo-Fairfield, California, at a median of 36 days.

REUNIONS

BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER

CLASS OF 1976
40th reunion is 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Orchard Lake Country Club. For details, chat page and to order tickets, go to <http://andover76reunion.mye-vent.com>. Search Facebook for andover76reunion.

CANTON/SALEM HIGH SCHOOLS

CLASS OF 1996
20-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 29 Park, 43155 Main, Suite 208, Novi. Tickets are \$65. For more details, go to <http://bit.ly/PCEP1996> or email PCEPClassof1996@gmail.com.

CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1976
40th reunion is 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Kicker's Allstar Bar & Grill, in Canton. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/Crestwood76>.

DEARBORN FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1954
62nd reunion lunch, noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 6, at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232, Dearborn Heights. Call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 248-859-4187 or email Pat.Gaston.Chiesa@patc629@aol.com.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1966
50-year reunion, 6-11:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, call Gary Berriman at 313-300-4470 or Barbara (Doherty) Kalinski at 734-320-6545.

DETROIT REDFORD

CLASS OF 1976
40th reunion, 4-9 p.m. Sept. 17, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. Classes of 1975 and 1977, friends and family may attend the



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It's time to gather with alumni at a high school reunion.

event, which will feature sack lunch and more. Tickets available at redfordtheatre.com.

DETROIT WESTERN ALL CLASSES

Annual reunion luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center in Livonia. For more information, call Carolyn Haley Sotke at 313-292-3083 or Raymond Rodriguez at 248-444-6962.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST & WEST

CLASS OF 1966
The 50th reunion will be held Sept. 10. Find more event information on the G.C.H.S. class of 1966 East & West Facebook page.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1966
50-year reunion dinner and celebration set for 5-11 p.m. Sept. 17, at the Summit in Canton. For more details, check the Plymouth High School Class of 1966 Facebook page or email jerrynorquist@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1967

50-year reunion planned Sept. 15-16. Go to www.Plymouthmi67.com, www.classmates.com reunion link or call Lynette Thayer at 419-726-2088 for information.

SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL

Reunion set for 6 p.m. July 15, 2017, at Pinz in South Lyon. For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/july152017reunion/>.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1971
45th reunion set for 6 p.m. to midnight Sept. 24 at Mama Mia, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Mail \$25 to JGHS class of '71 in care of Gary Pack, 38128 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, MI 48185. Pre-reunion party is 7-11 p.m. Sept. 23 at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. For more information, call JoAnn Keenan at 734-516-6443, Gary Pack at 734-377-9133 or Darla Webb at 734-262-1132.

RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Watties, 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.cbclass.org

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 18

Location: St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-525-4421

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

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Time/Date: Wednesday evenings, Sept. 28-Oct. 26

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. John Riccardo, and John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Visit www.goodmourning-ministry.net for more details. Register at olgparish.net. The fee is \$20.

Contact: 734-453-0326.

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 finance and accounting, and who is a student of Unity teachings, will lead a personal finance workshop

Contact: 734-421-1760; unityoflivonia.org

MUGS & MUFFINS MINISTRY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. third Saturday of the month, beginning Sept. 10

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: This new ministry is for women, ages 18 and up, no children, to gather together for friendship, exploring God's word and coffee, tea and muffins

Contact: 734-421-0472

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 Stadmeyer

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, housewares / household, electronics, toys, books, home décor, 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

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

OCTOBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Location: Dave Bennett and his jazz trio perform

Contact: 248-788-9338 or 248-661-1348; vivaceseries.org

FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: More than 40 vendors will display their products at the Body Mind Spirit Festival. Presentations will focus on self-massage techniques, balancing hormones naturally, meditation, chiropractic medicine and more. Admission is \$5

Contact: 734-421-1760

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington

Details: \$7 bag day on Thursday, \$4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately

Contact: 248-474-6573

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; nancyellen879@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.livoniast-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/stinnocentredford

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

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email StaceyBadeen@tbsosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon

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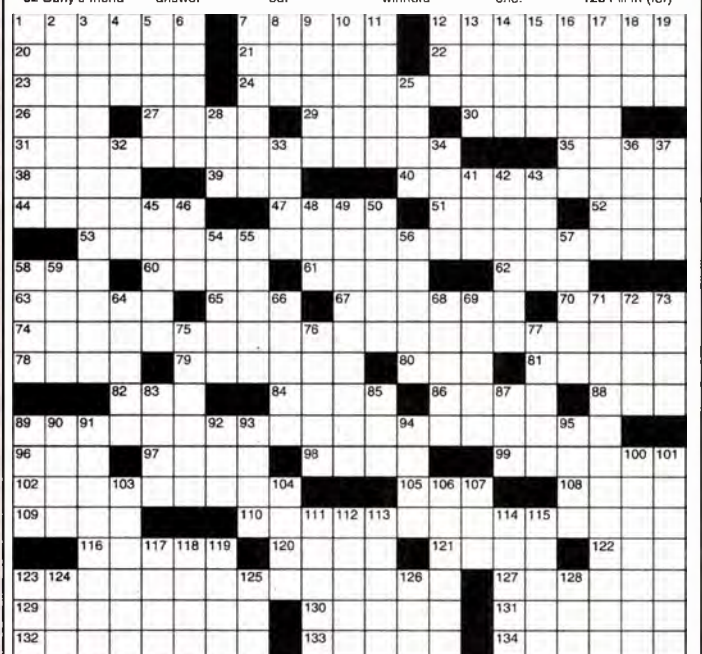
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Went by ship
 - 7 Old TWA rival
 - 12 Exit doors, e.g.
 - 20 Not certain
 - 21 Top-drawer
 - 22 Feeling like suede, say
 - 23 Actor
 - 24 Start of a riddle
 - 26 — snail's pace
 - 27 Layer
 - 28 Behavioral quirks
 - 30 Eat soup undaintily
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 35 Short swims
 - 38 Lean (on)
 - 39 Horse cousin
 - 40 Parked oneself
 - 44 British noble, in brief
 - 47 Mountain in Thessaly
 - 51 Cost to get out of jail
 - 52 Pro at W-25
 - 53 Fiddle, part 3
 - 58 Open field
 - 60 Actor Sean
 - 61 — Grey tea
 - 62 Curly's friend
 - 63 "For — Know" (1871 hit song)
 - 65 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
 - 67 Rent splitter, often
 - 70 Not only that
 - 74 Riddle, part 4
 - 78 "Anti-art" art
 - 79 New York governor
 - 80 Beauty spot?
 - 81 City in Japan
 - 82 Pull hard
 - 84 Camelot wife
 - 86 grandson of Eve
 - 88 Diesel of film
 - 89 End of the riddle
 - 96 Balladeer
 - 97 Oahu shindig
 - 98 Relative of "psst"
 - 99 Polish port on the Baltic
 - 102 It's currently newsworthy
 - 105 Flight takeoff abbr.
 - 108 Be like a sot
 - 109 Tex-Mex staple
 - 110 Start of the riddle's answer
 - 116 Set of beliefs
 - 120 Mixed bag
 - 121 Painter
 - 122 Kyoto — Noide
 - 123 End of the riddle's answer
 - 127 Singer Slepici
 - 129 In a tomb
 - 130 Garlic
 - 131 Las — New Mexico
 - 132 Unvalued
 - 133 Pulls hard
 - 134 Optimally
 - 11 "Thank you, Yves!"
 - 12 Manning of the gridiron
 - 13 Precocious stonies
 - 14 Stair user's aid
 - 15 "And you," to Caesar
 - 16 Poi bits
 - 17 Stage scenery item
 - 18 Up 'til
 - 19 Barrett of rock
 - 25 "It — fair!"
 - 28 Clean air org.
 - 32 Bladderlike sac
 - 33 Beginning on
 - 34 Mongolian desert
 - 36 Dad
 - 37 See 124-Down
 - 41 Rowar's tool
 - 42 Destiny
 - 43 Choir woman
 - 45 Melville novel
 - 46 Corrida cry
 - 48 Holy Mile
 - 49 Give some of yours to
 - 50 1974 and '75 World Hockey Association winners
 - 54 2002 scandal company
 - 55 Ceaselessly
 - 58 Big failures
 - 57 Irish poet
 - 58 Sgt. Friday's force
 - 59 Fitzgerald of jazz fame
 - 64 Marshal
 - 66 Up — (stumped)
 - 68 Power bike
 - 69 Com resident
 - 71 Remove any potential evidence
 - 72 Pen name of H.H. Munro
 - 73 Where Muscat is
 - 75 Spicy stew
 - 76 Skin-coloring dye
 - 77 "Such a pity"
 - 83 The NCAA's Bruins
 - 85 '50s prez
 - 87 Texer's "Yikes!"
 - 89 Olympic figure skater
 - 90 "Funny one!"
 - 91 Entertaining little tale
 - 92 Innuendo
 - 93 queen West
 - 94 "— Him on a Sunday"
 - 95 Perry of pop
 - 100 Round solids
 - 101 Most acute
 - 103 Observer
 - 104 "— shall not..."
 - 106 Grad-school proposal
 - 107 Like Obama: Abbr.
 - 111 Revlon brand
 - 112 Bone of the shin
 - 113 Wise, skillful lawgiver
 - 114 Neopagan religion
 - 115 Observant
 - 117 Young lady
 - 118 Nothing but
 - 119 Quite a while
 - 123 Shred
 - 124 With very poor rating
 - 125 Sts.
 - 126 Moscoe's cousin
 - 128 Fill in (for)



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

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WORDS

- ASSESSMENT
- BABYPROOF
- BAINING
- BEDDING
- BONDING
- BURPING
- CHECKUP
- COLIC
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Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	3.625	0	2.875	0
Lenderful LLC	1326443	lenderful.com	3.375	0	2.875	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	3.55	0	2.75	0.125
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