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# Troopers find meth lab in Westland

Seven arrested on outstanding warrants Wednesday morning

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State Police said they found a methamphetamine lab in a home on the 3500 block of Manila Street near Palmer and Wayne in Westland on Wednesday morning during a raid.

Nine people were in the house and police said six of them had outstanding felony warrants. A 10th person, who came to the scene to see what was happening after police arrived, had a

felony warrant out for his arrest from Westland police, said Michigan State Police spokesman First Lt. Michael Shaw. That man was arrested along with the other six.

Two houses — one on each side of the house that was raided — were evacuated “while the teams were removing the items in case there was an explosion,” Shaw said. “We did air quality tests inside the home and around the home, and there’s no danger to the community.”

Michigan State Police Fugitive Team members initially entered the home looking for an individual wanted on a felony parole absconder warrant.

“During the search for the fugitive they noticed the chemicals and a one-pot methamphetamine lab in the basement,” Shaw said.

Troopers were concerned about a possible explosion that could have been caused by mixing chemicals and sealing them up in weakened containers. The chemicals used to make methamphetamine are also very toxic, he added.

Shaw said police found a gram of

meth, other narcotics, cash and a large amount of guns. Three Wayne County Sheriff’s Department badges were also found.

An investigation continues on who owns the property, he added. A placard was placed on the house declaring it a hazardous waste site “and it’s up to the owner to go in and clean up the chemical waste that is always found on these methamphetamine sites,” Shaw said.

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Diane Mehl of Westland is the Friends liaison and circulation department head at the Westland library.

## Friends' Shop at Westland library: Great selection and prices, food for thought

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Karin Reif lives in Sterling Heights, but is a regular at the Friends' Shop of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

“Usually we come for the toddler reading classes,” said Reif, with grandson Hudson Inglis of Westland in his stroller. Sister Kenna, 4, usually comes to the library too when grandma babysits, but was at a dental appointment that day.

“I always make a stop in here to get books,” Reif said. “I just want to read The New York Times best sellers, and they have them. Every time I come in, I pick up a few.”

The Friends' Shop is open all library hours, with proceeds supporting teen, youth and adult programming. It's a place for bargains, with fiction and nonfiction hardcovers just \$1 each, paperbacks either 25 cents or 50 cents based on their size, and romance novels a dime each.

“The books are affordable,” said

Diane Mehl, Friends of the Westland Library liaison and circulation department head for the library on Central City Parkway north of Ford Road. “I think the affordability makes a difference, and it's always well stocked. We sell a lot of books out of this little store.”

You can join the Friends of the Westland Library any time, Mehl said, and enjoy the preview sale for the first day of the Friends' quarterly

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## Driver convicted of manslaughter in fatal crash

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It took several months and a couple of adjournments, but Onika Fields finally learned her fate in a bench trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Judge Richard Skutt this week convicted Fields, 40, of Detroit of involuntary manslaughter and driving without a license causing death in a crash that killed a Romulus woman in August 2015.

Fields, who was charged with fleeing the accident at Middlebelt and Van Born that killed 67-year-old Alzada Dolencic of Romulus, had been charged with second-degree murder. Skutt instead convicted her on the lesser charge.

Both convictions carry a maximum 15-year prison sentence. Fields is scheduled to be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30.

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## Cherry Hill Road construction finally starts next month

**Diane Gale Andreassi**  
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Construction crews will begin resurfacing Cherry Hill between Wayne and Merriman roads in Garden City and Westland in early October.

The project is expected to cost approximately \$2.5 million and will be paid by Wayne County Department of Public Services. The cost covers a hot mix asphalt resurfacing of 2.6 miles of Cherry Hill. Additional work includes curbs, drains and other improvements, like pavement markings and signs, said Wayne County spokesperson Ryan Bridges.

The improvements are on 10.5 lane miles of Cherry Hill, one of the most traveled corridors between Westland and Garden City. Construction was initially expected to begin last spring.

“Work will be performed in stages requiring one lane of traffic to be open in each direction at all times,” Bridges

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The Wayne County Prosecutor's office declined to comment on the case, saying in an email they'd be "available to comment on the case after the sentencing hearing is completed."

Defense attorney Ray Richards said Fields "respects" Skutt's decision and feels "very, very remorseful."

"This was never about anything intentional," Richards said. "She's a good lady. We all make choices ... She understands she has to live with the judge's decision. It's just a tragedy all the way around."

The case had been adjourned multiple times and the bench trial before Skutt had been partially completed in April.

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## SHOP

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used book sales. The library Friends also donate office supplies, pens, pencils, envelopes and lined paper to sell at the circulation desk for patrons. Mehl noted the Friends bank account is kept separately.

"They're very generous in helping us with the programming," she said. The Friends provide a charger for cell phones and other electronics, "which is very generous because there's a need for that," Mehl added.

Shop visitor Reif gets books for an aunt in her 80s who also shares those. Reif shops for others there too and described herself as the "librarian" of her social circle.

"My girlfriends like all these girly books. I like Jodi Picoult, you know, stories, novels," Reif said. "They're not always happy. It makes



Karin Reif of Sterling Heights likes to visit the Friends' Shop when she babysits for grand-kids Hudson Inglis and sister Kenna (not shown), who was at the dentist that day. "I always make a stop in here to get books," Reif said.

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you appreciate what you do have."

Mehl pointed to hardcovers grouped by author, including Tom Clancy and Janet Evanovich.

The children's section is also a big hit, and many visitors come back often.

"They'll bring them back and trade off again, which is lovely of them to

do," she said of avid readers who are regular visitors.

Mehl likes the coffee table books housed on a cart, sometimes with holiday themes. "They've got the big pretty pictures in them. I like to come and look them over. A book lover's a book lover," Mehl said.

The Friends of the Westland Library have a used book sale coming up. The preview for members, at which you can join, runs 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15. The sale continues Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 18, from noon to 3 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18, will be a \$4 Bag Sale.

The Friends can be contacted through mail by addressing the library: The Friends of the Library, William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Pkwy., Westland, MI 48185. Or you can email the Friends at friends@westlandlibrary.org.

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said, adding that no detours will be necessary.

The paving will continue through April 2017, "and depending on weather, wrap up in July 2017," he added. Sidewalks and ramps are expected to be completed sometime in September 2017 with sod restoration wrapping up around October 2017.

### Official relieved

Officials in Garden City and Westland are relieved the project is about to begin.

"We have been anxiously awaiting the start of this project all summer long," Garden City Manager/Police Chief Bob Muery said.

Westland Mayor William Wild said the project is "much anticipated and the earlier they can



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The Cherry Hill Road project will begin soon.

start the better."

Residents are anxious to get the road repaired, Wild said.

"We get calls on it just about every day from people wanting to know when it will be started," Wild added.

Meanwhile, construction on 3/4 of a mile on

Hubbard Road from Park Lane to Maplewood in Garden City has begun and is expected to be completed by the end of October, explained Garden City Department of Public Works Director Kevin Roney.

The dilapidated road is being replaced with a

new 27-foot wide concrete surface, including storm drainage improvements.

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# Tickets on sale for Sweet Dreamzzz fundraiser

On Saturday, Sept. 10, local nonprofit organization Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc., hosts its largest annual fundraiser, A Night to R.E.M.ember.

This event is being held at Ford Field and is filled with opportunities to explore the stadium. The event is a casual, "wear your favorite jersey" event organizers said is "sure to be fun and inspiring."

The evening features a visit to the Lions' locker room, a walk on the field, pictures with Roary, the Lions' mascot, cocktails, a sit-down dinner and both live and silent auctions.

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Sweet Dreamzzz hosts its annual fundraiser Sept. 10 at Ford Field in Detroit.

gies of Bingham Farms is the Star sponsor. Bosco's Pizza Co., Design Systems, Inc., Hour Media and Sleep Solutions Home Medical are the Comet sponsors.

"We are so grateful for their ongoing commitment," Sweet Dreamzzz executive director Nancy Maxwell said of the sponsors. "With their support, we are able to ensure

another year of serving our families with our Sleep Education Programs. Our programs have shown to improve the duration of sleep for a preschool child, which

ultimately can impact their learning at a critical age. The trajectory of their education can be changed with the simple solution of sleep."

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Dreamzzz, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to improving children's health, well-being and academic performance by providing sleep education and bedtime essentials to economically disadvantaged students and their families.

Based in Farmington Hills, Sweet Dreamzzz educates children and families about the benefits of healthy sleep habits and establishing a healthy bedtime routine using its Early Childhood Sleep Education Program, the Parent Sleep Education Workshop and the R.E.M. (Rest. Educate. Motivate.) Sleep Program. Since its founding, Sweet Dreamzzz has served more than 50,000 children and families.

## Invest based on your individual situation

**Q: I have a strategy question that I hope you can help me with. The company I work for was just sold and I have been offered a buyout package. I was planning on retiring at the end of the year anyway, so the buyout package works great for me. My wife, who is a couple of years younger than me, has already retired. Under the terms of the buyout package, I will get my salary for the next six months. After that, I'm eligible to collect my pension. At about the same time that I collect my pension, I will be 66, so my strategy is to take Social Security at that point. My wife also has a pension, but we are delaying that for a few years. My pension and Social Security will more than cover our living expenses, so eventually, when my wife collects Social Security and her pension, we will be flush with cash. My question is,**



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**what should I do with my investments? Currently, I have about \$250,000 and I have it pretty well-diversified. Overall, I have about 65 percent of the portfolio in a variety of stock mutual funds and the remaining 35 percent in government and corporate bonds. I recently met with a friend of a friend who sells annuities and he told me the portfolio is too aggressive for someone who is retired. He said that, at my age, I should only have about 35 percent of the portfolio invested in stock funds and the remainder in an annuity and government bonds. My question to you is, does that change make sense for me? Both my wife and I have no problem taking**

**some risks and our goal for our portfolio is mostly to leave something to our children and grandchildren.**

A: First, I want to congratulate you and your wife for achieving the American dream in the fact that you can retire and money won't be an issue. Unfortunately, many Americans will not be able to enjoy their retirement as you will.

What many people tend to do when it comes to investing is to set rules where one size fits all. What the annuity salesperson is doing when they came up with the 35 percent in equities is to base their strategy on an old rule of investing. The old rule was that you take 100 minus your age and that tells you what you should have in equities. I believe that rule makes no sense, particularly in your situation.

When the strategy of subtracting your age from 100 came about, retirement was different

than it is today. At that point in time, retirement wasn't 20-30 years, but was more like 5-10 years. In addition, back then the theory was that the longer you live, the less you needed to live on. That may have been true 50-60 years ago, but it's certainly not true today. In today's world, you need a rising income throughout your lifetime, not a shrinking income. As far as I'm concerned, the 100 minus your age rule is meaningless today.

I believe people should invest based upon their individual goals and objectives and their risk tolerance level. You don't want to have a portfolio that works for the average 65-year-old; you want a portfolio that works for your individual situation. In your case, since you have your income needs taken care of and your main goal is to save for your children and your grandchildren, I see no problem whatsoever with maintaining your current

allocation. Your current allocation makes sense for what you are trying to accomplish.

I believe what makes a successful investor is someone who bases their investment decisions on their individual goals and objectives. Your goals are long term, so you should be a long-term investor, no matter what your age is. I know people in their 90s who invest long term — not because they think they are going to be around for the long run, but because their goals are for the long run and their portfolio should reflect that.

One last note, I am not

a fan of most annuities. My main problem with annuities is the fact they lack flexibility. The one thing that is constant in our world today is change and, unfortunately, most annuities are inflexible. When you couple that with the low return you're getting in annuities, you realize the only one who truly benefits is the one who is selling you the annuity.

Good luck!

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By: Sam Potter  
Health Correspondent



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## California, here we come: Grads intern in Silicon Valley

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When they head off to college, 2016 Wayne Memorial High School graduates Mitchell Massengill and Chris Lockard will have real-world work experience.

They've worked this summer for six weeks as interns at Continental Automotive Intelligent Transportation Systems in Santa Clara, Calif. The college freshmen, who studied game design and programming at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, finished the internships Aug. 26.

"Really, my initial motivation was because of gaming design at the career-tech center," said Lockard, heading to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study computer science. "J.C. Irvine got me pumped up," he added of his career-tech center instructor.

Massengill is headed to Eastern Michigan University for a computer science bache-

lor's degree. He said of Lockard "best friends since the ninth grade."

The teens moved from Westland to a Canton apartment for their upcoming studies. Lockard is 18, while Massengill turned 19 this summer in California during the internship — and missed home a bit for that milestone birthday.

They spent two years studying at the career technical center, with Massengill noting of computer science "just because it's such a strong degree" he could branch out. "I love programming in general," he said.

The local teens have worked this summer in California with a traffic simulator. "It's basically to collect data," Massengill said. "We're working alongside the developers to come up with a good product."

Lockard said of the internship, "I would definitely say this was a learning experience. We are in an actual work environment." They learned a new computer language this sum-



Mitchell Massengill (left) and Chris Lockard liked their six-week internships this summer in California's Silicon Valley. The Wayne Memorial High grads are off to college, Massengill at Eastern Michigan University and Lockard at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, both for computer science. Lockard said of their clothing, "The office was very relaxed, so this was pretty much what we wore to work as well."

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Added Massengill, "We also got to learn a bunch of different cultures," including India and Japan, their foods and religions. "It was definitely a cool experience."

The interns tip their hats to their teachers and also to Square One, a nonprofit focused on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers and studies. That's an after-school program at the

career-technical center with Irvine, the teens noted, and was helpful in lining up the internship.

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## John Glenn faculty council seeks Distinguished Alumnus nominations

The John Glenn High School graduation ceremony now includes an honorary presentation to a former graduate who has gone on to achieve excellence. The Faculty Council at John Glenn High School is

seeking nominations for the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

This is an annual presentation. School officials feel that successful graduates such as these could have a positive

motivational effect on the graduating seniors, school community and the faculty.

The council is looking for community assistance to help in the selection process by nominating a John Glenn grad-

uate who has truly earned distinction in their field of endeavor following graduation.

Anyone wishing to nominate a graduate can contact Susan Fishaw, counseling secretary, at John Glenn High School,

36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 or 734-419-2332 by Oct. 16.

The Faculty Council will review all applications and select the nominee to be honored.

## Scholarship dinner helps make college reality for former foster youth

Tickets are available for the fifth annual Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund Benefit Dinner, to be held Thursday, Sept. 22, at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena. All proceeds help give hundreds of former foster care children access to college.

The Michigan Education Trust and the Michigan Departments of Treasury and Health and Human Services are again teaming up to host the fundraiser, which begins at 6 p.m.

"The Fostering Futures Scholarship helps remove barriers to higher education that exist for many of our young people who were in foster care," Gov. Rick Snyder said in a press release. Snyder, with his wife Sue, is an hon-

orary co-chair of the event. "Sue and I are pleased to support a fundraiser that helps so many Michiganders achieve their dreams."

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$100 each. Purchase information is available at [www.fosteringfutures-mi.com](http://www.fosteringfutures-mi.com).

The event includes dinner, a silent auction, a \$100 raffle to win a two-year lease on a 2016 Cadillac, \$5 and \$10 raffles and entertainment by Grammy-nominated vocalist Betty Joplin. Speakers will include Detroit Lions linebacker Tahir Whitehead, who is committed to motivating young people in Michigan to lead a healthy lifestyle and succeed in school. Last football season, Whitehead partnered with the

MDHHS by speaking at Detroit schools and to foster youth through a project called Tahir Tuesdays. See more at [www.michigan.gov/tahirtuesdays](http://www.michigan.gov/tahirtuesdays).

About 13,000 youth are in the Michigan foster care system administered by MDHHS. Many want to attend college, but less than 10 percent enroll after high school and less than 3 percent eventually earn a degree. The Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund provides former foster care students who do not have adequate financial resources to attend college with a scholarship.

"We are so pleased to be able to assist former foster care students in achieving

their dreams of a post-secondary education," said Robin Lott, executive director for MET. "Last year, thanks to hundreds of generous sponsors, donors and dinner guests, we raised \$140,000. Since 2012, fundraising efforts have totaled more than \$600,000, all awarded as scholarships in the year it was raised. Annually, as many as 400 youth have received the scholarship."

Those unable to attend the event can make donations of any dollar amount to the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund at [www.fosteringfutures-mi.com](http://www.fosteringfutures-mi.com). Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund is a Section 170(c) organization, so all contributions are eligible for an income

tax deduction.

Fourteen Michigan colleges and universities have programs to assist former foster care students: Baker College-Flint, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Lansing Community College, Michigan State University, Mott Community College, Northwestern Michigan College, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Michigan-Flint, Washtenaw Community College, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

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# Nothing sour about these new pickleball courts

Construction of six pickleball courts has been completed at Freedom Park in Canton, part of a community benefit project provided by Pulte Homes, in an effort to enhance sports opportunities and athletics for area residents with special emphasis on seniors.

A grand opening ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, weather permitting. The public is invited to attend this ribbon-cutting ceremony — especially pickleball enthusiasts and those looking to try out the sport. Equipment will be provided.

Funded by a capital contribution from Pulte Homes for Grandview



Canton is unveiling its new pickleball courts.

Estates, this conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts will provide seasonal recreational opportunities for Canton residents. Popular in active adult retirement communities, pickleball

is gaining fans of all ages across the country, local officials say.

Pickleball, often described as a cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong, is played with paddles and a plas-

tic ball on courts about half the size of a tennis court, across a net two inches lower than a tennis net. The ball, which is similar to a whiffle ball, is hit with a composite paddle that resembles an oversized table-tennis paddle.

"Pickleball is a sport that has been growing among all demographics," said Jason Lombardo, Summit facility coordinator. "It is simple to learn and beginners are often playing on their own by the end of one lesson. We're very grateful for Pulte Homes' generous donation that enabled us to construct these dedicated pickleball courts."

Invented in the 1960s on Bainbridge Island in Washington state, pickleball has expanded from a family activity to a net court sport with formalized rules. Now more than 40 years later, pickleball is played in thousands of communities across the country. The origin of the sport's name is often debated, but it is supposedly named after one of the original game developer's family dog, Pickles, who would often chase miss-shot balls.

Freedom Park's pickleball courts are located on the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer Roads. The courts are open to the public on a

first-come, first-served basis when not in use during scheduled class sessions. Canton Leisure Services will also provide instructional programming to encourage play for all ages. Additional neighborhood tennis courts are available at Griffin Park, located on Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads, and Flodin Park, located at Saltz Road and Morton Taylor Road.

For additional information about Canton's new pickleball courts and upcoming instructional programming, go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call the Summit on the Park front desk at 734-394-5460.

## Youth coalition offers prevention events

Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition (LSOY) is sponsoring the following free awareness training and events regarding substance abuse and mental health issues.

» Substance Abuse: What you need to know and what you can do — A free education series designed to provide information about substance abuse issues, including addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery. Topics include underage drug and drinking trends, understanding addiction, impact on families, etc. First three Tuesdays (September through May), 7-8:30 p.m., St. Mary Mercy Livonia, South Entrance, 4th Floor, Classroom C.

» Suicide Prevention Training — Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) teaches three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Goal of QPR Training is to help prevent deaths by suicide in Wayne County, and reduce the stigma

associated with mental health issues. Wednesday, Sept. 7, Livonia City Hall Auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. This event will be held at the September LSOY general meeting.

» Tall Cop Says Stop: High in Plain Sight — Substance abuse prevention training about current drug and alcohol trends affecting our immediate community. Presenter Officer Jermain Galloway is one of the nation's top experts in various drug and alcohol trends. Monday, Oct. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

Each event is free and open to the public, registration is not necessary. The programs are designed for all members of the community: parents, grandparents, students, professionals, educators, law enforcement and civic groups.

"Many families in our community have struggled with the substance

abuse or mental health issues of a loved one.

Awareness training can be the first step toward healing and help toward easing the stigma associated with these difficult topics" said Karen Bonanno, executive director of the coalition. "Providing prevention events can provide useful, practical information that can strengthen families, neighborhoods and the business community."

Livonia Save Our Youth is a coalition that exists to educate and empower the community regarding the health and safety of young people, with a focus on alcohol and other drugs. Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, in the Livonia City Hall Annex conference room.

For more information, call 734 338-9580, email [info@livoniasaveouryouth.org](mailto:info@livoniasaveouryouth.org) or visit [www.livoniasaveouryouth.org](http://www.livoniasaveouryouth.org).

## Cake topper stolen

Talk about a pair of wedding crashers.

A Livonia woman came into the Livonia police station Tuesday afternoon to report the theft of a cake topper from her daughter's wedding reception the previous weekend at the Italian American Banquet and Conference Center, 39200 Five Mile.

The resident said the reception, which took place Aug. 27, wrapped up in the evening and that's when they discovered the cake topper, a Disney Cinderella and Prince porcelain cake topper, was missing. They went to management at the banquet facility and reviewed some of the security footage and saw two suspects leave with the topper during the festivities.

According to the resident, the tape showed two suspects, a man and a woman, enter the facility, wave to some guests and head

## POLICE BRIEFS

to a hi-top bar table where they ordered a drink. Then, they were seen going over to the area where the cake topper was on a window sill. One suspect went out of frame, while the other was seen placing the topper in his pocket. They both then left the room and facility. They then were seen entering the building again.

The victim said she did not recognize the two individuals, and employees at the Italian American Club said they did not recognize them as employees.

## Blender taken from store

Police were dispatched Thursday afternoon on the report of a retail fraud that had recently taken place at Walmart, 29555 Plymouth.

A store employee said they saw a woman select a mug and blender and place them into a cart full of items that had already been purchased. She was seen paying for the mug, but not the

blender. She tried to leave but was stopped by store employees. She was detained until police arrived and cited her. The suspect was released at the scene.

## Vehicle rummaged through, items stolen

Two Livonia residents who live in the 27700 block of Norfolk came in to the police station Tuesday night to report a larceny from auto that had taken place.

One of the residents said he came out to his vehicle recently and saw trash outside of it. He then looked and saw it had been rummaged through. A pair of items, a pink dress and a portable alcohol breathalyzer were missing. He said there was no damage done to the vehicle, and no signs of forced entry. He said the vehicle was unlocked at the time.

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Goodfellows meet

Livonia Goodfellows will hold its General Membership Meeting on Monday, Sept. 19 (note: this is a change) at 7 p.m. at the Livonia Senior Center located on the southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 313-438-0862.

Lighthouse yard sale

The Lighthouse will host a yard sale through Sept. 10 to fill its food pantry and buy food for the poor.

The sale, which will be at The Lighthouse, 34033 Palmer in Westland, will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. All proceeds will go toward feeding those who need it.

The Lighthouse is accepting gently used items, which can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 734-326-3885.

Hearing loss support

The Hearing Loss Association of America will discuss "What Happens at the National Hearing Loss Convention" during its meeting 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Garden City Hospital.

For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email aferack@comcast.net.

Genealogical meeting

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, Sept. 19, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Please note the new format: 5:30 p.m. Bring your dinner and join the conversation with other members; 6:15 p.m. announcements and pre-program; 7 p.m. Wally Schlegel will present the new and improved familysearch.org website.

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Documentary screening

The Livonia Civic Center Library hosts a screening of "The Great Detroit," a documentary that examines the positive aspects of Detroit at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22.

The screening will be followed by a discussion with director Anthony Brogdon. The Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile in Livonia.

3-D photography

The first meeting of the season for the 3-D Photography Club is set for 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile, in Livonia.

The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. The program will be an open discussion about evaluating stereo images. After a refreshment break, we'll have a 3D image competition among our club members.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Parish concert

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish hosts "Amor," featuring Anna Nadasky, Mezzo-Soprano, and Paul Shafer, piano, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the parish, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City.

The concert will explore love through classical, romantic and contemporary composers. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call 734-427-1533, Ext. 106



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Public safety thanks

The Stevenson High School freshman and JV volleyball teams surprised staffers at the Livonia Police Department with home-made baked goods, drinks, pizza, fruit and other goodies as a way of thanking officers for all they do. There were 24 girls, two coaches and four moms. The event, team organizers said, allowed the girls to bond as teammates and to show appreciation for what the police department does.

formation, call 734-427-1533, Ext. 106

Amvets fundraisers

Amvets Auxiliary Post 171-Westland is hosting a couple of upcoming events:

» Texas Roadhouse fundraiser Wednesday, Sept. 16, 100 percent of meal orders (dinner menu only, plus bake sale in foyer) will be donated to Amvets.

» Car and motorcycle show sponsored by the Sons of Amvets & Amvets takes place from noon to 11 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. Hamburgers/hot dogs, pop and water for sale outside.

Amvets Post 171 is at 1217 Merriman in Westland. For more information, call 734-721-9440.

Anderson hours

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will host Coffee Hour events in Garden City and Westland with elected officials from Michigan on Monday, Sept. 12.

Coffee Hour in Westland will be co-hosted with state Rep. Robert

Kosowski from 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 North Wayne Road.

Coffee Hour in Garden City will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Michigan room at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood St. The Garden City Coffee Hour will be co-hosted with state Sen. David Knezek.

Flu shots

Walgreens will be providing free flu shots to those who either do not have insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover the cost. The shots will be given from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia.

For more information or to register, call 248-474-3444 or email clarenceville-church@gmail.com.

Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace present Dr. Saeed Khan's talk "Manufacturing Bigotry! We Don't Need Bigotry in the Law!" at its meeting set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile.

Khan will share the findings of his research on a variety of laws that impact minorities. He will suggest bipartisan political engagement and coalition building around common values, common interests and common solutions. All are welcome.

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

Rummage sale

St. Mel Catholic Church, 7506 N. Inkster in Dearborn Heights, hosts a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24. Drop-off dates are Sept. 15 and Sept. 21, 5-8 p.m. The church will not accept furniture or large items.

For more information, 313-274-0684.

9/11 remembrance

Sunday, Sept. 11, marks the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on this country. A worship service of remembrance will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, to commemorate the 9/11 anniversary and honor those who serve their country and communities.

Church officials invite the community to join them in honoring first responders for the sacrifices they make to keep our communities safe. First responders and their families are specially invited.

Immediately following the service (at approximately 11:30 a.m.) a picnic lunch will be served. To help plan for food, RSVP by calling 734-464-0211, or register online at http://tinyurl.com/htlc-picnic or email dlove@holyltrinitylivonia.org.

For more information, call Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211, Ext. 202.

Surf and turf

St. Robert Bellarmine is hosting a surf-and-turf Fish Fry Fundraiser from 4-8 p.m. (while supplies last) Friday, Sept. 9, at the parish, at Inkster and West Chicago in Redford.

Traditional fish fry fare (shrimp, baked or fried fish, strip steak, and the sides) will be available for prices ranging from \$11-\$15 and the drive-through will be open.

Livonia Towne Club

The Livonia Towne Club is a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction.

The club meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's held on the second Thursday). The club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas.

Our program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more, plus an occasional local day trip.

For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

Lucky Squirrel

The Garden City DDA will host its Lucky Squirrel Vendor and Flea Market Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, and vendor space is available.

The Lucky Squirrel is an outdoor event with over 10,000 square feet. Vendors can reserve a 10-by-10 space for \$10 to peddle wares at the old Farmers Market area, at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt. Crafters, artists, wood workers, artisans and cottage food vendors are welcome. Home-made jams and yard art are always a big hit.

To register, vendors need to download and print the Lucky Squirrel Registration Form at www.gccdda.com and send it with their payment to Garden City DDA, 29213 Ford Road, Garden City, MI 48135 by Sept. 9.

For more information, call the Garden City Downtown Development Authority at 734-261-2830 or email Theresa Manuel at theresa@downtown-gardencity.com.

Westland market

The Westland Farmers & Artisans Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13. It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted.

The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, Central City Park, in Westland. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Wayne Farmers Market

The Wayne Farmers Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26. It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted.

The market is behind city hall in Wayne. For more information, call 734-658-5296 or email towfmmanager@gmail.com

Rummage sale

InsideOut Church, 1075 Venoy Road in Garden City, hosts a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

There will be a variety of gently used/new items plus local vendors will be there. For kids there will be princesses dressed up so they can have their pictures taken with them.

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# Dagorhir warriors battle it out Tolkien-style

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The battlefield was thick with swords. They cut through the hot summer air, bouncing off shields and striking a limb here, a torso there.

Gloriann Curley of Garden City ran along the fringes of the melee, focused on her opponent. She swung at his legs with her trusty flail. He raised his sword in response and she swung again.

A strike from her padded flail doesn't hurt, but can leave "some pretty sweet bruises."

But with no hits and no harm done, the warriors parted ways to skirmish elsewhere in Livonia's Rotary Park. Its nature trails and lawn became combat zones last weekend for members of a national live-action role-playing society called Dagorhir.

Curley, known to her subjects as Queen Glo, and her husband, Ben, "King Jayne" Curley, are members of a Dagorhir unit known as Fury of the Called, which is part of a larger group, the realm of Eryndor. They and members of other Dagorhir chapters came together for a day of battle games at the park.

Local chapter, The Kingdom of Akron, sponsored the daylong event, called The Deepwood Ascension Festival II, that drew together Dagorhir players, primarily from Ohio and Michigan, to test their combat skills with homemade foam-padded weapons. The festival also included an archery tournament, princess rescue, a hunt for bandits to retrieve stolen treasure, and a costume contest. Players dressed in medieval-looking garb and top game players won gold tokens they exchanged for prizes.

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DAN "SIR JACK ANGELFOOT" HEBEL, OF WARREN, a knight of Akron.

since 1977," said Dan "Sir Jack Angelfoot" Hebel, of Warren, a knight of Akron. "It has an element of role playing in that we wear garb, but it's a lot of emphasis on the skill of fighting."

Dagorhir was founded by college friends in Maryland and was based on J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novel, "Lord of the Rings." The organization has chapters throughout the country and a week-long "extravaganza of mass melee and fun," called Ragnarok every

June in northwest Pennsylvania.

Weapons must meet specific construction and safety guidelines and are checked before they are allowed in play. Hebel said they are designed to hit at full force and not cause injury.

In the 1970s broomsticks were used as swords and couch cushions doubled as shields.

"Nowadays weapons are more high tech. Typically they are made out



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Benjamin "King Jayne" Curley looks for an opening to strike his opponent.

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Stephanie "Akkina" Ball of Dearborn, a member of the Kingdom of Akron, competes in the archery contest.



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Gloriann "Queen Glo" Curley vanquishes an opponent with her flail.

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of fiberglass with an exterior coating of foam," Hebel said. A layer of fabric prevents the foam from leaving an abrasion on unprotected skin.

"They definitely can sting," Hebel added.

#### Detroit-area kingdom

He and a handful of other Dagorhir members founded the Kingdom of Akron seven years ago as a Detroit-area chapter. Hebel had been involved in Dragorhir while at Oakland University.

Kingdom of Akron now has 30 members and practices in Dearborn and Ferndale during the week and in full dress on Saturday in Royal Oak. Group members come from all walks of life and with varying athletic

abilities.

"It's a neat dynamic," said Hebel, an attorney.

He convinced his wife, Renee, to join the group, although at first she resisted.

"I never played sports as a kid. I'm not into that. I don't fight, but I do love to make the costumes and crafts. And the culture is phenomenal. There are all kinds of good people involved," she said.

Taylor Oltman of Livonia, a "half-orc" named Sma, likens the Fury of the Called to a family. Oltman, a student at College for Creative Studies, joined the group a few months ago and enjoys her character, costumes, and hanging out with her new fiends.

"I do like battling, but I guess smaller battles. I've never done a big battle. It's a little intimidating," she said. "I come here every Sunday and practice right over there

with the Fury guys. I do a lot of fighting during those practices."

Kyle Randall Tansek of Livonia also attends the Fury of the Called practices at Rotary Park. He biked to the Deepwoods battle games in costume.

"In my normal life I'm actually a martial arts instructor. That's what I do for a living," Tansek said. "For me doing this is another outlet I can try in a more fun, less competitive environment.

"I can come out with a giant shield and a giant spear and nobody is going to tell me that isn't historically accurate."

For more about Dagorhir, visit [dagorhir.com](http://dagorhir.com). Search for Fury of the Called and Kingdom of Akron on Facebook. Find Eryndor at [Eryndor.com](http://Eryndor.com).

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Kyle "The Great Erasmus," Randall Tansek of Livonia, Gloriann "Queen Glo" Curley of Garden City, Brad "Xarzale" Chunn of Farmington Hills and Taylor "Sma" Oltman of Livonia are ready for the signal that the battle begins.

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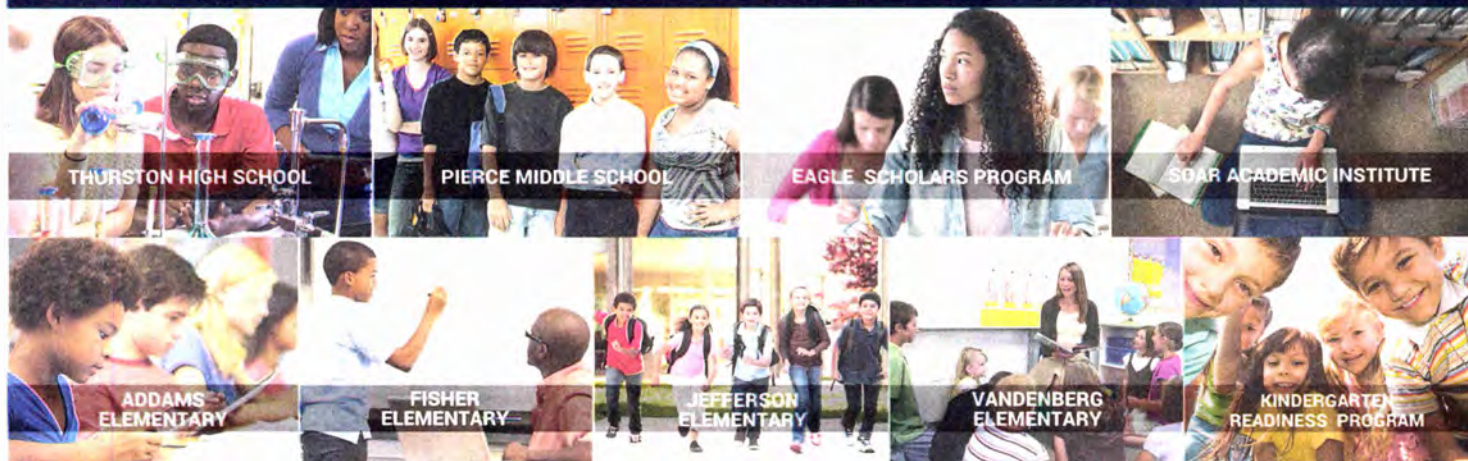
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Chargers looking strong again

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Livonia Churchill's volleyball team will be strong again this fall, thanks to a roster that looks a lot like the one that carried the Chargers all the way to the Division 1 state semifinals in Battle Creek.

"With the core of the team back from a state semifinalist appearance last season, we have high expectations," veteran head coach Mark Gre-

nier said. "We really have a complete team, we have some depth and versatility along with getting better in the off-season and having gained a lot of confidence to, hopefully, make this season as competitive as we have had in recent years at Churchill."

Leading the cast of returnee stand-outs are senior 6-foot-3 middle hitter Anne Yost, who earned all-conference, all-region and all-area honors as a junior; senior 5-6 libero Alyssa Facione, who also piled up all-conference, all-

region and all-area accolades; and 5-11 senior outside hitter Samantha Zonca, who was an all-region honoree in 2015.

Also returning will be senior setter Brianna Fulton, senior front-row mainstay Megan Gendjar, senior defensive specialists Madi Mirabatur and Colleen McGowan, senior middle hitter Katelyn Seger and junior outside hitter Annabelle Dunn.

Promising newcomers include junior

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Churchill's Alyssa Facione returns, along with the bulk of last season's team that advanced to the Division 1 state semifinals.

PREP FOOTBALL

## Franklin throttles Kettering

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It's usually a good omen when the guy who scores your football team's first touchdown has the last name of "Smiley."

Such was the case Thursday night for Livonia Franklin, which received a first-quarter spark from Brandon Smiley's 34-yard TD run before routing visiting Waterford Kettering, 49-13.

The Patriots improved to 1-1, with a Friday night visit to Pinckney next on their docket.

"The biggest differences between our victory against Kettering and last week's loss to Stevenson was that we were more physical and we didn't commit any turnovers," Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said. "We turned the ball over four or five times against Stevenson and we never really got in sync."

"We got off to a fast start (Thursday night). We gained some confidence early and we didn't start out in a hole."

The Patriots steamrolled their way to 318 rushing yards, compared to Kettering's 133.

Quarterback Jacob Clark led the ground assault with 128 yards on nine attempts. Nuke Crowell ran for 51 yards on nine hauls, while Isaac Moore tacked on 43 on three carries.

"Jacob's a natural runner," Kelbert said. "We need to get the ball in his hands as much as we can and there's no better way of doing that than having him play quarterback."

Clark was efficient when he dropped back to pass, completing 3-of-5 aeri-als for 61 yards.

Jake Giacobbi, Moore and Chris Nehasil each recorded one reception, with Giacobbi's resulting in a 49-yard TD.

Jacob Mass led a swarming Franklin defense with three solo tackles, four assists and two tackles for minus yardage.

Jax Gasaway was credited with two

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Franklin running back Isaac Moore, pictured during last week's game against Stevenson, broke free on a 39-yard TD run against Kettering.

PREP FOOTBALL



Stevenson's Collin Bowersox (right) defends Churchill's Mike Hill on a first-quarter pass play Thursday night.

## CLASSIC CLIFF-HANGER

Stevenson hangs on to edge crosstown rival Churchill, 24-21

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A skinny post and a slender cornerback combined to give Livonia Stevenson's football team a heavyweight victory Thursday night over crosstown rival Livonia Churchill.

In a classic clash that had fans from both teams sitting on the edge of their seats throughout the second half, Spartans senior quarterback Chris Tanderys threaded a 21-yard touchdown pass to sure-handed Ian Knoph, who hung onto the ball despite getting jarred at the goal line, to put Stevenson ahead 24-21 with just 49 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Churchill senior QB Evan Cummins countered by guiding the Chargers to the Stevenson 34 with

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Churchill's Jamal Allen slips through the grasp of a Stevenson defender to score a first-quarter touchdown.

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## GIRLS GOLF

# Stevenson wins P-CCS Classic

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Led by the dynamic duo of Anna Vento and Kristen Szabelski, Livonia Stevenson's girls golf team turned in a golden performance at Thursday's P-CCS Classic at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

The Spartans won the 24-team event with a stroke total of 327.

Vento, a junior, and Szabelski, a senior, both earned top 10 individual medals after shooting rounds of 76 and 79, respectively.

Also scoring for the Spartans were Madi Maurier (86), Callie Kimble (86) and Megan Gronau (89).

Stevenson out-distanced runner-up Farmington Hills Mercy by 13 shots. Saline (344) was third, followed by South Lyon Blue (354).

Livonia Churchill placed 10th, just ahead of 11th-place Franklin.

Franklin's Sofia Cueva and Churchill's Paige Peterson led their respective team with 88 each, which placed them in a tie for 22nd.

Additional Churchill scorers were Kelsie Nowicki (91), Macey Reese (98) and Emma Grodek (102).

Franklin also received strong efforts from Sophia Wygonik (90), Summer Horen (100) and Brenna Campau (103).

## JV results

Stevenson's junior varsity team also shined, placing second with 306 on the Fox Hills par-3 course. Sophomore Reese Sutton was the JV medalist after carding 71. Freshmen Sydney Maurier (77) and Allison Gronau (78) also placed in the top 10.



ED WRIGHT

Stevenson's Callie Kimble follows through on a putt during last week's Livonia City Tournament.

## BOYS SOCCER



JOE SANCHEZ

Nick Siml (right) scored a goal for the Trojans in the loss to Gabriel Richard.

## Trojans have tough first week with narrow defeats

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It was a tough first week of the season for the Livonia Clarenceville boys soccer team, which lost two games by one-goal margins.

The Trojans fell to 0-2 Thursday after a 4-3 loss at Plymouth Christian Academy. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard defeated Clarenceville on Tuesday, 3-2.

In the PCA game, the Trojans dominated the first half and led 1-0 on Jay Fitzpatrick's goal and an assist by Gerardo Arzate. The Eagles scored seven seconds before halftime.

The Trojans came out flat in the second half and fell behind, 3-1, after several lazy minutes, according to coach Trevor Johnson.

Armin Andelija cut the lead to 3-2 with a successful penalty kick and bur-

ied another goal 10 minutes later on a corner kick by Arzate for a tie score.

That didn't last long, however, as the Trojans gave the Eagles a PK with eight minutes left.

Austin Andres led the Eagles with a hat trick and Levi Yakuber scored their other goal.

In the Gabriel Richard game, Clarenceville fell behind, 2-0, but the Trojans cut the lead in half with Arzate scoring off an Andelija assist.

After giving up another goal, Clarenceville kept fighting and scored a second goal as Nick Siml buried another set-up pass from Andelija with 1:44 left in the game.

The Trojans (0-2) were unable to tie the score, however. Zach Elagamy played well in his debut as the Clarenceville goalie with 10 saves, Johnson said.

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### 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 to 2016 have replied that they plan to attend.

Stevenson alumni T-shirts can

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

### 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 two 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.

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## GRIDDERS

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solo stops and five assists.

Giacobbi converted all seven of his extra-point attempts and boomed four of his eight kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks.

After Smiley's big run put the Patriots up 7-0, Crowell dashed 26 yards to pay dirt to give the hosts a 14-0 halftime lead.

Franklin put the game on ice with a three-touchdown third quarter, courtesy of Giacobbi's long TD reception, a 1-yard run by Clark and a 39-yard scoring sprint from Moore.

Clark added a 49-yard TD run in the fourth quarter before Keegan Flaherty capped the scoring with a 20-yard run.

Jack Wright hauled in a 57-yard TD pass from Ryan Nolan for Kettering.

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## FOOTBALL

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11.3 ticks on the clock before the Spartans' 6-0, 145-pound cornerback George Ferguson picked off a Cummins pass in the end zone to seal his team's three-point triumph.

Thus, when the Spartans arrive at school for the first day of classes Tuesday, they'll have sharpened pencils, brand-new books and a Livonia city championship in their possession.

Stevenson knocked off Livonia Franklin, 42-29, in last week's opener.

Both Tanderys and Cummins were spectacular. Stevenson's gunslinger completed 23-of-30 passes for 180 yards, while Cummins completed 18-of-27 for 227.

The most significant of the game's 57 aeriels was the last-minute, third-down Tanderys-to-Knoph strike, which capped an eight-play, 64-yard drive.

"We had Ian run a skinny post with their two safeties over the top; we thought Ian would be able to beat them," Tanderys said. "He took a hard hit, but was able to secure it."

Given the rivalry's recent track record — the past six meetings have come down to the final minutes — no one was surprised when Cummins led the Chargers down the field in the waning seconds.

On the final offensive play from scrimmage for Churchill, Cummins was chased from the pocket toward the Chargers' sidelines before launching a strong throw that overshot Avery Anderson before settling into Ferguson's hands in the corner of the end zone.

"I didn't want anybody to get behind me," Ferguson said, when asked about his pre-pick mindset. "When he threw the ball, the crowd got quiet and I want-



ED WRIGHT

Evan Cummins gets pressured by Stevenson's Joshua Page (left) and Abdel Afify.

ed the ball; I wasn't going to drop it."

The wiry Ferguson was a defensive dynamo most of the night, recording nine tackles in addition to his interception.

"George is a sneaky athlete," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "He might not look like it, but he can really jump and run. If a receiver is faster than George, you won't notice it because George just runs harder and works harder."

Stevenson junior running back Parker Graham was a yardage machine, gaining 182 yards on 22 carries — including a 76-yard scoring sprint on his first carry of the night — and 63 yards on seven receptions.

Churchill jumped in front, 7-0, on its opening drive when Cummins put an exclamation point on an eight-play,

80-yard gem with a 17-yard TD pass to Jamal Allen. Sophomore kicker Drew Alsobrooks tacked on the first of his three extra points.

The Spartans knotted the game at 7-7 when Graham sprinted 72 yards on a basic end run play on the visitors' first play.

The Chargers drove inside Stevenson territory on their next possession, but Graham ended it with an interception. Following an exchange of possessions, Stevenson bolted ahead 14-7 on a Tanderys-to-Graham 13-yard TD pass.

Each team's final drive of the first half was ended by an interception. Joe Kubeshesky picked off a tipped Cummins pass before Allen stepped in front of a Tanderys pass at the Churchill 1-yard line.

*"It feels great to be 2-0 after all the hard work we put in during the off-season," It's kind of weird playing Franklin and Churchill back to back like this, but it's special, too."*

PARKER GRAHAM, Stevenson running back

Stevenson secured its first two-possession lead, 17-7, on Philip Vrzovski's 23-yard field goal.

Churchill roared back quickly, however, cutting its deficit to 17-14 on a four-yard TD run by Morris with 38.3 seconds left in the third quarter.

On the first play of the next Stevenson drive, Churchill defensive lineman Brennan Mikel separated Tanderys from the ball and then recovered the fumble he forced.

One snap later, Cummins completed a 24-yard TD pass to Hill to give the Chargers their first lead since the first quarter, 21-17.

That set the stage for the dramatic final moments when a perfectly-executed skinny post play and a slender cornerback sealed the deal for the Spartans.

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"It feels great to be 2-0 after all the hard work we put in during the off-season," Graham said. "It's kind of weird playing Franklin and Churchill back to back like this, but it's special, too."

Senior Omar Morris was Churchill's workhorse, churning out 63 yards on 13 carries.

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BOYS TENNIS

# High school season swings into high gear

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Livonia Franklin's boys tennis team improved its record to 5-4 Thursday by out-swinging Westland John Glenn, 9-0, in a KLAAs South Division encounter played on the Rockets' courts.

The Patriots didn't lose a set to the Rockets, who defaulted three of the five doubles matches.

Franklin senior Adam Alger set the tone with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Riley Diaz at No. 1 singles.

Patriot senior Jon Montie then white-washed Kameron Lewis, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 2 singles.

Franklin's No. 3 and 4 singles players — Justin Crawford and Eric Liberati — also posted 6-0, 6-0 wins over Mitchell Sopp and Zach Lefler, respectively.

The Patriots' No. 1 doubles team of Reo Tang and Kyle McCullach ousted John Glenn's Travor Smith and Jacob Tuttle, 6-1, 6-1, while the No. 2 duo of Graham Schuerman and Stephen Lee upended Zach Lefler and Jay Vitto, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 2 doubles.

**Garden City splits pair**

During the final two days of August, Garden City split a pair of home matches. The Cougars dropped a 5-3 decision to Royal Oak on Aug. 30 before bouncing back for a 7-1 victory over Ypsilanti Lincoln on Aug. 31.

Posting wins against Royal Oak were Garden City singles player Derek Van Dooren, who swept Donovan Burtleigh, 6-4, 6-4, in the No. 2 match, and Colin McHugh, who outlasted Jimmy Guest, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, at No. 4.

GC's No. 1 player, Avery Emerson, battled Josh Pasikowski hard before dropping a 6-2, 6-2 decision.

Justin Perrin, the Cougars' No. 3 singles player, lost a thriller to Luke Jorgensen, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The Cougars' No. 1 doubles team of Tony King and Tanner Davis looked sharp as they pounded Timko Blysnuk and Jac Finch, 6-1, 6-1.

GC pretty much had its way against the Railsplitters, winning every match except No. 4 singles, which featured a three-set barn-burner between the hosts' Thomas Catton and Lincoln's Cade Rickman, who persevered to win, 7-5, 4-6, 10-4.

Singles winners for the Cougars were Emerson (6-2, 6-1 over Jacob Kedioske), Van Dooren (6-0, 6-2 over David Galvan) and Jacob Grant, who earned an exciting 4-6, 7-5, 10-7 'W' over Brendan Williams.

The doubles tandems of King and Davis, Justin Perrin and McHugh, Kamal Safah and Logan McMaster and Josh Tapper and Zack Burton all won their matches handily.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Stevenson's Peter Akel shows good form during the Spartans' match this week at Salem (results were not available).

PREP BOYS SOCCER

## Churchill stymies Pinckney, 3-1

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A back-up stepped to the fore-front and a front-runner further established his growing offensive reputation during the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team's 3-0 victory over Pinckney on Wednesday.

The impressive triumph improved the Chargers to 3-1 overall while Pinckney slipped to 0-3.

The winners' defense was anchored by back-up goal-keeper Adam Sinclair, who turned away five shots by the Pirates.

Fueling the Chargers' attack was sophomore Anthony Paul, who maintained his stellar start to the season by netting two goals.

"I thought we possessed the ball well and we scored early, which was important," said Churchill head coach Matt Grodzicki. "We kept our foot on the gas pedal, too, once we got the lead."

"Anthony Paul had another great game for us."

The Chargers never trailed after Paul popped in an unassisted goal about 15 minutes into the contest.

Roughly three minutes before half-time, Justin Jenkins was brought down in the 18-yard box by the Pinckney goal-keeper, which led to a successful penalty kick by Paul.

Chris Chahin rammed home an insurance marker with about 12 minutes left.

The Chargers will face their toughest test of the young season on Tuesday when they travel to Canton for a 7 p.m. showdown against the Chiefs.

**Franklin topped**

Livonia Franklin suffered its first setback of the season, 2-0, to Milford.

The two teams played to a scoreless stand-off during the first 40 minutes before the Mavericks struck for a pair



TOM BEAUDOIN

Churchill goal-keeper Adam Sinclair gets ready to launch the ball Wednesday night.

of second-half tallies.

Dante D'Aloisio and Tyler Welch each scored a goal for Milford. The goals came within two minutes of one another approximately 15 minutes into the second half.

Scott Beebe guarded the net in the first half for Franklin while Zack Robinson handled the goal-keeping chores in the second stanza.

Spartans edge Eagles

Livonia Stevenson improved to 2-1-1 Tuesday night after pulling out a 2-1 victory over White Lake Lakeland (1-2).

The Spartans owned the shots-on-goal category, 11-4.

Following a scoreless first half, Stevenson exploded for two quick second-half net-finders off the feet of Lucas Rea (from Evan Campau) and Christian Zapata (from Ryan Cox).

Stevenson keeper Drew Padgen didn't make a save while Owen Christian turned back five Stevenson shots.

"We have been improving every game," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "Tonight was a nice cap to a successful week. Things heat up for us next week once league games begin."

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## SPIKERS

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Kendra Juliette, junior setter Mary Kinney and freshman outside hitter Sarah Dunn.

**Impressive debut**

In the Chargers' first competition of the 2016 season, they went 3-2 at a tournament hosted by Portage Central.

Churchill defeated Marshall (25-18, 25-14), East Kentwood (25-14, 25-18) and Cadillac (25-18, 25-20) and dropped matches to Grand Rapids Christian (25-20, 25-21) and Portage Central (25-20, 25-22).

Facione was brilliant, registering 86 digs and a 95-percent service rate. Yost knocked down 38 kills and four blocks, while Zonca added 37 kills and Sarah Dunn put down 33.

Fulton dished out 100 assists.

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ED WRIGHT

Anne Yost is one of the best middle hitters in the area.

## Young Bulldogs play like pros



The 8U Motor City Bulldogs placed third July 24 in the USSSA World Series at Canton Sports Complex in Canton. Overall the Bulldogs captured first-place tournament titles, four third-place trophies and placed second in their league. Team members include (back row, from left) Kevin Warren, Dan Folks, Jason Bantau and Jason Prentiss, (middle row, from left) Jack Nabozny, Aidan Treharne, Brock Ballard, Avery Smolenski, Ayden Bantau and Ian Prentiss and (front row, from left) Kaden Warren, Cameron Thorning, Lucas Brown and Andy Folks.

HIGH SCHOOL RUNNING

## Stevenson girls cross country preview

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The all-important intangibles that separate mediocre teams from great ones can all be found at a Livonia Stevenson girls cross country team practice.

"I like this team's attitude, work ethic and enthusiasm," said head coach Rick Brauer. "Also, we're returning eight of our top 10 runners from last season, all of whom had solid summer training and camp workouts, and, most importantly, they are healthy."

The Spartans have a strong nucleus of leaders consisting of captains Julia Cercone, Emily Lauzon and Noelle Hillert.

"Each brings unique strengths to their role and have done a great job of holding the team members accountable, always bringing a positive attitude to every workout and demonstrating a solid work ethic with training and ancillary work," Brauer noted.

Additional key contributors are expected to be Abby Zwicker, Emily Zwicker, Delaney Harris, Alyssa Bergman, Katie Zilincik, Cassie McDougall, Erin Fitzgerald and Anna Bonzer, all of whom are returning letter-winners.

"The leadership and enthusiasm of the seniors and this group will determine how successful the season will be," Brauer said. "Everyone's training has been very consistent and at a higher



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Stevenson cross country standouts Emily Lauzon and Julia Cercone are primed to have outstanding seasons.

level than previous. Their indicator workouts are proof they can race very well this season, and I know they are looking forward to competing.

"Freshman Cassie McDougall is coming along very and joins Julia Cercone and Emily Lauzon upfront. Abby and Emily Zwicker have both been healthy this summer as have Delaney Harris, Erin Fitzgerald and Anna Bonzer.

This has made a significant difference in their fitness coming into the summer training, cross country camp and the upcoming season. If this group continues to challenge for the four and five scoring positions and push the first three runners and have confidence in their training, I am confident the girls will have a season they can be very proud of."



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Zebras strive to continue recent success

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There is no lack of esprit de corps among the members of the Wayne Memorial cross country team, which is a positive sign for head coach Tom Gibson.

"The boys and girls practice together which helps every team member," Gibson said. "They work very hard in practices. I do not have one runner on the team that doesn't work to the best of their ability."

"Everyone is excited to be on the team and they encourage each other during practices." Taking charge of the leadership department

will be tri-captains Jamie Carranza, a fourth-year senior; Cody Macuga, a three-year junior; and Tyler Westfall, a two-year senior.

"Jamie is a hard worker. Despite injuries that sidelined him for all of the track season and half the summer, he has remained a positive influence for the team. Last year he finished as the No. 1 runner; this year he is currently the No. 6 runner and is excited for the season."

"Cody works very hard and was only one of three returning runners during his junior year. Tyler has worked hard both during track season

and over the summer and is coming into the season in the best shape of his life.

"All three of these young men are leaders by example."

Among the Zebras' front-runners this fall will be senior Blake Barber, junior John Gatton and sophomore Jonathan Boland.

"Blake showed he is one of the best runners in the KLA South with his eighth-place finish at the Mustang Invitational," Gibson said. "He is a powerhouse in practice and pushes the rest of the team to give 100 percent every day."

"John took his sopho-

more year of cross country off, but is the fourth fastest freshman of all time at Wayne. In his first meet back, he improved his PR by 22 seconds. John is an unrelenting force in practice and is one of the leaders in the workouts."

"In his first cross country race, Jonathan showed veteran work ethics by finishing 25th at the Mustang Invite with the 15th fastest sophomore time at Wayne since 1992. He will only get stronger throughout the year."

Gibson is also counting on freshman Trent Griffith and junior Jakob Khalaf for big perfor-

mances and low times.

"Trent has a great attitude and work ethic," Gibson said. "As he matures and learns more about the sport, I expect to see Trent at the top of the grade record boards. His time at the Mustang Invitational was the eighth fastest freshman time in the history of Wayne."

"Jakob is balancing soccer and cross country. In his first cross country race, he learned a valuable lesson that he vowed not to repeat again. This will propel Jakob into a strong top five runner."

Gibson will be mentoring the largest team in a

decade at Wayne as the roster runs 17 athletes deep.

"All of the boys on the team are very coachable, they want to succeed and have set high team and individual goals," Gibson said. "They have great work ethics and are a close-knit team."

"This may be the strongest top seven Wayne has had in over three decades. If they work as hard throughout the rest of the season as they have in the first three weeks of the season, this team may surprise a few teams by the end of the year."

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WWAC FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

# Redford Union posts 6-0 win, 2-0 for first time since 2006

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Redford Union's football team orchestrated an un-scheduled interception clinic Thursday night at Livonia Clarenceville.

Fueled by five defensive picks, the Panthers improved to 2-0 with a 6-0 triumph over the Trojans, who slipped to 0-2.

A brief, but intense, rain shower during the game's opening moments left the Clarenceville playing surface less than hospitable to offensive execution, RU head coach Miles Tomasaitis observed.

"Both teams had trouble with traction after it rained, but both defenses played really well, too," he said. "Our defensive coordinator, coach Westercamp, did a great job of coming up with a game plan that forced their quarterback to hurry some of his passes. We brought a linebacker just about every play."

Clarenceville man-

aged just 33 yards total offense. The Panthers also struggled to move the ball on a consistent basis as they picked up a modest 176.

If not for RU junior Isaac Grant's 11-yard TD run in the second quarter, the game would have went to overtime scoreless.

Intercepting passes for RU were Iaz-Don Moore, Cameron Wells, Tavian Groves-Knox, Talil Groves and Kenny Perry.

Brandon Belanger, who was one of five Trojans to throw a pass Thursday night, completed 2-of-5 for 26 yards, with a long of 14.

Dion Turner paced the Clarenceville ground game with 35 yards on 11 attempts.

David Means was a beast on defense for the Trojans, racking up eight solo tackles and seven assists.

RU returns to action Friday when, it travels to Dearborn Heights Robichaud.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Eian Castonguay breaks a long run during last week's victory over Kearsley.

**Thurston rolls**

Redford Thurston's defense held visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood to just 96 total yards Thursday while posting a decisive 26-6

victory over the Chargers.

The result improved the Eagles to 1-1 heading into next week's game against Garden City.

"Our defense played extremely well," Thur-

ston head coach Bob Snell said. "Of the 103 rushing yards they had, 65 came on one play."

Crestwood completed just 3-of-11 passes for minus-7 yards.

Following a scoreless

first quarter, Thurston jumped ahead 7-0 on a 33-yard TD pass from Zach Crofford to Nathan Hayes. Eric Burch then added the first of his two extra points.

The Eagles mounted a two-minute-drill clinic late in the second quarter and ultimately boosted their lead to 13-0 on a 13-yard TD pass from Crofford to Darryius King.

Hayes intercepted a Crestwood pass with just seconds remaining in the half and took it to the house, but the score was called back due to a block in the back.

Thurston scored anyway when Crofford hit Erik Gibson on an 8-yard fade pass to expand the hosts' advantage to 19-0 at the half.

The winners' final points came on the first drive of the second half, when Demetrius Dowd capped a 58-yard drive with a 10-yard TD run.

Crestwood's only points came on a 65-yard run by Avery Martinez.

Gibson finished with six receptions for 89 yards. King caught four balls for 39. Crofford was 18-for-25 passing for 211 yards.

**CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **September 12th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

**AC ELECTRICAL SERVICE LINE**

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at [www.CityofWestland.com](http://www.CityofWestland.com). The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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**CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

**Petition #2841-S. Schmidt-30098 Malvern**

Req. for a 22' side yd. setback variance from Ord. 248 as a result of the construction of a 20' x 24' carport to the existing garage 3' from the street side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 7-4.2 requires a minimum side yd. setback of 25' as the street side yd. constitutes a front yd. for the development to the west.

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**Abandoned Vehicle Auction: Friday September 9, 2016 12pm Sparks Auto and Towing, 34043 Ford Road, Westland MI**

1.	2011	Hyundai	KMHNCN4AC5BU620932
2.	2001	Ford	1FAFP53U81G122959
3.	2007	Chevrolet	1G1AL55F677249080
4.	1995	Chevrolet	1G1JF524357208327
5.	2004	Chevrolet	KL1TJ62674B237407
6.	2004	Chevrolet	1G1JC52FX47258333
7.	1998	Mercury	2MEFM75W2WX662675
8.	1997	Toyota	4T1BG22K7VU031708
9.	2005	Ford	1GTNS24L45HA28778
10.	2004	Chrysler	3C4FY48BX4T235918
11.	1995	Saturn	1G8ZF128952221572
12.	2007	Pontiac	2CKDL63F576011694
13.	2004	Pontiac	1G2NW12E54C116550
14.	2002	Buick	3G5DA03E72S591727
15.	2000	Ford	3FAKP1135YR154286
16.	2006	Chevrolet	1G1ZS51F66F279177
17.	1993	Chevrolet	1Y1SK5362PZ039464
18.	1998	Chevrolet	2G1WX12K1W9285731
19.	1999	Buick	2G4WS52M4X1407136
20.	2001	Ford	1FTNS24281HA09264
21.	2001	Pontiac	2G2WP12KX1F205051
22.	2003	GMC	1GKDT13S632243496
23.	2005	Dodge	2D4FV48V95H182029
24.	2003	Hyundai	KMHWF35H23A904421

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FIFTEEN DAY WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (FISCAL YEAR 2015)**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Livonia has prepared a preliminary draft of the consolidated Plan Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) as part of the requirements for receiving funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CAPER consists of an explanation of resources made available to the City during the performance period, how those resources were utilized, other actions taken and an assessment of annual performance as compared to goals and strategies outline in the 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6 P.M. in the Community Development Office at 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Written comments will also be accepted for a period of fifteen (15) days, but not after September 20, 2016. Written comments regarding the CAPER may be directed to Tracey Emmanuel, Community Development Supervisor, Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Draft copies of the CAPER are available for review by interested citizens between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Community Development Office of the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150 and at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or about September 27, 2016.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director  
Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN CARPET REPLACEMENT BID FOR THE SENIOR CENTER AND LIBRARIES**

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, September 27th, 2016** at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

**A mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be held at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Michigan at **10 A.M. on Monday, September 12th, 2016. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.**

Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

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

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 2016 CARPET REPLACEMENT BID, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the **City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.**

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

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

Toni LaPorte  
Library Director

Dennis K. Wright  
Mayor

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**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Sept. 9  
John Glenn at Brighton, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Walled Lake Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Pinckney, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at Howell, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Milford, 7 p.m.  
RU at Robichaud, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.  
Oak Christian at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 8  
John Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Annapolis, 7 p.m.  
HVL at Green Hills, 6:30 p.m.  
S.L. East at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.  
Bellevue at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.  
Edsel Ford at RU, 7 p.m.  
Dearborn at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
Ladywood Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Wayne Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Whitcomb Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Novi Invitational, 1BA

**BOYS SOCCER**  
Tuesday, Sept. 6  
John Glenn at Luth. NW, 5:30 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Summit Academy at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at John Glenn, 4:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 7**  
Clarenceville at Luth. NW, 5 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Truman at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Franklin, 4:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
RU at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
HVL at Taylor Prep, 4:30 p.m.  
S.L. East at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.  
Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson Alumni Game, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
Cville at Monroe CC, tournament, 9 a.m.  
**HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**  
Wednesday, Sept. 7  
Livonia City Meet at Cass Benton, 4:30 p.m.  
Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
Wayne at Monroe Classic, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
Rambler Rock Invite, 9:30 a.m.  
Tommy Titan Invite, 1BA

**GIRLS GOLF**  
Tuesday, Sept. 6  
Stevenson at Novi, 3 p.m.  
Churchill at John Glenn, 3 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 3 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
S.L. East at Stevenson, 3 p.m.  
Wayne at Churchill, 3 p.m.  
Gabriel Richard at Ladywood, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 3 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
Farmington Invite, 9 a.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**  
Wednesday, Sept. 7  
Stevenson at S.L. East, 4 p.m.  
Churchill at RU, 4 p.m.  
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Northville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
Stevenson at Howell Invite, 8 a.m.

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
John Glenn at Crestwood, 4 p.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
Tuesday, Sept. 6  
Ladywood at W.L. Northern, 9 a.m.  
Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Garden City at Dearborn, 6 p.m.  
Thurston at Bellevue, 6 p.m.  
RU at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
Grosse Pointe North at Franklin, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
Ladywood at W.L. Northern, 9 a.m.  
John Glenn at Crestwood, 1BA

**FIELD HOCKEY**  
Tuesday, Sept. 6  
Ladywood at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
Ladywood at East Grand Rapids, 1 p.m.



RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24  
**Location:** St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy

**Details:** Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760 AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20.

**Contact:** 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org

BIBLE STUDY

**Time/Date:** Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, from Sept. 8-May 11

**Location:** Berkley Community Church 2855 Wiltshire, Berkley  
**Details:** This 30-week, in-depth, inter-denominational study of Romans is for women. Children's program also is available for youngsters through kindergarten. Register at 248-885-5718

**Contact:** birminghamberkley.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

FILM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington  
**Details:** The Tri-County Celiac Support Group presents a documentary by filmmaker Michael Frolichstein about his life before and after he was diagnosed with Celiac disease

**Contact:** tcscg.net

GRIEFSHARE

**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 olgcp parish.net. The fee is \$20.

**Contact:** 734-453-0326

MOM2MOM SALE

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia  
**Details:** \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., free at noon; strollers welcome.

**Contact:** newburg-mom2mom@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/Newburg-Mom2Mom

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 Stadmeier

**Contact:** 313-579-2100; TheCapuchins.org

RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 17

**Location:** The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Specialty boutique, house wares / household, electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Grand opening with 20 percent mark up is Sept. 14. Bag sale is Sept. 17

**Contact:** 248-477-1410

RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29; 9 a.m.-noon, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** \$2 admission per adult Thursday; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale

**Contact:** 734-422-0149; www.facebook.com/NUM-Crummage

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; nancyel-len879@att.net

Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own

**Bible**  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniaist-michael.org.

**Faith Community Wesleyan**  
**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township  
**Details:** An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386

**Contact:** facebook.com/stinno-cenredford

EXERCISE

**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

**Contact:** 313-408-3364

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 Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.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, Canton  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

**Contact:** Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com, or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**Fireside Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**  
**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly

**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

**St. James Presbyterian Church**  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

**Way of Life Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

**Contact:** 734-637-7618

TOUR

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit  
**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

**Adat Shalom Synagogue**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-851-5100

**Celebration Church, ELCA**  
**Time/Date:**





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