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Curbside recycling approved by cities

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Curbside recycling of clothing and small household goods will soon be coming to Westland and Wayne.

Councils in both communities have approved four-year contracts with Simple Recycling, which will provide free collection service weekly. The cities will receive \$20 per ton of materials collected by Simple Recycling.

Westland has had bi-weekly curbside recycling of plastics, paper and glass for several years. Like the existing recycling programs, the Simple Recycling collection is aimed at reducing the amount of material that ends up in landfills.



SIMPLE RECYCLING

Simple Recycling will pick up clothing, furniture and small appliances in a new curbside program in Wayne and Westland.

“Information packets will be arriving soon from Simple Recycling,” Westland Mayor

William Wild said. “There are a lot of recyclable items that can’t go into the big blue bins.”

Simple Recycling will provide large green bags for the recyclable items and leave a new bag when a collection is made from the curb. The items must be clean and dry for collection.

The household items — small furniture and appliances like toasters, microwave ovens and coffee makers, computers and electronics and kitchen items like pots, pans, dishes and silverware — have to be something one person can carry to the curb. If some-

thing is not accepted, the item will be left behind with a tag explaining that.

“We had some concerns. We didn’t want to take anything from our friends at the Salvation Army or Purple Heart,” Wild said. “But studies find only 15 percent of these items are donated.”

That comment was echoed by Scott Brady of Simple Recycling.

“We’re not competing with the charities, we’re competing with the landfills. Only 15 percent of clothing is recycled

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LEANNE ROGERS

Lois VanStipdonk has been named Wayne Diamond of the Community for her volunteer efforts.

VanStipdonk named Wayne’s Diamond of Community

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

For Lois VanStipdonk, 2015 was already a landmark year.

The Wayne resident and husband John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last month along with

their 50th class reunion at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Now, Lois VanStipdonk has been named Wayne’s 2015 Diamond of the Community, which recognizes contributions by a volunteer age 70 or older. It’s an award presented annually since

1995 by the Wayne Commission on Aging.

“I was surprised. When I got the call, I thought it was going to be about our tai chi class,” said VanStipdonk, 72. “I’m very honored. It’s really just a wonderful thing. There are so many people who do so many good things

in the community. I feel a little daunted.”

The nomination has a long list of volunteer activities for VanStipdonk. Currently co-president of the Wayne Rotary — her second time holding the top office — she

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Ceremony remembers, honors POWs, MIAs

Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The mournful sound of taps will be heard Friday evening as veterans groups gather at the Bova VFW Post in Westland for the city’s annual POW/MIA Day ceremony.

The law establishing the third Friday in September as national POW/MIA Recognition was adopted in 1979. Westland has held a ceremony annually since 1988. The Bova VFW Post and the Westland Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America 387 have sponsored the program.

For more than 25 years, veterans groups had held a ceremony on the lawn of Westland City Hall, at the new Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland and now at a memorial at the Bova Post at 6440 Hix, north of Ford.

The program will start at 6 p.m. and be held at a memorial set built on the Post grounds. It includes a mock grave with the Fallen Soldier Battle Cross of an inverted rifle, helmet and boots and the stone memorial that honors Refugio “Tom” Teran, who was listed as missing in action in Vietnam on May 6, 1970. His remains were eventually found and identified and returned for burial at Arlington National Cemetery in 2002.

“We feel pretty strong about having this here,” Post Com-

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Garden City man pleads no contest in Westland cell phone photo case

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Garden City man has been sentenced to one year probation after pleading no contest to a charge of video voyeurism stemming from an incident in which a cell phone was reportedly used to take a photo under a woman’s skirt.

As part of his plea, a felony charge of using a computer to



McCauley

commit a crime was dismissed against Arthur McCauley, 44. He entered the no contest plea to a misdemeanor charge of capturing/distributing the image of an unclothed person, which includes someone in their underwear.

The charges against McCauley were that he used his cell phone to take a photo looking up a woman’s skirt while she was waiting with her children at Mickey’s Dairy Twist, 32785 Cherry Hill, at Venoy in Westland.

Westland Police identified a suspect after receiving tips following the release of still photos and video surveillance footage of the incident.

The suspect made his way toward the woman, police said, placed his cellular phone camera under the victim’s skirt and took a picture. The suspect was caught in the act by the victim’s brother who was also waiting in line, according to police.

The brother demanded the cell phone from the suspect but he refused and walked away from the location on

foot, police said.

As part of his probation, McCauley is required to continue getting counseling, along with having no contact with the victim or Mickey’s Dairy Twist.

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RECYCLING

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to traditional charities," Brady told the Wayne Council. "We wholeheartedly support the charities. It's that other 85 percent we're trying to capture."

With the contracts approved, Brady said it will take about four weeks before the program gets underway.

Brady had also commented that Simple Recycling partners with local thrift stores. The items collected are sorted by quality, with 20-30 percent being sold for resale. Lesser quality items are bundled to go to Third World countries and unusable items are processed for raw materials.

Simple Recycling would educate residents about the program through letters and packets of information with recycling tags

and bags to place at the curb. A third mailer would explain the pick-up schedule.

In Wayne, Interim City Manager Lisa Nocerini was tasked with cleaning up charity collection bins placed around the downtown area. She said only two groups had obtained permits and the bins weren't being maintained.

"As the city clerk said, the bins are having babies. The one at Sav-a-Lot has graffiti on it," Nocerini said. "We'll work with those that have been approved and aren't being maintained."

The city will pick up the bins without permits and if they are uncollected by the owners, the bins will be scrapped, she said.

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Stars Cheer team offers classes

Do you like to cheer and stunt? Do you like to learn jazz and hip-hop dance?

The Stars Cheer and Dance team is currently accepting sign-ups for fall classes. The program is for boys and girls in grades 5-9.

Members will learn cheers, chants, stunts, pom, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop and prop/novelty styles of dance. Two sessions are being offered at the Tinkham Education Center, 450 Venoy, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

The first eight-week session focuses on pom-pom or Jazz and starts

Monday, Sept. 14, while the second eight-week session will focus on jazz or hip-hop and starts Nov. 9. There will be no classes on Dec. 21 and 28.

The classes will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the gymnasium. They cost \$65 each. Participants should come dressed to work out — T-shirt and shorts, no jeans.

Registration must be paid before the first class of each session. Registration can be completed at the Tinkham Adult Center, Leisure Office. For more information, call 734-419-2436.

H2O spray park open for free on weekends

Westland's H2O Spray Zone, which was scheduled to close after Labor Day weekend, will remain open and have free admittance weekends through the month of September, weather permitting.

The concession stand will be closed until next summer, but the restrooms will remain accessible to the public on days that the splash pad is open. The hours of operation

will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

"We want to show our appreciation to the residents who have come out to enjoy the H2O Zone and Tattan Park this summer," Mayor William Wild said. "We are hoping to have some more warm weather in September and want Westland residents to have a safe and fun rest of the season."

CEREMONY

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mander Michael Rokita said. "Tom was a part of the post, we have his uniform hanging inside the post. We changed his status from MIA to KIA (killed in action) and a KIA (killed in action) flag is over the grave. It's a beautiful area."

Members of the post's Women's Auxiliary, JROTC units from Stevenson and Churchill

high schools, the Cub Scout Pack that's sponsored by the post, representatives of the VFW and other veterans groups and city officials, including Mayor William Wild, will participate in the event. There also will be the traditional 21-gun salute and the playing of taps.

The post has a deep connection to both Teran and its namesake, Cpl. Edward Bova, who was killed in action in Vietnam in February 1968. "Edward Bova was

our first killed in action in Vietnam; Tommy was our first MIA," Rokita said.

There also will be a display of 22 white crosses on the post lawn, part of a public awareness campaign to draw attention to the fact that 22 veterans daily are committing suicide as the result of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other severe problems related to their military service.

After the ceremony, guests can view the

post's Friday night car show or go inside for its Friday fish fry. Hot dogs also will be available.

"This is to remember the fallen ones and to honor those who gave us the freedom we so enjoy today," Rokita said. "These soldiers give up their lives for us, and this pretty much remembers them for that."

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DIAMOND

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serves on the Friends of the Wayne Library board and Wayne Historical Commission, is a member of Wayne Main Street, tutors students at P.D. Graham Elementary School as part of the Wayne-Westland Literacy Program, is a choir member at St. Mary's of Wayne Catholic Church and a long-time member of the Wayne Garden Club.

"I'm co-president of the Garden Club with Tina Butler — two people without gardens," said VanStipdonk.

The retired Wayne Library director, VanStipdonk also serves on

the Library Network board of directors.

Along with the nomination, a number of letters of support for honoring VanStipdonk were submitted. Among those submitting letters of support were fellow Rotarians Linda Gable, 29th District Court administrator, and Bridget Kelly.

"The library, Rotary, the Garden Club, she's wherever there is a need," Kelly said.

VanStipdonk has to think about why she stays so busy.

"I have a lot of interests and they are all dear to my heart," she said. "It's hard to say no. I should probably say no more often."

A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, VanStipdonk came to Michigan in 1965

when husband John received a job offer. His family had already relocated to Michigan. The couple moved to Wayne in 1975.

"We had two reasons for moving to Wayne: good schools and we bought a new house off Newburgh," said VanStipdonk. "(Plus) John was working at Ford in IT — he was on call. It was a straight shot down Michigan Avenue."

Like his wife, John VanStipdonk is active in Rotary and other volunteer activities in the community.

"John and I, we're a team. He deserves this award, maybe more than I do," said Lois VanStipdonk. "He'd be a candidate (for the award) but he's on the Commission

on Aging. He's half the diamond."

Last month to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, the VanStipdonks went with their family to Disney World and also Universal Studios to see the Harry Potter's world.

VanStipdonk will be honored Tuesday at a dinner held at the HYPE Athletics Center, the former Wayne Community Center, and afterward be recognized at the Wayne City Council meeting. As it has been for several years, the program is sponsored by the Wayne Dairy Queen.

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Inkster Road work beginning Monday

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The leaves may have started turning colors, but that doesn't mean road construction season is over on the border of Redford Township and Livonia.

Wayne County will begin resurfacing Inkster Road between Plymouth and Schoolcraft Monday, a project that is expected to take about two months to complete.

Tiffani Jackson, public affairs officer for the Wayne County department of public service, said there's been no major changes in the last month to the project and it is scheduled to move forward as planned. She did not know the time crews expected to begin work on the road, but said it would probably be in the morning.

"I'm sure it will be early morning," she said.

The project will consist of old milling and resurfacing with hot mix asphalt just under one mile of roadway, along with pavement repair, concrete curb patching, sidewalk and ramps, signing and pavement markings. It's expected the work will run through mid-November.

Lane closures through the duration of the project are expected.



Cars drive on Levan Road on Thursday. The one-mile stretch from Schoolcraft to Five Mile was recently resurfaced.

DAVID VESELENAK | STAFF WRITER

Livonia projects wrap up

Many city road projects throughout Livonia done this year have or are in the process of wrapping up in the next few weeks.

One of those such projects is the one-mile stretch of Levan between Schoolcraft and Five Mile that saw resur-

facing this summer. That project wrapped up earlier this month, said Todd Zilincik, the city engineer.

He said while there were some minor hiccups early on, the project went smoothly.

"We had a rough start because we had that sewer project going on and St. Mary's was building a ring road," he said.

"So that's done."

Crews have a little more work to do just north of Five Mile on Levan, Zilincik said. That portion of Levan was added to the project late after Zilincik was able to secure a good price for the work this summer.

"I still have a little patch up there, just before Roycroft," he said.

Also needing completion is some work off of Industrial west of Middlebelt near all the new development south of Schoolcraft, Zilincik said.

Several trees across the street near the entrance to Millennium Plaza have come down, and crews are working on that side of the road to align Industrial with that drive.

"We're trying to push the curb over and align the left turn with Industrial across the street," he said.

The road is open in both directions until the Kroger Dairy facility.

West of that facility traffic remains one-way westbound. The entire roadway is expected to reopen completely in both directions by the end of the week, Zilincik said.

Several more weeks of paving along Civic Center Drive between Farmington and Shady-side will also continue; that began last week. Crews are working on new curbs as well as milling of the road.

The city requests that residents doing business in the civic center campus use the entrance off Five Mile until work is complete.

Have your voice heard

The annual citizens advisory committee meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Department of Public Works building off Farmington just south of Schoolcraft. This meeting is an opportunity for residents to speak out on

the city's roads and share concerns for roads they feel need work done on them.

With the city entering the fourth year of the 10-year road millage, residents who have seen major problems develop on their streets are encouraged to come and share information with the city for consideration of work. Zilincik said while the city goes through every few years and re-evaluates the roads, sometimes issues arise that they may not see immediately.

"We go out and rate the roads every two years," he said. "We're hopeful that there's better improvement on fixing some of these maintenance things that are not in the road program the next two years."

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State of the City address set for Wednesday

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey will give his final State of the City address later this week.

The event, presented by the city and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft. Tickets are required for the event.



Kirksey

Doors will open at 11 a.m.

The address, which was moved earlier this year from its

traditional spring date to September, will be the

final one for Kirksey, who has spent 16 of the past 20 years as mayor of Livonia, Michigan's ninth-largest city.

More than 550 people are expected to attend. For more information on the event, contact the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at 734-427-2122.



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Schoolcraft College's informational meeting on tax request set for Thursday

Sue Buck
 Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College will hold a special public informational meeting on its millage at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at Albert's on the Alley on Middlebelt, north of Ford, in Garden City.

The millage request will be on the Nov. 3 general election ballot. The college is asking voters to decide on an additional 0.6 mill for a 10-year period. If approved, it will cost the average homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 about \$30 more per year, or \$2.50 a month.

"Community colleges are

funded through a combination of local property tax, tuition and appropriations from the State of Michigan," Schoolcraft College Board Chairman Brian Broderick said. "Several economic factors have created a shortfall in annual funding for the College. Since 2008, funding received through local property taxes has decreased nearly 22 percent."

The decline in property values meant that the college received \$6.3 million less in 2013 than it had in 2008.

"Adjusted for inflation, that is more than a \$9 million impact," he said.

It has been 29 years since Schoolcraft last asked, and

voters approved, a 0.5-mill increase. If this millage is approved, the college will continue to improve by providing even more services to students, community members, local businesses and industry, Broderick said.

In addition, there are strategic improvements and areas of growth that will only be possible with adequate resources, officials said. This includes expansion of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs, more K-12 and university partnership programs, such as those with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo.

Schoolcraft is exploring a

new financial aid structure aimed at reducing student debt while continuing capital and technological improvements.

If voters do not approve the millage, the college will need to defer capital and technological improvements and degree completion will be challenged, they said. They say that it will be unlikely that it can expand and maintain student support services and remain current in fast-growing fields.

Budget reductions for current programs and services can also be expected as well as a decrease in innovative opportunities for community, students and business. Schoolcraft tops the list of communi-

ty colleges in Michigan for combined graduation and transfer rates to four-year colleges or universities.

The Business Development Center at Schoolcraft College also has helped companies in southeast Michigan access \$16.4 million in capital formation and another \$385 million in government contracts the past year through consultation and professional development.

Total government contracts secured since 1985 is \$1.5 billion; total capital formation dollars secured since 2009 is \$33.6 million.

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Schoolcraft chooses restaurant as late choice for meeting

Sue Buck
 Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's first choice of location to hold its Sept. 17 informational meeting about the millage was the Maplewood Community Center.

When that wasn't possible, it chose this week to hold the meeting at Albert's on the Alley instead in Garden City.

Schoolcraft College officials first approached the Garden City Public Library and the Maplewood Community Center for space to hold their meeting. They were looking for a venue apart from their college setting.

The library, which holds programs in its back room, questioned if there would be enough space, said Frank Ruggirello, a public relations spokesperson who handles marketing and advancement.

Other meetings have been held in city libraries.

Julie Slabaugh, the new building manager for the Maplewood Community Center, said that she brought the request to the attention of Garden City Police Chief/City Manager Robert Muery and Community Resources Director Monica Fulton.

The aim is to stay away from "political" gatherings and issues, she was informed.

"We were afraid if we let Schoolcraft College come in here, we would have a whole floodgate of informational meetings for many people," Slabaugh said.

She said that she told Schoolcraft more than a week ago that they wouldn't be able to honor their request. She questioned why Schoolcraft didn't have meeting space available at their own venue at the Radcliff

Campus in Garden City.

"It is more than accommodating," she said.

Schoolcraft had looked for a more neutral location. The rental charge would have been \$10 at Maplewood.

"We basically rent to city-based and nonprofit organizations, which are for Garden City residents and for the benefit of Garden City residents," Slabaugh said. "They are a borderline type of organization. Though they said this would be informational, they would be trying to sway toward 'yes.'"

There is no apparent policy about holding "political" events at the Maplewood Center. Slabaugh said she would seek clarification from Muery.

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Cambridge High School offers Fast Track to diploma

Young adults wanting to earn a high school diploma can get it faster at Cambridge High School in Garden City.

Cambridge is now offering Fast Track, a blended online high school program for young adults ages 18-20 who have aged out to still graduate from school with their regular high school diploma.

"Our goal is to have students work at their own pace," Cambridge Director Debbie Eves said. "They can move forward as quickly as they are able to do so to earn their diploma."

Cambridge High School is a School of Choice building, and students from any district in Michigan can register through the end of September for Fast Track.

With Fast Track, students can adjust the time and days to meet their own schedules. The courses offered at Cam-

bridge through the Fast Track program are accessible for students when they need them. So if they work Monday through Friday, they can do their school work on Saturdays and Sundays. Students determine the pace.

Students also can review and access emails, discussions, explanations and classes any time that works for them. They can share notes with others in the program to help facilitate community learning. Teamwork is an important job skill that students can develop through the program, Eves said.

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Guidelines for taking over family member's legal, financial, medical care

Q: Dear Rick: My mother is a widow in her early 80s. Since my father died five years ago she has handled all her affairs, including her investments. Over the last number of months, my mom has slowed down and I have convinced her that I should take care of managing her legal and financial affairs. What - if any - legal documentation do I need? I want to make sure that I am protected. I have two siblings, one who is estranged from the family and I believe can cause me some problems in the future. In handling my mother's financial affairs, what advice can you give me?



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

should do is to obtain a medical power of attorney for your mom and a durable power of attorney. These are two separate powers of attorney that together will give you the legal rights to handle your mother's financial and legal affairs and at the same time, be involved in her medical care.

For example, by having a medical power of attorney, you will be able to communicate directly with your mother's healthcare providers, including her doctors. A

medical power of attorney can also give you the right to make an end-of-life decision for your mom. Particularly where an unhappy family member can cause problems, having a medical power of attorney will give you the protection you need.

The durable power of attorney is more geared for any legal or financial issue that may develop. This can include handling your mom's banking relationships or even making decisions regarding her home. The bottom line: by having a medical and a durable power of attorney you can have the power and the authority to do what you think is necessary to handle your mother's affairs and at the same

time, provide a level of protection for you in the case that other family members create a problem.

In handling your mother's affairs, there are some things that I would recommend you do to make your life easier. The first is to find out if she has any current estate planning documents such as a will, a trust or even other powers of attorney. If she has these documents, you need to do is to make sure they are current and reflect your mother's desires.

It is also important to collect her medical information — such as who are her doctors, list of her prescriptions. At the same time, make sure you understand what her

insurance coverages are and determine if any changes are needed. In a few months you'll be able to make changes to her Medicare D Prescription Drug Coverage.

In handling your mother's financial affairs, it is important to accumulate her data and to know exactly where she stands. I also recommend that you make sure that you're added on as a signatory to her bank and brokerage accounts. I also recommend that you get the names and numbers of professionals she may have dealt with such as financial advisors, insurance salespeople and CPAs.

It is also important that you obtain a copy of her tax return. This could

be an invaluable piece of information in helping you accumulate her assets.

Life used to be easy. It is no longer that way. Taking over a loved one's affairs is not easy. However, what can make the task less daunting is to make sure you get off on the right foot by obtaining the necessary legal documents and other information which will make your job much easier.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Car stolen

Livonia police were called Thursday morning to a home in the 16100 block of Quakertown Lane on the report of a stolen vehicle.

When police arrived, they spoke to the car's owner, who said he parked the vehicle in his driveway the night before. When his wife came outside that morning, she saw it was missing. Police saw no broken glass on the ground, and the owner had both sets of keys to the vehicle. Police contacted OnStar, which said they would try and locate the vehicle.

Pair of vehicles entered overnight

Police were called to a home Wednesday morning in the 27500 block of Barkley to investigate reported break-ins of vehicles.

One vehicle's owner said their unlocked vehicle was entered sometime overnight and had some spare change taken from the car. Nothing else was reported missing from that vehicle. The second vehicle, which was also unlocked, had a wallet with credit cards taken from it.

Wallet taken from car

Police were dispatched Wednesday morning to the 14200 block of Foch on the report of a wallet stolen from a vehicle at a residence.

Police spoke to the car's owner, who said he got up that morning to go to work and went out to his vehicle. When he got

there, he noticed his wallet missing from the car. Missing were some credit cards and some loose change. He called his credit card companies and no one had used the cards yet.

Cash missing from glove box

A resident who lives in the 14000 block of Cardwell came into the police station Wednesday afternoon to report some cash had been taken from his vehicle.

The man told police he parked his vehicle in the driveway of his home the night before. When he returned the next morning, he found a vehicle door open and some cash missing from the glove box. His neighbors said they didn't see anything and the doors to the car were left unlocked.

— Compiled by David Veselenak from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Westland Police are asking help identifying this woman.

Police seek suspect for perfume thefts from store

Westland Police Department are looking for help identifying a woman wanted in connection with multiple alleged retail frauds and attempted retail frauds at the Ulta store at Westland Shopping Center

At 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22 a woman stole multiple bottles of perfume from the store, according to police.

Surveillance video

from inside the store shows a heavyset black female in her late 20s placing multiple bottles of perfume inside a shopping bag that she had brought with her, police said. She then left the store without paying for the perfume, police said.

Police said store employees reported the same woman returned at 4:50 p.m. Aug. 25 and again began selecting

perfumes. An employee approached the woman and asked if she planned on paying for the perfume.

The suspect reportedly returned the perfume to the shelf and told the employee that "nobody will catch her."

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REDFORD POLICE BRIEFS

Reports: Illegal weapons found during traffic stops

Weapons were reportedly found in two vehicles pulled over last weekend by Redford Police.

In the first instance, an officer pulled over a white SUV in the 19300 block of Five Points Drive at 8:42 p.m. Sept. 5. As the car came to a stop, two women came out of a house and approached the vehicle, yelling at the officer. The officer ordered them away from the vehicle.

The officer requested assistance, and the driver started to pull away. The

officer called again for assistance and the driver pulled the vehicle head on with the patrol car. The officer exited the patrol car and ordered the driver to stop. He had to keep telling him to put his hands up and out the window. The driver continued to resist.

Another officer arrived and ordered the women not to interfere. They kept running toward the officers, yelling at them, and then backing up. More officers arrived, including some from Detroit and Southfield, to assist with crowd control.

A loaded 9 mm pistol was found behind the

front passenger during a search of the vehicle, police said. The driver and one of the women were arrested.

In the other incident, police pulled over a vehicle driving with no headlights at 1:28 a.m. Sept. 6 in the 9300 block of Telegraph.

A driver and two passengers were inside. Police asked if there was anything illegal inside the vehicle. They were told there was a gun in the car.

Officers reportedly located an unloaded semi automatic handgun on the floor and a magazine containing rounds in the glove box, both of which were within the immedi-

ate reach of all within the vehicle. The driver was arrested and the firearm and the magazine were confiscated.

Generator stolen from store

A man allegedly stole a generator from a store in the 27200 block of Plymouth Road at 1:25 p.m. Sept. 7.

The business manager told police a man came into the store and brought a box containing a generator to the front counter. The manager told police the man asked the clerk a question regarding the generator and when the clerk turned their back, the man left out the front

door carrying the generator and box.

The manager said the clerk followed the man to the parking lot and observed him drive away in an older blue/gray F150. The man was described as white, 5-foot-5 to 5-foot-6 with brown hair and full sleeve tattoos on both arms. The man was in his late 30s or early 40s and the F150 had an orange Harley Davidson sticker on the passenger side of the rear windshield. There was a lawnmower in the bed of the truck.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Redford Police Department.

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Nonprofit home decor store opens in Livonia

Cathy Dillon, owner of Angels, Saints & Stuff, is pairing her passion for art and her philanthropic nature to create a store that will both service and give back to the community.

Angels, Saints & Stuff — a nonprofit high-end art and consignment decor store at 19223 Merriman in Livonia — celebrated its grand opening Friday, Sept. 11.

"We will offer a nice variety of religious jewelry, statues, furniture and both retail and consigned art," Dillon said.

Customers can either consign or donate their upscale religious and secular jewelry, art and home decor. The store will also sell jewelry by local artist and owner of beatus baca, Linda Weber.

"(Weber) makes silver jewelry, necklaces, bracelets, rosaries," Dillon said.

On The Rise Bakery Café, a program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, will sell baked goods at the store.

"They'll sell bread, cookies, cakes and pies," she said. "The bakery helps people who have completed a substance abuse program and are ready to change their lives."

The space, which boasts 2,300 square feet, will also be a venue for

book clubs and Bible study.

"I also plan to offer classes demonstrating a variety of artistic techniques like mosaic tile art, drawing, knitting," she said.

Dillon, daughter of the late John and Jean E. Dinan, is treasurer of the John D. & Jean E. Dinan Foundation.

"In the last 10 years, the foundation has given away well over a million dollars," Dillon said. "My sister Denise (Dinan) and I chose over two dozen organizations to give to. Proceeds from the store will go to a lot of different places like Detroit Cristo Rey High School, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and Vista Maria, a foster care provider for girls."

Dillon, daughter-in-law of the late Judge John M. Dillon of Redford, has been married for 26 years to Dr. John Dillon. The couple has four children.

The store will be blessed at noon by Fr. Henry Rebello of St. Valentine's Church in Redford and Dillon is elated to begin this noble venture.

"My dad would be so pleased that we can be good stewards of his foundation," she said. "It's one more source of income for the foundation."



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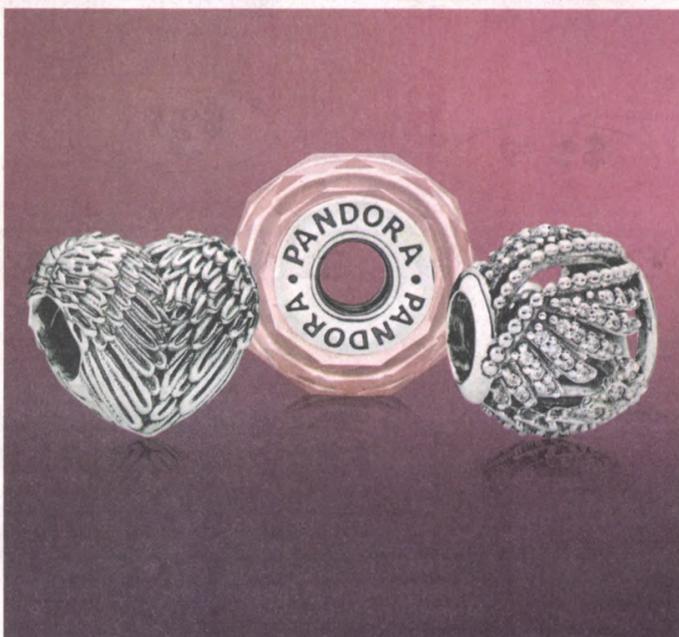


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September in Garden City means it's St. Raphael Festival time

Sue Buck
Staff Writer

It wouldn't be September in Garden City without the annual family festival at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Garden City.

Still known as the St. Raphael Festival, the festival will be Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20, on the parish grounds at Beechwood, north of Ford and west of Merriman. St. Thomas the Apostle is an outgrowth of the merger between the now closed St. Dunstan and St. Raphael parishes in Garden City.

The new parish also just welcomed its new pastor, Fr. Simeon Iber.

"He has brought a new focus and enthusiasm to the parish and has everyone energized and excited for a bright future," festival volunteer Mike Choi said. "He is truly a blessing to our community."

Choi said that the 40-year-old festival can also be considered a class reunion and a time for family and friends to reconnect within the community.

"It has always been viewed as the last big party of the summer



Gabriella Trudell enjoyed the carousel at the 2014 installment of the popular St. Raphael Festival.

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season that leads us into fall," Choi said. "It will be a fun-filled weekend for all ages."

People can enjoy pork chops, Italian and Polish dinners prepared by noted Polish caterer Halina along with live enter-

tainment, outdoor food booths and a car show.

Bike Parade

The festival kicks off at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, with the children's bike parade led by Fr. Iber. All who participate will walk

away with a prize.

"Kids can get creative and decorate their bikes and trophies will be awarded for different age groups,"

There is something for everyone to enjoy, including a huge garage

sale, jewelry booth, all around town basket raffle, doll booth, bake sale, games, face painting, carnival rides, pony rides and petting zoo, bingo, Vegas style games as well as Texas Hold'Em and a 50/50 raffle.

This year instead of the dunk tank, the festival will feature "The Big Splash."

"It is a safer alternative to the usual dunk tanks you see at festivals and will be a very popular attraction we think," Choi said.

The Big Splash is set to feature some St. Raphael School students and staff members who will be getting wet for a good cause.

Special guests during Saturday and Sunday for the children include Detroit Tigers mascot PAWS from 3-4 p.m., Star Wars Rebel characters, Sponge Bob "Out of Water" and The Minions and Gru from 3-4 p.m. Sunday.

A musical lineup is planned to start Friday night featuring, new for this year, The Phoenix Theory playing favorite

classic rock hits from 7-11 p.m.

Car show and more

The car show will be Saturday starting at noon and will run all afternoon. Enjoy the car show with the popular car show band, The Fast Eddie Band from noon-3:30 p.m. Elvis tribute artist, Fred Wolfe will play from 4-5:30 p.m. Cosmic Groove, also new this year, will play Classic Rock, Jazz, Motown and Contemporary hits from 7-11 p.m.

Sunday features the popular Polka Mass at 11 a.m. with the Duane Malinowski Orchestra. The orchestra will also play in the main tent from 1-4 p.m.

Rounding out the entertainment, and also new this year, is Toppermost, billed as Michigan's most popular Beatles Tribute Band, from 5-8 p.m.

For more information, call the parish office at 734-427-1533.

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Tickets available for Chamber wine tasting

Wine and food pairings will be featured at Dine on the Vine on Friday, Sept. 18, at the gallery in Westland City Hall.

The event hosted by the Westland Chamber of Commerce will partially benefit the Food Pantry of Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church in Westland.

"It's an upscale wine tasting with food pairings. There will be entertainment. It's a great

event. All are invited," Westland Councilman Dewey Reeves said. "It will be a networking opportunity, too."

Tickets are \$30 per person and will be available at the door. Jonna's Market is catering the event. There will be appetizers, which will be paired with specific wines like Stag's Leap The Investor Red Blend 2012, Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2013, Cakebread

Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2013, William Hill Chardonnay Napa Valley 2013 or Domaine Carneros Brut.

The event is scheduled for 6-10 p.m. in the gallery area outside the community rooms at city hall. The event will also utilize the outdoor patio area.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, Sept. 14. Call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com. Westland City Hall is at 36300 Warren Road.

Chief visits Lansing for 9/11 ceremony



SUBMITTED

State Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, welcomes Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid to the state Capitol for a ceremony honoring first responders. First responders from around the state were invited by lawmakers to attend the ceremony in remembrance of victims who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks that shook America in 2001. The names of 14 first responders and servicemen from Michigan who died in the line of duty during the past year were read during the ceremony, including Brett Marihugh, a Navy SEAL originally from Livonia.

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Couple starts charity

Foundation aims to help families cope with loss of a baby

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

One of the happiest days of Katie Rohrhoff's life also became the saddest.

One minute she became a first-time mother, and in a blink of an eye one of her twin babies died.

Katie and John Rohrhoff were elated when they learned Katie was pregnant in May 2009. When doctors said she was having identical twins, the news was even better.

But, the bright picture began to fade when she was at the 20-week mark of her pregnancy and she was told one of the babies wasn't thriving as well as the other. Katie was placed on bed rest not too long afterward.

About a month later Katie had an emergency cesarean section. Payton Grace lived, and Riley Kathryn died.

"They tried to revive her, but she didn't make it," said Katie a South Lyon resident. "I don't think there's another situation in life where there is the extreme of those emotions and trying to balance those emotions. It was a roller coaster."

Something missing

Katie's father, Jerry Roersma, a Catholic deacon, baptized Riley in the hospital. It was a bright spot in a terrible black hole that led them to the heartbreaking task of making funeral arrangements for a baby they planned would be a part of their family, but instead will always be missing.

Hospital nurses sug-



Katie Rohrhoff watches her daughter Payton, 5, brush grass clippings off a tombstone at the South Lyon Cemetery. Payton's twin, Riley, is buried nearby. The Rohrhoffs started the Riley Kathryn Foundation to help other families with funeral expenses for babies.

gested the Rohrhoffs call Tim Lynch from Lynch and Son's Funeral Directors in Walled Lake. He helped the Rohrhoffs plan the burial.

Katie had the twins on a Tuesday, she was released from the hospital that Friday and they buried Riley a couple of days later in South Lyon Cemetery in the baby section, said Katie, a nurse at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township, the same hospital she deliv-

ered her twins.

Although dead, Riley still has a major presence in her family. Payton, now 5, talks about her all the time "because she's a twin and there's that connection," Katie said. "Although she's not here, we've always talked about her, and she's still a part of our family."

Payton begins kindergarten this year, and like other milestones and holidays the day will be bittersweet with moments of celebration and

sadness. The Rohrhoffs can prepare for those days. But the times that hurt the most is when they are blindsided with unexpected pulls at their heart strings, like when they hear the name Riley or when they see sets of twins.

Katie said she still cringes when she is asked how many children she has. Her answer is two, because she gave birth to Morgan a year after the twins were born. But, she really



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Payton Rohrhoff, 5, stands next to the grave of her twin sister Riley at the South Lyon Cemetery.

wants to say three to include Riley.

"It's supposed to be three," Katie said.

Fundraiser planned

The Rohrhoffs want to help other families facing the same grief. So last spring they started The Riley Kathryn Foundation to help pay funeral expenses for babies 1 year old and younger and to raise awareness about infant death. So far they've purchased an engraved urn and a grave marker for two families.

The foundation's inaugural fundraiser is Picnic in the Park from 1-4 p.m., Sept. 20 at James F. Atchison Park on Grand River in Lyon Township.

Food will be available for purchase; entertainment is planned; an inflatable bounce house will be onsite and a fire truck and Ford Mustang will be on display. A balloon release is set for 3:30 p.m. in memory of family and friends who have died.

"It's something families can do, be together and remember all our loved ones who are gone, not just the babies," Katie said.

A silent auction will include tickets to Disney

World, Detroit Lions tickets and Detroit Red Wing tickets, as well as signed items from the Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. Many restaurants and other South Lyon businesses also donated items to be auctioned.

Initially the goal was to raise \$2,000, but the foundation has already brought in \$5,000 and "I think we can easily get to \$15,000 at the end of the fundraiser," Katie said.

Her grandpa, Jerry Roersma, Sr., is responsible for many of the donations, because when he learned he was dying recently he asked that memorials go to the foundation honoring his great-granddaughter. Beyond the financial support the foundation provides, there's also an emotional bond with families who have lost babies, Katie said.

"We have been able to connect with so many people who've also lost a baby," she added.

Visit rileykatherynfoundation.org for more information about the picnic and foundation.

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Clara Hesch, an avid gardener, says the secret to a long life is to stay busy.

Livonia resident Clara Hesch to celebrate 100th birthday

Clara Hesch, a Livonia resident of more than 40 years, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sept. 21. Her five children, 11 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, along with relatives and friends, will join together to honor her on this special occasion.

Clara (Ruemenapp) was born on the family farm in Richmond, Mich., the youngest of nine children. She tells countless stories about growing up on the farm and how life was in those days. It was a big day when electricity and plumbing were brought into the house. The cooking and heating were done by wood-burning stoves and the laundry was done by hand and

hung outside to dry. Most of the food was grown on the farm and preserved or stored in the cellar for the winter months. A loaf of bread cost 7 cents and a gallon of gas was 15 cents.

She met Arnold, her husband of over 50 years, at a "barn dance" and they fell in love immediately. They married in 1937, raised five children and after living in Detroit for over 20 years chose to live in Livonia to be near their son, who told her there was no better place to live.

They found a house with a bigger lot and were able to have a vegetable garden and were proud of their annual harvest. Arnold passed away in 1992 and Clara continued to tend to the

gardening, which was one of her favorite hobbies. Each year she still takes cuttings from her geraniums and nurtures the small plants on her windowsills through the winter so that each spring she has more than 20 geraniums to plant outside.

Clara said there is no secret to living a long life, except to keep busy. For 40 years she was very active in St. Edith's church and walked to Mass every day. She loves the Livonia area and is happy she decided to move there in 1974. Clara never takes for granted all the conveniences there are today and is thankful to have witnessed all the marvels that transpired over the past 100 years.



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Bark for Life: Sign up now for annual event set for Sept. 19

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Anyone with a dog knows that the big C isn't just a human illness that brings pain, heartache and sometimes, death.

That's why on Sept. 19, dogs and their owners, as well as human cancer patients and survivors, will be honored at the annual Bark in the Park, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, and a sister event to the popular Relay for Life.

"We will honor them both," said Megan Schaper, American Cancer Society community manager for Relay for Life. "While dogs also get cancer, they provide cancer patients with support and can be seen as caregivers."

According to the National Canine Cancer Foundation, cancer is common in dogs at roughly the same rate as in

humans. The incidence increases with age and accounts for almost half of the deaths in pets 10 years and older. Cats, however, get fewer cancers.

So far, eight teams are signed up for the event that begins with registration at 10 a.m., followed by an opening ceremony and survivor's walk at 11 a.m. Bark for Life will run until 2 p.m. in Heritage Park in Canton.

The event will also feature a ceremony at mid-day and an ending ceremony just before 2 p.m.

"It is a fun day in the park. There will be music, dog games — non-competitive — and prizes," Schaper said.

While not as big as the annual Relay for Life in Heritage Park, Bark in the Park is, nonetheless, important to patients, survivors and for raising money for continued cancer research. As of Friday, Sept. 11,

the teams had already raised more than \$4,000.

Teams typically garner monetary pledges — just like Relay for Life — or individuals may make donations.

The following teams so far will be on hand: BFL Committee, May the Bark Be With You, Best Furry Friends, Paws for a Cause, English Springer Rescue America, Town Place Suites Troopers, In Memory of Moose and Wagging for Wayne

And it is not too late for additional teams for the Saturday event. There is no need to register in advance. The entry fee is \$20 per pet with \$5 for each additional pet. You may sign up or donate as an individual or to support a particular team by visiting: <http://main.acevents.org/>

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FILE PHOTO
At last year's Bark in the Park, Canton resident Kelsey Anderson waits patiently while her pup, Diesel, takes a break

Holocaust Center exhibit highlights synagogues in Germany

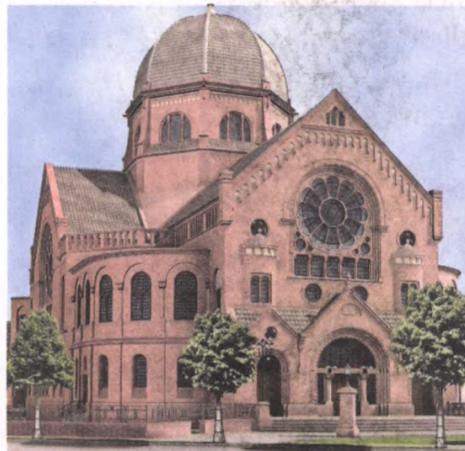
The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus has unveiled its latest exhibit, "Synagogues in Germany: A Virtual Reconstruction." The exhibit will feature elaborate computer-aided-design reconstructions of eight synagogues destroyed during Kristallnacht, or "night of broken glass," in November 1938. The exhibit will be open to the public and run through Dec. 27.

This virtual tour was created by students at the Darmstadt University of Technology in Germany, led by professors Marc Grellert and the late Manfred Koob. The inspiration for the exhibit was a 1994 arson attack on a synagogue in Lübeck, Germany, that motivated a number of Darmstadt students to address and explore an important chapter in the history of German architecture — synagogues.

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This synagogue in Frankfurt is part of the "Synagogues in Germany: A Virtual Reconstruction" exhibit.



This Hamburg synagogue is one of eight featured in the "Synagogues in Germany: A Virtual Reconstruction" exhibit.

the exhibit details the diversity, splendor and significance of synagogues in the country's urban architectural history

from the early 19th century until 1938.

The exhibit is divided into three spatial units. First, visi-

tors will view German laws of the 1930s quoted in their original wording, depriving Jews of their rights. These laws were a

precursor to the planned attack on synagogues and places of prayer in November 1938.

The second section shows the extent of the destruction, including photos of destroyed synagogues and their cities of origin.

The third section demonstrates the process and final outcome of the virtual reconstruction of eight selected synagogues, using CAD and three-dimensional concepts. Included is the elaborate simulation of synagogues, some dating back to the 1860s, from a number of German cities including Cologne, Hanover and Plauen. These buildings are presented in varying stages of reconstruction and augmented by video, slide projections and computer printouts. Visitors can explore the fronts and interiors of the buildings via virtual computer screen tours.

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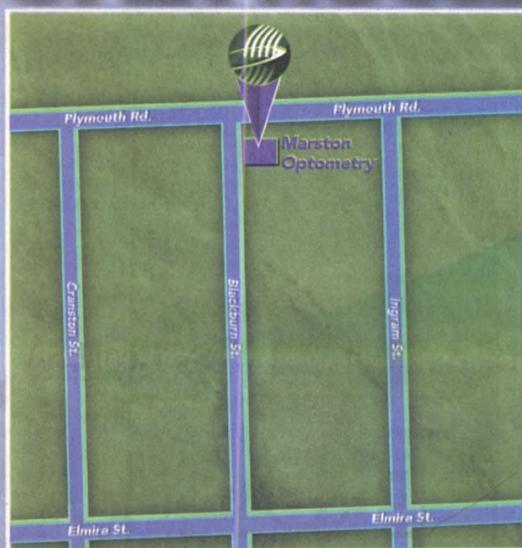
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Sponsored by the Association for Women in Communications Detroit Chapter, featured panelists include Mar-

gery Krevsky, CEO of Productions Plus; Ed Garsten, head, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles digital media; and Jocelyn Allen, co-owner of The Allen Lewis Agency in Detroit. Indira Sadikovic, communications manager for Freudenberg North America, will moderate the evening's discussion.

A national headliner award recipient for the Association of Women in Communications, Krevsky travels to auto shows around the world managing the product communications specialists who



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tell the stories of cars and car branding to capacity crowds in Tokyo, Detroit, Paris, Geneva and Pebble Beach, Calif. Celebrating 34 years in business, Krevsky uses keen communications tools to manage language, customs and clients at home and abroad.

Garsten joined Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in 2005 following a stellar 32-year career in journalism, including two decades as Detroit bureau chief of CNN. He leads FCA's digital media team merging broadcast, social media and video into one strategy, in-

cluding an award-winning weekly video news recap, a media website and one of the first corporate in-house video portals.

Allen brings passion, power, prosperity and purpose to her new role as co-owner of The Allen Lewis Agency in Detroit. She launched her agency following 15 years of communication positions at General Motors, most recently as the director of regional, grassroots and diversity communications and director of the company's diversity marketing and communi-

cations. She supervised GM's U.S. regional offices and its national diversity outreach.

Networking and a light supper will kick-off the evening at 5:30 p.m. at Freudenberg North America, 47774 W. Anchor Court, Plymouth. Discussion starts at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for AWC members, \$35 for non-members and \$15 for students.

For more information or to register, go to www.womcomdetroit.org/events or call 248-643-6590.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

PERFORMANCES BY FRANK RUNYEON

Time/date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

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

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

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

FALL FLEA MARKET

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

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

Details: More than 180 booths offering a wide variety of items. Food and refreshments will be

available. Select village buildings will be open from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2; children under 12 are free. Refreshments are available for about \$1.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

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

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

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

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA 2015

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

Location: Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Details: The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents Culinary Extravaganza 2015 — a celebration of food and wine that benefits students by providing scholarship support. Tickets are \$60 per person. The event features some of Metro Detroit's best restaurants, pastry shops

and beverage vendors. A silent auction with sports tickets and memorabilia, travel and theater and food packages is also planned. Raffle tickets featuring cash prizes and dinners at the American Harvest Restaurant are available for \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing is held between 4-5 p.m. the day of event. The raffle grand prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$750 and third prize is \$500. Three prizes of dinner for two at American Harvest are also available.

Contact: Mary Holaly at 734-462-4518.

LIVONIA HISTORIC CEMETERY WALK

Time/date: 2 p.m., with tours starting every half hour until 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20.

Location: Livonia Center Cemetery, Farmington Road south of Five Mile, Livonia.

Details: Meet some of Livonia's "liveliest characters" featured at the Livonia Center Cemetery during the fifth annual Livonia Historic Cemetery Walk. Tickets are \$10 each in advance, \$15 at the gate. Proceeds benefit Livonia's historic cemeteries. Parking is available at Livonia Public Schools' Administrative Offices. Rain-or-shine event.

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WORLD PEACE DAY

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

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Details: The Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit (IFLC), Plymouth-Canton

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

MICHIGAN NATIVE AMERICANS

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

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

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

Contact: 734-416-3848.

WESTERN WAYNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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

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

Contact: www.wwcgs.org.

TRI COUNTY CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

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

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 24-25, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26.

Location: First Methodist Church of Wayne, located across from the Wayne Post Office.

Details: Last day of sale is bag day - \$2 for a regular-sized bag, \$5 for a large plastic bag (not in the plus room).

Contact: 734-721-4801.

ASTRONOMY AT THE BEACH

Time/date: 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25-26.

Location: Maple Beach, Kensington Metropark, Milford.

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

Contact: 810-227-8917.

GUNS N' GOWNS

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

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

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

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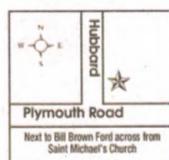
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LIVONIA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CITY MEET

Douglas, Chargers set trail-blazing pace

Franklin front-runner takes first, Churchill earns team title

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin senior cross country standout Natalie Douglas resists the temptation to look over her shoulder when she's leading a race.

"When I hear footsteps, I know it's time to go," she revealed.

Following the first mile of Wednesday afternoon's Livonia City Meet at Cass Benton Park, the only footsteps Douglas could

hear were her own.

The Patriot won the event's individual title for the second time in three years by posting a personal-best time at Cass Benton of 19 minutes and 42 seconds to out-distance runner-up Kathleen George of Livonia Churchill by 65 seconds.

Douglas's performance wasn't enough to lift the Patriots past the Chargers, who won the city title with 27 points. Franklin was second with 41 followed by Stevenson (57).

George won the race last year over runner-up Douglas.

"I didn't want to go out too fast; I wanted to see who would be out there and what they were



Franklin's Natalie Douglas (navy blue uniform) won the Livonia City Meet's individual title, but the red-shirted Chargers won the team championship Wednesday at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

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Churchill golfers clip Wayne

Livonia Churchill's girls golf team broke into the win column in impressive fashion Thursday as it up-ended Wayne Memorial, 223-265, in a match played at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

The Chargers improved to 1-3 while the Zebras slipped to 0-4.

Paige Peterson was the match medalist with a nine-hole score of 49, two shots better than teammate Kelsie Nowicki. Julia Rintala shot a 59 for the winners while Kayla Ellis carded a 64. Playing but not scoring for Churchill were Brianna Ellis (65) and Sydney Bester (66).

Wayne was led by Olivia Laws, who fired a 59. Additional scorers for the Zebras were Breanna Anderson (67), Kayla Thompson (68) and Kylie Strong (71).

Jade Walls and Katie Strong both fired rounds of 72 for Wayne.

Thurston's McCoy lauded

Redford Thurston senior two-way football star Alonzo McCoy was voted hometownlife.com's "Athlete of the Week" for the span covering Aug. 31 to Sept. 5.

In the popular online poll, McCoy picked up 41.43 percent of the votes to out-distance runner-up Markus Sanders of Canton, who garnered 26.75 percent.

Other nominees included Tervor Tank (16.53 percent), Andrew Wiggins (13.91) and Andre' Sarfoh (1.38).

McCoy ran for 176 yards on 15 carries to lead the Eagles to a 26-22 victory over host Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Playing part of the game at quarterback, McCoy also completed his only pass of the night for a 17-yard touchdown.

On defense, McCoy intercepted a pass that led to an Eagles' TD.

Next week's "Athlete of the Week" poll will be posted on hometownlife.com beginning Monday afternoon.

Reporting results

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

LIVONIA BOYS CITY CROSS COUNTRY MEET



Livonia Franklin's Tony Floyd (right) bolted to an early lead that he never lost Wednesday. The Andrew Bambach-led Spartans won the team title.

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SPARTANS MAKE A STATEMENT

Floyd wins race, Stevenson secures trophy

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin cross country star Tony Floyd brought the demanding hills of Cass Benton Park to their knees Wednesday afternoon, but it was Livonia Stevenson's team that ran away with the biggest prize following

the 41st annual Livonia City Boys Cross Country Meet.

Floyd galloped to an early lead during the opening 200 yards and never trailed while holding off Spartans senior Andrew Bambach by 27 seconds to capture his first city meet individual title.

The fleet-footed senior, who

placed second last summer to teammate Keenan Jones, covered the five-kilometer course in 16 minutes, 33.1 seconds.

"I knew I needed to be first early in the race; I didn't want it to be close," said Floyd. "I couldn't have ran much faster than I did the last mile. I gave it everything I had."

While Bambach never conceded the race to Floyd, he had realistic expectations.

"I knew he'd probably start fast and try to pull away, so I just stayed with him as long as I could," said Bambach. "I didn't want to lose sight of him."

"This feels great, winning the team championship two years in a row. We came out here last week and worked on our kick, and that definitely helped us throughout the race."

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Chargers capture early-season thriller

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill and Westland John Glenn volleyball players slid across the Rockets' gymnasium floor like Swiffer Sweepers Wednesday night, playing as if every dig would be a match-decider.

As it turned out, every point did matter in the five-set thriller that the Chargers finished with a flurry to win 21-25, 25-22, 25-22, 18-25, 15-7.

With the final game knotted at 7-all, the Chargers rode the

hot serving of Coleen McGowan and the front-row brilliance of senior Rayna Yetts to eight straight points and the victory.

The Chargers displayed some late-match resiliency after ace libero Alyssa Facione had to leave the match with an ankle injury mid-way through the fourth game.

"I thought our kids did a great job," said Churchill head coach Mark Grenier, whose team improved to 11-7 overall and 1-0 in the KLAAs South Divi-

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Members of Livonia Churchill's volleyball team celebrate the match-deciding point following their five-set victory over Westland John Glenn.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Short-handed Spartans clipped by Novi

Franklin posts second straight seven-goal triumph

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Minus two of its most productive forwards, Livonia Stevenson played toe-to-toe with KLAA Central Division rival Novi Thursday night before dropping a 3-1 decision in a match hosted by the Wildcats.

The loss dropped the Spartans to 5-2 overall and 1-1 in the division. Novi improved to 4-2 and 1-1, respectively.

Despite playing without the services of Val Qejvani, who is out of the country, and Trevor Furkas, who was ill, the Spartans were tied with the Wildcats 1-1 after Tyler Gregory netted a header off a cross from Joe Nicolas four minutes into the second half.

However, Connor O'Leary burst the Spartans' bubble with two goals within 10 minutes of one another later in the second stanza.

O'Leary's first goal came on a free kick from 19 yards out in the 50th minute. He added an insurance marker when he ripped home a penalty kick.

Novi's Nick Harder led the Wildcats an early 1-0 advantage with a goal in the 10th minute.

"Overall I was pleased with the effort from the boys," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team

was outshot 8-6. "We score the equalizer to open the second half and then the game unraveled for us with two tough calls from the referee. Seems to always go that way for us on that field. We are looking forward to getting back to full strength next week."

Both keepers - Stevenson's Austin Kaczmarek and Novi's Sam Sheeran - were credited with two saves.

Patriots roll

Seven-goal games are becoming commonplace for Livonia Franklin, which throttled host Westland John Glenn, 7-2, Thursday night on the Rockets' turf field.

The Patriots' big win, which came just 48 hours after a 7-0 triumph over Wayne, improved their record to 3-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA South Division standings.

"Our ball movement was outstanding," noted Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos. "I was happy with our three-touch execution. We're finishing better and we're getting more guys in the box. Defensively, we played great again, too."

"Our mid-fielders really played well tonight - Bobby Mandrink, Ryan Bieth and Domenco Pella. They did a good job of controlling the flow."

Mandrink registered his second straight two-goal game following his switch from defense to the mid-field. The senior's first net-finder (from Nate Jacoban) opened the scoring in the sixth minute.

The Rockets answered with an equalizing goal from Alfredo Vivar at the 24:58 mark of the first half, but Jordan Whitt's goal (from Bieth) gave the Patriots a 2-1 halftime advantage.

The Patriots poured it on over the final 40 minutes, expanding their lead to 7-1 on goals from Mandrink (from Whitt), Whitt (from Mandrink), Matt Conley (from Conner Haas), Austin Corona (free kick from 35 yards out) and Bieth, who was assisted by David Shoemaker.

Kyle McCarthy recorded the Rockets' second goal.

Ryan Prohaska played just over a half in net for the winners before Josh Jacoban finished up.

Warriors remain unbeaten

Surging Lutheran Westland improved to 5-0 Thursday afternoon by subduing Taylor Baptist Park, 4-1.

Bobby Sprague powered the Warriors' offense with three goals while Drake Snyder knocked home one net-finder for the winners.

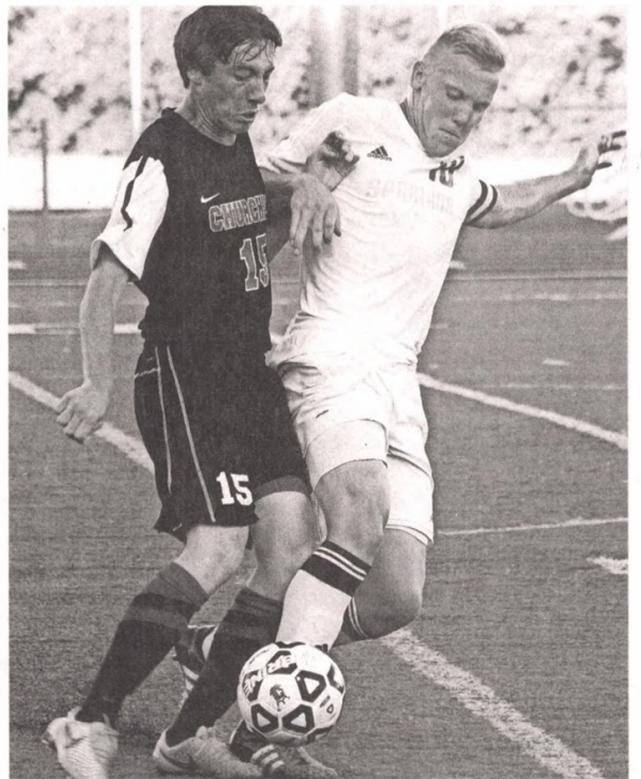
Kyle Farley, Kyle Downey and Sprague all notched one assist each.

Dylon Bolton scored Baptist Park's goal.

Trojans win again

Livonia Clarenceville improved its record to 3-0-1 in boys soccer Tuesday night with a 1-0 victory over Cesar Chavez Academy.

Armin Anelija scored the



Tyler Gregory (right), pictured during a game earlier this season, scored Stevenson's lone goal during Thursday's 3-1 loss to Novi.

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only goal of the game with a 30-yard bomb into the corner of the net.

Goalkeeper Jon Murphy made 12 saves for Clarenceville, earning his second shut-out of the young season.

Dante Marzolo and Alex

Immonen played very well on defense, according to coach Trevor Johnson, and helped to secure the victory.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Big plays abundant in Churchill's 46-25 win

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It's a good thing Livonia Churchill's offense was running on high-octane fuel Friday night - otherwise the Chargers may not have been able to keep pace with Westland John Glenn's emerging star Jalen Smith.

Smith was a beast, running for 140 yards while racking up 170 reception yards, but he was no match for the Chargers' balanced offensive attack and big-play defense, which combined to lead Churchill to a 46-25 victory.

The Chargers improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South Division while the Rockets slipped to 0-3 and 0-1, respectively.

Churchill's defense forced five Rocket turnovers. Junior defensive back Jamal Allen was in the middle of most of the action as he picked off two passes - one a pick-six that was called back by an illegal block.

Junior quarterback Evan Cummings was a two-way contributor for the winners, intercepting a pass on defense while completing 9 of 14 passes and a 46-yard TD to Antonio Alexander on offense.

Cummings also picked up



John Glenn's Daizon Bennett (left) and Brandon Carreathers couldn't bring down Churchill quarterback Evan Cummings.

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70 yards (on nine carries) and the game-opening touchdown on the ground.

Charger running back Sean Stenzel churned out 132 yards and one six-pointer on 19 carries. Stenzel had another long run to the John Glenn 1-yard line called back by a holding infraction.

Also enjoying big nights for the Chargers were Omar Morris (16 carries, 52 yards and three touchdowns), Jake Mushinski (four carries for 49 yards and a score) and Joe Hatley, who caught two Cummings aeriels for 39 yards.

Rocket quarterback Nate

Szymanski was on target most of the night while throwing on the run. He completed 16 of 37 passes for three TD's.

The most electrifying play of the night came with no time left on the first half clock when Szymanski launched a perfectly-thrown spiral to Smith, who leaped above three Charger defenders to pull the ball in and sprint the rest of the way for a 76-yard TD, which cut the hosts' halftime deficit to 26-19.

However, the Chargers - who outgained John Glenn 495-413 in total yards - bumped their lead to 33-19 midway

through the third quarter when Cummings hooked up with Alexander from 46 yards out.

John Glenn drove to the Churchill 46 before Allen snatched a Szymanski overthrow and motored 70 yards to paydirt, however, the return was brought back due to a penalty.

Looking to capitalize quickly on the momentum shift, Churchill moved promptly into the red zone thanks to a 23-yard, one-handed catch by Stenzel down the west sidelines. After Mushinski carried the ball to the 6, Morris followed with the second of his three TD's to make it 39-19.

John Glenn inched to within 39-25 when Austin Hamlett grabbed a 54-yard TD from Szymanski, but Churchill countered with an 11-play drive that culminated with a 1-yard plunge by Morris at the 6:28 mark. Morris carried the ball on eight of the 11 plays.

John Glenn's Andrew Wickler delivered the hit of the night when he rocked Allen with a clean tackle in the third quarter. Allen popped right up, displaying the resiliency the Chargers' practiced throughout the contest.

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Mackenzie Warwick had a stellar night for Garden City's swimming and diving team Thursday against Fordson.

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SWIMMING

Cougars out-stroke Fordson

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's girls swimming and diving team turned in an eye-opening performance against Dearborn Fordson Thursday night, submerging the Tractors, 44-29.

The Cougars placed first in every event - a first for a Julie Johnston-coached team. "My girls shocked me again," said Johnston. "They swam excellent."

GC's 200-yard medley relay foursome of Sydnee Carlton, Amy McNally, Kiana Bauer and Angie Kosikowski got things rolling for the winners when they touched first with a time of 2 minutes, 31.94 seconds.

The Cougars also picked up second-place points in the event thanks to a strong showing by Jillian Denison, Kyiah Harshman, Mackenzie Warwick and Taylor Padgett, who finished 10 seconds behind their teammates.

Hannah Harris turned in a gold-medal performance in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:44 - eight seconds than second-place finisher Rebekah Zoldock.

McNally and Warwick went 1-2 in the 200 individual medley before Padgett earned first-place points in the 50 free with a clocking of 32.8 seconds.

Warwick continued her fine night in the 100 butterfly, winning in 1:35 - 12 seconds faster than Bauer.

Carlton won the 100 free and 100 backstroke with times of 1:08 and 1:26, respectively.

The grueling 500 free was captured by Harris, who covered the distance in 7:20.

McNally was the champ in the 100 breaststroke, touching in 1:30 ahead of runner-up Harsman.

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WWAC FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Thurston outruns Garden City, 34-14

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston senior Alonzo McCoy did everything Friday night except sell popcorn at halftime during the Eagles' 34-14 victory over visiting Garden City.

If he was working the concession stand, the popcorn would no doubt have been fresh - just like the two-way stand-out's skill set.

McCoy rushed for 158 yards and three touchdowns on seven carries, marking the third consecutive week that he eclipsed the 150-yard mark.

He also hauled in five recep-

tions for 90 yards and a TD as the Eagles raced to a 28-0 second-quarter lead before tacking on a fifth touchdown in the third quarter.

Both of Garden City's touchdowns were scored by quarterback Kyle Becker. Sophomore kicker Alex Sherlock booted two extra points.

"Alonzo runs through tacklers and, when he gets in the open field, his cuts are amazing," Thurston head coach Bob Snell said.

The Eagles' defense was also bolstered by strong play from cornerback Keion Harris, who has yet to give up a completed pass against him this season,

linebacker Kobe Williams and defensive tackle Jacob Jenkins.

Thurston's offense was engineered by sophomore quarterback Zachary Crofford, who completed 7-of-12 passes for 98 yards in his first varsity start.

Thurston piled up 458 yards total offense, with 360 coming on the ground.

Fullback Stephen Pruitt ran 12 times for 70 yards, while Enorick Hall picked up 60 yards on three carries.

Garden City rushed for 270 yards on 34 hauls.

Robichaud upends RU

Dearborn Heights Rob-

ichaud proved to be too powerful for upstart Redford Union, which dropped a 49-8 decision to the now 3-0 Bulldogs.

The Panthers, who were riding a wave of momentum following last week's triumph over Clarenceville, scored their only touchdown when Isaac Grant fell on a Bulldogs fumble in the end zone. Grant then scampered into the end zone for the two-point conversion.

"We had at least a few occasions when we hit their quarterback or running back behind the line of scrimmage, but we didn't wrap and they broke loose for big plays," RU head coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "Robichaud is a very good team. They blew us up up front, both offensively and defensively."

ots of Fire, which the senior Charger won by a stride.

LIVONIA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Wednesday at Cass Benton
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Stevenson, 25; 2. Churchill, 57; 3. Franklin, 57.
STEVENSON: 2. Andrew Bambach, 17 minutes; 3. Nathan Ward, 17:32.7; 5. Jacob Bieganski, 17:54.4; 6. Ben Griffith, 17:59.4; 9. Alex Brauer, 18:09.1.
CHURCHILL: 4. Josh Mussen, 17:45.0; 7. Jonathan Hovermale, 18:00.6; 12. Clint Cowen, 18:32.0; 13. Noah Hagood, 18:40.8; 17. Alex Piper, 19:06.7.
FRANKLIN: 1. Tony Floyd, 16:33.1; 8. Grant Rudd, 18:01.7; 14. Matt Lepper, 18:44.4; 15. Logan Evan-chuk, 18:55.5; 26. Mike Mackiewicz, 19:18.7.

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SPARTANS

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Stevenson head coach Chris Inch confirmed that Bambach's strong showing was a reflection of a summer-long commitment to improvement.

"Andrew worked hard all summer and even before that he finished the track season by running well," Inch said.

"He worked on changing his form - carrying his arms a little higher - which has made a huge difference for him as far as efficiency."

The Spartans flooded the top-10 places with six runners. Joining Bambach (17:00.2) among the front-runners were teammates Nathan Ward (third in 17:32.7), Jacob Bieganski (fifth in 17:54.4), Ben Griffith (sixth in 17:59.4), Alex Brauer (ninth in 18:09.1) and Nathan Wilson (10th in

18:24.3).

Churchill edged the Patriots for second place, 52-57.

The Chargers were powered by the one-two punch of fourth-place Josh Mussen (17:45.0) and seventh-place Jonathan Hovermale (18:00.6).

Joining Floyd in the top 10 for Franklin was sophomore Grant Rudd, who was eighth in 18:01.7.

Hovermale and Rudd waged an all-out sprint to the finish, reminiscent of Chari-

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Churchill aces test against rival Franklin

Spartans split pair of Central Division matches

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's top three singles players rolled to two-set sweeps to spark the Chargers' 7-2 victory over Livonia Franklin in a KLA South Division match played Thursday at Churchill. The triumph improved the

hosts' overall record to 4-2 and their divisional mark to 2-1.

Junior No. 1 player Sean Mulka got the ball rolling for Churchill when he upended Franklin's Lukas Pekorius, 6-0, 6-4. No. 2 Charger Matt Smith, also a junior, followed suit with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Adam Alger.

Charger sophomore Johnny Zhou defeated Justin Crawford, 6-0, 7-5, at No. 3 before Franklin's Jon Montie averted the singles sweep for his team by sweeping Peyton Elkins, 6-3, 6-3, at No. 4.

Churchill's doubles victors

were Tim Ohtake and Gabe Garfinkel at No. 1, Mickey Ohtake and Griffin Riley at No. 2, Cooper King and Joe Martin at No. 3 and Logan King and Jake Jarvis at No. 4.

Franklin's No. 5 tandem of Mike Bagazinski and David Finch posted a tight 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 win over Churchill's Billy Rose and Matt Rodeman.

On Wednesday, the Chargers dropped an 8-1 decision at Plymouth. Churchill's lone point came when Ohtake and Riley rallied for a 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory over the Wildcats' Ramana Ramanathan and

Nathan Tseng.

Stevenson splits pair

An emphatic sweep of the four singles matches powered Livonia Stevenson to a 6-3 victory over host South Lyon Wednesday afternoon.

Junior No. 1 player Cade Bunton spearheaded the charge with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Austin Nevitt.

Also posting impressive victories were No. 2 swinger Andrew Dziobak, who outstaked Justin Goodenow 6-1, 6-4; No. 3 standout Jack Dunne, who took care of Jacob

Spierling, 6-2, 6-2; and No. 4 netter Peter Akel, who submerged Zac Duff, 6-3, 6-1.

The Spartans' two doubles points were earned by the No. 1 team of Jeff Della Mora and Scott Findlay, who swept Eric Montrief and Steve Harlep, 6-0, 6-2; and the No. 4 duo of Wytson Werdan and Josh Maj, who ousted Justin Liss and Brad Miller, 7-6, 6-3.

State power Northville defeated Stevenson 9-0 on Thursday.

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CANTON 27, FRANKLIN 17

COMING UP CLUTCH

Canton wards off Franklin with timely big plays on offense and defense

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When prepping his Canton Chiefs for Friday's KLA South Division football match-up against Livonia Franklin, coach Tim Baechler had a feeling it wasn't going to be easy.

The tall task at hand was to put the defensive clamps on Patriots quarterback Denzel Adams, who has displayed big-game capabilities both through the air and on the ground in the season's early weeks.

After the Chiefs escaped with a 27-17 victory on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Baechler seemed almost relieved that his team got the 'W' to improve to 3-0 and 1-0 in the KLA South.

"This team (the Patriots) was averaging 37 points a game coming in and I knew this was not the old Franklin, this was a different Franklin," Baechler said. "They've got a new offensive scheme and that quarterback is slippery and fast and strong. He's good."

Adams was as good as advertised, scoring on a 65-yard gallop down the left sideline during the first half late in the first quarter to put the Patriots in front 10-7.

He ran 22 times for 185 yards and threw for another 100.

Finding a seam

But Canton also has a player who fits that description in 5-7 junior running back Markus Sanders, who scored three touchdowns and gained 177 yards in 21 carries.

"He's a slippery little guy, he runs hard," Baechler said. "But our offensive line works so hard and we just did enough to get her done."

Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said the Patriots' defensive game plan was to slow Sanders down, and for some of the evening they succeeded.

"But you give him that one little seam and they always take advantage of it," said Kelbert, whose team dropped to 1-2.

Sanders was the answer man for the Chiefs on more than one occasion Friday. After Jake Giacobbi con-



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Franklin's Denzel Adams stretches for extra yardage against Canton.

nected on a 35-yard field goal with 7:05 left in the first quarter to open the scoring, the Chiefs replied with a 62-yard scoring march punctuated by Sanders' 26-yard TD run through the middle.

Franklin also showed they could bounce back, when on the first snap of the ensuing offensive series, Adams broke one for 65 yards — missing several tackles along the way.

"He is a tough kid, very tough," said Kelbert about Adams. "Our whole group they battle, non-stop."

"I'm very proud of their efforts, we have a very tough, physical team this year."

Turning the tide

Yet the Chiefs demonstrated a knack for coming up with clutch plays on both sides of the ball, and one of the biggest was a fumble recovery by sophomore linebacker Lou Baechler during the second frame.

Franklin had stopped the Chiefs' offense and still had a 3-point lead, but Baechler pounced on an Adams fumble near the Pats' 30.

With a short field, the Chiefs needed just five plays to finish the job with Sanders spinning off tackles for a 10-yard scoring run with seven minutes to go in the half.

That made it a 14-10 Canton advantage entering the intermission.

Just as important for the Chiefs was an interception in the third quarter by senior linebacker Jalen Cochran.

On a third down and long from near midfield, Adams was forced out of the pocket, trying to find an open receiver.

He finally launched a pass over the middle — right into Cochran's hands.

Canton once again took advantage, going on a 55-yard scoring drive to go up 20-10. Finishing off the drive with a 4-yard TD run was junior quarterback Joel Foster.

Another stalwart for the Patriots was junior running back Jacob Clark (82 yards in nine rushes), who at times was nearly impossible to bring down.

"They plugged up the middle on us today, so we had to go and attack the edges a little bit," Kelbert said. "Clark did a really nice job."

Coming up 'huge'

Clark broke off a 28-yard run to key the Patriots on what was their final scoring march of the game. Adams then found Giacobbi open on a 2-yard pass with 10:15 left, slicing the Chiefs lead to 20-17.

But Canton responded two minutes later when Sanders scored on a 37-yard run.

Sanders zipped through the line and then veered from left-to-right into the end zone, no defender in sight for the last 20 yards. Ben Tubaro's third extra point finished the scoring.

Franklin had designs on rallying, however, taking the ball down inside Canton's 35.

Unfortunately for the Pats, any such hopes fizzled when Adams' pass was intercepted at the Canton 13 by sophomore Colin Troup.

Baechler said Troup's defensive play was "huge" for the Chiefs.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Bunton's 'Pick 6' leads Stevenson

Spartans hold off Wildcats, 35-32

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There are ordinary interceptions, and then there's the what you call a "Pick 6."

And although it was during final stages of the first half with his team holding a 21-18 lead Friday night against host Novi, Livonia Stevenson junior defensive back Nathan Bunton came up with what proved to be the pivotal play.

"We were in 'cover three' and I was just supposed to be the deep guy," said Bunton, who made the pick-off and raced 65 yards through a sea of Novi would-be tacklers for a touchdown to make it a 28-18 halftime advantage with only 18.3 seconds left. "He (Novi quarterback Alec Bageris) kind of overthrew it to me ... good blocks by my teammates helped me score, so I'm grateful for that."

And it helped Stevenson come away with a 35-32 win as the Spartans improved to 3-0 overall, while keeping the Wildcats winless.

"That was my first one ever," Bunton said of the 'Pick 6.' "I'm very pleased, I'm thankful. Almost had one last week, too, but glad it happened. Good win by the team tonight."

The first half was dominated by the offenses.

Stevenson led 14-6 after one quarter thanks to TD runs of 10 and 19 yards, respectively, by Frank Carlin and quarterback Chris Tanderys.

Novi countered with a 42-yard TD run by Nathan Hankerson, but the Wildcats were unable to convert the first of two missed extra points.

In the second quarter, the Wildcats went up 18-14 getting a 29-yard TD pass from Bageris to Anthony D'Annibale along with a 6-yard scoring run from Emanuel Jackson. (Ethan Carter, who had a team-high seven tackles along with Spencer Vankirk, recovered a pooch kick at the Stevenson 39 to set up the go-ahead TD.)

But with just 45 seconds left until intermission, Tanderys connected with a wide-open Carlin for a 45-yard TD pass and Ian Henzi's point-after put the Spartans back on top for keeps, 21-18.

Novi then tried to hurry-up its offense and get in position to score just before the half, only to have Bunton come up with the key interception for another six points.

"He did a great job," Stevenson coach Randy Micallef said. "Last week he had a pick and he ran out of gas running down the sidelines, so he was bound and determined to get there tonight. He did exactly what we talked about in terms of staying back in the 'cover three' and he got the ball that was a little overthrown."

Novi, however, refused to fold and pulled to within 28-25 when Jackson scored on an 11-yard TD run coupled with Blake King's PAT to cap an nine-play, 83-yard drive to open the third quarter.

The Wildcats then followed with a goal line stand, throwing the game's leading rusher Austin Petrie (154 yards on 23 carries) for a 4-yard loss.

"That was huge," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "Our guys were fired up. They know they can get that stuff done."



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Novi's Anthony D'Annibale makes the second-quarter TD grab against Stevenson.

"Yeah, we had momentum. And if we go down and score there, I think the game is a different thing, but give them (Stevenson) credit. They stopped us, they shut us down. We got a couple of first downs, but we were forced to punt eventually."

Tanderys, the 5-foot-11, 172-pound junior, then tossed a 9-yard scoring pass to junior Ian Knoph to make it a two-score lead again, 35-25, on the first play of the final period.

Novi got the ball back three more times in the final period, but came up empty until just 19.4 seconds left when Bageris, who was 20-of-32 passing for 201 yards, hit D'Annibale on a 2-yard scoring strike.

Out of timeouts, the Wildcats then tried an onside kick, but it was recovered by Stevenson's Jack Balint at midfield to end the suspense.

"They're a good team, that's why it got close," Micallef said of the 0-3 Wildcats. "They've some tight games and they could just as easily be 2-1 instead of where they're at right now."

Novi outgained the Spartans in total offense, 388-302, as Hankerson went for 103 yards on 12 carries. The dangerous Jackson, however, was held to 53 yards on 12 carries. But the Western Michigan University commit added eight catches for 75 yards.

"I don't know what the final stats are, but he (Jackson) was our key," Micallef said. "We thought if we could contain him we'd have a chance to win. But they still have some other players there that were able to make some big plays."

Petrie's biggest run, a 56-yarder, came with less than a minute to go in the third quarter to set up Stevenson's final TD.

"We had him bottled up pretty good and he just got loose," Burnside said. "He broke through three tackles. We worked all week about tackling him at the legs low and we had three guys at the point of attack and we just didn't get it done on that one. That was a huge one because we just came off the goal line stand and they go right down there again on that big, long run."

If anything, Burnside would like to take back the final seconds of the first half, but refused to blame the loss on the Pick 6.

"It's not one play, it can't be," the Novi coach said. "It was just a bad two minutes there. But that was a heckuva ballgame and a lot of fun to coach in. I'm upset we came up three points short, but that was fun game."

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going to do," said Douglas, explaining her early-race strategy. "After the first mile, once we got in the woods, I tried pulling away. After the second mile, I just wanted to try and keep running smooth."

It didn't take much to get Douglas pumped up about her final city meet appearance.

"I just told myself that this is my senior year and I want to finish strong — not just for me, but for my team," she said.

The Chargers dominated the top-11 spots with six placers.

In addition to George, Churchill was bolstered by strong kicks from Christina Murphy (third in 20:56.4), Gabrielle Swider (fifth in 21:22.8), Alexis Lombardo (seventh in 21:40.8), Hailey Pampreen (10th in 22:09.5) and Caroline George, who finished 11th in 22:33.5.

"I thought the race went pretty good," said George, a junior. "We went out a little too fast, but it feels good that the team won."

"I thought the girls ran a tough, gritty race," said Churchill head coach Sue Tatro. "Even though they went out a little fast, they maintained their position and ran well."

"It's still early and we have a long way to go, but at this point in the season I think we're way ahead of where we were at this point last year."

Tatro was especially pleased with the effort of Swider, who has picked up where she left off after this past spring's track season.

"Gabby is the whole package," Tatro said. "She works hard, she's driven, she takes it seriously. She got her feet wet last season, but she tasted success during track season and she's using her experience and stepping up."

Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said he was proud of his team's showing, even though the Patriots failed to defend their championship.

"Overall, I don't think we ran as well as I had hoped we'd run, but I was very impressed by our top three girls (Douglas, Camryn Zurawski and Erin Seibert)," Bjorklund said.

"Coming into today, I thought Natalie had a good chance of winning. We talked strategy before the race and she followed it to a 'T'. She's such a smart racer and she was hungry for this today."

"Camryn and Erin both did a good job, too. Unfortunately, in the city meet you have to have at least five in the top 10 to win and we weren't quite there."

The Spartans' top performer was Julia Cercone, who placed sixth in 21:27.2. Emily Lauzon also ran well for Stevenson, placing ninth in 21:47.5.

LIVONIA CITY MEET
Wednesday at Cass Benton
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 27; 2. Franklin, 41; 3. Stevenson, 57.
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FRANKLIN: 1. Natalie Douglas, 19:42.0; 4. Camryn Zurawski, 21:19.2; 8. Erin Seibert, 21:41.2; 13. Riley Shine, 22:53.7; 15. Natalie Martinez, 23:05.4; 17. Kaylee English, 23:18.1; 19. Allyson Stabler, 23:33.6; 20. Jenny Engler, 23:47.7; 21. Emma Devine, 23:56.8; 24. Rachel Domzalski, 24:08.6.
STEVENSON: 6. Julie Cercone, 21:27.2; 9. Emily Lauzon, 21:47.5; 12. Emily Zwickler, 22:48.0; 14. Abigail Zwickler, 23:04.8; 16. Megan Verant, 23:12.0; 18. Grace Lamerson, 23:20.1; 25. Colleen Fitzgerald, 24:25.5; 26. Diana Graham, 24:36.3; 27. Katherine Zillincik, 24:41.1; 28. Anna Bonser, 24:42.8.

Redford golfer nets MPSGA title



Redford Township resident Lee Williams (left) was the overall net tournament champion with a 54-hole score of 204 at the Michigan Public Seniors Golf Association's 40th Annual State Championship held Aug. 28-30 at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. Presenting Williams with his award is Plymouth's Dan Moore, a past board member and current adviser of the MPSGA.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

GC sweeps Clarenceville; RU, Lutheran Westland play well

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's volleyball team was at least a little bit better in every facet of the game Thursday night against visiting Livonia Clarenceville, winning 25-9, 25-11, 25-12, to improve its record to 4-2.

"We were the more-experienced team and we took advantage of it," explained GC head coach John Pace. "We kept our composure when out of system and pressed every chance we could."

"Our goal was to serve tough and keep pressure on them, while eliminating as many free balls as possible."

Alex Roffi engineered the winners' offense from the setter position as she distrib-

uted 24 assists.

Allie Lynn and Alea Montgomery notched a team-high seven kills. Lynn also added five digs.

The Cougars were spectacular in the serve-receive department, mishandling just one of 22 chances.

"Marti (Dzendzel) and Allie played a well-rounded match," noted Pace. "They attacked efficiently, their serving was solid and they played good defense."

"Alex made good choices. She worked the middle and the pins."

Panthers edged

Romulus defeated Redford Union in a well-played WWAC contest on Thursday.

Sadie-Anne Miles led the Panthers' serving game while

Maggie Osowski hustled on defense. Ashley Kato was efficient in the serving game for RU.

Warriors tumble

Lutheran Northwest defeated Lutheran Westland, 25-20, 26-24, 25-19, Thursday night.

Emily Fairbairn led the Warriors with seven kills. Hannah Schneider served well for the Warriors as she picked up five aces.

"We were ahead or tied at 15 in all three sets, but Northwest really served tough down the stretch and fought hard for every point," said Lutheran Westland head coach Tom Lange. "They deserve credit for coming up with the plays when it mattered most."

CHARGERS

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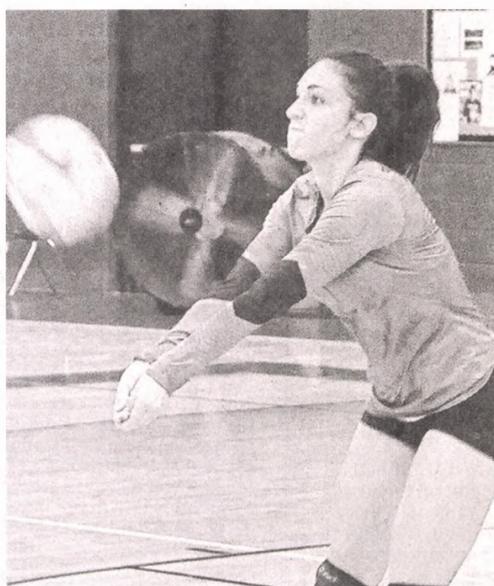
sion. "We only have two seniors and we have a lot of young players who showed some moxie tonight."

"I thought Madison (Mirabittur) really stepped up after Alyssa had to leave with the injury. They (John Glenn) went after her a little, but I thought she did a great job."

Churchill junior hitter Sam Zonca, who registered 13 kills for the Chargers, said her team flourished in the final game because they still had a lot left in the cardio tank.

"I think the key in game five was our energy," said Zonca. "Once we picked up the energy, the momentum came and we never lost it."

"Coach told us before game five to go out and play hard because John Glenn is a very good team. We all kind of stepped up together."



CHRIS GUDDUCK
Clarenceville's Delaney MacRae passes the ball Thursday night against Garden City.

The Rockets have been no stranger to five-game drama fests during their early-season

schedule as Wednesday's match was their fourth of the season.

"Going the distance like tonight has been commonplace for us, but that's good for us because it's getting us ready for where we want to be - playing well against the Churchills and the Cantons," said first-year John Glenn coach Ron Staples. "Our goal in practice is to get better every single day, and I think that's happening. We had some key blocks tonight and our serving was pretty good. We're getting there."

Yetts, who accumulated 27 kills and 15 digs, was a force down the stretch as she recorded five kills in the final stanza. Other standouts in the fifth were Megan Gendjar, who had an eye-opening dig, and Laura Hall, who put down a key kill.

Several Rockets played extremely well, most notably Ryan Clemons, Denae Tulo and setter Shelby Hodges.

"In my 19 years of coaching here, that's the best John Glenn team I've ever faced," Grenier emphasized. "He (Sta-

ples) has done a great job. They have some kids who can really swing."

Brianna Fulton led Churchill with 38 assists.

Stevenson upended

Livonia Stevenson dropped its first KLAA Central Division match of the season Thursday night, 25-15, 25-19, 26-24, at South Lyon East.

"We didn't play loose," said first-year head coach Beth Bushey. "We were very stiff throughout the night. We had moments of greatness, but we struggled to keep the consistency throughout the match."

"We're still trying to find a pairing of kids that puts everything we need on the court together."

Audrey Lackey led a balanced Stevenson attack with 10 kills. Zakia Hunt added seven.

Brittney Van Horn led the Spartans' defense with nine digs.

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Farmington company makes vinegars you can mix, drink

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Jess McClary of Farmington calls herself a "Shrubist Extraordinaire." After the 9 p.m. Sept. 25 season premiere of the ABC television show, *Shark Tank*, millions of Americans will know why.

McClary, CEO of McClary Bros., maker of "Old Timey Drinking Vinegar," a handcrafted mixer for cocktails and soda — also known as a "shrub" — auditioned for the reality show in April and was invited to pitch a business proposition in June to the "Sharks," a panel of business tycoons who star in the Emmy Award-winning series.

They make deals with some of the entrepreneurs who appear on the show and invest in their products. McClary's session included Mark Cuban, Kevin O'Leary, Lori Greiner, Robert Herjavec and a guest Shark, actor Ashton Kutcher. They all got a chance to taste her product and two of the Sharks can be seen on a show teaser clinking their cocktail glasses.

McClary can't talk about the outcome of her experience, which was recorded for this month's broadcast, but says the pitch session was priceless.

"Overall it was just altogether an awesome experience to go through the whole process. I was telling people afterward I feel like I climbed Mount Everest. There is nothing I can't accomplish now."

From oven to shrub

If the television appearance felt like a mountain climb, just starting the business may have seemed more like negotiating a maze. The couple first started a baking business in 2012 before switching to drinking vinegars in spring 2013.

McClary, 32, and her husband, Josh, moved from just outside Chicago, Ill., to Farmington after their twin sons, Ben and Jack, 5, were born. Josh worked as a sales rep for a publishing company, McClary studied culinary arts at Oakland Community College and the twin toddlers, although unaware of their impending fame, were about to have a company named in their honor.

When Josh suggested they sell baked goods at Farmington's farmers market, the McClary Bros. Bakehouse, named after the twin brothers, was born.

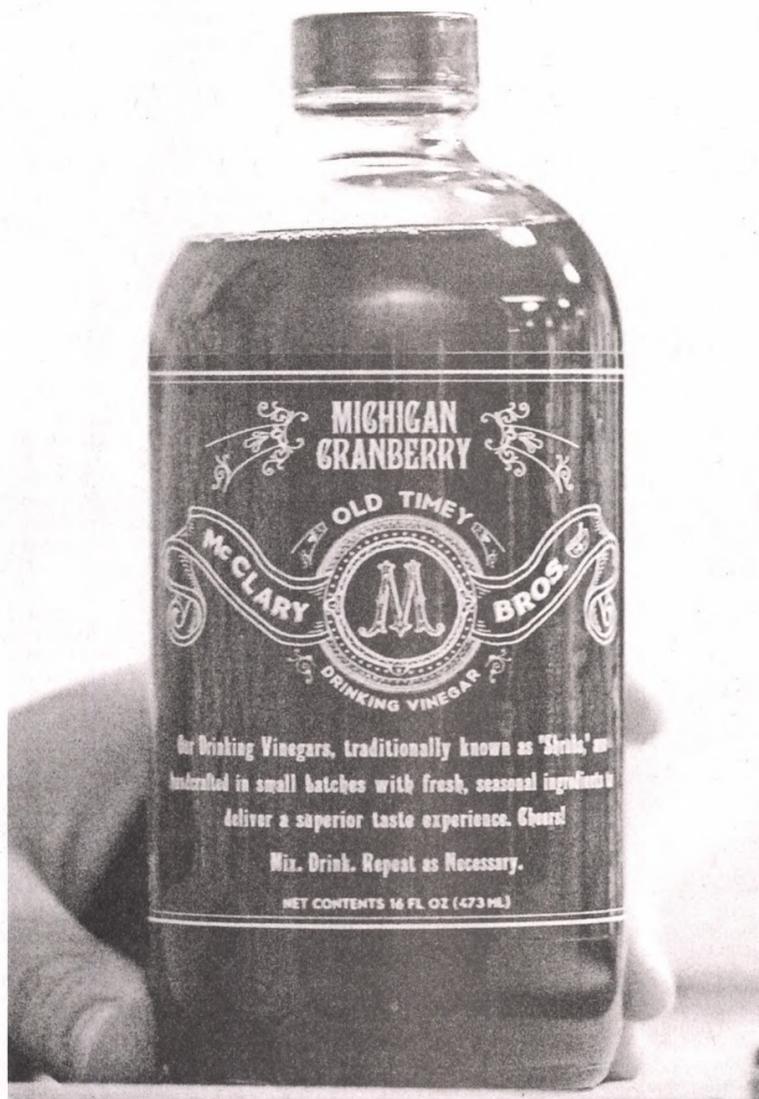
By spring 2013, McClary was selling her signature scones and fruit buckles at Oakland County Farmers Market in Waterford.

"I'd get up in the middle of the night and bake it and my husband would take it to market. I was making 15-16 dozen scones every Saturday. I did a lot of buckles with fresh rhubarb, blueberries, strawberries, peaches. I felt like I was taking all this great stuff and just covering it in butter, flour and sugar."

Crazy idea

She started researching alternatives for using fresh produce, focusing on old-fashioned preservation techniques. She came across information on drinking vinegars, which trace their roots to the colonial era. Shrubs lost favor as a drink mixer after the invention of refrigeration, but have made a comeback as craft cocktails have become popular.

"I liked that the ingredients were very simple and there weren't weird preservatives," McClary said. "Every-



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
McClary Bros. CEO Jess McClary shows a 275-gallon container of apple cider at Forgotten Harvest, where her products are manufactured and bottled.

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Yes, Michigan does produce cranberries — and some are in this bottle of McClary Bros. Old Timey Drinking Vinegars, a Farmington-based company.

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JESS MCCLARY

body thought I was crazy. But I used the things I had learned in culinary school on how to bring out flavors."

Her most popular flavor is beet and carrot. Fans mix it with alcohol or sparkling soda, sprinkle it on salad, mix it into sauces or use it as a marinade. Some, like her son, Ben, like to sip it straight.

"Public taste buds are shifting toward a more tart flavor. Fermented food, pickles, sauerkraut, kombucha, are all becoming more popular and they all have a tart profile," McClary said. "It fits into that space very well."

Growing business

Josh quit his job in fall 2013 to concentrate on sales, reaching out to retailers, bars and restaurants. The Stand Bistro in Birmingham, for example, makes a "Shrub Hub" cocktail that includes McClary Bros. Pineapple Fennel Shrub.

At first, the company processed the

vinegars, which are made with organic apple cider vinegar, organic cane sugar, produce, herbs and spices, at a Ferndale bakery.

"My staff and I would work nights. Between the fall of 2013 and spring of 2014 we processed by hand 14,000 pounds of beets. Just beets. And that is just one ingredient in one flavor," McClary said. "It wasn't possible for us to grow beyond that in the way we were doing it."

Last year, the company began working with Forgotten Harvest on production, training a team to make and bottle the drinking vinegars. Forgotten Harvest subsequently formed Hopeful Harvest, a for-profit subsidiary of the nonprofit organization, to assist food entrepreneurs with processing, packing, and storage.

Locally grown

McClary sources the majority of fruits, vegetables and herbs from

farmers in southeast Michigan. Her product flavors are seasonal, depending on what has been harvested. She plans to expand the flavor variety when the company opens a second manufacturing site in New Orleans, La.

"There are a number of flavors we want to play around with. They have different citrus fruits, different herbs and plants that may be edible but not always considered food plants that I'm doing test batches of."

She'll continue to use mostly Michigan produce for the locally produced vinegars, and Louisiana-grown fruits and vegetables for the products made in New Orleans.

"Now as our business is growing, we're expanding in many ways. I graduated from the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business program in January," McClary said. "Before that it was just throw ideas at the wall and see if they stick. Now that I've been through the program, everything is much more strategic."

She said Busch's Fresh Food Markets and Whole Foods sell her drinking vinegars. They'll also be available later this year at Meijer.

"We had a 150 percent revenue growth this year. I'm not even factoring in that we're about to be on *Shark Tank*. There is no metric I can use for that."

Visit the company's website at mcclarybros.com.

sdargay@hometownlife.com

Westland comic stages stand-up comedy benefit for animals

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Get ready to laugh, while helping the Michigan Humane Society at the same time.

Westland comedian Keith Lenart, along with Redford's Bill Bushart and Nate Armbruster of Livonia, will take the stage at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Joey's Comedy Shop to benefit homeless animals. Joey's is located at 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

"I've been a comedian for almost 20 years. I've traveled across the country and I've done some things overseas for the troops," said Lenart, who previously owned a Downriver record store.

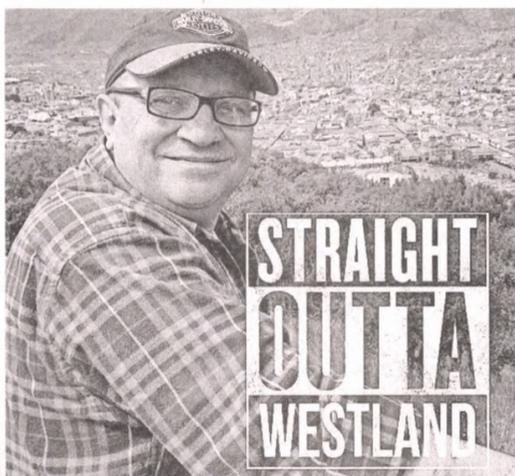
"It's been on my mind for some years to do a benefit show. My girlfriend works in the office of the Michigan Humane Society, so I said, I'll just do it this year and see how it goes."

Lenart has adopted from the organization in the past. MHS operates shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills. He said the benefit, which will give all net proceeds to MHS, aims to "raise money for the dogs and cats that really need the help."

"What a fun way to raise money. I love animals, of course. I have two cats now."

Lenart performed

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Westland comedian Keith Lenart has a little fun with his photo. Lenart performs a benefit Wednesday, Sept. 16, for the Michigan Humane Society.

Arthritis Today

JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D.
RHEUMATOLOGY
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JOINT INJECTIONS

How often a person can have a joint injected rests on the answer to the question: will the procedure give benefit.

A related question is: how many joints can a physician inject at any one time? The answer to that inquiry is not as straightforward.

For example: consider a patient with multiple joint problems that include two swollen, painful knees and a frozen right shoulder. The patient's problem is that the combination of these impairments makes it impossible to continue self care.

One option for the physician is to take fluid from the knees, inject steroid and see if these procedures suffice to allow self care. But what if the patient is elderly, has macular degeneration and can come to the office only if someone can drive the patient for the appointment. In that circumstance the physician may decide it is in the patient's best interest to inject all three joints.

Nothing in the medical literature sets a number such as one, two, three or even four as the limit on joint injections at any one time. The total amount of cortisone the patient receives in multiple injection is less than the course of steroids an asthmatic receives for a flare of that condition. As for the risk of infection, appropriate technique is the best way to ward off that complication.

However, steroids makes diabetes worse. Therefore, if the patient needing injection is a diabetic, and particularly if the patient is experiencing difficulty in controlling blood sugar, then even two injections may be more than the patient should receive at any one time.

In short, how many injections a patient can receive depends on the patient's condition as much as on their arthritic diagnosis.

General Electric to make a 'new' old-style washer

It has taken 20 years for General Electric to pay attention to this newspaper column or let's say I would like to think so. I have no doubt that it simply is tired of listening to the millions of consumer complaints from people who don't like the way its clothes washers perform, and it's spending \$100 million to redesign its clothes washer.

Julie Muennich, director of marketing, stated that the traditional top-load washer remains the most popular style of washer in the U.S. today. This makes the U.S. an outlier in the world of home appliances, as it's one of the only countries where top-load washers with agitators are still on sale, let alone beloved



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

by consumers. This guy, your Appliance Doctor, says "It's about time. I have been bad-mouthing front load washers since they became a big hit some 20 years ago. I have read and heard thousands of complaints from homeowners regarding their front loaders and today's websites are a small example of customer dissatisfaction.

American consumers are skeptical of the washer made today which has no agitator and I should know, I tested one not so long ago and I was not

pleased with its performance. Several weeks ago, I wrote about hearing a rumor that G.E. was going to go back to the old-style washer and yet even today I will not tell homeowners to run out and buy a new G.E. top loader. First, they are not yet on the market and are expected to arrive on dealer floors sometime this October. I have made arrangements to test this new machine and find out exactly how it is made and will it do the job. You can expect my complete evaluation in this column.

Like a tank

Going backwards in time, I remember the General Electric washer very well as I re-

paired hundreds of them. People still complain and miss their mini-basket that used to fit over the top of the agitator. You could wash your gentle items and do just a very small load and save on water consumption. They miss the suds-saver model as well. You could re-use a whole tub of water to wash a dirty load after doing a previous load of slightly sweat-stained clothes. It's too bad the Energy Department didn't incorporate this idea into its crazy money-saving guidelines. The old G.E. washer was built like a tank and there are still many in homes across America that are 25-30 years old. How many times have I said that if I could build a washer made the way

that they once were, I could become a rich man? Let's see what happens to the G.E. stock come this October.

Speaking of clothes washers, it has been reported to me that Speed Queen in Ripon, Wis., is having trouble keeping up with demand for its top-load washers. Doesn't this statement make us all feel good? We hear it all the time, buy American, buy American! I say that Americans want quality back into their products, more so now than ever before. Just look at what Speed Queen has done with its products by maintaining a quality level that is second to none.

Now comes another rumor heard lately.

Maytag is going to purchase all new dies and tooling to produce its washer of old. I know that Whirlpool owns Maytag today, but if I was its CEO I would make this happen tomorrow. In the old days, if you had a Maytag washer in the laundry room, visitors recognized you had the best. That "ol' lonely" commercial came on to your TV set and you had to feel sorry for Jesse because he didn't have enough work to do. The picture of quality was there and maybe Maytag can bring back that impression. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

COMEDY

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improv comedy for several years and was involved in theater at Henry Ford Community College "back in the day," before working his way from open mic nights to touring internationally. He has worked at comedy clubs from California to the Bahamas and has appeared on *Last Comic Standing*, the Las Vegas Comedy Festival, *So You Think You're Funny*, in addition to feature films, such as *American Wedding* and *Vamps*.

"I was always making people laugh for free. I thought, it would be nice to get paid for it."

He describes his comedy performance as "clean with some adult humor."

In addition to performing and touring, Bushart also teaches

stand-up comedy classes at Joey's, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak and Laff Tracks Comedy Club in Novi.

Armbruster has performed at such festivals as Gilda's Laugh Fest and The World Series of Comedy. He talks to friends and comedians about the craziest things they've done on his podcast, *One Crazy Story*.

Lenart will emcee the show and hopes to add a few more comedians to the lineup.

"We'll have a cavalcade of comedy for a cause. I'm hoping to make this an annual event."

In addition to the performances, gift baskets and other gift items will be raffled.

Admission is \$15 at the door.

For more information, call Joey's at 734-261-0555 or visit joeycomedyshop.com.

Choosing a book



Gabrielle Prater, 3, picks out a few books July 30 at the Novi Public Library.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

REUNIONS

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1965
50-year class reunion is set for 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept.

18-19, at Auburn Hills Marriott at Centerpoint, Auburn Hills. The main event will include a roving dinner, music and dancing, and fun. The Friday mixer starts at 5 p.m. and some of the junior high and elementary alumni will meet for lunch on Saturday. Cost is \$100. Check the www.seaholmclassof65.com website for more information.

zewski at 248-701-9374.

DEARBORN LOWREY

CLASS OF 1965
50th class reunion is set for Sept. 26. For more information, email kmharleyriders@wowway.com or call 313-414-8980.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1965
50-year reunion is scheduled for Sept. 19. January and June 1965 classmates can email codyclassof1965@yahoo.com or call

DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1965
Reunion is planned for Sept. 25-26. Call Nancy Gervais-Ols-

Christine Snopkoski Nashlen at 734-561-3501 for more information.

DETROIT COOLEY

CLASS OF 1965
Looking for classmates from January and June for 50th reunion on Oct. 3 at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, email reunioncooley65@aol.com or call 734-397-3308.

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1954
61st reunion lunch, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Stitt American Legion Post Hall in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 313-581-6623 or 318-399-7718 or email Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1975
40th reunion Saturday, Oct. 3. Event includes tour of the high school, 5-7 p.m., and gathering, 7 p.m. to midnight, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt. The cost is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple in advance; \$15 per person, \$20 per couple at the door. Visit the Garden City West Class of 1975 40th Reunion on Facebook or email cynthiahinckley@att.net.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

CLASS OF 1965
50th class reunion is Oct. 10 at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Members of the first graduating class in 1964 also may attend the event. Interested alumni and teachers from 1964-65 may write to Pat Yankovich Wagner, 2616 Courgette Way, Henderson, NV 89044 or email patwhitman@aol.com.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

CLASS OF 1975
Reunion is Oct. 24 at One Under in Livonia. For details, go to stevensonclassof75.com and click on the reunion tab or call Ray Walker at 734-718-5629.

SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1985
30th reunion set for 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Cost is \$50. Send checks made payable to "SL Class of 85 Reunion" c/o HACC, P.O. Box 427, Hartland, MI 48353 or via PayPal to slhclassof85@gmail.com by Sept. 26. Visit the reunion page on Facebook.

Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 19.08 of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, and having received an appeal from a determination made on September 1, 2015 by the Planning Commission in its resolution #09-56-2015, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the City Council of the City of Livonia on **Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

Appeal of the denial of the Planning Commission regarding Petition 2015-07-02-13 submitted by Panamera Motors requesting waiver use approval to operate a used auto dealership with outdoor display of vehicles, located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Wayne Road and Yale Avenue (35085 Plymouth Road), in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33.

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.** on the **NECESSITY FOR A PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LED STREET LIGHTING CONVERSION PROJECT IN THE RICHFIELD PARK ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUMS, SE 1/4 of Section 31**, located west of Newburgh Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road, in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, pursuant to Chapter 08 of Title 3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, entitled "Special Assessment Procedure Ordinance."

You are further notified that the City Engineer has filed with the City Clerk plans and specifications for the proposed improvement, together with a statement showing a description of the proposed district, the estimated cost of the improvement, ownership of parcels within such district, the assessed valuation of such parcels, his recommendation as to assessment for such improvement and other information required by Section 3.08.060 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, which statement is available for your examination in the office of the City Clerk.

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals
September 29, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE 2015-08-40: Septimiu and Maria Puscas, west side of Merriman, (20121) between Norfolk and Fairfax, seeking to erect a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages, garage area and garage height.

APPEAL CASE 2015-08-44 (Tabled on August 25, 2015): Bernetta Murphy-Ellul, west side of Westmore (14133) between Summers and Grennada, seeking to maintain a six (6) foot tall chain link fence surrounding the rear yard, resulting in excess height.

APPEAL CASE 2015-09-48: James and Angelina Bourdage, south side of Norfolk (33409) between Irving and Farmington, seeking to erect an addition to a dwelling on a corner lot, resulting in deficient corner side yard setback.

APPEAL CASE 2015-09-49: Jerone and Rosalie Stenrose, west side of Henry Ruff (16135) between Puritan and Greenland, seeking to erect a single family dwelling with attached garage, resulting in deficient lot area and front yard setback.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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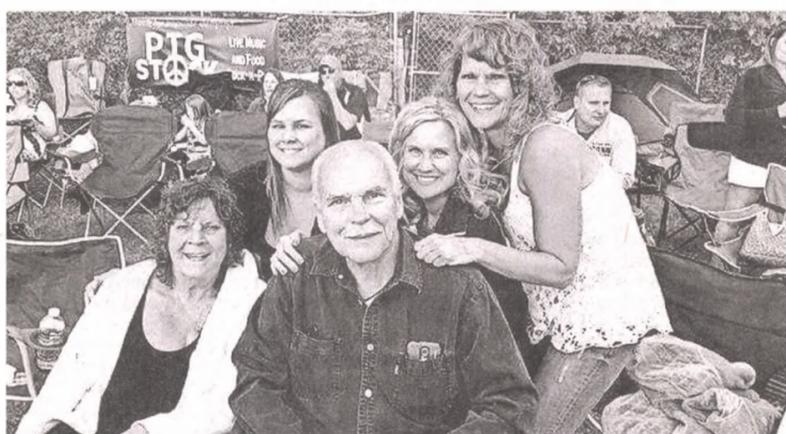
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Terri and Ed Nowak of Garden City, with their daughters.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Ed and Terri (Weise) Nowak of Garden City marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4. They were married in 1965 in Livonia.

Ed retired from Ford Motor Co. Terri is a homemaker.

The couple raised three daughters in Garden City. Their children Tracy Nowak, Toni Nowak and Tedra (Erin) Boedigheimer and five grandchildren, Amanda and Christopher Wasczenski, Shane Nowak, and Paige and Chase Boedigheimer, all joined them on a family vacation in Cape Coral, Fla., last month to celebrate their anniversary.



The Nowaks on their wedding day.

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

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

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

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

ANNIVERSARY



Robert and Irene Siedlik of Livonia



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

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

BIRTH

NOLA ROSS ALEXANIAN

Nola Ross Alexanian was born June 23, 2015, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 17.5 inches.

Nola joins her parents, Jessica and Alex Alexanian, and her sisters, Maven and Zoe, at home in Farmington.

Grandparents are Debbie and Larry McDonald of West Bloomfield and Jack and Diane Alexanian of Bloomfield Hills.



Nola Ross Alexanian

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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER ALPHA COURSE

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 15, or noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 17

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Details: During the 11-week Alpha Course, sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, participants explore the purpose of life and the existence of God in a relaxed setting that encourages discussion. Includes a meal, short talk and discussion. The Alpha Course is free to guests, with the exception of active members of another Catholic church. In addition to Our Lady of Good Counsel, the series also is offered 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 16 at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth and on different days at private homes. Register at PlymouthAlpha.com

Contact: 734-453-0326

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea and milk;

\$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Sept. 25 and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 26

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township

Details: Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support series for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. John Riccardo as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Visit www.goodmourning-ministry.net for registration details. Advance registration by Sept. 21 is \$15, after is \$20

Contact: 734-453-0326

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25

Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: \$5 if paid by Sept. 23 and \$6 at the door

Contact: pastor Steve at 248-890-5718; cwm@crossroadsnow.org

MOVIE

Time/Date: Doors open 7 p.m., movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18

Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Free Showing of *Do You Believe?* The film tells the story of a dozen different persons, all who long for something more

Contact: 734-458-7301

RALLY/HOMECOMING

Time/Date: After 10 a.m. service, Sunday, Sept. 20

Location: First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Games, crafts, prizes, and fun for all ages. Bring a favorite dish to share

Contact: 734-421-8628

SCIENCE AND FAITH

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 19

Location: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 N. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Deborah Haarsma, Ph.D., president of BioLogos and former professor and chair of the Calvin College Department of Physics and Astronomy, and several panelists, will discuss science and faith. Registration fee includes lunch and is \$12 for ages 10 and over; \$6 for ages 9 and under. Register online at www.faitcommunity-novi.org/seminar15.html

Contact: 248-349-2345

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BROWN, BILLY J.

Age 84 of Fenton, September 10, 2015. He received his Bachelors, and Masters Degrees from Eastern Michigan University. Retired Teacher, Coach, and Principal at Comstock High School, Plymouth High School, and Plymouth-Salem High School. Beloved husband of Mary, his wife of 65 years. Loving father of Sue (Kevin) Kish, and Konnie Brown. Proud "Pompa" of Jamie Linden. Dear brother of Beverly (Jack) Gaffner, and Konnie (Dennis) Evans. The family will gather with friends Tuesday 12 Noon until the 1 p.m. "Celebration of Life" Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Education Excellence Foundation, 454 Harvey, Plymouth MI 48170. To share a memory please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

VERMEULEN-SAJEWSKI FUNERAL HOMES CREMATION SERVICES



DUKE HALLAGAN, VIRGINIA LEE

Born April 24, 1930. Passed away August 9, 2015 at the age of 85. Lee raised three children with her husband Norm Duke in Birmingham, MI. She became a personal shopper at Hudson's, then followed her passion and opened a high end clothing store (Brava) in downtown Birmingham with her daughter. They operated their store for many years with automotive, celebrity and sports clientele. Lee suffered through breast cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and spinal stenosis. She reunited with and married an old friend, Richard Hallagan and enjoyed a great marriage for 26 years. The past few years with dementia had taken a toll on her. Upon her daughter's diagnosis with cancer, Lee and her daughter moved from Michigan to California for medical care and support. Lee loved her Catholic faith, reading books, playing cards, Michele's dachshund dogs, and her State of Michigan. Lee is survived by her son Darryl Duke (Marlene); son Dorian Duke (Debbie); granddaughter, Colleen (Antwain); grandsons, Kelly (Cheryl), Justin (Angie), Brandon (Allison), Chris and Aaron; step-daughter, Marianne; step-sons, Tim (Robin), Ron (Patsy), Bill, and Dan (Diane); and many great-grandchildren. Lee is preceded in death by her mother, Theresa Taylor; husband Norm Duke; husband Richard Hallagan; and daughter, Michele. A celebration of life for Lee, and her daughter

OVERMYER, LT. RICHARD "DICK" DONALD

August 10, 1929 to September 4, 2015. Survived by his wife Dolores of 64 years, children Janice McPhail, Nancy Gadille (husband Steve), Greg Overmyer (partner Susie). Grandchildren Alex and Kelly Wisniewski, Jimmy and Jamie Lynn Stinson, Hannah, Sarah and Meghan Overmyer; Great-grandchild Jessie Lynn Carlson. Richard retired as Lt. from the City of Southfield Police Department. He spent most of those years as head of the Youth Bureau. Memorial Service is still in the planning stage.



ROBERTS, ANITA R.

September 9, 2015. Age 76 of Wayne. Beloved wife of Bob. Dear mother of Carolyn (Leonard) Lerchenfeldt, and the late James and David. Grandmother of Julie (Scott) Vratny and David. Great-grandmother to Kevin Karsnick, and Tyler and Xavier Vratny. Funeral services from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Monday 1 p.m. Visitation from the funeral home, Sunday 1-9 p.m. Burial to take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



RYDELL, SUSAN HURLEY (CARLISLE)

74, of Lapeer died Monday, September 7, 2015. She was born September 3, 1941 to John M. and Gladys (O'Neil) Carlisle. Susan married David A. Rydell on April 7, 1962 in Detroit, MI. She worked for the City of Southfield in the City Clerk's Department for many years, eventually becoming Southfield City Clerk. After retirement she and David moved to Lapeer. She was an avid reader her entire life and active in the Catholic Church. She took great joy in genealogy and spending time with family members and friends. Susan is survived by her husband of 53 years, David Rydell; three children, Michael Rydell of Lapeer, Timothy Rydell of Los Gatos, CA, and Jennifer Rydell of Chattanooga, TN; six grandchildren; and a cherished sister Jennifer Copes of Riverview, MI. She is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers John Carlisle and William Carlisle. Services were held on Friday, September 11, at Immaculate Conception Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Arrangements were entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors - Lapeer, MI. To place on-line condolences please visit www.lynchfamilyfuneraldirectors.com

May you find comfort in family & friends

CERVENAK, JUANITA GAIL (nee SINIFT) (HICKLING)

Age 78. Passed away peacefully July 24, 2015. She is survived by her two children, many loving relatives and great friends. Juanita attended Eastern Michigan University (at the time Michigan Normal College) where she earned a teaching certificate and a M.A. in English. Juanita loved teaching children. She created the unique Sunflower Nursery school and ran it from her home in Royal Oak for over 25 years. She enjoyed organic gardening and various forms of art with her many friends. A memorial service will be held on September 26, 2015 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Service will begin at 12 p.m. and lunch will be provided at 1 p.m.

Michele Duke (who passed away February 16, 2015) will be held September 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309. Followed by a gathering at Lukich Restaurant, 3900 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI. Please contact us if you plan on attending: Darryl and Marlene Duke, dukesdmb@yahoo.com or Dori and Debbie Duke, doriandebbie@aol.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the following, ASPCA, Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society.

MARKHAM, DOUGLAS D.

Age 77, passed away Monday evening, September 7, 2015 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana. He was born February 11, 1938 in Ypsilanti, Michigan the son of Christopher Markham and Ruth (Forche) Ryan. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army from 1956. Douglas graduated from Eastern Michigan University with his Bachelor's Degree in Teaching and from University of Illinois with his Master's Degree in Teaching. Douglas was a German Teacher at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne, MI for 30 years until his retirement. After retirement, he moved to Muncie and worked as a substitute teacher in the Muncie Community Schools. He was a member of the teacher's association; loved to golf and read and was pleased to be able to donate 1,000 books to Ball State University. Douglas also enjoyed fishing, was an avid bowler and was very proud of his grandchildren. Surviving are three children, Katja Bittermann of Muncie, IN, David Markham of Pennsylvania and Connie Ambacher of California; eight grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katie and Theresa Bittermann, Amanda Streitenburger; Billy Ambacher; Brandy Rodriguez; Christopher Markham and David Markham; two great-grandchildren, MacKenzie and Jayce Ambacher; his ex-wife, Hildagard Griffith of Pennsylvania; two sisters, Judy Beckett of Atlanta, MI and Mary Thorndike of Ft. Myers, FL; and one brother, Mike Ryan of Ann Arbor, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Kevin Markham; his son-in-law and best friend, Duke Bittermann; one sister Kathy Sinnett and one brother, Tom Markham. There will be no services and cremation will take place. His ashes will be sent to California. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Children's Reading Foundation, 515 W. Entiat Ave. Kennewick, WA 99336. The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, 415 E. Washington Street, Muncie, IN, 47305 is in charge of arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

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Think 'confidence, care, comfort' when picking a doctor

You all know your health is important. You make a point to eat right, exercise and try to get the recommended amount of sleep. However, one partner in staying healthy is often forgotten: a primary care provider.

Having a primary care provider is very important — even if you are young, active and healthy. Developing a relationship with a primary care provider gives you someone to watch over your health. Over time, the primary care provider learns about your health history, habits and personality, making it possible to spot changes or trends that may indicate a problem.

Having an established relationship like this makes it easier for you if you get sick. When a provider knows your history, he or she may be able to help



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you over the phone or through a message sent through a patient portal because he or she knows what is normal for you and how to resolve it more quickly than going to an urgent care center.

Who you chose as a primary care provider depends on a number of factors. Your family medical history, health concerns, age and gender can all be factors in the decision on which kind of primary care provider is right for you.

» Pediatric physicians care for patients from birth to age 18.

» Family medicine physi-

cians provide medical care for all members of a family. They may also offer obstetric services and perform minor surgeries.

» Internal medicine physicians specialize in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease in adults.

» Internal/pediatric physicians are dual trained in both specialties and will care for patients through their whole life cycle.

» Obstetric/gynecologic physicians may be a primary care provider for women, particularly during their child-bearing years.

Choosing a provider

Finding the right partner for your health care needs can be tough. Your primary care provider should meet your expectations in accordance

with the three Cs: confidence, comfort and caring.

» Confidence

If you are not confident in your provider or the care plan, you are less likely to follow it. Remember, a relationship with a primary care provider should be synergistic and built on trust.

» Comfort

Health care topics are not always the easiest or most comfortable to talk about because of their private nature. Bodily functions and intimate health are not things you normally talk about freely with others but you should be comfortable doing so with your primary care provider. If you do not feel comfortable discussing or asking questions about all of your health concerns, you will not be able to fix the problem.

» Caring

A primary care provider who cares about your opinion is the best health care partner to have. It is important to find a provider who you believe listens to you and takes your concerns seriously. When you leave your appointment, you should feel empowered with a plan that is tailored to your needs.

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St. Mary Mercy Livonia's physician referral line is 888-464-WELL. Or visit stmarymercy.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Aging parents

St. Mary Mercy Hospital-Livonia will partner with local organizations to offer advice on caring for aging parents, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22-Oct. 13, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The program will include information on dementia, keeping parents at home until you can't, handling emotions and finances, and getting the estate in order. To register, call 734-738-6300 or visit <http://bit.ly/1LjrF6Y>.

Blood drive

» 6:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, in Fisher Center Auditorium, at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter the code, PROVSFLD or call Abigail at 248-849-3067.

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

ments, call 734-591-3237.

Bullying

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

Celiac support

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

Diabetes PATH

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will present a free six-week workshop for adults with diabetes called Diabetes PATH (Personal Approach Toward Health), sponsored by the Redford Township District Li-

brary, 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23-Oct. 28, at Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia. The workshop will teach participants to handle with the challenges of diabetes, manage symptoms and communicate more effectively with physicians and family members. Register at 734-655-8955.

Diabetes prevention

Learn about healthy eating, overcoming stress, physical activity and more through the National Diabetes Prevention Program, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 14 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital-Livonia, located at Five Mile and Levan. The 16-week class is for persons who are overweight and at high risk for developing diabetes or overweight and diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Register at 734-655-8947 or stmarymercy.org.

Peripheral arterial disease

In recognition of Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) Awareness Month, St. Mary Mercy

Livonia will present a free cardiovascular presentation with a heart healthy dinner, 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, in the hospital's South Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. PAD is one of the least recognized artery problems, but there are ways to identify, treat and prevent it. Delair Gardi, M.D., Interventional Cardiology and Endovascular Cardiology, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will talk about its symptoms, effects and the latest treatment options. Register by calling Laura Smith at 734-655-2987

Prostate symposium

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University School of Medicine, will present the fifth annual Prostate Cancer Symposium, Latest Treatment Advancements: What you learn here could save your life, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. The symposium will focus on the latest research and treat-

ment advancements for surviving prostate cancer, Gleason scores and what they mean, active surveillance vs. treatment, and additional health awareness information. The symposium is free but registration is required before Sept. 19. Call 800-KARMANOSor visit karmanos.org.

Walk/Run for Cancer

St. Mary Mercy Livonia presents its ninth annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, beginning on the hospital grounds, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy, including transportation services for cancer patients and services provided in the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. Registration is \$30. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run. B-tag chip timing is used to ensure accuracy. Register at stmarymercy.org/embracelife5k.

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