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2 killed in Wayne train-truck collision

Police continue to investigate incident

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The names of a man and woman killed Wednesday night in a vehicle-train crash in Wayne haven't yet been

released pending notification of their families.

The pair were identified as both Romulus residents, ages 57 and 58.

Police are continuing to investigate the fatal crash, which happened about 10:40 p.m. on Venoy, just south of Michigan Avenue. Reports are that the northbound pickup truck went around barrier

arms that were down as a train approached.

The vehicle was struck by an Amtrak train coming from Chicago to Pontiac. There were no injuries reported among the 90 passengers on the train, which was delayed several hours following the collision.

The roadway at the railroad tracks was closed until the

early morning hours Thursday as Wayne Police and Michigan State Police investigated the accident.

A 12-year-old Westland boy, Raymond Patton, was struck by and killed by an Amtrak train at the Venoy-Michigan Avenue crossing in 2014. He and a friend were reported to have tried to beat the train on foot, but the friend changed

his mind and didn't go onto the tracks.

In May, Robert Turner, 37, was also a hit and killed by a train while crossing the tracks — in this case on Merriman, south of Michigan Avenue.

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Local charities got their big checks recently for their efforts volunteering at Westland's Blues, Brews and Barbecue.

Westland credit union CEO charged with stealing \$2M

Money allegedly used to buy car, motor home

Susan Tompor
Detroit Free Press

A former president and CEO of the Veterans Health Administration Credit Union in Westland is accused of stealing more than \$2 million from the financial institution — money that was allegedly used to buy a motor home and a Mercedes-Benz.

The credit union was made insolvent and closed as a result of the alleged embezzlement, following a joint investigation with the state Department of Insurance and Financial Services and the Michigan Office of the Attorney General.

Fuataina Afutiti, 50, was arraigned Thursday in 36th District Court in Detroit. She was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. Her next court appearance is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. next Thursday.

Afutiti, who lives in Westland, was charged with one count of receiving proceeds from a continuing criminal enterprise and one count of embezzlement from a credit union.

Jeffrey Collins, the attorney representing Afutiti, said his client recognizes that these are very serious allegations and she has been cooperating with the investigation.

Regulators charged that the embezzlement took place between 2012 and 2016.

"For a person to take advantage of Michigan veterans, many of whom are disabled and on fixed incomes, to use the money to live a life of excess is despicable," Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette said in a news release.

Regulators said a routine audit in February uncovered the cash shortfalls and irregularities at the credit union when Afutiti was the president and CEO.

After an investigation, regulators charged that Afutiti leased or bought six vehicles, including a 2013 Mercedes-Benz and a \$100,000 motor home. The money also allegedly was used to pay for the credit union's president and CEO's personal vacations.

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Charities win through blues, brews, barbecue event

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In what has become an annual tradition, it was big check night at the Westland City Council meeting as charities received their earnings from Blues, Brews and Barbecue.

Local nonprofits who provide volunteer labor to the two-day event earn a share of the proceeds from the event — \$20,000 this year.

"It was an incredible success and a major part of our 50th anniversary," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We had an estimated 15,000 attend over two days — people from all over the region."

Proceeds from the nonprofits were down a bit this year — the sixth year for Blues, Brews and Barbecue — due in part to a change in how vendors were paid and the

"The festival was wonderful. Seeing that many people having a good time, setting their blankets and chairs up to hear the music and see the fireworks."

CAROL SHARP, Warm Hearts

addition of fireworks. Overall, the event has raised over \$150,000 charity since its inception.

Collecting their checks were Westland Civitans, \$2,000; Westland Goodfellows, \$2,500; Westland Area Jaycees, \$2,750; the Westland Grange, \$1,000; Westland Rotary Club, \$1,250; Westland Lions, \$750; Westland Historical Commission, \$750; and

Warm Hearts, \$500. In addition, \$8,000 went to the Westland Chamber of Commerce, which co-sponsors and runs the event.

"I want to thank the city and all of the nonprofits. I love to go to meetings and brag to other chambers about this event," Westland Chamber of Commerce CEO Brookellen Swope said. "This really wouldn't be possible without all of you."

Volunteers from the nonprofits served in a variety of roles from greeters, grounds crew, checking identification and staffing the information booth.

"The festival was wonderful: Seeing that many people having a good time, setting their blankets and chairs up to hear the music and see the fireworks; children running all over the place," said

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Business or art: What to do with Hawthorne Valley site

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Commerce or art. That may be the choice when it comes to the future use of the long-closed former Hawthorne Valley banquet center/golf course in Westland.

The city acquired the property on the east of Merriman just north of Warren Road after it went into tax foreclosure in 2014. The business had closed and gone into bank-

ruptcy at the end of 2010.

A recommendation from the city's property disposition was to sell the 14.7-acre property to Metro Storage for \$300,000 was pulled from the council agenda last week to allow a meeting about a proposed art center.

"We're going to sit down with the arts group in the next two weeks. We plan to meet with them to see if financially

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The City of Westland owns the building and Merriman Road frontage of the defunct New Hawthorne Valley.

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Carol Sharp of Warm Hearts. "My husband and I worked the complaint/where-should-I-be booth."

The strangest complaint, Sharp said, was from a man who was unhappy that memorabilia from Westland's 50th anniversary as a city wasn't on display at the event, held in Central City Park. The memorabilia display is at Westland City Hall.

"I want to thank all of our volunteers, the participating restaurants, our sponsors and the performers for another remarkable event," said Wild. "Everything was bigger and better than ever this year in honor of the city's 50th anniversary and it really took all hands on deck to pull off this incredible summer event."

The event has evolved over the years, being held on a weekend earlier in the summer, expanding the number of vendors and adding a Kansas City Barbecue Association judged amateur competition hosted by the Westland Area Jaycees. Wild had commented that he hoped the fireworks, added for the 50th anniversary, would become an annual part of the event.

Along with being able to sample food from some of Michigan's best barbecue vendors, music was also emphasized with blues legends such as Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials and Thornetta Davis. Closing the festival again was Westland's own country music star and American Idol finalist Josh Gracin.

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Kids of all ages can cool off at Westland's H2O Zone sprayground free on weekends in September.

Free weekends at Westland's H2O Zone sprayground

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When students return to school following Labor Day, that usually means the H2O Zone sprayground in Westland closes for the year.

This year, the sprayground in Tattan Park will remain open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends in September, weather permitting, and there will be free admission. "Because of the expected warm weather, it

will be open for the rest of the month. There will be customer appreciation days and the H2O Zone will be free," Westland Mayor William Wild said. There will be a skeleton crew of park rangers working during the Sep-

tember weekend openings. The concession stand will be closed until next summer, but the bathrooms will remain accessible to the public on days that the splash pad is open. Tattan Park is on Carlson at Ford.

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something has changed," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "If not, then the recommendation will be back on the agenda."

Don Wakefield, who initiated the arts center proposal, said city officials received what he calls a general business plan for developing an art center at the Hawthorne Valley property.

"Normally, the mayor and council would guide the whole thing," Wakefield said. "The mayor is not really leading on this. We provided seven pages of information on how something gets put together. Generally, you

secure the property first, then fund-raise."

The city received other inquiries and proposals for Hawthorne Valley, including one from a church. Wild and other city officials questioned the financial backing for the arts center and asked for a business plan.

The arts center proposal has financial backing from some local business people, Wakefield said.

"Generally, if a it is a community project like a library it is for the community. We're part of the community," said Wakefield, when asked if the arts supporters are looking to buy the property or effectively seeking that it be donated by the city. "It doesn't make sense to sell us the property — the community is

the owner of the property. It seems an unusual way of looking at it."

The arts center proposal calls for art classes for children and adults, a sculpture garden and a variety of other uses. Wakefield said it is an opportunity to attract people to the city and also provide needed beautification.

"It's the only property in Westland that we are interested in," Wakefield said. "The river goes through it. I've been canvassing the golf course neighbors and 100 percent would rather see an arts center than turning it into a storage facility."

Preliminary plans for the storage facility call for a three-story brick building with windows and all storage contained inside the building.

Shortly after Hawthorne Valley closed, the property was offered for sale at \$1.5 million. The property was described as a golf country club with a large banquet/bar area, lower-level restaurant, dinner theater room and pro shop. Constructed in 1947, the structure housing the banquet facility is 24,126 square feet.

The property has turned into a nuisance as city officials regularly had to secure the building from vandals. There are have also been fires that damaged the main building and destroyed additional buildings located further back from Merriman.

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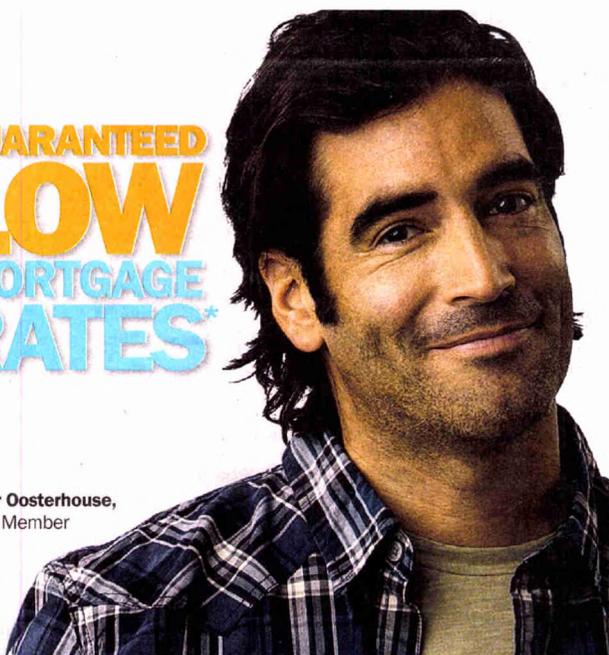
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Dearborn police arrest home-invasion suspect

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Police in Dearborn say they have identified and arrested a man accused of committing home invasions and sexual assaults in several communities in western Wayne County.

Dearborn police posted on Facebook on Thursday that a suspect being looked for by them as well as the Livonia Police Department for potential home invasions had been arrested and charges were expected in the coming days. The suspect's image was released in August as a 'person of interest' by police after it was captured by a home security camera at a Livonia home in early August.

Police believe the man is suspected of several crimes across as many as eight communities, which include Dearborn and Redford Township.

"The arrest of this suspect will hopefully provide closure to our victims and it is important to note that all mem-

bers of this Task Force have expended an enormous amount of resources and energy into this investigation," said Dearborn Police Chief Ronald Haddad in a statement posted on Facebook. "This collaborative effort along with citizen cooperation has resulted in a very dangerous predator being taken off the streets."

Police say the suspect is thought to have committed home invasions and sexual assaults as early as 2011. Police continue to investigate and determine if the suspect is linked to other similar crimes in nearby communities.

Dearborn police said they expected to hold a press conference Friday releasing more information. A message was left with Dearborn police Thursday afternoon seeking more information.

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Police say this individual was arrested and suspected of committing several crimes in the area.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

On Aug. 14, a Westland man told police he had been scammed out of \$3,000 as he tried to purchase a car through an iPhone application. He said he found a car he wanted to buy and was instructed to handle the transaction through eBay.

The man said he received an email telling him to use a prepaid MasterCard for the purchase and to provide the card numbers to an operator. He was told the car would arrive by Aug. 13. When the car didn't appear, he said contacted eBay fraud service, which advised contacting the FBI and local police.

Identity theft

A Westland man told police Aug. 15 that he had been alerted June 23 that someone attempted to open an account using his information at Chase Bank. He said he told the bank it was a fraud attempt.

Hit and run

A resident in the 32000 block of Oceana Court told police Aug. 15 that overnight someone struck her car while it was parked in the street in front of her home. The damage to the front bumper seemed to be consistent with a trailer hitch, the officer noted.

Vandalism

Overnight Aug. 18 a resident in the 35000 block of Hazelwood told police that he found someone had smashed the driver-side window and rear vent window on his truck while it was parked on Linville. The officer noted it appeared the windows had been shot with BBs or pellets.

Larceny from a vehicle

A wallet containing a drivers license, debit card and a checkbook was reported stolen along with a bag of newly pur-

chased baby clothing from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 30000 block of Mackenzie on Aug. 17.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the Waynewood Apartments, 6621 Yale, flagged down an officer Aug. 18 to report someone stole a GPS unit from his vehicle overnight. He said he found items strewn around the vehicle in the morning. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

Attempted break-in

A resident at the Heather Ridge Apartments, 7698 W. Woodbridge Circle, told police Aug. 21 that he arrived home around midnight to find someone pried the door and door frame at his apartment. No entry was made.

Vandalism

On Aug. 18 a resident in the 7500 block of Af-feldt told police that someone damaged two sections of her chain link fence by cutting numerous links.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the War-ris Farms Apartments, 36735 McKinney, told police that overnight someone ransacked her vehicle and left the rear-passenger door open. She said an unknown amount of coins and a bag of returnable bottles had been stolen. She said she thought the vehicle had been locked but there was no forced entry.

Vandalism

A West Bloomfield man told police Aug. 21 that someone used a 25-pound dumb bell to damage his vehicle while it was parked at Burger King, 1520 S. Merriman. The dumb bell had been thrown scratching the windshield and the hood.

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Livonia treasurer: Summer taxes coming due

Property owners who received their summer tax bills in early July have until Wednesday to pay them without accruing interest.

That reminder was issued this week by City of Livonia Treasurer Lynda Scheel. She said the bills were issued July 1 and are "due and

payable without interest" until Wednesday, Sept. 14.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, and on the first of every month thereafter, Scheel said, interest of 1 percent will be added to any unpaid summer tax bills. Summer and winter tax bills are payable to the Livonia treasurer until Feb. 28.

Residents and business owners have until Friday, Aug. 19, to apply to have their summer taxes automatically withdrawn from their bank

account.

Tax deferrals

Residents meeting certain qualifications have until Wednesday, Sept. 14, to file the necessary paperwork with the treasurer's office to defer payment of their summer tax bill. Tax deferrals are granted to the principal residence homeowner who is totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceperson, eligible

veteran, or eligible widow or widower, or 62 years of age or older, or the un-remarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death, and whose total household income in the prior tax year did not exceed \$40,000, Scheel explained.

The application to defer summer taxes is available at the city's website at www.ci.livonia.mi.us or at the treasurer's office.



Scheel

by City of Livonia Treasurer Lynda Scheel. She said the bills were issued July 1 and are "due and

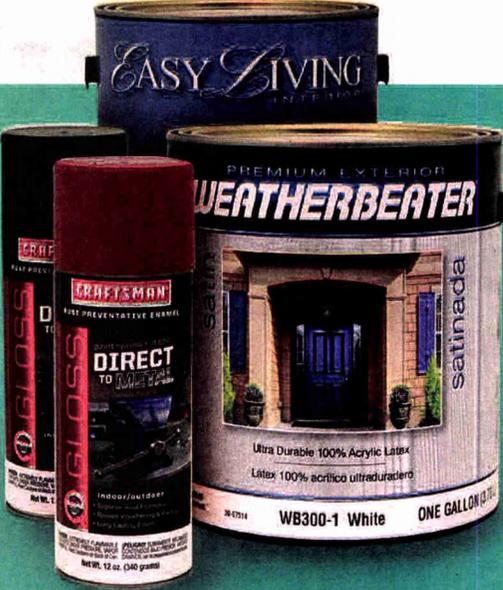
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Do you have an old musical instrument laying around the house collecting dust? Donate it to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Now in the second year, the LSO Community Outreach program collects and refurbishes instruments for Livonia schools.

Last year 20 instruments were donated to the Livonia Symphony for this program. With a grant from the Worthington Foundation, the LSO refurbished these instruments with a value of \$6,900. In addition, new instruments were donated valued at \$6,050 for a total of \$12,950 value of instruments that were given to the Livonia Public Schools. Help the LSO continue this community involvement project by donating an old musical instrument or making a donation to refurbish the instruments.

Contact Janice Newsome, LSO Outreach Chair, at 313-658-0263 or email at jnewsome@alphausa.com. All donations are tax deductible.

9/11 remembrance

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

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

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

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

Movie night

Warren Road Church hosts a community family movie night at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16. The movie is "Zootopia," and everyone is invited to come and enjoy free popcorn and refreshments.

Warren Road Church

is at 33445 Warren Road in Westland. For more information, call 734-458-7301.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library hosts its Fall Used Book Sale from Sept. 15-18. The event will feature sale DVDs and CDs for \$1 each, and maximum cost is \$5.

The Sept. 15 hours (3-6 p.m.) are for Friends only. The sale is then open Sept. 16-17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sept. 18 from noon to 3 p.m., featuring a \$4 bag day.

Farmers Market

Wilson Barn hosts a Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 8 at 29350 W. Chicago in Livonia.

The market features local vendors, produce, crafts and baked goods and breads. For more information, call Karen at 734-261-3602 or visit wilsonbarn.com

Documentary screening

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

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

Flea market

The Greenmead Flea Market takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh in Livonia.

The event features historic tours (from noon to 3 p.m.). Visitors who have a wagon or cart are welcome to bring them to make shopping easier. No dogs are allowed, refreshments will be available and admission is \$2 (children under 12 free). Proceeds benefit the preservation of Greenmead Historical Park.

For more information, call 248-477-7375.

Colbeck hours

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and District Manager Penny Crider will hold monthly office hours for September in Livonia on Friday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. until noon, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center and will be open to the public.

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District,



Open house

Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia hosts an open house from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. Visitors may tour Seedlings' facility and watch as the staff and volunteers make braille books for blind children all over the world. You can try writing your name in braille, hear founder/director Debra Bonde tell the story of how Seedlings got started and see how many countries Seedlings sends books to. Seedlings is located in the MetroPlex Office Complex at 14151 Farmington Road, just north of I-96 in Livonia. Call 734-427-8552 for more information.

which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

Craft show

Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy, hosts a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 in the social hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

Admission is free, and the event will feature an hourly 50/50 raffle, bale sale and available food and beverages. Table rental is \$25.

For more information, call Mary at 734-425-4421 (vm#10).

Neighbors and friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, will kick off another year of fun and friendship with an ice cream social at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. The event will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. New members are welcome.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May at 7 p.m. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. For more information, visit http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com

Goodfellows meet

Livonia Goodfellows will hold their General Membership Meeting on Monday, Sept. 19 (note: This is a change), at 7 p.m. at the Livonia Senior Center located on the southeast corner of 5 Mile and Farmington Road. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 313-438-0862.

Hearing loss support

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

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

Genealogical meeting

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

Meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.wwcgs.org.

3-D photography

The first meeting of the season for the 3-D Photography Club takes

place from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile, in Livonia.

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

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

Westland market

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

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Lucky Squirrel

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

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

To register, vendors need to download and print the Lucky Squirrel Registration Form from the DDA website at

www.gcdda.com and send it with their payment to Garden City DDA, 29213 Ford Road, Garden City, MI 48135 by Sept. 9.

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

Amvets fundraisers

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

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

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

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

Anderson hours

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

Coffee Hour in Westland will be co-hosted with state Rep. Robert Kosowski from 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road. Coffee Hour in Garden City will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Michigan room at the Maplewood Community Center, located at 31735 Maplewood St. Garden City Coffee Hour will be co-hosted with state Sen. David Knezek.

Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace present Dr. Saeed Khan's talk "Manufacturing Bigotry! We Don't Need Bigotry in the Law!" at its meeting set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. Khan will share the findings of his research on a variety of laws that impact minorities. He will suggest bipartisan political engagement and coalition building around common values, common interests and common solutions. All are welcome.

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

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'Lord of the Rings' actor Sean Astin stops by Livonia

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Actor Sean Astin knows a thing or two about long journeys. Wednesday, he made a stop in Livonia on a several-day journey to campaign for the Democratic presidential nominee.

Astin, known for his role as Samwise Gamgee in the "Lord of the Rings" film series, spoke to Hillary Clinton campaign supporters Wednesday afternoon in Livonia. It was one of many stops for him across the area, which included stops at the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University.

"You have every right as an American citizen to do this activity," he said. "Every now and then, you'll get someone on the phone that's, like, 'Hi.'"

"My dad taught me that every human interaction was sacred and the point I want to make is you never know ... how they're going to interpret what you say."

The talk happened before several dozen supporters in the newly opened coordinated campaign office for Clinton and Bloomfield Hills Democrat Dr. Anil Kumar, who is running against U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham. Democrats opened the first-of-its-kind office in Livonia, a city that typically votes Republican in presidential elections, last week along Plymouth Road.

Astin was welcomed with one supporter asking him, "Where's your hairy feet?", a reference to his role as a hobbit in the Peter Jackson film trilogy.

"If I had a nickel for every time a good-looking guy asked me that



Actor Sean Astin poses for a photo with Canton resident Ammara Ansari at the Livonia Democratic coordinated campaign office Wednesday.

question," he joked back.

Astin said he's been on quite the journey the past few days, meeting volunteers all across the country supporting Clinton in her race with Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

He said in an interview with the Observer & Eccentric that the campaign has targeted some areas, especially ones that have voted Republican in the past, that may be looking to the left side of the aisle for this presidential election.

"The Hillary campaign understands this is an election like no other and it's worth it to the campaign to invest time, money, resources in areas where Republicans

might be willing to consider voting for her," he said.

Work as team

Canton resident Ammara Ansari, an organizer, snagged a photo with Astin after his talk and before he left to go to another campaign event in Ferndale.

She said it was an exciting time to meet Astin and holds the "Lord of the Rings" films in high regard.

"Lord of the Rings' was just amazing," she said.

Astin, who also starred in films such as "Goonies" and "Rudy," said his time campaigning for Clinton stretches back decades and includes

supporting her in 2008 during the presidential primary. He told volunteers, who were making campaign phone calls, to work together as a team and to remember the support they have.

"I have campaigned with Hillary Clinton since 1992. I'm an original," he said. "You are backed up. There are tens of thousands of people just like you all over this country, over 400 offices and outposts all across the country in union who's making these calls. You're on a big, big team and you need to know that."

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State Sen. Pat Colbeck will host a health care town hall Wednesday in Northville.

Sen. Colbeck hosting town hall on health care

'Proven solutions' will be shared

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, will host a public health care town hall event in Northville to share what he calls "proven free-market health care solutions" to improving Michigan's medical landscape.

The town hall takes place Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 7-9 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road in Northville.

"There is a group of elected officials, physicians and insurance experts who are passionately seeking to improve health care while lowering costs," Colbeck said. "This town hall presents a prime opportunity to meet them and explore innovative health care options that benefit employers, physicians and patients."

The town hall will feature an overview of the health care options available to Michigan

residents; information on direct primary care services; information on coverage solutions for non-primary care services like hospitalization and examples of actual plans implemented by employers.

"We can take advantage of free-market loopholes within the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare), such as direct primary care services and self-funded insurance plans to restore control of health care decisions back to patients and doctors," Colbeck said. "It is time to make Michigan the center of a free-market revolution in health care that will yield increases in health care quality and cost-saving benefits."

For more information on this town hall event or upcoming town halls, visit the Health Care Town Halls section at www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or contact Colbeck's office at 517-373-7350 or senpcolbeck@senate.michigan.gov

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Cemetery walk returns to Newburg

Learn about local historical figures

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History will come alive this month at one of Livonia's historical cemeteries.

The annual cemetery walk is set for 2 p.m. Sept. 18 at Newburg Cemetery, 36000 Ann Arbor Trail.

And yes, that's "Newburg" without an "H." It was a mistake, said historic preservation committee member Kathy Johnson-Bartshe, made many years ago.

"I think just through somebody making a map, they dropped the 'H,'" she said.

The walk rotates between four of Livonia's historical cemeteries each fall, with the last one at Newburg taking place in 2012.

This year's walk will include information on a Revolutionary War veteran, a War of 1812 veteran and a family that had several Civil War sharpshooters in them.

Also buried at the



A ghostly apparition walks the cemetery during a dress rehearsal for last year's cemetery walk, played by Stephanie Turlo.

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of Livonia's pioneers, discussion on gravestone imagery and what it means will also take place.

Tickets for the event are \$10 in advance at \$15 the day of the event. They can be obtained by calling 248-477-7375, emailing greenmead@ci.livonia.mi.us or by stopping at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The proceeds for the event will go toward maintenance and repair of gravestones across the city's cemeteries that have been damaged through vandalism or weathering, Johnson-Bartshe said.

Parking for the event will take place at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, as there is no parking at the cemetery. A shuttle service will transport attendees to the cemetery.

cemetery is a name many Livonians may recognize as the namesake of several area schools.

Many members of the

Perrin family call the cemetery their final resting place. That family is the namesake of Perrinville, a community along

Ann Arbor Trail near present-day Westland that also had its name bestowed on the area elementary school.

"That little community was quite large at the time," Johnson-Bartshe said.

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Fine Arts Gallery features Brewer art

The Livonia Arts Commission presents the work of artist Peggy N. Brewer for the month of September in the Fine Arts Gallery, on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The exhibit has been aptly titled "Personality Parade." Brewer is exhibiting 40 portraits, drawn in charcoal, charcoal and pastel, and pastel. Her portraits are all created from live models in one sitting.

"I don't seek a simple likeness, but instead wait until the mask begins to fall and then I capitalize upon what I

see and feel," Brewer said. "As models tire their thoughts become distracted and expressions seep into their eyes and posture — hints of worry, fear, anger, whatever. I give myself permission to follow these hints like breadcrumbs into the soul of the sitter, as I interpret it at the moment. Oscar Wilde said, 'Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter.' And I indulge myself completely."

Viewers have compared her work to that of



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The Fine Arts Gallery hosts an exhibit featuring the work of Peggy Brewer.

Brewer's works are in collections throughout America, and she often exhibits in Michigan, where she has won many awards.

The Livonia Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile in Livonia. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information about the Fine Arts Gallery contact Virginia Bosak, Gallery Liaison, Livonia Arts Commission, at vbosak31@att.net.

Diane Arbus in its direct intensity; another advised, "Find a psychiatrist's office for your portraits—they are very insightful."

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Livonia turns teal for ovarian cancer

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The American Cancer Society estimates more than 22,000 women will receive a new diagnosis of ovarian cancer in the United States this year, and about 14,000 will die from it.

Teresa Oldham of Livonia wants to change those numbers.

An ovarian cancer survivor herself, Oldham and more than a dozen other survivors, caregivers, family and friends turned out last weekend to "Turn the Town Teal," hanging teal ribbons around Livonia to raise awareness of the disease.

"The statistics for this lethal gynecological cancer are horrific," Oldham said. "It is very critical that there is more awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms. If detection is done in the earlier stages we will have a better survival rate."

Oldham started exhibiting symptoms and was diagnosed in February 2013. Not knowing the symptoms of ovarian cancer, she said, she "just thought the symptoms were something normal for women my age." Her doctor recognized the



A group of volunteers turned out last weekend to Turn the Town Teal, raising awareness of ovarian cancer.

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symptoms and had testing done.

A week later, she had surgery to remove the tumor. After completion of six months of chemo, she went on a maintenance chemo clinical trial. For the last 16 months, she's been on several different chemo regimens.

"At this time, my disease is stable, so I am

taking a chemo break and enjoying life," she said.

She joined the group to turn Livonia teal, the third year the event has taken place in Livonia. It's part of a national campaign to promote awareness of ovarian cancer. Margaret Kaponek started the Livonia campaign in 2014.

Oldham and her husband joined the effort

last year. She and her sister are both carriers of the BRCA 1 gene, making them a higher risk for breast and ovarian cancer. Oldham said carriers have a 50/50 chance of passing it down.

Two of Oldham's four children have tested positive. She hopes events like Turn the Town Teal will get people asking the question,

"What are those ribbons about?" and raise awareness of the disease.

"We all want an early detection for this disease so the next generation

doesn't need to suffer like I have," Oldham said.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Hard drive stolen

Police were called Thursday afternoon to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on a retail fraud report.

Employees said they saw a suspect select an external hard drive from the electronics department and conceal it in his backpack before trying to leave without paying.

He was stopped by a store employee before he was able to leave and was

detained until police arrived and arrested him.

ID theft reported

A resident who lives in the 35800 block of Veri came into the police station Wednesday afternoon to report her identity had been stolen.

She said she received a text message from a co-worker in Southfield, talking about her employment status. She was told temporary unem-

ployment paperwork had been filed in her name, even though she had not filed for unemployment.

Masonry saw stolen

Livonia police were dispatched Wednesday morning to a residence in the 29600 block of Greenland on the report of a theft of a tool from a truck.

The owner said he last saw the missing masonry saw the night before on the passenger seat of the

truck. He said the driver door was locked, but the passenger-side door was locked. When he came out that morning, he noticed the saw was missing. No damage was done to the vehicle or any of the other vehicles parked at the residence. No suspect information was available.

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large and, in a short period of time, she would have to reapply for those benefits and, at that point in time, who knows? My question to you is, are there any ideas that you have? You should know that if the older sister does not get the money, it goes to her children.

A: I am very sorry about your aunt's accident and I wish her a very peaceful journey. In reviewing your situation, I do have a solution that may work, but it depends

upon your aunt's older sister.

Under our laws, a beneficiary can disclaim their interest. What that means is that a beneficiary is voluntarily giving up their rights to inherit something. When someone disclaims their interest, whether it is as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or as a beneficiary of a trust, they're considered to have predeceased the person who named them as beneficiary. As a result of the disclaimer, the secondary beneficiaries would move up a notch and would become the primary beneficiary. In the situation at hand, if the older sister disclaims her interest, her children, who are the secondary beneficiaries, would then

be the primary beneficiaries. If this happens, since the sister would not have received anything, there should be no impact on any of her subsidies and should not affect any government benefit she is receiving. As I mentioned earlier, it is dependent upon two things: the older sister's legal competence and her approval.

In order for someone to disclaim their interest, they must have the legal capacity to do so. If the older sister is of a clear mind and understands her situation, then the presumption is that she is legally competent and can make an informed decision to execute the disclaimer. If she is not legally competent, then she does not have the

legal capacity to execute the disclaimer. If that is the situation, you may have to have someone else execute the disclaimer for her.

In disclaiming one's right of a beneficiary, it is important that the disclaimer is put in writing and properly executed. My recommendation is to have an attorney who is familiar with estates prepare the disclaimer. A competent and experienced attorney will make sure that the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed.

Disclaimers are not that unusual and are used in many different situations. The case at hand is one scenario where disclaimers are effective, but there are many different cases where dis-

claimers make sense. It is important to remember that when someone disclaims an interest, they don't get to choose who the next beneficiary is. Whoever the secondary beneficiary is would be next in line. That is why it's always important when you do any sort of estate planning, such as naming beneficiaries on a 401(k) or life insurance policy, to name a primary and secondary beneficiary. In addition, our situations change over time and that is why, every so often, you need to review your beneficiary designations to make sure they reflect what you want.

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Redford Police reunite dog, owner

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Redford Police officers quickly reunited a woman and dog Sept. 5.

Officers were dispatched to the CVS drug store at Seven Mile Road and Beech Daly at about 3:45 p.m. on reports that a dog wandered into the store. Officers detained the dog and a customer agreed to take it until the owner was found.

Police then posted a picture of the dog on Facebook. A woman responded an hour later, saying the dog was hers. They were reunited about 5 p.m., according to a Facebook post.

Woman stalked

A 48-year-old Redford woman told Redford Police she had been the victim of stalking by her ex-boyfriend Sept. 6.

She said the man has harassed her since their break up in June. Ac-

cording to reports, he has damaged her faucet and thrown garbage in her yard on several occasions. She also told police he has driven by her home and waved a gun.

Police are investigating her claims.

Obstruction

Redford Police arrested a man who appeared to be under the influence after receiving a report he scared someone at a home in the 9900 block of Sioux Street on Sept. 4.

Officers were dispatched to the home shortly before midnight and spoke with the reporting person. She told police an unidentified man knocked on the door several times at about 11 p.m.

Moments later, the man approached officers' scout car and began yelling at them. Officers ordered the man to walk toward them and speak with them. He complied,

but mumbled and spoke unintelligibly.

Officers noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man, who then walked away. Officers ordered him to stop, but he wouldn't, reports said. Officers eventually took the man to the ground and arrested him for obstruction.

After identifying him, officers found outstanding warrants for his arrest out of Detroit and Redford.

Shoplifter arrested

Police arrested an alleged shoplifter from a Telegraph Road Kroger store at about 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4.

Reports said a man entered the supermarket with several plastic bags full of returnable cans. He received cash for the cans and then began walking around Kroger and placing items in the bags. Re-

ports said he then walked past cash registers and was confronted by a Kroger loss prevention associate.

Reports noted that the suspect had been banned from all Kroger stores for stealing from their Dearborn location. Redford officers arrested.

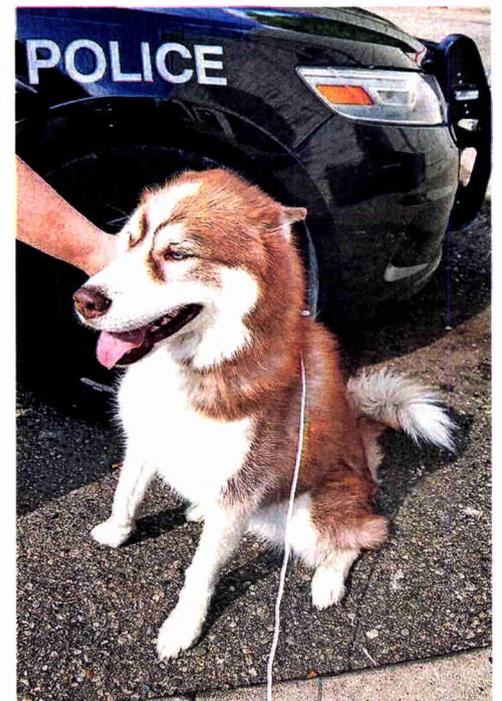
Car fire

Two men escaped a burning car on westbound I-96 near Inkster Road on Sept. 3.

Reports said the vehicle was in the center lane of the freeway when the engine stalled and then caught fire. The driver was able to get the vehicle to the right shoulder and then dial 911.

Redford firefighters responded quickly and were able to douse the flames. Police reports said neither man was injured in the incident.

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Canton hosts Veterans Summit

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The seventh annual Veterans Summit, hosted Sept. 20 by the Canton Community Foundation, will be a half-day program of information and updates on the Veterans Administration, health services and financial planning.

"We will have exclusive panel discussions," said Beth Meade, foundation donor relations managing director.

Though in past years the summit has been a day-long event, this year it will be shortened to 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. But plans include providing updated information for veterans at least once a quarter. "Our hope is that the Summit will kick off these programs," Meade said.

The summit will be at the new Westland City Hall, 36300 Wayne Road, and is free to veterans and their families.

The event begins with introductions from Jim Fausone of Legal Help for Veterans, plus opening remarks by Meade.

The agenda includes:

- » VA Update by retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and Shannon Asperger on the Choice Program and care in the community.

- » Business and financial planning featuring Greg Stachura, Jann Deane of Schoolcraft, Brian Geer of Mannik & Smith and Thrivent Financial with Ken McMullen.

- » Community Health Resources: Growth Works - Patrick Stropes, Give An Hour by Jamie Turner, Chiropractic Care by Dr. Thea Lewis Conway.

- » Disability Update with Kristina L. Derro and veteran service officers

For more information, contact Meade at 734-395-1200.

Canton woman raises awareness about pain

'1 in 3 Americans lives in chronic pain'

Joanne Maliszewski
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Suzanne Stewart of Canton lives in pain — all of the time. And she knows plenty of others who share a similar lifestyle.

"It's up there with cancer, childbirth and amputation of a finger without anesthesia," said Stewart who suffers from an autoimmune disease and other issues.

As an ambassador for the U.S. Pain Foundation, Stewart — who attended an educational retreat in August — has a host of events and displays this month in Canton to spread awareness of living in chronic pain. The U.S. Pain Foundation serves as advocates for pain management through a variety of methods, including medicines.

Stewart's life of pain began following an auto accident in 2002, which led to eight surgeries. She has since had a pacemaker installed, has had a stroke and heart attack all by her current 54 years of age. "One in three Americans lives in chronic pain," Stewart said.

As a result of the auto accident, Stewart suffered nerve damage — a cause of much of her continuing pain. At times she is in a wheelchair, other times she uses a walker or a cane. She suffers continual swelling on her left side and has lesions from one of the autoimmune diseases.

As society fights



Suzanne Stewart and her husband Craig show the display for awareness of chronic pain.

against some types of prescriptions, Stewart wants the public to know that those medicines are necessary for her and others with chronic pain. She also wants the public to know that while no one can see her chronic pain, it's there and it is very real. Offering an example, Stewart said

she has a handicapped permit for her car. But she has had people gawk at her and question her because she does not look ill or handicapped. "They don't see it, but I can feel it," Stewart said.

That has led to her making fliers and signs that say, "People with pain matter," because she urges others to avoid judging those who live as she has to. "Don't judge what you cannot see," she added.

As part of increasing awareness and understanding, the U.S. Pain Foundation has kicked off a project asking those with chronic pain to send in their stories. "It's really more of creating an understanding," Stewart said.

Locally and for starters, Stewart has a display in the Canton Public Library through Sept. 16. It's a display of facts and information about chronic pain and awareness, as well as information about the U.S. Pain Foundation and additional data about RSD/CRPS, the autoimmune diseases from which she suffers.

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, she will attend the Canton Township Board of Trustees' meeting to accept a proclamation designating September as "Pain Awareness Month."

Other activities will include:

- » Wal-Mart in Canton, store No. 3476 on Ford Road: 1-3 p.m., spreading awareness of chronic pain with items from the U.S. Pain Foundation.

- » Monday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon, Stewart will have a booth for "Senior Day" at the Canton Summit. She will hand out items to increase awareness, as well as offering 400 bags of information and items for seniors.

Stewart also plans to fundraise for the pain foundation and head to Washington, D.C., to meet with officials of individual states to raise awareness and to make changes for people living in pain, she said.

Ask Dr. Stewart

Dr. James Stewart is a general dentist in Livonia, MI. Today he discusses teens and cavities.

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Say 'da' to Russian festival in Ann Arbor

Play chess, pet chickens, hear music

Sharon Dargay
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Pet a chicken, eat a blini and play a little chess, all while listening to the sounds of authentic Russian folk music at the fourth annual Ann Arbor Russian Festival. The event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, 9900 Jackson Road, Dexter, celebrates Russian food, entertainment, shopping and culture.

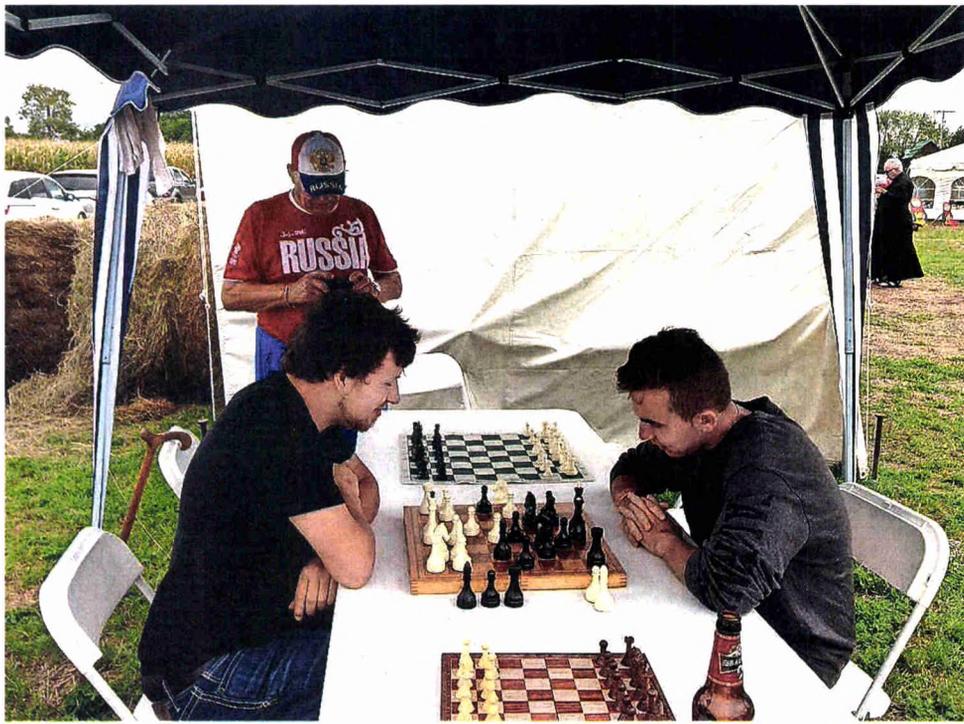
New to the festival are Rustavi, a Georgian dance ensemble, and Konevets, a quartet from St. Petersburg that performs chamber music and folk songs.

"These people are from Russia and they are bringing their culture to us," said Zena Ealovega, festival publicity chair. "They travel all the way from Russia." Returning performers include Moscow Nights, a Russian folk music trio, and Anastasia Klimzo, a folklorist and church choir director, who will sing and dance Russian folklore.

Chess boards will be set out both festival days for impromptu play and a teacher will be on hand to offer a few pointers. Ealovega said the activity attracts players of all ages and skill levels.

Another popular children's activity, the Chicken Petting Farm Zoo, gives youngsters and their parents a chance to lead a goat on a leash and touch and hold chickens and ducks, both festival days.

"They had a lot of fun last year chasing the ducks," said Daryl Aschliman, a 25-year member of St. Vladimir Or-



Chess is a favorite activity at the annual Russian Festival.



A visitor gives a docile duck some TLC at the festival's petting farm.



Bill and Ann Lamott hold one of the bowls made from the 160-year-old catalpa tree formerly on the Village Green.

thodox Church. "It's not like they just sit there and let you pick them up."

Aschliman, who lives in Wasuseon, Ohio, brings his granddaughters' 4-H Club animals to the festival's Kids Corner, where children and their parents can mingle in an enclosure with the fowl.

"The chickens are easy to hold because they are a smaller breed. The ducks, you have to grab by both feet and cradle in your arms," he said.

He'll bring nine ducks this year, along with chickens, and said he'll likely allow older youngsters to lead goats into an adjacent hay field.

"We had a lot of people last year. There were a lot of kids. There were a lot of adults, too," he said. "We're in the Kid's Corner at the festival. They have a bounce house and games and the petting area. It's something for the kids to do."

A playground, coloring, crafts, caricatures and a puppet show round out the children's activities.

Visitors can listen to Russian bell ringing at the opening ceremony, tour St. Vladimir church, have their hair braided and taste infused vodka.

Borsch, piroszki made with potato and mushroom or cabbage, mar-kovnei salad made with carrots and garlic, pork and feef pelmeni, pork and chicken shashlik and blini are among the traditional Russian foods available at the festival's main kitchen, which will be open each day until closing. A Russian tea room will serve authentic Russian treats, including seven-layer Napoleon Russian cake.

For more about the festival, go to russianfestivalvladimirami.org.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Spartans' Shingledecker gets 200th win

Stevenson tops Salem in KLAA Central game

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Shingledecker

defense, the Spartans extinguished the Rocks, 2-0, to improve to 3-1-1. The match was the division opener for both teams. Salem slipped

to 2-4 overall. "We struck early then stayed really organized defensively," said Shingledecker,

whose high school soccer coaching career has included stings with the Lutheran Westland, Livonia Ladywood and Livonia Stevenson girls teams, as well as the Spartans' boys program. "We never allowed Salem to get in behind us. I was proud of our work rate from start to finish.

"This was a fantastic way to get win 200. I wouldn't have drawn it up any other way." Shingledecker's 16-year coaching record is now 200-90-50. He is 47-21-5 with the Stevenson boys team.

Stevenson struck first just 45 seconds in when Schultz lased in a penalty kick after Rea was fouled in the 18-yard box.

Rea made it 2-0 in the seventh minute when he tapped in a rebound off a Joe Nicolas shot for his fourth goal of the season.

Senior captain Drew Padgen made four saves in the Spartans' second shutout of the campaign.

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Stevenson Youth Night

The Livonia Stevenson football program will hold Youth Night during its Sept. 16 home game against South Lyon, which kicks off at 7 p.m.

All local youth football team members, cheerleaders and coaches are invited to attend the game. The youth athletes will form a tunnel for the Stevenson football team as they enter the field prior to the game.

Youth athletes are encouraged to arrive by 6:20 p.m. and enter at the front west gate with their coach.

Those wearing a jersey with their coach will be admitted into the game free. There will be a game manager on the track by the scoreboard to assist with lineup for the tunnel.

During the game, youth players will sit in the home bleachers with their coach or stand behind the fence line.

Cross country make-up date

The make-up date for the Livonia City Cross Country Meet will be Friday, Oct. 14, at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The boys race will start at 4:30 p.m. and the girls will start at 5 p.m.

Wednesday's regularly scheduled city meet was postponed due to an unseasonably hot heat index.

GC soccer special night

The Garden City boys soccer team's game against visiting Redford Thurston at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 will help raise funds for the Lyman Foundation, which assists students at Garden City's Burger School for autistic children.

All of the gate receipts raised for the game will be donated to the Lyman Foundation.

Also, Burger students will make a tunnel for the Cougars soccer players as they enter the field prior to the game.

MU soccer still perfect

Madonna University soccer goal-keepers Marcel Schmid and Jeff Wielczopolski combined for the Crusaders' third shutout of the season Thursday to help the hosts beat Robert Morris (Ill.) 4-0.

The decision improved MU's record to 4-0 while Robert Morris dropped to 0-4.

Schmid (Stuttgart, Germany/Johann Freidrich-von-Cotta-Schule) and Wielczopolski (Windsor, Ontario/Holy Names Catholic) have now combined for two of the three Crusader shutouts this season.

Reporting results

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

GIRLS TENNIS

Pats have returning players to spare

Franklin loaded with experience

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Much like a good stock, the Livonia Franklin tennis team has a high return rate this season.

The Patriots' roster includes 13 players who saw varsity action in 2015 — and the returners have all shown improvements in their skill sets, head coach Rick Clack said.

"Last year we just missed states by one point playing Division 1," Clack said. "This year we are D-2 but we were placed in the Birmingham region, and that will be very tough to get through.

"Obviously, being in the powerhouse KLAA will really test our team's play and I hope it will elevate the team by regional time to make a strong showing. Our singles and upper doubles have very good experience and that will help in match play this year.

"Most of the team is made up of seniors and they are determined to make the effort to have memorable year in 2016. They are a real pleasure to coach."

In the early going, the Patriots played well in a tournament hosted by Dearborn, even though they were short three players.

"We also had nice early-season wins over good North Farmington and South Lyon East teams and we will be starting KLAA matches after Labor Day in the South Division.

"The play there will also be really demanding with Plymouth, Canton and Churchill in the division. Our

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
A Franklin tennis player shows good form during this week's match against Plymouth.

WWAC FOOTBALL



Thurston's Aaron Parker takes off on a jet sweep during the first half of Friday's 29-23 victory over Garden City.

EAGLES SCOOP AND SCORE

Late defensive touchdown lifts Thurston over GC

Ed Wright
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As a 5-foot-10, 230-pound defensive tackle, Xavier Coleman-Patillo understands he's not going to get too many chances to score touchdowns, especially game-winning six-pointers.

So when the opportunity does present itself to the Redford Thurston sophomore — like it did Friday night against Garden City — he's going to make it count.

With the Eagles trailing the host Cougars, 23-21, and

8:33 left in the fourth quarter, Thurston defensive tackle Waverly Williams stripped Garden City backup quarterback Emad Rehman of the ball at the GC 5-yard line.

The on-the-spot Coleman-Patillo scooped up the pigskin at the 2 and rumbled in for what turned out to be the decisive points in the Eagles' 29-23 triumph.

"I saw our tackle hit their quarterback, I saw the ball pop out and I raced to it before their guy could get it," Coleman-Patillo said. "I wanted to make a touchdown

for my family over there (pointing to the Thurston sideline)."

Coleman-Patillo admitted he had no intention of pouncing on the ball.

"Oh no, I was going to take it in," he said, smiling. "I'm proud of our whole team. We played like dogs. We always have each other's backs, no matter what."

The game's off-the-charts excitement level was subdued a few minutes before Coleman-Patillo's scoop-and-

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 16
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Fordson, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Belleville at RU, 7 p.m.
Robichaud at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
Luth. NW at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Ladywood at PCA, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Parkway at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at South Lyon, 6:30 p.m.
Macomb at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Thurston at RU, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14
Gabriel Richard at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15
Franklin at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Robichaud at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Inter-City Baptist at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Fordson at RU, 7 p.m.
RU at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
Rocket Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Churchill at Bedford Invite, 8:30 a.m.
G.C. at Mt. Morris Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Franklin at Romulus Invite, TBA

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 12
Lincoln at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Romulus, 5 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at RU, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
HVL at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14
Clarenceville at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
RU at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Cesar Chavez at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16
Garden City at Allen Park, 4 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Ladywood at Catholic League Meet, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 4:10 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 3:50 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16
MSU Invite, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
John Glenn at Holly Invite

GIRLS GOLF

Monday, Sept. 12
Marian at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Northville at Stevenson, 3 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 3 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15
Franklin vs. Northville, Novi, 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16
Stevenson at Plymouth-Canton, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
Grosse Ile Invite, 1 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Monday, Sept. 12
RU at Garden City, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14
RU at Fordson, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15
John Glenn at Belleville, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Franklin at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15
Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Edsel Ford at RU, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
John Glenn Rocket Relays, 10 a.m.
Tiger Relays, TBA

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Cougars earn first win of season

Czarnik scores 3 goals in 7-0 rout

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

After grinding through a grueling early-season schedule, Garden City's boys soccer team finally crushed the goose egg that's been resting under its win column in emphatic fashion Wednesday night against visiting Taylor Truman.

Powered by sophomore Kyle Czarnik's hat trick, the Cougars stamped the Eagles, 7-0, to improve to 1-6.

"It was a pretty dominant performance overall," GC head coach Jeff Szyplala said. "We've played a lot of really good teams early on, so we've been on the counter attack a lot. It was nice to be able to run some set plays in our offensive half."

"Although we played well, I was a little disappointed in our effort after our first goal. We have to keep the effort consistent the entire 80 minutes."

Czarnik, who helped spearhead a 17-shot attack (compared to just one shot on goal for Truman), gave the Cougars the lead for good, 1-0, eight minutes in



Garden City's Kyle Czarnik scored three goals in the Cougars' 7-0 rout of Truman.

when he settled a looping free kick from Austin Pena, then turned toward the goal and hammered a shot past the Eagles keeper.

In the game's 30th minute, Czarnik ripped home a penalty kick after Jacob Sadowski was fouled in the 18-yard box.

The Cougars made it 3-0 with 4:46 left in the first half when Tommy

Fisher deflected the ball just inside the right post.

Czarnik's third goal came midway through the second stanza when he lasered in a PK in the wake of teammate Jared Shea getting pulled down in the box.

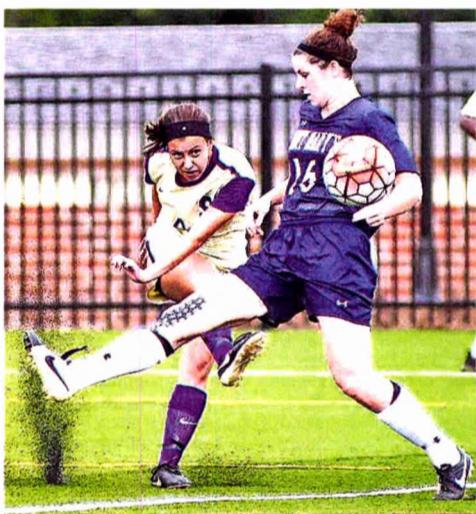
Sadowski extended the cushion to 5-0 at the 18:48 mark when he went coast-to-coast with the ball before finishing with a flourish.

A Truman own-goal made it 6-0 before Francisco Gonzalez capped the scoring with a goal assisted by Austin Lang.

Ian Tesarz earned the shutout in goal for the Cougars, who received strong play from Brandon Gonzales, Pena, Hunter Childress and Mitchel Falk, Szyplala noted.

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Burnette nets first next-level goal



LOWELL MCGINNIS

Livonia Franklin graduate Riley Burnette collected her first collegiate goal as Albion College earned a 4-0 victory over Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association rival Saint Mary's College Wednesday. Burnette's goal in the 28th minute was the game-winner.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

New coach impressed early by Patriots

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Livonia Franklin's volleyball team has an appetite to learn and a thirst to win.

That's the early impression the Patriots have made on first-year head varsity coach Kelsey Poston, who had at least a notion of her new team's talent and intangibles level after coaching the school's freshmen squad last season.

"I have really been impressed by how anxious the girls are to learn," Poston said. "It helps, too, that a lot of them are used to playing the style I teach."

"In our first tournament of the season, we played better than my expectations. I was a little disappointed in our second tournament, but we did have one very good set against a good team that showed the girls what they're capable of."

Poston said she feels fortunate to have a strong trio of captains to help her guide a relatively young roster.

Following a vote of the team's players, Bella Facione, Hannah Nordstrom and Hunter Tarsin will share the captaincy roles.

"I let the girls vote for captains because I think it's important to find out who they think their



Hannah Nordstrom will be an all-around mainstay for Franklin's volleyball team this fall.

best leaders are," Poston said. "The three girls they selected have been awesome so far."

A junior libero, Facione rarely left the court for the Patriots in her sophomore season.

"I moved Bella's positioning on the court this season and she has responded really well," Poston said. "She's a great captain because she's one of our most vocal players. She knows how to get the girls fired up, whether we just got a point or not."

Nordstrom is arguably the team's best

front-row player. A 5-foot-11 junior, she will be a "huge part" of the Patriots' offense this fall, Poston said.

"We want the ball to go to Hannah as much as possible when she's in the front row," Poston said. "She's probably our tallest and most-experienced front row player. Hannah isn't as vocal as Bella, but she's a great lead-by-example captain."

The respect the Patriots have for senior and tri-captain Hunter Tarsin is reflected in the support she received in the captaincy voting.

"The other girls really look up to Hunter," Poston said. "She's a very calm player, who doesn't let things get to her. She can play outside for us and the back row, so she's versatile."

Among the other players who Poston will be counting on heavily are junior all-rounder Paige Brothers, junior Sydney Strasser, sophomore Joanie Evans and senior Carol Lalonde.

"Paige is a huge part of our team," Poston said. "Given the right opportunity, she can really shine, and she's an outstanding server."

"This is Joanie's first year on varsity, but she has great skills at the defensive specialist position. She has the kind of advanced technique that takes a lot of time to teach. She's a club player, and you can tell by watching her play."

"Sydney is an opposite middle with a big block. She takes direction really well."

"And Carol has a lot of heart. Every point she's out there, she plays as hard as she can and she gets touches on balls I don't think she can get to."

"Overall, I'm very excited about this team. We're right where I expected us to be at this point."

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Chargers short-circuit Rockets, 3-0

Yost leads Churchill to nice start in South

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Livonia Churchill's volleyball team made a loud statement Thursday night in its KLAA South Division opener against visiting Westland John Glenn.

Fueled by strong performances from Annie Yost, Samantha Zonca and Brianna Fulton, among others, the Chargers rolled to a 25-9, 25-10, 25-14 triumph.

Churchill is now 7-4 overall.

Yost was tough in the middle, notching 11 kills and two blocks. Zonca added eight kills while Brianna Fulton distrib-

uted 26 assists. "Colleen McGowan, Madi Marabatur, Sarah Dunn and Annabelle Dunn all had good all-around performances," Churchill head coach Mark Grenier added.

Stevenson dropped

Stevenson dropped a 25-22, 25-18, 25-23 decision to visiting South Lyon East Thursday night.

Audrey Lackey led the Spartans with four kills while Abby Cormier collected 10 digs.

The Spartans slipped to 1-4 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA Central Division.

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Churchill's Sam Zonca, pictured during a match last season, recorded eight kills Thursday night against Westland John Glenn.

BOYS SOCCER

Conley nets three goals in Patriots' win over Wayne

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Matt Conley notched a hat trick during Thursday afternoon's game against host Wayne Memorial.

Conley scored three goals and assisted on another in the Patriots' convincing 5-1 triumph over the Zebras.

For the first time this season, Franklin scored first when Conley finished an outstanding ball delivered from Julian Medrano in the 12th minute.

Two minutes later, the Zebras took advantage of a poor Patriots clearing pass to knot the game at 1-1.

Franklin bounced back quickly, regaining a 2-1 lead in the 33rd minute, when Tyler Piper pumped in the rebound off a Conley shot.

Four minutes before the half, Medrano made it 3-1 thanks to an assist from Trevor Hayes.

Conley struck again six minutes into the second half for his second of three goals when

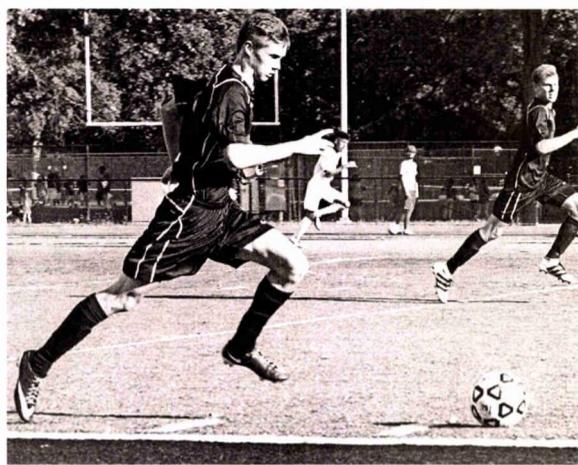
he finished off a slick feed from Josh Wilson.

Conley sealed the deal with his hat-trick goal, which was assisted by Drew Barterian.

Scott Beebe was the Patriots goalkeeper in the first half before giving way to Zack Robinson for the final 40 minutes.

Franklin is now 2-2-1 overall and 1-1 in the South Division, according to KLAAsports.com. Wayne is 1-3 overall and 0-2, respectively.

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Matt Conley scored three goals Thursday for Franklin Thursday.

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PREP FOOTBALL REPORT



Evan Cummins had a big night Friday.

ED WRIGHT

Chargers rally to knock off Highlanders

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Livonia Churchill rallied from a 21-13 third-quarter deficit Friday night to post a dramatic 25-21 victory over host Howell.

The victory improved the Chargers' record to 2-1.

Howell's Ryan Brennan ran for 231 yards on 25 carries to lead the Highlanders.

Churchill's statistics were not available as of Friday night's print-edition deadline.

Stevenson upended by Northern

Livonia Stevenson's perfect season was derailed, at least temporarily, Friday night by high-scoring Walled Lake Northern, which defeated the visiting Spartans, 49-20, in Stevenson's final non-divisional game for a while.

Northern senior running back Miller Carlock was a beast for the winners, rushing for 153 yards and five touchdowns.

The bulk of Carlock's yards came on a trap play, which Northern runs to perfection out of its veer offense.

Trailing 7-0 early, Stevenson knotted the game at 7-7 on a 20-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Chris Tanderys to junior running back Parker Graham.

The second quarter did not go as planned for Stevenson, which trailed 34-14 at the half.

The Spartans' second touchdown of the first half came on a 5-yard scoring pass from Tanderys to senior receiver Ian Knoph.

Stevenson's final score of the night was a 31-yard TD pass from Tanderys to Dalen Cobb.

Stevenson falls to Walled Lake Northern; RU improves to 3-0 with win over Robichaud

Tanderys completed 12-of-21 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns. He also led the Spartans in rushing with seven carries for 33 yards.

Devin Dunn intercepted a Northern pass to account for the Spartans' lone forced turnover.

Stevenson returns to action Friday night when it hosts South Lyon on "Youth Night."

Panthers claw Robichaud

Redford Union scored on its first play from scrimmage Friday night — a 98-yard coast-to-coast sprint by Isaac Grant — to set the stage for an impressive 38-12 victory over host Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

The victory improved the Panthers' record to 3-0 for the first time since 2005.

"With Isaac scoring on that trap on the first play, it kind of set the tone for the rest of the night," RU head coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "We still haven't played our best game yet. We're making too many mental errors."

"We played better than we did last week, though. The penalties and other costly things aren't acceptable, though."

Grant had his usual robust statistical game, piling up 165 yards on 17 carries.

Grant formed a dynamic duo with Thorton Cain, who racked up 143 yards and three touchdowns on 10 carries.

RU's Marquise Hathaway tacked on 36 yards and a touchdown.

RU outgained Robichaud, 295-110.

Quarterback Carl Ware completed 1-of-3 passes for 15 yards.

Grant led the winners with four tackles. Eric McCarter had two tackles, one for loss.

Robichaud's Javonte Melchior had 103 yards on six carries to lead the Bulldogs.

Canton wins first

Canton went back to the drawing board after back-to-back losses to start the high school football season.

That mythological drawing board might have proved to be of some value Friday night as the Chiefs took down host Hartland, 35-21.

"(We) just went back to the drawing board and said we're going to get better at what we do," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "We needed this bad. This was huge."

Julian Thornton scored the two touchdowns that pushed Canton (1-2) ahead for good. He extended Canton's lead from 21-14 to 35-14 on rushing touchdowns of 21 and 48 yards, respectively.

"We just came out with the focus that we need to win this game and play this game like it was the playoffs. We wanted to pick up some momentum. When you practice hard, good things happen," Thornton said.

Thornton led the Chiefs in rushing with 111 yards on just nine carries.

Following Thornton's second touchdown of the night with 8:27 remaining in the

fourth quarter, Hartland answered on a 28-yard touchdown pass from Brad Ekonen to Hunter Delaney.

The Eagles then forced a Canton punt and marched 81 yards, from their own 4-yard line to the Canton 15, in only 90 seconds. However, Ekonen's pass to the end zone that appeared to be caught in-bounds for a touchdown, was ruled incomplete.

Hartland was then issued a team unsportsmanlike conduct penalty that took it back to third-and-25 from the 30-yard line. Canton got two stops and the victory.

In the first two games of the season, Canton held a halftime lead before allowing its opponent success offensively in the second half. Against Hartland, the Canton offense managed the clock and allowed the Eagles only four possessions and the Chiefs got stops on three out of the four.

"It was just being tough, playing like Canton, getting 4 or 5 yards at a time," Thornton said.

Canton came out and stopped Hartland on its first two possessions of the third quarter. Those two stops paved the way for Thornton's two touchdowns to give Canton a three-touchdown lead with just over eight minutes left.

Consecutive stops were a point of emphasis during the week of practice leading up to the game, according to line-backer Noah Brown.

Evan Paputa contributed to this report.

WWAC VOLLEYBALL

Tigers take match win from Trojans

Thurston bouncing back from slow start to season

Dan O'Meara
hometownlife.com

Belleville swept Livonia Clarenceville in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference volleyball match Thursday, 25-13, 25-14, 25-8.

"Belleville made the most of our mistakes and was the better team tonight," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "The Trojans had some good efforts and are getting better with every game played."

Sophomore Maddison Jaber was 7-of-7 serving with two aces for the Trojans (0-7-1). Junior Londen Green also was solid on defense with four digs. Both are outside hitter who play all-around.

Junior middle Linda Hodzic had two kills and two blocks. Senior Josie VanDyke and sophomore Cassidy Galvin each added two kills and junior setter Erica Bertera led the team with five assists.

"We have a lot of work to do, but we know where to start," Merschman said. "We gave them too many free balls and we struggled on serve receive. I'm confident the girls will pull together and be a much different team with hard work."

The other team members are senior defensive specialists Alyssa Ortiz and Katelyn Denny, junior libero Desarae Hartfiel, junior defender Mia Daniels and sophomore outsiders Michelle Marzolo and Audrey Owens.

Thurston up and down

Redford Thurston's volleyball team has had its ups and downs during the early weeks of its schedule.

The Eagles opened the campaign by going 0-2-1 in the Melvindale tournament before upending Ferndale University and Taylor Prep, both by 3-0 scores.

On Thursday, Thurston dropped a 3-0 decision to Dearborn in a WWAC cross-over encounter. Jordan Cook led the Eagles with seven kills, six blocks and two assists. Kentia Fearn and Megan Abela had two kills a piece.

Ronay Peguies played well, netting three kills and eight assists while Jayla Lucas contributed six assists and four digs.



Senior Josie VanDyke is one of Clarenceville's leading players.

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BOYS SOCCER

Trojans get up to speed after slow start

Dan O'Meara
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After a rough start to a new soccer season, the Livonia Clarenceville boys are getting it turned around and achieving the kind of results they expected.

The Trojans opened with a pair of disappointing defeats, losing by one goal each to Plymouth Christian Academy and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

But they rebounded from those losses to have a better second week in which they beat visiting Romulus Summit Academy, 9-1, and host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 1-0.

"Although I think we should be 4-0, I'm proud of our progress and I feel like the kids are starting to come together as a unit," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said.

With 12 minutes remaining Wednesday, senior Armin Andelija connected with senior Gerardo Arzate on a give-and-go play for the only goal of the game against Lutheran Northwest.

Seniors Dante Marzolo, Joe Sanchez and Alex Immonen and sophomore Jesus Gonzalez played great games defensively, according to Johnson, and senior goalie Jon Murphy earned his first shutout of the year.

Marzolo led the Trojans with two goals and two assists in the mercy-rule win over Summit Academy.

Arzate added two goals; sophomore Nick Snage, Andelija, junior Brett Habkirk, senior Kam MacIver and Immonen added one goal apiece.

Sanchez assisted on two goals. Andelija, Habkirk and senior Seth Krazel had one assist each. Junior keeper Zach Elagamy earned the victory in net.

Clarenceville, which finished 11-10-1 overall last year and won its first district championship, entered this season with an experienced team and high expectations.

Murphy is a veteran keeper and three-year starter. He backstopped every victory last year and had eight shutouts to earn an all-state honorable mention.

The Trojans are strong in the midfield with the return of Andelija, Arzate and senior Jayson Fitzpatrick. They're three-year starters and all-state honorable mentions, too.

Andelija led the team in goals scored with 13. Arzate and Fitzpatrick scored six goals and had three assists apiece. Andelija added two assists.

Marzolo returns to the sweeper



Gerardo Arzate is one of Clarenceville's top midfielders and all-around players.

position and will lead the defense. He also figured in the scoring with four goals and two assists.

Clarenceville's 12 seniors include Kevin Murphy, John McNamara and Jose Saravia. Murphy and McNamara are new players; Krazel and Saravia were on the JV team.

Sanchez, MacIver and Immonen were regulars in the lineup last year. Johnson looks for Habkirk, Snage, Gonzalez, junior Nick Siml and sophomore Jacob Weiss to make key contributions.

Johnson, who begins his 10th season as head coach, looks for the Trojans to compete in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and to do well in the district again.

"It's a very exciting year for the players, as many have played together on varsity the past three years," he said. "Considering the immense amount of talent in the WWAC, it would be a stretch to say we expect to win the conference.

"We're one of the smallest schools, but we'll be extremely competitive this year and every team in our conference is going to get a battle.

"Our schedule is difficult, but that's the way we want it. We want the gauntlet, so we are battle-tested by the time we get to the postseason."

Johnson hopes to see the Trojans hang a second banner in the gym — maybe even a third or fourth — and solidify themselves as the best soccer team in school history.

"My expectation is that my guys leave it all on the field," Johnson said. "I guarantee no team is going to want to see us on its schedule. These kids are talented and tenacious and they embrace the grind!"

EAGLES

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score when Cougars starting quarterback Kyle Becker suffered what appeared to be a serious hip injury that required him to be carried off the field on a stretcher and into the back of an ambulance.

The injury came at the tail end of a marvelous 20-yard run by Becker, who zig-zagged with the ball to the Thurston 19-yard line.

Prior to the injury, Becker piled up 64 yards rushing and 77 passing yards.

"I hope the kid is OK and is back soon; he's a great player," Thurston head coach Bob Snell said. "We knew once he went down that Garden City would be extremely pumped up to win the game for him. So our kids' energy had to go up, too. I was proud of the way they dug in and kept battling."

GC was looking for its first victory against Thurston since 1984 — and it appeared as if the Cougars would secure it after racing to an early 13-0 lead.

The Cougars jumped ahead 7-0 on its first possession, when John Giangrande rammed into the end zone from 1 yard out, capping a five-play, 90-yard drive. Alex Sherlock tacked on the extra point.

The big play of the drive was a 57-yard pass completion from Becker to Logan McGraw.

GC actually lined up in punt formation twice on its next possession — a 14-play drive that was capped by Eian Castonguay's 1-yard TD run.

After Thurston held the Cougars to a three-and-out, GC ran a fake punt, with Becker ultimately running 5 yards for a first down.

Three plays later, facing a fourth-and-15, the Cougars did punt, but the fumbled return was pounced on by the Cougars at the Thurston 15. Two minutes later, Castonguay scored, but Sherlock's extra point was blocked.

The Eagles drove to the GC 20 midway through the second quarter, but the drive was halted when Jay Castonguay stripped Thurston QB Zack Crofford of the ball, which was recovered by GC's Jacob Briscoe.

Thurston cut its deficit to 13-7 with 2:28 left in the first half on a 58-yard TD pass from Crofford to Nathan Hayes. Sherlock added a 26-yard field goal on the last play of the half to make it 16-7.

A 16-yard TD connection from Crofford to Darryis King (and Jaylen Burch's ensuing extra point) brought Thurston to within 16-14.

The Eagles snatched their first lead of the night, 21-16, on Demetrius Dowd's 3-yard TD run with 4:41 remaining in the third quarter.

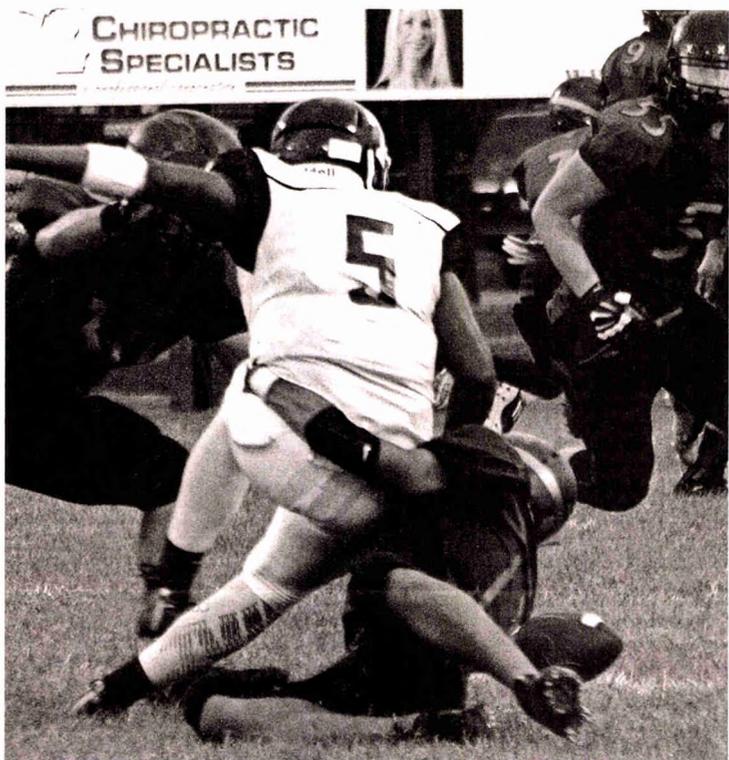
Five plays after Becker was driven off the field in the ambulance, the inspired Cougars regained the lead, 23-21, on a 19-yard TD run by Eian Castonguay on a third-and-seven play.

That ultimately set the stage for the Eagles' big defensive tackles' late-game heroics.

"We did a great job of shooting ourselves in the foot in the first half, but we stressed to the guys at halftime that it was still a tight game," Snell said. "Garden City was executing well and their defense is hard to run against."

"We had to be resilient in the second half and we were. After committing three turnovers in the first half, we played a clean second half."

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Garden City's Jay Castonguay forces a fumble, which was recovered by teammate Jacob Briscoe.

PATS

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team has a lot of Saturday tournaments in September and this will really help in improving singles and doubles play when we play regionals."

The Patriots' early-season singles lineup consisted of No. 1 Adam Alger, No. 2 Jon Montie, No. 3 Justin Crawford and No. 4 Eric Liberati.

The doubles duo were made of No. 1 Kyle McCulloch and Reo Tang; No. 2 Graham Schuerman and Stephen Lai; and No. 3 Michael Bagazinski and David Fitch.

Other players who are in the mix for the fourth, fifth and sixth doubles teams were Joshua Spaman, Adam Klaus, John Pokryfky, Bobby Mason, Hunter Mastroianni, Nick LaLonde and Ian Meyers.

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CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2016-08-01-06 submitted by TNA Enterprises pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 27430 Seven Mile Road, located on the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Inkster Roads in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, from C-1 (Local Business) to C-2 (General Business).

Petition 2016-09-02-16 submitted by Colliers International requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(n)(3) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to construct and operate a credit union with drive-thru facilities (Zeal Credit Union) at 15950 Middlebelt Road, located on the east side of Middlebelt Road between Five Mile Road and Sunnydale Avenue in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13.

Petition 2016-09-02-17 submitted by Bear Food & Beverage, L.L.C. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(c)(4) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a limited service restaurant (Jersey Mike's Subs) at 13215 Middlebelt Road, within a multi-tenant retail building located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between the CSX Railroad right-of-way and Schoolcraft Road in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

Ian Wilshaw, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals
September 27, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Gallery (5th Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-53 (Tabled on July 26, 2016): Christopher Gable, south side of West Chicago, (35875) between Arthur and West End, seeking to perform fire arm sales and distribution from a personal residence, which is not allowed.

Case No. 2016-07-53 (above) has been rescheduled from September 13, 2016

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-09-66: John Kaounas, Johnny's Ribs and Pizza, 8001 Ronda Drive, Canton, MI 48187, seeking to install an electronic reader board into an existing masonry ground sign base, on property located on the west side of Victor Parkway, (19333) between Seven Mile and Pembroke, resulting in the reader board being excess in area. There are three (3) existing wall signs on the building totaling 131 square feet. Electronic signs are only allowed where all signs on site are conforming.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-09-67: John Hope, north side of Summers (38126) between Nola and Houghton, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall vinyl privacy fence upon a corner lot, resulting in excess fence height.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-09-69: Jeffrey and Koula Joyce, east side of Laurel (18728) between Seven Mile and Curtis, seeking to raise the existing detached garage and construct another while maintaining the attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages, garage area and excess detached garage height.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-09-70: Andrew Smyk, north side of Oakdale (34522) between Ronnie and Wayne, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall privacy fence upon a corner lot, resulting in excess fence height.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-09-71: Michael and Danielle Macari, south side of Clarita (33733) between Stamford and Whitby, seeking erect a six (6) foot tall vinyl privacy fence upon a corner lot, resulting in excess fence height and the fence not aligning with the neighbors existing fence in the corner side yard.

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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NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING STREET LIGHTING SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND TO OWNERS OF LAND ADJACENT TO ALL LOCAL AND MAJOR ROADS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND THAT CURRENTLY HAVE STREET LIGHTING:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Westland has tentatively determined to proceed with an assessment to:

Maintain and operate the existing street lighting systems on local and major roads in the City of Westland and to assess the operation and maintenance costs of the existing systems to lots and parcels in the City of Westland currently so serviced.

The proposed operation and maintenance costs will result in an increase in the current street lighting assessment for some property owners for the year 2016, and a decrease for others, due to the fact that individual assessments vary in accordance with the characteristics of each district and property.

It is also anticipated that the operation and maintenance costs may result in annual increases in some districts in accordance with cost increases charged by Detroit Edison, and may result in annual decreases in some districts due to new lighting technology, for the ten year period from 2016 through 2025.

An assessment roll of the proposed assessments for the annual costs of operation and maintenance requirements for the existing street lighting systems has been prepared and is on file in the offices of both the City Assessor and the City Clerk for public examination. The proposed assessments will be available for review at the Assessor's office starting on September 9, 2016 through October 3, 2016, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during normal work days.

The properties have previously been designated as special assessments districts, against which the cost of said operation and maintenance expenses may be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the City Council will meet on the 29th day of September, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed assessment, and to determine whether to approve and confirm the special assessment roll. The City Assessor will also be available at this location on the date from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to assist persons in reviewing the assessment roll. If you desire to review the roll, please bring this notice to the meeting.

Pursuant to Public Act 64 of 1989, an owner, party in interest, or his or her agent: (1) may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment; (2) may file an appearance and protest by letter, at the hearing; or (3) may file an appearance and protest by letter prior to the hearing, in the office of the Westland City Clerk, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan, during regular office hours. A written appeal may be filed with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days of the confirmation of the special assessment roll, only if that assessment was protested as specified above.

Richard LeBlanc
Westland City Clerk

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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 9-11 REMEMBRANCE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Worship service will commemorate 911 anniversary and honor first responders. A picnic lunch will be served following the service and will include a blessing of the backpacks, bounce house, and a dj with music. RSVP by calling 734-464-0211, or register online at <http://tinyurl.com/htlc-picnic> or email dlove@holylivonia.org

Contact: Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211, ext. 202
ANNIVERSARY GALA
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy

Details: Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760 AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20
Contact: 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org

BIBLE STUDY
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 22
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom," a 24-part video Bible series, features Catholic apologist Jeff Cavins. Registration is required for this course and there is a \$35 charge for the study workbooks
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

BIBLE STUDY
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, beginning Sept. 22
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish school library, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta, leads a Bible study on Ezekiel, emphasizing portions that relate to the Book of Revelation. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200
BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 18
Location: St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421
CELEBRATING NEW LOCATION
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25
Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Details: Worship service celebrates the church's move from the Comfort Inn in Belleville to Tyler Elementary School in Belleville
Contact: 734-740-4230
CONCERT
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Cheek to Cheek sings pop-jazz and R & B duets. Get tickets at unityoflivonia.org
Contact: 734-421-1760
FAITH FORMATION
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: St. Priscilla Parish activity center, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: "Prayer: The Faith Prayed - Making Room For God," is the first of the parish's "Growing in Faith Together - Intergenerational Sessions" for 2016-17. A light meal will be provided. Free Will donations will be accepted. RSVP by Sept. 16
Contact: faithformation@saint-priscilla.org; 248-476-4700
FILM
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group presents a documentary by filmmaker Michael Frolichstein about his life before and after he was diagnosed with Celiac disease
Contact: tccsg.net
GRIEF SHARE
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org
Contact: Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894
GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP
Time/Date: Wednesday evenings, Sept. 28-Oct. 26

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. John Riccardo, and John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Visit www.goodmourning-ministry.net for more details. Register at olgcparish.net. The fee is \$20.
Contact: 734-453-0326
MOM2MOM SALE
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., free at noon; strollers welcome.
Contact: newburg-mom2mom@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/Newburg-Mom2Mom
MONEY MANAGEMENT
Time/Date: Noon, Sunday, Sept. 11
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Robert A. Finnigan, who has a background in finance and accounting, and who is a student of Unity teachings, will lead a personal finance workshop
Contact: 734-421-1760; unityoflivonia.org
POMEGRANATE GUILD
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11
Location: Hechtman Apartments, 6700 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: The group, which studies and creates Judaic needlecraft, will sew bears for Chanukah and will knit scarves and hats for Special Olympics
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337; jmgibloom@gmail.com
PRAYER DAY
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20
Location: Capuchin's St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: A prayer service, with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir and the Dearing Dancers, will celebrate the International Day of Prayer for Peace. The theme is Let Peace Begin With Me and the featured speaker is Capuchin Friar Ray Stadmeier
Contact: 313-579-2100; TheCapuchins.org
RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 17
Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Specialty boutique, house wares / household, electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Grand opening with 20 percent mark up is Sept. 14. Bag sale is Sept. 17
Contact: 248-477-1410
RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29; 9 a.m.-noon, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Livonia

Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale
Contact: 734-422-0149; www.facebook.com/NUM-CRummage
STUDY SERIES
Time/Date: 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday, beginning Sept. 25; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 28
Location: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Six-week series, "Jesus in His Jewish Context" will focus on Jesus as seen through the eyes and minds of first century Jews and pagans
Contact: 248-626-2515
T-SHIRT COLLECTION
Time/Date: Through Sept. 15
Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting T-shirts in bright colors for adults and youngsters in Zimbabwe. Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based charity, will send the donations to Africa next month. A donation box is accessible 24/7 and is stationed at the church's front door. As of Sept. 4, more than 500 shirts have been donated
Contact: kenwoodchurch.org
WHY BE CATHOLIC?
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Deacon Andrew Dawson, the son and grandson of Anglican priests, talks about why he became a Catholic
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

OCTOBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15
Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Location: Dave Bennett and his jazz trio perform
Contact: 248-788-9338 or 248-661-1348; vivaceseries.org

FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: More than 40 vendors will display their products at the Body Mind Spirit Festival. Presentations will focus on self-massage techniques, balancing hormones naturally, meditation, chiropractic medicine and more. Admission is \$5
Contact: 734-421-1760
RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14
Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington

Details: \$7 bag day on Thursday, \$4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately
Contact: 248-474-6573
ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyelen879@aatt.net
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org
Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476
St. Innocent Orthodox Church
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386
Contact: facebook.com/stinno-cenredford
EXERCISE
Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364
FAMILY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12
HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com
MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington

Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463
Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767
PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162
PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information
Rising Christ Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023
SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org
Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399
SUPPORT
Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com
Connection Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244
Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011
Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibro-group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519
Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializ-

ing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451
St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org; celebrate
THRIFT STORE
St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information
Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618
TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited

with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org
WORSHIP
Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100
Celebration Church, ELCA
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, with an education hour at 11 a.m. Social hour follows the service.
Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-421-0749; celebrationLC.com
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830
Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com
Devon Aire Community Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at W. Chicago Road, Livonia
Details: Service with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Sunday school and child care
Contact: 313-550-4301
Due Season Christian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

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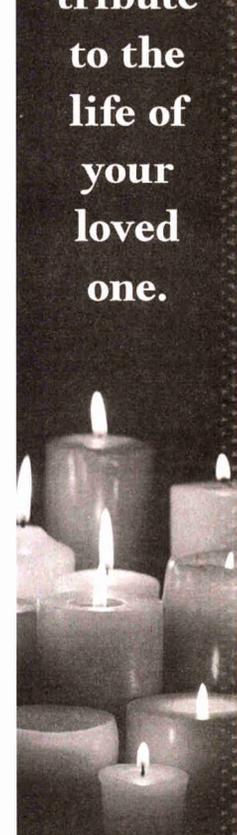


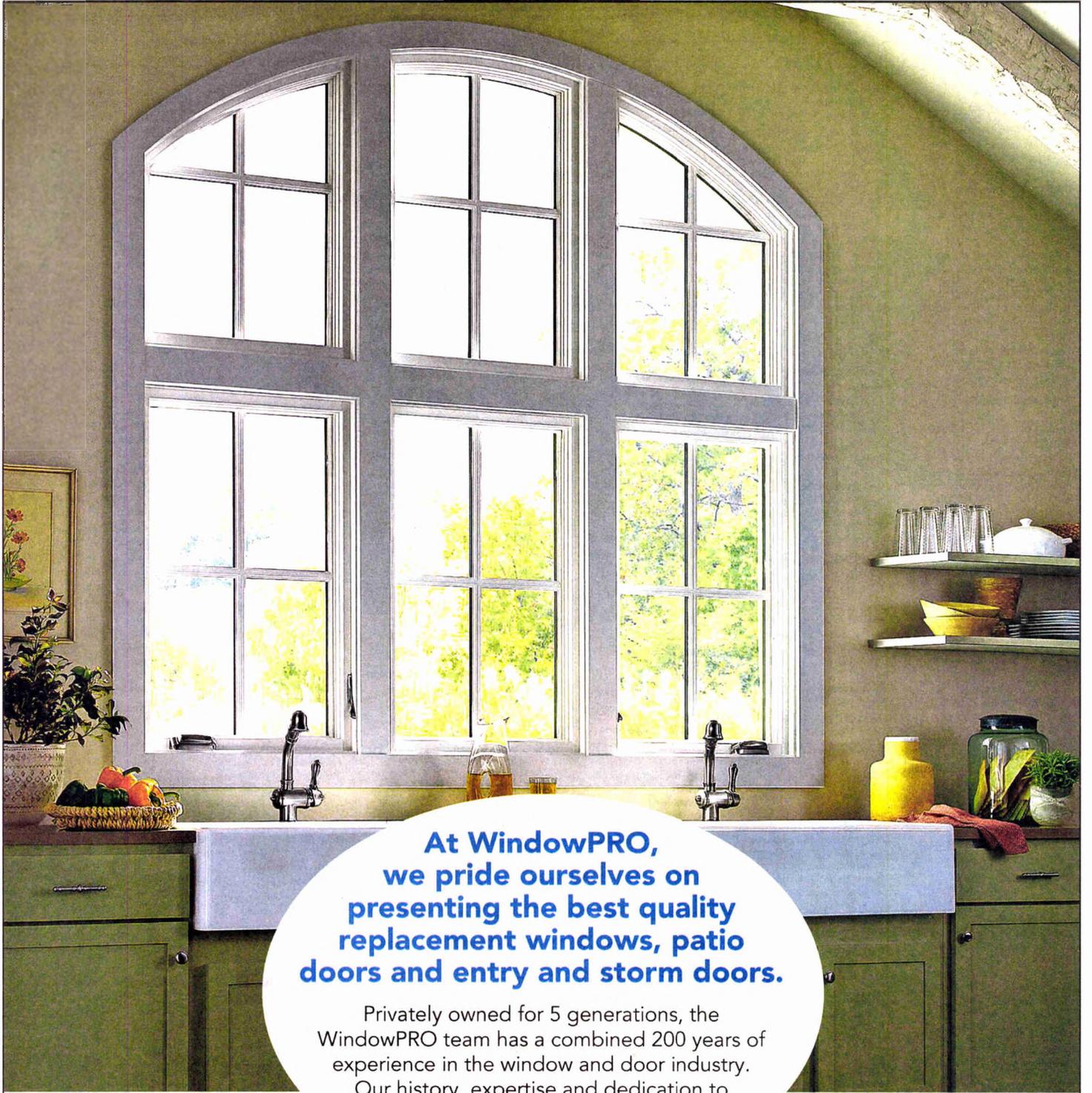
CAROLYN FLORENCE (WOODHAMS) Our beloved mother, passed away peacefully on August 31, 2016 at Mirabella Retirement Community in Portland, Oregon. She was born and raised in Howell, Michigan to Berthold and Florence Woodhams. Carolyn was the Valuedictorian at Howell High School in 1945 and earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1949. Carolyn was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and remained active with them for the rest of her life. During her senior year of college, Carolyn met her husband Arthur Lafayette Jones, Jr., already a graduate from the University of Michigan, on a blind date in Ann Arbor. They married on August 20, 1949 and made their home in Birmingham, Michigan where three of their four sons were born before moving to Bloomfield Township, Michigan. Their family continued to grow, adding one more son and a daughter to the mix. In 1989, they moved to Portland, Oregon to be with their grown children all of whom migrated to Portland in the 80's. Carolyn was a talented needle artist and leaves her family with her beautiful handiwork to remember her by. Carolyn is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur. She is survived by her children, Steve Hanrahan (Lynn), Kirk Jones, Jeff Jones (Donna Vvax), Scott Jones, Carole Johnson-Smith (Theo Smith) and her five grandchildren, Atticus and Finn Jones and Robin, Skylar and Annalise Johnson, all of Portland, Oregon and by her brother, Frederick Woodhams (Mary Lee) of Howell, Michigan. A private memorial service will be held for immediate family. Please sign our online guest book at www.ANewTradition.com.

STAPLES

MARY ROSE Of Canton, MI, age 85. Passed away August 25, 2016. She is survived by two sons and two daughters. Preceded by one son. She was retired from the U of M Hospital. Graveside service will be held at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI, Saturday, September 10th.

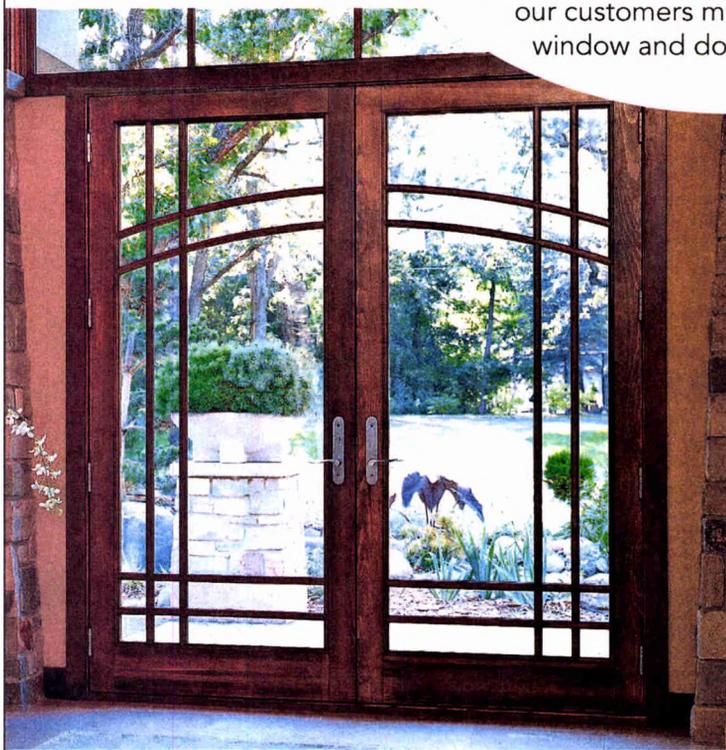
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Outlook is bright for high- and low-wage jobs

BY MATT TARPEY
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Over the next five years, the U.S. economy is projected to add more than 7 million jobs — a 5 percent increase. While that may sound like healthy growth, a new study from CareerBuilder and Emsi shows that some wage levels are faring better than others. According to the study, middle-wage occupations aren't growing at the same pace as high- and low-wage jobs.

For the purpose of the study, CareerBuilder and Emsi used the National Employment Law Project's definitions: Low-wage jobs pay \$13.83 per hour or less; middle-wage jobs earn \$13.84 to \$21.13 per hour; and high-wage occupations make \$21.14 per hour or more.

While both high- and low-wage occupations are projected to grow by 5 percent from 2016 to 2021, middle-wage jobs are estimated to grow only by 3 percent. Middle-wage positions make up 34 percent of the total occupations tracked by Emsi, yet they account for 61 percent of the occupations expected to lose jobs over the next five years.

Whether you're currently working or seeking a job, being informed about trends affecting your industry can help you prepare for any chal-



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lenges or opportunities that arise as a result. To that end, here is a breakdown of how each wage level is expected to perform over the next five years, along with examples of occupations that fall within each category. (All data provided by Emsi.)

HIGH-WAGE JOBS

Of the 387 analyzed occupations earning \$21.14 or more per hour, 90 percent are projected to see growth in the next five years, indicating opportunities in a wide variety of well-paying jobs. Growing high-wage occupations are expected to add 8,628 new jobs on average.

The fastest-growing high-wage occupations include:

- ▶ Software developers for applications (12 percent)
- ▶ Computer systems analysts (12 percent)
- ▶ Market research analysts and marketing specialists (11 percent)
- ▶ Management analysts (9 percent)
- ▶ Registered nurses (9 percent)

LOW-WAGE JOBS

While 77 percent of low-wage occupations are projected to add jobs in the coming five years, that growth will be much more dramatic than the

increases seen in high-wage occupations. Low-wage positions that are growing will add 28,636 new jobs on average in the next five years — the largest per-occupation growth by a wide margin.

The fastest-growing low-wage occupations include:

- ▶ Home health aides (19 percent)
- ▶ Restaurant cooks (9 percent)
- ▶ Nursing assistants (9 percent)
- ▶ Security guards (6 percent)
- ▶ Janitors and cleaners (6 percent)

MIDDLE-WAGE JOBS

As demonstrated by the lag in their expected growth rate, middle-wage occupations aren't quite keeping up with their high- and low-wage counterparts. Just 61 percent of occupations making between \$13.84 and \$21.13 per hour are expected to add jobs in the next five years. Those growing middle-wage occupations are projected to add 11,655 new jobs on average during that time.

The fastest-growing middle-wage occupations include:

- ▶ Medical assistants (11 percent)
- ▶ Customer-service representatives (6 percent)
- ▶ Maintenance and repair workers (5 percent)
- ▶ Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers (4 percent)
- ▶ Office clerks (4 percent)

While many middle-wage occupations may be behind, there is still noted growth across all the wage levels, leading to plenty of new opportunities.

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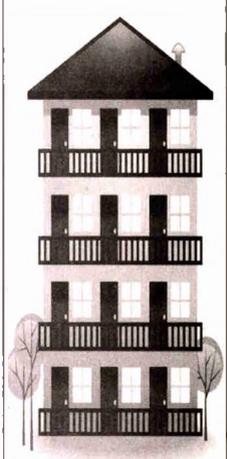
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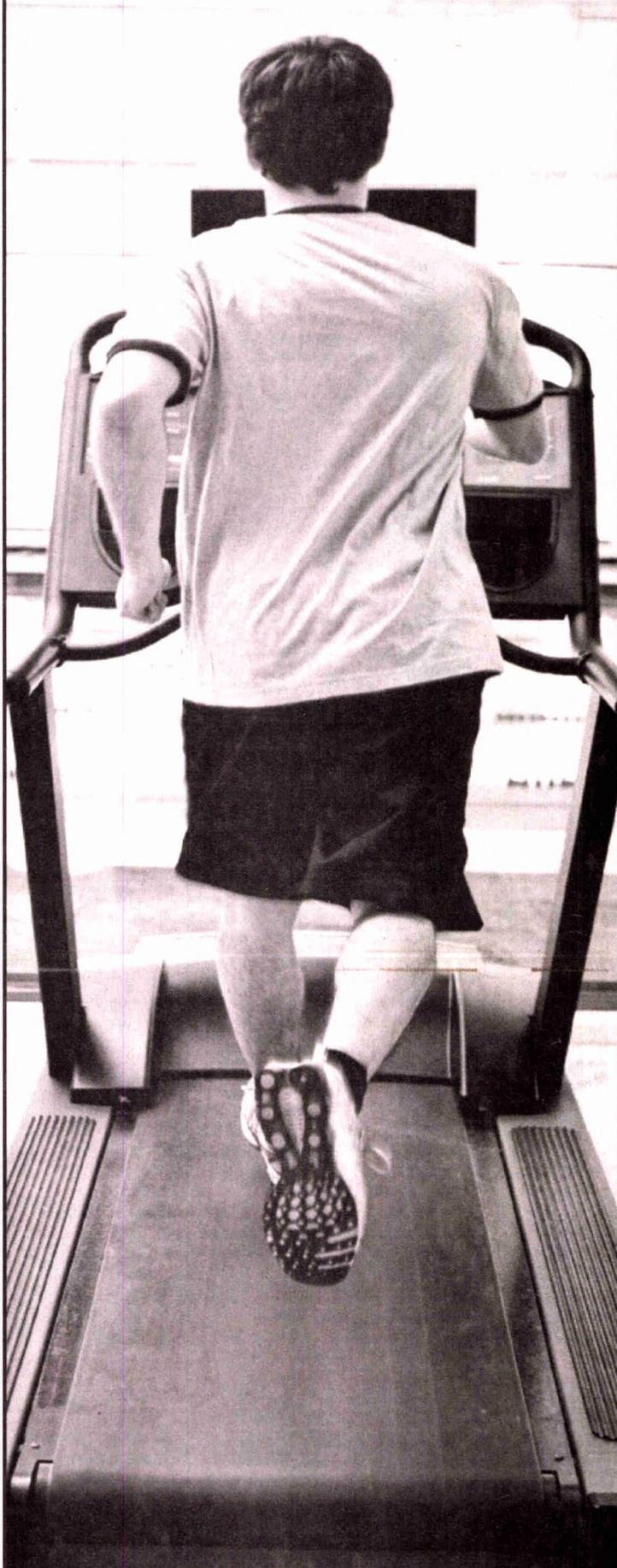
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- 1 Mafia VIPs
 - 6 Chocolate substitute
 - 11 Maintain
 - 15 Molecule bit
 - 19 Animated
 - 20 North Pole explorer
 - 21 "My Friend —" (old radio show)
 - 22 Erie or Eyre
 - 23 It has many food aisles
 - 25 Used a sketchpad
 - 26 Diploma holder
 - 27 Arise
 - 28 — of Aquitaine
 - 30 Flip one's lid
 - 31 Result of an armistice
 - 34 Rialto locale
 - 36 Actress
 - 39 Like some double-decker buses
 - 43 Yak's land
 - 44 Strong rapids, say
 - 46 Opposite of 31-Across
 - 47 Wallach of "Lord Jim"
 - 50 Daughter of Agamemnon
 - 51 Flawlessly
 - 53 Movie critic
 - 56 Sheltered, to sailors
 - 57 Suze of CNBC
 - 59 Posts such as "10 Signs You're a Puzzle Addict"
 - 61 — Moines
 - 62 A8 carmaker
 - 63 Ontario land
 - 66 Geared up
 - 67 Product label
 - 70 — Gras
 - 73 Light touch
 - 74 To be, to Zoia
 - 75 Rx safety
 - 78 Straightening
 - 80 Medicare
 - 82 Midding grades
 - 83 Actions of a trained horse
 - 84 Sell as a business
 - 87 Ties surgically
 - 89 2012 Best Director — Lee
 - 90 Old Delta alternative
 - 92 Sheeplike disposition
 - 94 Milo of film
 - 97 Alma mater of Samuel Alito
 - 98 Tip over
 - 99 Kicked out of
 - 102 Pale yellow
 - 104 "Nay" sayers
 - 105 Devotees
 - 109 City on the Illinois River
 - 113 Fast one
 - 114 "Put — on it!"
 - 115 Source of the long word made from the starts of eight Across answers in this puzzle
 - 118 Wyatt out West
 - 119 Soccer legend
 - 120 Pool slime
 - 121 Kate's TV roommate
 - 122 Energetic
 - 123 Cold War abbr.
 - 124 Bozo, e.g.
 - 125 River deposit
- DOWN**
- 1 Docket entry
 - 2 Grad
 - 3 Popeye prop
 - 4 Charge too much for
 - 5 Bilko's rank
 - 6 Pro with IRS returns
 - 7 — Lingus
 - 8 Fall tool
 - 9 Ex-Dodger Hershiser
 - 10 Gig billionth
 - 11 Hold hostage
 - 12 Dashing Flynn of film
 - 13 Retired female prof
 - 14 Clawed foot
 - 15 1990s vice president
 - 16 Fast whirling dance of Italy
 - 17 Striped-legged beast
 - 18 Jason's wife
 - 24 "— culpa!"
 - 29 Come at — (not be free)
 - 30 Daltop
 - 32 Lack of bravery
 - 33 Fuel economy org.
 - 35 Top spot
 - 36 Walk on
 - 37 Oscar winner Berry
 - 38 S curves
 - 40 Kett of comic strips
 - 41 Week-old baby, e.g.
 - 42 Singer's syllable
 - 45 Collection
 - 46 More quirky
 - 48 Bore false witness
 - 49 Tiny, to a tot
 - 52 Tesla Motors CEO Musk
 - 54 New staffer
 - 55 Tennis stat
 - 58 Carmen with fruit hats
 - 60 Puget Sound city, in an address
 - 62 Pink-slipping
 - 64 Gal in the family
 - 65 Home for the sick
 - 67 Threshold
 - 68 Joking Johnson
 - 69 Amtrak sight
 - 70 Baby's cry
 - 71 Comic King
 - 72 Beat-keeping
 - 75 One in utero
 - 76 John of tractor fame
 - 77 Beneficial thing
 - 79 Portioned
 - 81 Dye in blue jeans
 - 82 1942 horror classic
 - 85 John or John Quincy
 - 86 "U R funny!"
 - 88 Cut-covering cloth
 - 91 Pancake alternatives
 - 93 Take it on the — (fee)
 - 95 Ren's cartoon pal
 - 96 "For — a jolly good fellow"
 - 97 At a distance
 - 99 Fertile areas in deserts
 - 100 Open, as a pill bottle
 - 101 Amtrak sights
 - 103 NYSE event
 - 106 Apple on a desk, maybe
 - 107 Towering
 - 108 Accordingly
 - 110 Small stream
 - 111 Middle of
 - 112 Offshore
 - 114 Kwik-E-Mart storekeeper thing
 - 116 Swerve
 - 117 Put in writing

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

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- SNACKS
- STAIRCASE
- TIPPING
- WATCHFUL

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

Crossword Answers

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NISSAN RENEWS AND ELEVATES 'HEISMAN HOUSE' CAMPAIGN TO BOOST ITS 'YEAR OF THE TRUCK' AS IT LAUNCHES NEW TITAN



By Dale Buss

Nissan is entering the sixth year of its Heisman House marketing campaign in partnership with ESPN, and by now their joint effort to highlight ex-jocks and college football in the service of selling cars and sports broadcasts has created a very interesting and effective parallel universe to NCAA gridiron play itself.

The brand was able to trace nearly 3 percent of its sales in the United States last year directly to the Heisman House campaign. Six years ago, this new marketing platform began a second phase of Nissan's existing relationship with college football and the Heisman Foundation that awards the trophy each year to the best player in the game.

That means roughly 40,000 of Nissan Division's 1.35 million vehicle sales in 2015 occurred directly because of consumers' reactions to the fictional exploits of a coterie of real sports legends in their made-up "domicile."

"That's a lot of cars," Jeremy Tucker, vice president of marketing communications and media for Nissan North America, told me. "And we have 77 percent unaided recall of Nissan



Tim Tebow joins the cast of Nissan's Heisman House for football antics.

as the Heisman Trophy sponsor. You don't get that overnight."

This year, Nissan and ESPN are adding new layers to this cornucopia of football nostalgia and fan geekdom by bringing into the fictional fraternity Derriek Henry, the Alabama running back who won last year's Heisman Trophy and who now is a member of the Tennessee Titans in the pro game; former Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel; and another former Florida cornerback, much better known than Wuerffel: Tim Tebow.

Eight Nissan vehicles are being featured prominently throughout the campaign, including the Rogue, Titan and Armada, which are part of the brand's "Year of the Truck" focus. Nissan is in the midst of launching a new version of its full-size Titan pickup, for example, to better compete in a booming market segment.

"Football completely overindexes with the truck segment," Tucker said, "and the No. 1 job of Titan is to break through." Ads for the overhauled model "will be massively played" on broadcasts of college football and the NFL he said -- and Heisman House will be there as well to support the launch.

Overall, the campaign that launched on September 1 will star 14 Heisman Trophy winners in a series of TV spots airing on ESPN throughout the season. It includes four 45-second spots and five 15-second ads.

In typical fashion, this year's hijinks ensue in a 90-second video, titled "Welcome to the House," in which newbie Henry flies his drone through the mansion catching the other Heisman winners in unguarded moments.

And these "unguarded" moments include deep clues as to why the Heisman House platform has been so successful for Nissan: because it



Nissan hopes its all-new 2017 Titan challenges for a bigger share of pickup sales.

makes viewers believe they're part of a (wink! wink!) club of fellow college-football aficionados who understand the game and its practitioners on a whole "nother level above the average fan."

"We've found with college-football fans that it's about insider access, and cultural moments -- 'Did you see that?' or 'Did you know that?'" Tucker said. "It also reinforces the ESPN brand and the experience that people go to them for on game day when they watch ESPN."

"Easter eggs" embedded in the first ad illustrate how Nissan creates these sorts of priceless connections with fans. One of them shows former

Boston College and pro quarterback Doug Flutie dancing with his actual partner from Dancing with the Stars; another depicts former Ohio State and Titans running back Eddie George practicing a Shakespeare scene, because close followers might know that he actually has had a role in Chicago on Broadway.

Also part of the campaign are an online platform where fans can cast their votes for the next Heisman Trophy winner and a social-media effort, as well as other traditional advertising.

And a Nissan Heisman House Tour features a simulated Heisman House that will travel to various college

campuses around the U.S. leading up to the College Football Playoff National Championship in January. It intersects with ESPN's Game Day broadcasts, of course, which also are conducted live from campuses.

Former Heisman winners want to get in on the action every year because they understand its relevance to the game that provided their doorway to fame.

"Every year in the middle of the summer, they want in," Tucker said. "My phone rings off the hook. And that's the secret sauce. These guys have fun doing it... It's not advertising that can be skipped over. It's shareable and snackable and relevant to the fan."

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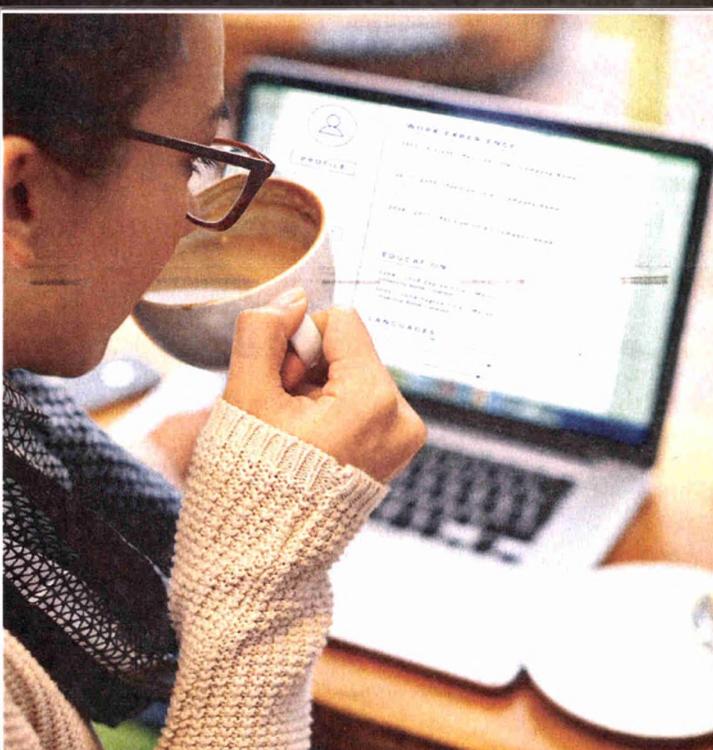
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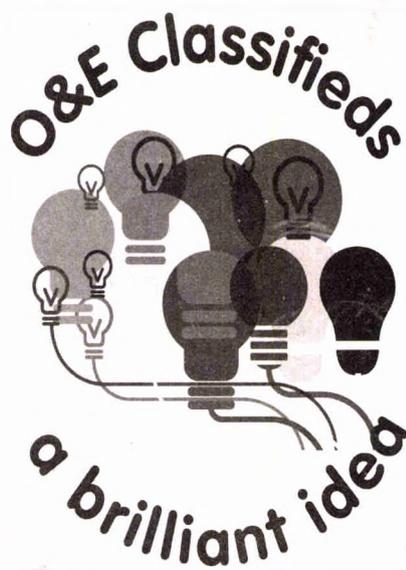
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