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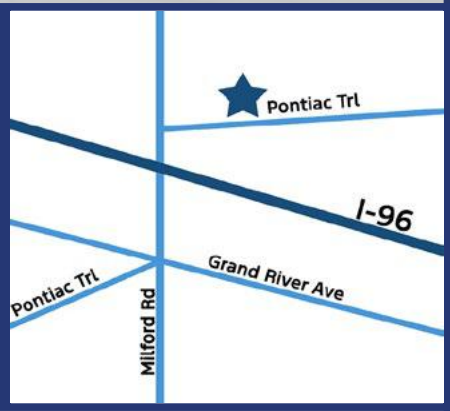
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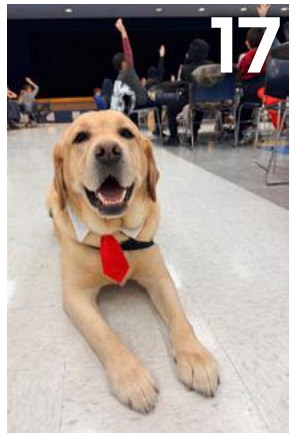
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From the
MAYOR

The Pontiac Trail Reconstruction Project – The End is Near!

WELL, the Pontiac Trail Reconstruction Project has moved into its final phase. Having completed two-thirds of the roadway from Reynold Sweet Parkway to Nine Mile Road, it has now shifted to the center of Downtown South Lyon.

Once again, aging and obsolete infrastructure is being removed and replaced in this area to address decades-old issues. Crews will move from one side of Pontiac Trail to the other as work is completed, just as it was in the previous areas. In addition to addressing Pontiac Trail south of the railroad crossing, some additional work will take place north of the railroad crossing to Lottie Street.



As part of this project, a dedicated right turn lane is planned for the west side of Pontiac Trail on Nine Mile Road. This project phase has been delayed slightly. However, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is coordinating with Consumer's Energy to install it. It is expected to be completed by the time the project finishes this month.

After the snow melts in the spring, the RCOC will return once again to address a few additional items. New cantilever traffic signal poles will be installed at the intersection of Pontiac Trail and 10 Mile Road. This design allows the signals to be suspended directly over the roadway and allows for the placement of traffic control signs on the extended arm to improve their visibility.

Upgraded traffic signals will be installed at the intersections of Pontiac Trail with McHattie Street and Reynold Sweet Parkway as well. These signals will include the reflective backplate, which improves visibility of the signal in both day or night conditions.

The City of South Lyon truly appreciates the patience everyone has shown during this project. It has been challenging at times, but it is close to being completed and the end result will be worth it.

Thanks again!

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NEWS AND EVENTS

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In addition, we have a total of five reservable study rooms, which you can request for two hours at a time. Lucky Day and New collections have been moved closer to the main stacks. Staff will be happy to help you navigate the new layout!

Our **Library of Things** collection continues to grow. Recent additions include a Cricut EasyPress SE, a Cricut EasyPress LT Mini and a Sky-Watcher Heritage 130 tabletop telescope. Upcoming additions include a green screen, laminator and shredder. If there's something you'd like us to add, please tell library staff your suggestion!



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Opportunities for teens

We're excited to announce a new volunteer program for students ages 14–18!

Looking to earn volunteer hours with a flexible schedule? Teen volunteers work alongside library staff on a variety of projects that support library services and programs throughout the school year.

Opportunities may include assisting with library events, preparing materials, creating displays, organizing supplies, and other behind-the-scenes projects.

There is **no minimum volunteer commitment,** and volunteer opportunities are posted regularly through SignUpGenius, so you can sign up as your schedule allows.

Opportunities are offered throughout the year as library needs arise and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants must be at least 14 years old and submit a valid Michigan work permit before beginning volunteer service. Interested teens should register on our website and a librarian will be in touch to get you started.

Looking for a more active leadership role at the library and an opportunity to help shape services for teens? Consider joining our Teen Advisory Board (TAB).

Check out our website: www.ssldl.info for fun, related events!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

For the full list of programs and for details, go to www.ssldl.info/events or scan the QR code.

NOVEMBER

- **Road Trip! No, really, it's not all online! Genealogy Travel with Jessica Trotter**
- **Digital Practice SAT**
- **D&D at the Library**
- **Michigan War Dog Memorial**
- **TNT Craft Night: Pony Bead Cuffs & Bracelets**
- **Winter Break Book Box Signup**

DECEMBER

- **Tom & Angela Sheppard Indie Folk Rock Performance**
- **Tuba Christmas**



- **Parent-Child Drawing Workshop**
- **Frostology (presented by the Michigan Science Center)**
- **Noon Year's Eve Party**

JANUARY

- **Digital Practice SAT**
- **Teen Exam Cram**

FEBRUARY

- **Battle of the Books**
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Settling Into the New Library Building

We have now spent five months in the new library building and we are overwhelmed (in the best way) by the amount of support we have received since opening day.

June was our first month being open, and we circulated over 21,000 materials and registered over 700 residents with new library cards. It was a busy, fun-filled opening month, and we continued to be busy all summer long.

Since opening, we have added over 1,000 items to our many collections. We now offer new services such as a drive-up book drop and pick-up window, study and meeting rooms, one-on-one tech support, and another self-checkout station.

In July, we circulated 22,818 items, an increase from June, and over 300 people signed up for new library cards! We hosted a plethora of events for all ages, including our Grand Opening Celebration on July 18, which was attended by over 900 people!

In August, we circulated 21,320 items and had over 200 new library card registrations. We invited the community to collaborate on our new outdoor mural, and there were over 100 enthusiastic painters!



As school started back up again in September, we noticed an uptick in study room usage. We circulated over 17,000 items, which is double the amount from September of 2025, and we continue to welcome many new cardholders, including 171 over the course of the month.

From 2025 to now, our circulation and library card registrations have tripled! We are even more committed and excited to continue providing an environment where lifelong habits of learning are encouraged, and where patrons can meet their educational, informational and recreational needs.

Donations

Memorial and honorary donations are a meaningful way for community members and library users to celebrate milestones and honor loved ones while at the same time supporting our new library. All donations go toward both exterior and interior amenities. There are naming opportunities available for the library building and its rooms.

Our new donor wall and plaques are up at the library! This wall is a lasting way to recognize everyone who has made a donation toward the new library. We are incredibly thankful to all donors, and through their generosity we have been able to provide more services and amenities.

Charitable donations such as theirs show the dedication of the Lyon Township Community to help create a welcoming, community-focused space for residents!

To discuss a donation, please contact Lyon Township Public Library Director Holly Teasdle at hteasdle@ltpl.org, or call LTPL at (248) 437-8800.

For more details, visit https://www.ltpl.org/about/new-library-capital-campaign.

Pick-Up Window



We are offering a new drive-up window service at the library!

Use our drive-up window to pick up your holds. To use this service, **call the library at (248) 437-8800 at least one hour ahead of your desired pick-up time.** We will need your name and/or library card number when you call.

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When you arrive, please ring the doorbell on the window to alert a staff member. Please note that items cannot be requested at the window itself – please be sure to request all items when you call!

Red Cross Blood Drive

LTPL is once again partnering with the American Red Cross to host blood drives throughout the fall. Donors of all blood types are needed!

Upcoming blood drives:

- **Tuesday, November 24, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, December 21, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, January 22, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

You may schedule an appointment online at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=LTPL, or call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A sneak peak of some of the many events coming up this fall and winter:

NOVEMBER

- **Teen Writer's Club,** Tuesday, November 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Author Talk: False Flag with Former FBI Special Agent Steven L. Conley,** Thursday, November 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Young Writer's Club,** Monday, November 16, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **The World of Hummingbirds,** Monday, November 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



- **Knitting and Mysteries,** Tuesday, November 17, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **4th & 5th Grade Book Club,** Tuesday, November 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Paws for Reading,** Wednesday, November 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **Thrive From Within: Your Holistic Wellness Journey,** Thursday, November 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Parent-Child Drawing Workshop,** Saturday, November 21, 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
- **Percy Jackson Trivia,** Tuesday, November 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Mahjong Meetup,** Wednesday, November 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Kindness Club,** Monday, November 30, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- **Lego Fun,** Wednesday, December 2, 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.
- **Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Concert,** Wednesday, December 2, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- **Build a Buggy Challenge,** Saturday, December 5, 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.



- **Teen Book Club,** Monday, December 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Teen Writers Club,** Tuesday, December 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Yoga at the Library,** Wednesday, December 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Star Wars Trivia, Saturday,** December 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- **Victorian Christmas Storybook with Lyon's Mane Stage,** Sunday, December 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Young Writer's Club,** Monday, December 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Knitting and Mysteries,** Tuesday, December 15, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



- **Paws for Reading,** Wednesday, December 16, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **Magic of the Holidays,** Thursday, December 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Kindness Club,** Monday, December 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Interactive Movie: Frozen,** Tuesday, December 19, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

JANUARY



- **Seed Starting Workshop: Perennials, Herbs and Alliums,** Monday, January 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Yoga at the Library,** Wednesday, January 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please visit our website at http://www.ltpl.org/events and our social media for even more upcoming events.

CLOSURES

The library will be closed on the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving
- Thursday, December 24 through Saturday, December 26 for Christmas
- Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1 for the New Year
- Monday, January 18 for MLK Day

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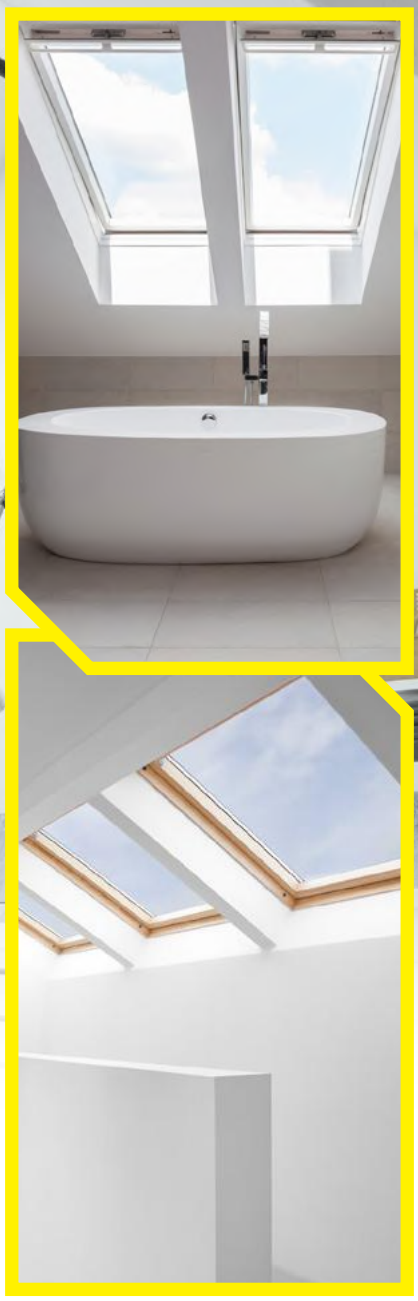


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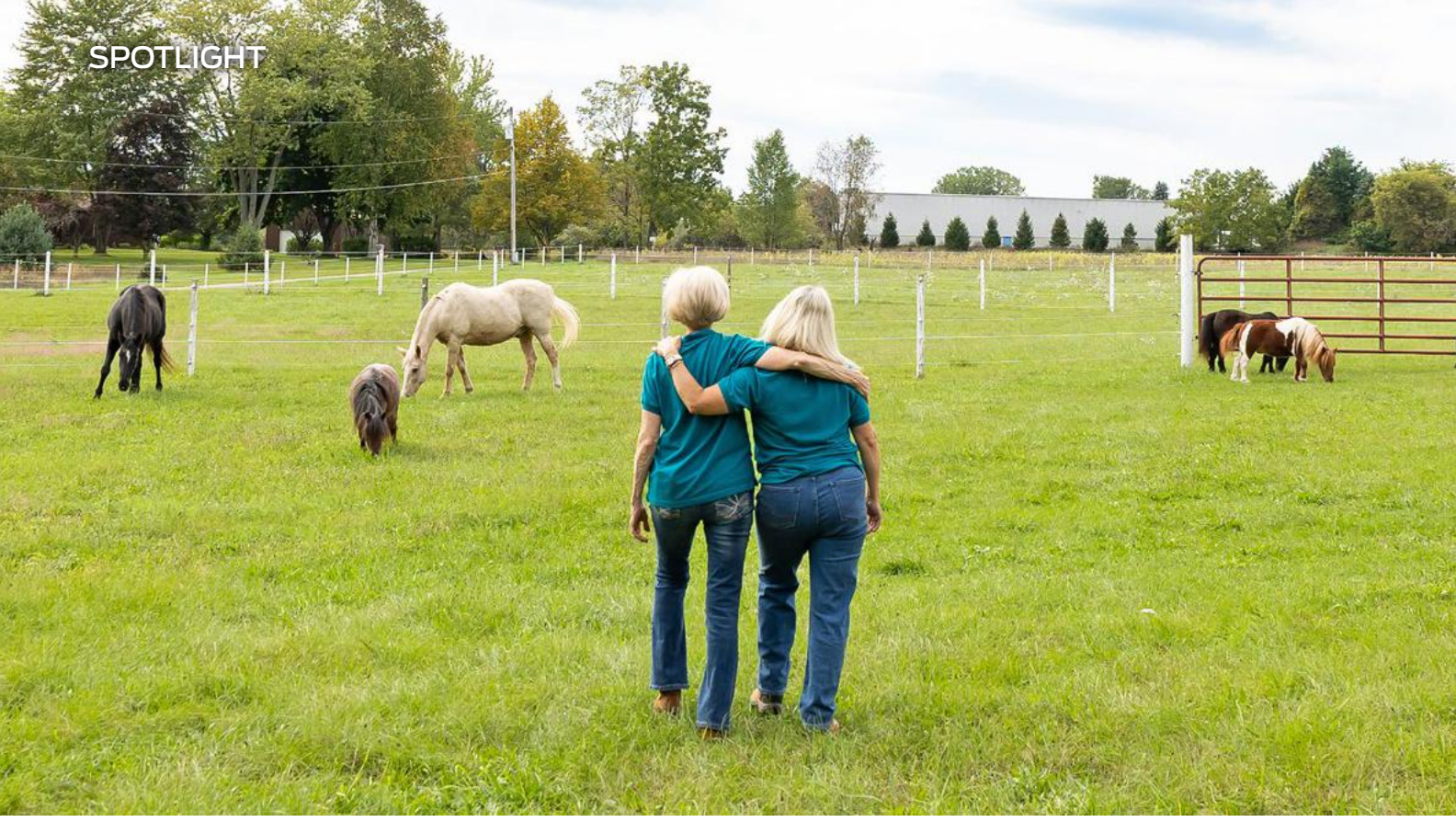
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Tiny Treasures Therapy Horses

Individual personalities serving a mighty mission

By Pamela MacIntyre

SOMETIMES the smallest visitors can make the biggest impression.

Tiny Treasures Therapy Horses brings specially trained miniature horses to senior living, memory care and rehabilitation communities throughout Southeast Michigan, creating opportunities for joy, learning and meaningful connection.

Based in South Lyon, Tiny Treasures was founded by Heather Bowman with a mission centered on older adults and people with disabilities. For many of the people they visit, going to a farm or spending time around horses may not be possible. Tiny Treasures brings that experience directly to them.

Bowman is joined in that mission by her mother, Carolyn Mirto, who plays an important role in Tiny Treasures, and works alongside her daughter to bring the horses and their program to the people they serve.



Now visiting approximately 30 facilities, Tiny Treasures has become a regular presence at many of them, often returning several times throughout the year. What began with one facility has grown largely through the response to the program and invitations to return.

The horses have a way of creating a bridge with people. Bowman sees it each time they visit a facility. People light up when they see them, and the horses naturally open the door to interaction, conversation and connection.

Bowman describes horses as "a conduit of hope and healing," creating connections with people in ways that sometimes need very few words.

A Tiny Treasures visit is also about more than spending time with a horse. Education is an important part of the program, particularly for facilities the horses visit throughout the year. Each visit can introduce something different, giving residents another experience to look forward to.

They may learn about the history of miniature horses, horse anatomy, herd behavior, how horses see and hear or the role horses have played throughout history. Bowman has even brought horse teeth to help explain how a horse's age can be determined. The educational component gives residents opportunities to ask questions, share what they know and learn something

new while interacting with the horses.

At the center of those visits are Fabio, Justice and Tilly, three miniature horses with very different personalities and strengths.

At 27, Fabio is the experienced gentleman of the group. Quiet, considerate, patient and nearly unflappable, he has a special ability to simply wait. If someone has limited use of their hands or needs extra time to reach out and touch him, Fabio stands patiently. Bowman calls that his "superpower." His calm temperament makes him especially well-suited for visits with people who are medically fragile.

Justice, nearly 5, brings a different energy. Bowman describes him as vibrant, confident, brave and animated. His personality shines during visits with older adults, where his enthusiasm makes him an engaging member of the Tiny Treasures team.

Tilly, 3½, is the youngest. Kind, quiet and affectionate, she enjoys being around both people and other horses. Bowman describes her simply as "a real lover." Still learning and gaining experience, Tilly brings another personality and set of strengths to the program.

Those differences are an important part of how Tiny Treasures operates. Rather than expecting every horse to do the same job, Bowman starts with each horse's individual strengths and builds from there. Facilities may have a favorite or request a particular horse, but Bowman considers the environment and chooses the horse best suited for that visit.

"They have individual personalities just like people," she said, "so we try to match the personality with the location."

Preparing a miniature horse for this work takes time and extensive training. The horses learn to be comfortable around wheelchairs and walkers, flags, traffic, unfamiliar noises and people approaching from different directions. Bowman takes them on neighborhood walks where everyday surroundings become part of their education.

Trips to Tractor Supply in New Hudson provide another real-world training ground. The horses practice walking through tighter spaces, meeting people and navigating a public environment while wearing the equipment they will use during visits. Bowman typically gives a horse several public outings before introducing it to a facility.

When the visit is over, the equipment comes off and they return home to the pasture and their everyday lives as horses.

But some of the most meaningful reminders of why the program exists come from the people the horses meet. One of them is Mary, a resident who shared words with Bowman that she has never forgotten.

"I used to think my life was over, that I was done living, but it's visits like this that make me realize I have a lot more yet to experience," Mary told her.

Bowman said Mary may never realize how much those words helped shape the future of Tiny Treasures. They captured what she hopes a visit can offer: another experience to look forward to, another opportunity to participate and another memory to carry with them.

Now Tiny Treasures hopes to make those experiences available to even more people. Bowman is raising money toward a charitable fund that could help provide visits to Medicaid supported facilities, hospice patients and others who may not have the resources to pay. She also hopes to expand opportunities to serve veterans.







Her children's book, "There's a Horse in the House", featuring Fabio, is another way of supporting the mission. The story also introduces children to older adults and people with disabilities, extending Tiny Treasures' message to a younger audience.

For Tiny Treasures, each visit is another opportunity for Fabio, Justice or Tilly to bring something special through the door. Sometimes it is laughter. Sometimes it is a memory or a conversation. And sometimes it is the reminder that, no matter someone's age or abilities, there are still new experiences waiting to be enjoyed.

Those wishing to help Tiny Treasures Therapy Horses continue bringing those experiences to others can donate through tinytreasurestherapyhorses.com. The Support page includes links to the organization's GoFundMe and Venmo.

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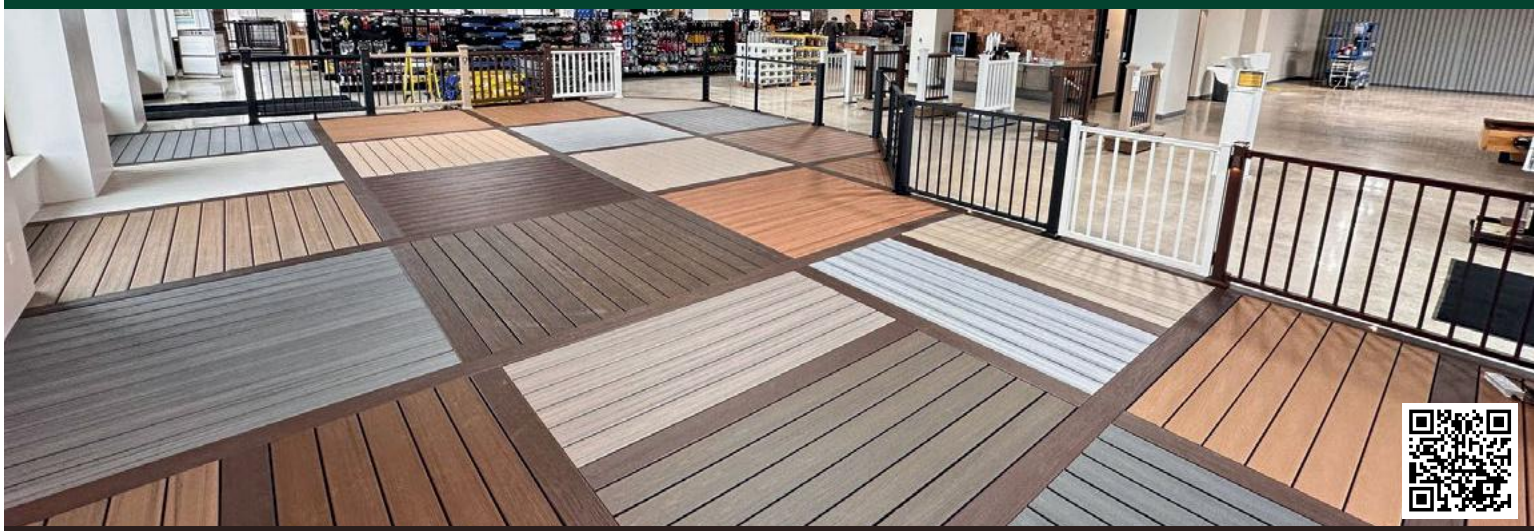
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A Cool New Addition to New Hudson

By Pamela MacIntyre

A new place to skate and enjoy downtown New Hudson could soon be taking shape in Lyon Township.

The Charter Township of Lyon is moving forward with plans for a seasonal outdoor ice rink along Grand River Avenue and the Huron Valley Trail. The project is designed to create a welcoming community destination for residents, families and visitors while continuing efforts to make downtown New Hudson more vibrant and walkable.

Township Supervisor John Dolan is spearheading the project and sees the rink as an exciting first step for a piece of property with much larger possibilities.

"This project is about bringing people together and continuing to build a downtown where residents want to gather, spend time and enjoy everything our community has to offer," Dolan said.

The township purchased the property after looking for a space close to downtown that could help create a more walkable community. Located near the New Hudson post office, the property runs alongside the Huron Valley Trail, a feature Dolan said played an important role in its potential.



Recent improvements in the area include a new public parking lot and HAWK pedestrian signal on Grand River Avenue, providing a safer connection to downtown and the Huron Valley Trail.

The proposed rink would be refrigerated, allowing residents to enjoy outdoor skating during the winter months when temperatures are approximately 50 degrees or below.

Dolan is also envisioning ways to make the rink feel like a winter destination. Plans include a fir tree near the front of the property decorated for Christmas and lighting around the rink that could allow for nighttime skating hours. He emphasized that these details are still in the planning stages.

Unlike a permanent rink, the seasonal structure would be removed during warmer months, allowing the property to serve other purposes throughout the year. Future possibilities include farmers markets, food truck events and other community activities. Dolan said the larger property offers plenty of possibilities, although many of those ideas remain conceptual as the township determines how the site will ultimately develop.

The township is optimistic that the ice rink could be up and running this winter, although the timeline is not yet guaranteed. Electrical requirements, site logistics and other remaining due diligence still need to be completed. If installation is not feasible this winter, the township would instead target the 2027 winter season.

For Dolan, however, the project represents more than a place to lace up a pair of skates.

"The vision is bigger than an ice rink," Dolan said. "We are creating a place that can bring people downtown in every season and help support local businesses, community events and continued investment in New Hudson."

With its downtown location, connection to the Huron Valley Trail and potential for year-round use, the property offers Lyon Township an opportunity to create a destination that can continue growing with the community.

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A Message From Superintendent Steve Archibald

The mission of South Lyon Community Schools is to provide an exceptional learning experience that empowers all students to thrive academically and personally while preparing them to become the best versions of themselves.

Several elements of the SLCS logo reflect this mission. The laurel wreath symbolizes honor and achievement, while the open book represents the pursuit of knowledge and the acquisition of wisdom.

We are proud to recognize a number of students who have embodied the values represented by these symbols through their accomplishments, dedication and commitment to learning.

Notably, four students from our two high schools were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, while five additional students were recognized as Commended Students. Semifinalists are among the highest-scoring PSAT/NMSQT test takers in their state, representing approximately the top 1 percent. Commended Students are recognized nationally for their strong performance, with scores placing them in roughly the top 3 to 4 percent of test takers.

South Lyon High School and South Lyon East High School recently held awards ceremonies recognizing a combined 1,011 students from the classes of 2027, 2028 and 2029 for their academic achievements during the previous school year. Students received one or more of the following awards:

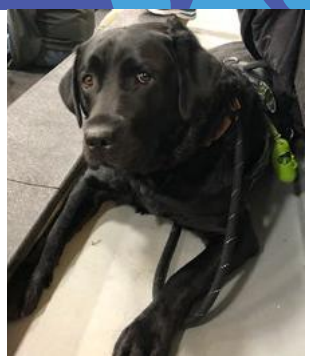
- Honor Roll – achieving a minimum GPA of 3.00 and no grade lower than a C for both semesters of the previous school year.
- Principal's List – achieving a minimum GPA of 3.50 and no grade lower than a B- for both semesters of the previous school year.
- Academic Letter – achieving a minimum GPA of 3.5 for both semesters of the previous year.

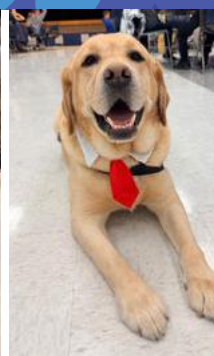
These achievements not only reflect the students' commitment to academic excellence but also highlight the encouragement and support of their teachers, families and peers who have helped them along the way. We wish them all the very best as they continue their academic pursuits and celebrate this important milestone.

Congratulations to all our students and keep striving to be your very best!

BEHIND THE PAWS:

South Lyon's SEL dogs and the people who make it possible

If you spend enough time around Hardy Elementary, you may eventually hear Hattie described in a way that seems to perfectly capture her place in the building: she is the school's "family dog."

The description comes from Ashley Bentz, and it suits Hattie nicely as her life at Hardy extends well beyond any formal definition of an SEL dog. She curls up beside students while they read, greets families at school events, is there when someone is having a difficult day and needs a little comfort, and she is equally capable of improving a perfectly good day with her mere presence in the room. Quite simply, she belongs at Hardy.

That sense of belonging may be the best way to understand what has quietly taken shape across South Lyon Community Schools in the social-emotional learning (SEL) dog program, where 12 SEL dogs have become familiar and cherished members of their school communities.

As noted by our invaluable program coordinator, Jenni Jones-Tims, "Each dog has a different personality, each school has developed its own relationship with its four-legged colleague, but all share a common purpose: creating opportunities for comfort, connection and joy!"

The pack began with Olive at South Lyon East High School and has steadily grown from there. Today, the dogs can be found greeting students in the morning, visiting classrooms, attending school events, spending time with small groups or individuals, and most significantly just being present when someone needs them, which every so often can change the course of an entire school day for a child in need of extra support.

It can be difficult to neatly capture the SEL dog program's full effect because so much of it happens in small snapshots, but those meaningful interactions are plentiful and paint a picture of enrichment within our school community.

Olive begins her day with a familiar group of students who seek her out each morning. Daisy at Bartlett Elementary becomes part of the fun during library activities. Hutch will happily join Dolsen Elementary students for a game of fetch at recess. Pearson Elementary's dog, Scout, creates connections through classroom visits and time with smaller groups of students. Hattie roams Hardy Elementary and spreads positive energy and comfort with every step. Each dog has a role, and all play it very well!

Nancy Fox remembers a kindergarten student at Brummer Elementary who struggled with separating from his parents and transitioning into school. On mornings when their pup, Baxter, was outside greeting students, something changed.

"He immediately came up to Baxter, gave him a pet and walked in with a smile," Fox recalled. "Baxter helped this student transition into school much smoother and happier."

There was no elaborate intervention needed; there was just Baxter on the spot ready to draw a smile from a little boy who was able to find the courage to walk through the school doors with a little extra nudge from a furry friend.

Similar scenes play out across the district in different ways every day in SLCS. At South Lyon High School, Oakley can provide comfort when a student is struggling, but his team sees just as much value in the ordinary moments: the smiles when he walks through a hallway, the hands reaching out to smooth her coat or the excitement generated by a classroom visit.

At Kent Lake Elementary, Luna seems to possess an uncanny sense for when someone could use a little emotional lift. During one school event, she approached a student who had become overwhelmed, sat at her feet, and remained there while the student petted her.

"Luna just knew that student needed some extra love at that moment," her team shared.

At Millennium Middle School, Meredith Scarlett calls








Louie "a walking ray of sunshine." She watches students light up when they see him, stop to say hello or spend a moment ruffling his fur, and she believes his presence adds "a layer of warmth and happiness to Millennium" while helping students pause, take a deep breath and keep moving through their day.

"Louie brightens all of our days," Scarlett shared. "Our school wouldn't be the same without him."

And then there is Garth at Centennial Middle School, working each day amid all the noisy hustle and pent-up energy of middle school, including the occasional emotional turbulence that naturally occurs among this age group.

His team sums up his contribution playfully, but accurately: "Garth brings calmness to the chaos of middle school."

Behind Every Dog is a Team

Of course, the dogs are the easy part of the program to notice, as a wagging tail tends to attract more attention than the infrastructure required to put that lovely pup into a school each morning. Behind every member of South Lyon's pack, however, is a crucial collection of people giving their time, attention and care to make the program work.

The dogs spend their school days alongside staff handlers who know their schools, understand their students and learn the personalities and needs of the dogs themselves. They help create the opportunities for connection that can look effortless from the outside.

When the school day ends, another group takes over. Every South Lyon SEL dog has a host family who opens its home and welcomes them into their fold. This is their downtime, their opportunity to break from formality and just be dogs – playing, napping, becoming integral parts of family routines. They are loved and cared for as any cherished family pet, and then they wake up on their weekday mornings and head to their jobs alongside all the rest of us working humans. In this way, our SEL dogs extend their love and experience beyond the school environment.



At Sayre Elementary, Molly Kissel has watched Finn's connection extend well beyond the walls of the school.

"Finn has become a local celebrity!" she said.

People recognize him when the family is walking through the neighborhood or around town. At home, however, celebrity status apparently carries little weight. He is simply Finn, and a beloved member of the family. Kissel just "can't believe we ever lived without him!"

Megan Hill of Salem Elementary has experienced a similar blending of Wylie's school and home lives. When her son started kindergarten at Salem, Hill noticed Wylie could identify him in a hallway almost immediately. His nose would begin working first, followed by the tail wags and excitement that confirmed he had found one of his people.

Hill sees the same recognition when Wylie encounters familiar friends from the Board Office.

"I love seeing the love everyone has for Wylie and all the love he gives back to everyone he meets," she said.

That affection, multiplied across 12 dogs and thousands of students, staff members and families, has developed a wonderful community of care, which in turn would not be

possible without the generosity of the SLCS community in general.

South Lyon Animal Clinic provides veterinary care. Pet Supplies Plus helps keep the pack fed. Animal Crackers assists with grooming, while Parkside Cleaners cares for the dogs' school vests. Green Acres Labradors provides training and continued support for the dogs and their teams. The South Lyon Educational Foundation has helped schools with significant initial fundraising and continued care, while individual donors throughout the community have also substantially contributed to the program's growth.

It is quite an operation behind the paws, and we are tremendously grateful to all for collaborating in this amazing endeavor!

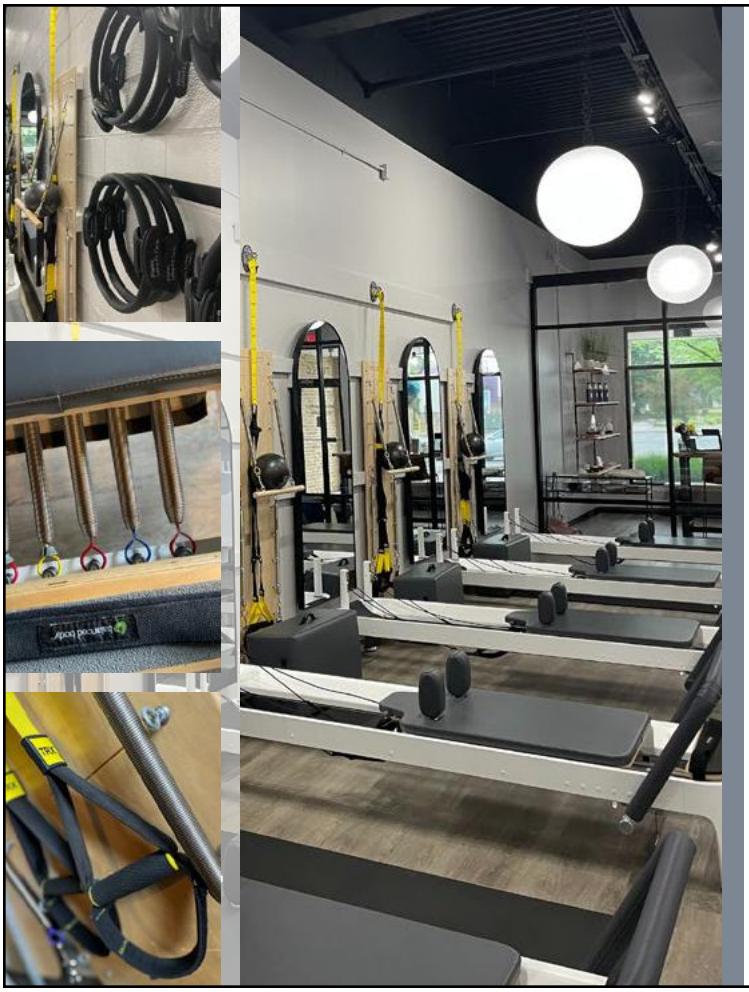
Small Pack, Huge Impact

Twelve dogs cannot solve every hardship in the lives of students, but that was never the idea. Rather, we find each day that they achieve their goals of making schools feel warmer and emotionally safer – offering comfort without pressing for explanation, creating connections between people and often providing a highlight for students and staff when someone is experiencing a tough day or going through a challenging time in their life.

It could be nothing more than a smile, difficult as it is for anyone to avoid smiling when a Labrador strolls into your workplace/classroom wearing a school vest and happily wagging its tail all for you.

Sometimes the small touches of peace and joy are enough, and successful school communities are built over time from every such moment. Here in South Lyon Community Schools, we are committed to growing, refining and highlighting our culture of safety and belonging for all, and we are thankful for the integral role our SEL dog program is playing along the way!





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Alumni Spotlight

SAVANA JUNKER **Class of 2022,** SLEHS



What have you been up to since you graduated from SLCS?

After graduating from South Lyon East, I continued my education at Washtenaw Community College, where I earned my associate degree in pre-law/paralegal studies. After completing my associate degree, I decided that I wanted to continue my education even further. I went on to attend Madonna University, where I earned my bachelor's degree in law.

In addition to earning my degrees and building my career in the legal field, I am also proud to be a licensed notary public in the state of Michigan. Becoming a notary was another accomplishment that allowed me to expand my knowledge and experience within the legal field.

How did your experience in SLCS prepare you for life after graduation?

Looking back, I believe my experience with South Lyon Community Schools helped prepare me for life after graduation in more ways than I realized at the time. High school taught me the importance of being responsible, meeting deadlines, communicating with others, and being accountable for my work. Those skills became especially important once I started college and entered the workforce.

South Lyon also helped me become more independent and confident in myself. Going from high school to college and then into a professional career required me to learn how to advocate for myself, manage my time, stay organized, and balance multiple responsibilities. The relationships I built and the experiences I had throughout school helped shape who I am today and gave me a strong foundation to continue building on after graduation.

What advice would you give students who are graduating in 2027?

I would tell them not to feel like they have to have their entire life figured out right away. It is completely okay for your plans to change, and it is okay if your path looks different from everyone else's.

I would encourage students to take advantage of opportunities, work hard, ask questions, and not be afraid to step outside of their comfort zone. Do not be afraid to try something new just because you are unsure of where it might lead. Some of the experiences that have had the biggest impact on my career were opportunities that I decided to take a chance on.

Most importantly, I would tell students to find something that they genuinely enjoy and that gives them a reason to be excited about their future. You do not have to know exactly where you will end up. Take things one step at a time, stay open to new opportunities and do not compare your journey to someone else's. Everyone's path is different, and sometimes the path you never expected ends up being the one that is right for you.

I am grateful for the education, experiences, teachers, and people who have helped me along the way. South Lyon East will always be an important part of my story, and I am proud to be a South Lyon East alumna. I am excited to continue growing in my career, continue learning, help as many people as I can, and see where the next chapter takes me.

COOPER WAGNER **Class of 2014,** SLEHS



What have you been up to since you graduated from SLCS?

After leaving South Lyon, I went down the road to Ann Arbor, where I graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in physics. I was able to continue studying at the University of Massachusetts, where I specialized in High Energy Experimental Physics and earned my PhD with a study on exotic decays of the Higgs boson.

For three years I worked at the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, Switzerland, the largest proton-proton particle accelerator in the world, and I now work as a researcher at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in California. My work is focused on building new silicon detectors, a key component for high energy, high radiation particle colliders used for fundamental physics research.

How did your experience in SLCS prepare you for life after graduation?

I attended South Lyon schools all the way from kindergarten to 12th grade, and I want to thank my teachers at Kent Lake, Bartlett, Millennium, and East for preparing me for college and my career. In their lessons and classes, I learned to love learning and the pursuit of knowledge, and as a scientist I've been able to make that my career!

What advice would you give students who are graduating in 2027?

Never turn down an opportunity to grow or learn! Take the class, apply for the job, go on the trip, ask the question – you never know where taking a chance on yourself can take you, even if the road isn't always smooth.



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS

SLCS Employee Spotlight

Celebrating the people who make South Lyon Community Schools shine.
The SLCS employee spotlight is a chance to celebrate the amazing people who make a difference across our district every day. Each spotlight begins with a nomination from a fellow SCLS employee.



MARY SMOTHERS

Building: Salem Elementary
Position: Third-grade teacher
Time with SLCS: 25 years
What I love about SLCS: I love the small, close-knit community of Salem Elementary. Over the past 25 years, I've had the privilege of growing alongside so many amazing teachers, students and families.
Fun fact about me: Mr. Archibald, the South Lyon Superintendent, was my math teacher at Churchill High School in Livonia.



DAWN SPRINKLES

Building: Pearson Elementary
Position: Principal's secretary
Time with SLCS: 29 years
What I love about SLCS: I love being part of a school community where I can make a difference and watch students grow. I'm grateful for the lifelong friendships I've made over the past 29 years, and for the opportunity to support our students, families and staff.
Fun fact about me: I love spending time with my family and friends – especially my grandsons. I enjoy gardening and camping in the summer.



DEDE SCHROEDER

Building: Griswold Operation Center
Position: Dispatcher
Time with SLCS: 22 years
What I love about SLCS: I enjoy working with the bus drivers and with the community to make sure everyone is getting to and from their school in a safe and timely manner.
Fun fact about me: I enjoy spending time with my family and friends on the Pinckney Chain of Lakes.



CARMEN BOWMAN

Building: Bartlett/ECC/Administration
Position: Building engineer
Time with SLCS: 25 years
What I love about SLCS: What I love the most is the kids! I love being part of the team and knowing I can help. I truly believe teamwork makes the dream work.
Fun fact about me: I love exploring nature, hiking and treasure hunting with my metal detector.

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When Memory Changes, Connection Matters

Why independence, connection and personalized support matter when memory begins to change

MEMORY changes rarely arrive all at once. They often begin with small moments: a missed appointment, a familiar recipe that suddenly feels confusing, a question asked twice in the same conversation.

For families, these moments raise important questions. Is this a normal part of aging? Does my loved one need more help? And how can we offer that help without taking away the independence they still enjoy?

Recognizing the Early Signs

Everyone forgets things now and then. Misplacing your glasses or forgetting a name, then remembering it later, can be a normal part of aging. More concerning changes tend to show up as patterns: forgetting recent conversations, missing medications, losing track of bills, or pulling back from favorite activities. Often, a spouse or adult child has quietly begun filling in the gaps.

These changes don't necessarily mean someone needs memory care. Many older adults experiencing them remain active, social and largely self-sufficient.

Why Connection and Routine Matter

Research has linked social engagement, physical activity and mental stimulation with better cognitive health and emotional well-being. Familiar routines can provide comfort and predictability, allowing more time and attention for the people and activities a person enjoys.

Personal choice matters just as much. Deciding how to spend an afternoon or whom to share a meal with reinforces dignity and a sense of purpose.





A Different Approach

KINWELL SENIOR LIVING
By Provision Living

Kinwell at South Lyon Senior Living recently introduced Connected Living, a small-house neighborhood for older adults experiencing early memory changes who still manage much of daily life on their own.

With 14 residences, the neighborhood includes a living room, an open kitchen and an engagement area. A dedicated, specially trained team offers gentle reminders, cognitive wellness programming and one-on-one encouragement. In such a small setting, team members truly get to know each resident.

As part of Kinwell's continuum of care, Connected Living complements assisted living and memory care, each designed to meet different needs while fostering meaningful relationships and quality of life. Having all three options within one community allows families to explore support as needs change.

"Early memory changes don't define a person or diminish their desire for independence, relationships and meaningful experiences," said Jeana Klenc, regional director of operations and sales. "It's about understanding what someone can still do and providing the right support to help them keep doing it."

Finding the Right Next Step

Every person's experience is different, and a conversation with a healthcare professional is a good place to start. Before the appointment, jot down a few examples of what you've noticed and when they began. Those details give the doctor a clearer picture.

Understanding the options available is also important. Kinwell's experienced team is here to listen, answer questions and offer guidance, whether your family is just beginning to consider additional support or ready to schedule a visit.

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FIRE SAFETY:
Space Heater Safety and Fireplace Maintenance

By Reginald Madeline, Lyon Township Fire Chief

As cooler temperatures arrive, many families begin using space heaters, fireplaces and other supplemental heating sources to keep their homes warm. While these appliances can provide much-needed comfort, they can also create serious fire hazards if used or maintained improperly.

The Lyon Township Fire Department encourages residents to take a few simple precautions before turning on their supplemental heating equipment this season.



Space Heater Safety

Space heaters are a leading cause of home heating fires. Because they produce a significant amount of heat in a small area, they can quickly ignite furniture, bedding, curtains, clothing, and other combustible materials.

When using a space heater:

- **Keep it at least three feet away** from anything that can burn, including furniture, curtains, bedding, clothing, and decorations.
- **Place the heater on a solid, level, nonflammable surface.** Never place a space heater on furniture, countertops, beds, or other elevated surfaces where it can be knocked over.
- **Plug the heater directly into a wall outlet.** Avoid using extension cords or power strips, which can overheat and create a fire hazard.
- **Inspect the cord and plug before use.** Do not use a heater with a damaged, frayed or cracked cord.
- **Never cover a space heater** or use it to dry clothing, blankets or other materials.
- **Keep children and pets away** from the heater to prevent burns and accidental tip-overs.
- **Turn the heater off and unplug it when you leave the room or go** to bed.
- Whenever possible, choose a heater with **automatic shut-off protection** that turns the unit off if it tips over or overheats.

Remember: Treat a space heater as an open source of heat, not an appliance you can leave unattended.

Fireplace Safety and Maintenance

A fireplace can provide warmth and atmosphere during the colder months, but fireplaces and chimneys require regular maintenance to operate safely.

Before using your fireplace:

- **Have your chimney inspected and cleaned regularly.** Creosote and other deposits can accumulate inside the chimney and create a serious chimney-fire hazard.
- **Have wood-burning fireplaces and chimneys inspected annually** by a qualified professional, particularly if the fireplace is used regularly.
- **Make sure the damper is fully open** before starting a fire and keep it open until the fire and ashes are completely extinguished.



- **Use a sturdy fireplace screen** to prevent sparks and embers from escaping into the room.
- **Keep combustible materials at least three feet away** from the fireplace. This includes furniture, curtains, decorations, firewood, newspapers, and Christmas trees.
- **Burn only properly seasoned firewood.** Never burn trash, cardboard, plastics, treated lumber, or other materials not intended for use in the fireplace.
- **Never leave a fire unattended.** Make sure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving the home or going to bed.
- **Allow ashes to cool completely** before disposal. Place ashes in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid and store the container outside, away from the home and other combustible materials.

Don't Forget Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms



Heating safety also means making sure your home's warning systems are working properly.

Test your **smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms** regularly and replace batteries as recommended by the manufacturer. Smoke alarms should be located inside each bedroom, outside sleeping areas and on every level of the home.

Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed outside sleeping areas and on every level of the home. If an alarm sounds, **get outside to fresh air and call 911.** Never ignore a carbon monoxide alarm or assume it is a false alarm.

Stay Warm and Stay Safe

Taking a few minutes to inspect your heating equipment, maintain your fireplace and chimney, and make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working can significantly reduce the risk of a heating-related emergency.

Remember: Preventing a fire is always better than responding to one.



Det. Mark Boody and Officer Angela Bay.

Providing the Best Response

South Lyon Police Department launches programs to better serve individuals with autism

By Kelsi Klein

THE South Lyon Police Department (SLPD) is taking steps to improve interactions with individuals with autism and other vulnerable community members through two new initiatives: emergency contact forms and sensory bags.

Both programs are designed to help officers better understand individual needs and respond more effectively during emergencies.

According to Detective Mark Boody, the department is launching an emergency contact form that will be deployed out to the community specifically for those with autism and elders.

The form will allow families to provide the department with important information about their loved ones, including where they live and attend school, their diagnoses, medications and behavioral characteristics.

One key safety concern among the autism community is elopement, also known as bolting or wandering, when an individual leaves a safe, supervised environment without notice or permission.

"Water is one of our biggest concerns because drowning is the leading cause of death for an individual with autism who wanders," Boody explained.

In addition to water, another concern is the possibility of the individual wandering into high traffic areas or getting lost in a place they are unfamiliar with.

Having information like the individual's interests available in advance could help officers narrow their search if someone goes missing by knowing where they are most likely to wander to.

The emergency contact forms will also be utilized for elders with dementia, who share the same characteristic of dangerous wandering, said Boody.

"If somebody with dementia wanders from their safe place, their home, assisted living, wherever that may be, we'll have a little more background on that individual," he said.

Boody and Officer Angela Bay are also spearheading the department's sensory bag project, which will equip patrol cars with bags filled with items that officers can use when assisting individuals or responding to calls where those with autism are present.

Emergency calls often involve overwhelming sights, sounds and activity that can be distressing for individuals with autism.

Whether responding to a traffic crash or a family incident, Boody explained that these bags come with items for officers to utilize that are designed to reduce an individual's anxiety.

The bags include ear protection to cancel out overstimulating noise; fidget items that can be used to stem or self-regulate; sunglasses to reduce bright lights; a communication board especially for non-verbal individuals and more.

"The communication board has a lot of keywords on it that the individual can recognize and people with autism who have been in any therapy setting are usually taught how to use them to implicate their needs or wants," said Bay, noting that the department is hoping to upgrade to more advanced communication options in the future.

Both of the SLPD's newest initiatives build on the department's efforts to train officers to recognize characteristics of autism and respond appropriately.

Boody explained that some behaviors associated with autism can be mistaken for signs of intoxication or drug use, making awareness and understanding especially important for officers when they arrive on the scene.

"We don't want anyone to feel secluded, and our officers have been trained so we can give the best response to our community," he said.

Boody encourages individuals with autism and their families to stop by the department at 219 Whipple Street in South Lyon to tour the station and get to know the officers.

Please contact Officer Bay or Detective Boody at (248) 437-1773 to schedule a tour.

The Lyon Area Rotary Club Creates Lasting Impact

By Ann Bizer

ROTARY International is a global service organization empowering people in communities around the world to create lasting impact. The Lyon Area Rotarians are creating lasting impact right here in our community.

This summer, Lyon Area Rotary Club (LARC) banded together with other clubs in their Rotary District to coordinate efforts for a district-wide food collection drive. District 6380 Governor Lee Halsted encouraged each club to locate a "small local food pantry" to donate the food they collected. More than 27 clubs participated, and 18 different pantries benefited from this drive. For LARC that delivery location choice was simple: Active Faith Community Services.

"Food security is an important priority for the Lyon Area Rotary Club," said Kristina Downs, club secretary. "This district event was a wonderful opportunity to highlight our longstanding partnership with Active Faith, our local food bank, and continue our active support for the community."



LARC delivered 445 pounds of non-perishable foods to Active Faith and the people it serves. After receiving the donation, Active Faith posted, "We are so appreciative of your support. It means so much to our community. The Lyon Area Rotary Club is an amazing group of people and we are so grateful for all you do for us."

At the conclusion of the food drive, the local Rotary clubs gathered with the Rotary International (RI) Director Marty Helman, during her national and international "Impact Tour." Her visit included a dinner with Rotary District 6380 members where she spoke about "creating lasting impact" and Rotary's vision for the future.

"The impact dinner gave me an expanded perspective of Rotary International and our forward movement," said club member Sheryl Archibald. "I was inspired to hear from fellow Rotarians about their individual clubs' food drive missions. Together we are creating a lasting impact and legacy in our own backyards and in the process, helping our neighbors in need."

Club President Mary Knauer highlighted the active nature of this local club.

"We are very involved," she said. "Lyon Area Rotary, though we are one of the smallest clubs in District 6380, had the most representatives of any club at this dinner honoring RI Director Marty Helman."

Speaking about the hands-on effort during food collection, Knauer made a call out to Independence Village for the facility's continued partnership.

"They let us put boxes out to allow residents to contribute canned goods to our food drive," she said. "The residents are happy to support our club's local service projects."

"There is no doubt about it," added Lois Halsted, District 6380 executive secretary. "We all 'created lasting impact' that RI Director Mary Helman will not forget!"

Nor will the people in need who received the benefit of this combined food drive.

By bringing the power of individual local clubs together, Rotarians collaborate to put into action service as a lifelong priority. This international network of service-minded people is a powerful and united force for good in the world.

To learn more about the LARC, join them at one of their lunch meetings, which happen on Tuesdays at noon. Same location, new name: Independence Village of New Hudson (formally Abbey Park at Mill River).

Check out the Lyon Area Rotary Facebook page and its website: lyonarearotary.org.

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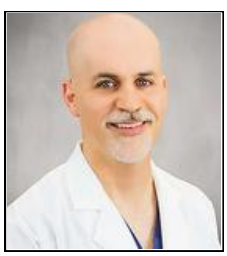
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  Registration Deadline: December 11
  New Player Jersey Fee: $12.25

Registration after this date may be taken based on availability and a $10 late fee will be applied, additionally a team jersey is not guaranteed.



Registration Link
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OFFICE HOURS

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Winter Recreation Guide will be on the SLARA website Nov. 30, Registration opens on Dec. 7 at 8am.

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER



CANDY CANE HUNT

Bring your little ones out to McHattie Park to grab as many candy canes as you can find! Find a multi - colored candy cane to win a prize. We will break the children up into age groups. Bring your own bag to fill.
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Saturday, December 5
10am
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McHattie Park



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South Lyon Fine Arts Society Highlights Local Talent and Expands Creative Opportunities

THE South Lyon Fine Arts Society (SLFAS), a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, educating and celebrating visual arts in South Lyon and surrounding communities, continues to grow its presence through exhibitions, classes and community engagement.

The Society recently hosted its annual Midsummer Montage Art Show at the Salem South Lyon District Library, featuring more than 50 pieces of member artwork. The week-long exhibit welcomed visitors to enjoy the work and vote for the People's Choice Award, culminating in a reception where this year's winners were announced.

2026 Art Show Award Recipients

- First Place People's Choice: Barbara Gerych – oil painting, "Foggy Morning at the Beach"
- Honorable Mention People's Choice/Second Place: Heather Hockin – acrylic painting, "Inspiration"
- Visionary Artist Award decided by the board: Tammy Phelps-Impullitti

These awards reflect the diverse talent within SLFAS and the dedication of artists who continue to enrich the cultural landscape of South Lyon.

Monthly Meetings and Upcoming Classes

SLFAS meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30–7:45 p.m., September through May, in the main meeting room at the Salem South Lyon District Library. Meetings often include an art class, hands-on project or group discussion. Anyone interested in attending or becoming a member is encouraged to email southlyonfineartssociety@gmail.com, call (248) 667-8540, or visit the society on Facebook.

Membership is $35 per year for anyone 18 or older, and all meetings are open to the public – visitors are welcome to observe before joining. The Society also welcomes volunteers, and you do not need to be an artist to help.

The upcoming meeting schedule includes:

- November – Artistic Holiday Cards: A seasonal workshop focused on creating handmade cards using various artistic techniques.
- December – Holiday Meeting: Bring any art of your choice to work on while we celebrate the holidays with treats and a White Elephant gift exchange.

These classes offer opportunities for artists of all skill levels to learn new methods, experiment with materials and enjoy creative time with others.

Creative Community Meet Ups

On weeks without formal member meetings, SLFAS member Heather Hockin coordinates a relaxed "spin off" creative hangout for anyone 18 and up. Artists, writers and makers gather Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Java House in South Lyon to sketch, paint, write, brainstorm, or simply enjoy the company of fellow creatives. The group welcomes anyone looking for a supportive, informal space to create.



There are many opportunities to volunteer, make art and get involved with the South Lyon Fine Arts Society. To learn more or view the upcoming meeting schedule, visit southlyonfineartssociety.wordpress.com.

Special Community Thank You:

Thank you to everyone who came and visited our booth at Pumpkinfest and participated in finding our decorative monster rocks around town. It was truly a joy!

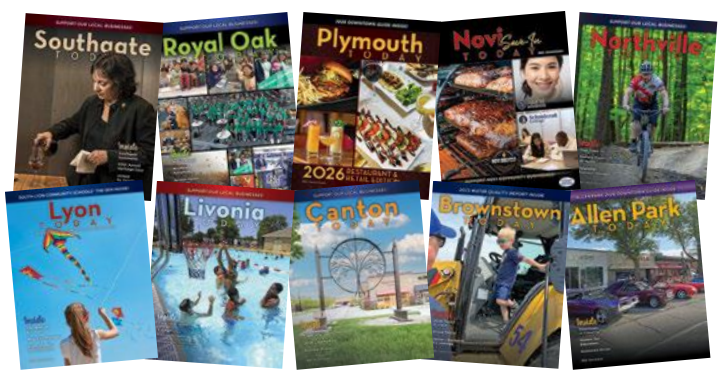
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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Fall Bucket List

By Kelsi Klein

THERE'S no need to travel far to make the most of fall in Southeast Michigan. Sometimes the season goes by so fast before you realize you didn't even do any fall activities. Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of fall right here in Metro Detroit with this bucket list:

- **Visit a cider mill**
  There are many cider mills to choose from in the area. Watch the production process, try some freshly pressed apple cider and, of course, enjoy a fresh apple cider donut while it's hot.

- **Pick your own apples or pumpkins**
  Support local growers this year and visit an apple orchard or pumpkin patch to pick your own produce.

- **Visit a corn maze or hayride**
  Challenge friends or family to a corn maze and enjoy a fall hayride. Many farms also offer outdoor activities like petting zoos, giant slides and other family-friendly attractions.

- **Take your own fall color tour**
  Visit a local park and walk, hike or bike ride through the trails to enjoy nature as the leaves change colors. If you prefer to stay out of the elements, take a scenic drive along Hines Drive, through the local metroparks or down tree-lined country roads and enjoy the view.

- **Visit a farmers market**
  Stock up on late-season vegetables like spinach, kale, broccoli and root vegetables from local growers along with fall staples like apple butter, honey and baked goods.

- **Attend a fall festival**
  Many Metro Detroit cities host fall festivals featuring craft vendors, live entertainment, food trucks and family-friendly activities to take advantage of before it gets too cold.

- **Go to a football game or host a watch party**
  Take in the spirit of fall and cheer on a local football team, whether it's under Friday night lights, tailgating at a college game or cheering on the Lions at home.

- **Visit a local craft or vendor show**
  Browse the booths at a craft show for handmade candles, home décor, artwork, soaps and more for yourself or to get a head start on holiday shopping.

- **Bake your own fall treats**
  With local apples or pumpkins, bake your own pies, breads or muffins to enjoy with hot apple cider or coffee.

- **Decorate your porch for fall**
  This small gesture is often overlooked but welcomes the season. Decorate your porch or front door with fall-themed wreaths, colorful mums, corn stalks and decorative gourds.

- **Enjoy a seasonal beverage**
  Whether a pumpkin spice latte or seasonal craft beer, try a fall-themed drink you haven't had before.

- **Make homemade soup**
  Fall is the perfect time for soup. Use vegetables from a local farmers market and warm up with homemade soup.

- **Watch for migrating birds**
  Visit a park, nature center or even sit in your own backyard and watch for birds as they migrate south.

- **Volunteer**
  Find a local organization to volunteer at this fall, help clean a public park, rake a neighbor's leaves or do something small to make a difference during the Thanksgiving season.

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November – December

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- New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Avenue, provides free community meals on the third Thursday of every month, from 5:30-7 p.m. Upcoming dates are November 19 and December 17. Menu is TBD, takeout is available. Visit www.newhudsonumc.org for more information on their activities, services and events.



NOVEMBER

November 21
Giving on the Grand
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Inspiration Park/New Hudson United Methodist Church
56730 Grand River Avenue
Join the community in giving back this fall, starting with a donation-based pancake breakfast, and help set up the free holiday lighted pathway for families to enjoy. For more information, visit www.funonthegrand.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Event details may have changed. Please check event website or social pages for the most up-to-date information.



DECEMBER

December 1-31
Holiday Lighted Pathway
Dusk-10 p.m.
Inspiration Park
56730 Grand River Avenue
Walk through the path lit up with holiday displays and enjoy the sights of the season. For more information, visit www.funonthegrand.com.

December 4
South Lyon Night Out
5-9 p.m.
Downtown South Lyon
Contribute non-perishable food or funds for Active Faith Community Services, and receive a swag bag. Visit the City's website or social page for more information.



December 5
Candy Cane Hunt
10 a.m.
McHattie Park, South Lyon
Children 12 and under are invited to come collect as many candy canes as they can. The free event will be broken up into age groups. Cookies, hot chocolate and visits with Santa are included. Bring your own bag. For more information, visit www.slrec.net.

December 5
Holiday Spectacular Parade
6 p.m.
Route TBD
Stay tuned for more details on this holiday favorite event, which is changing slightly due to the construction. Santa will be welcomed as usual at the Historic Village.

December 6
Free Christmas Concert, "Common Grace"
2 p.m.
New Hudson United Methodist Church
56730 Grand River Avenue
Come discover grace, love and hope in the good news shared by this music outreach ministry.

December 11
Milk and Cookies with Santa
6-7:30 p.m.
Millennium Middle School Cafeteria
61526 Nine Mile Road
All ages are welcome to enjoy a night of holiday cheer with games, cookie decorating, photo opportunities, holiday music and visits with Santa. $20/resident, $26/non-resident. To register, visit www.slrec.net.

December 12
Holiday Market
12-4 p.m.
Dolsen Elementary School
56755 Rice Street, New Hudson
Come out and enjoy local vendors, arts and crafts, food and treats, and handmade goods! Free entry. Sponsored by Keepin' It Real Boutique.

December 12
Lighting up the Grand
3-6:30 p.m.
Downtown New Hudson
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