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Wayne council tables millage proposal

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne voters will likely not be asked to consider a 5-mill property tax increase in November to fund a 345 plan for police and fire retirement costs.

Instead of moving the two proposed city charter amendments forward in the process of placing the language on the ballot, the council voted Tuesday to table the matter after it became clear the support for the idea wasn't unanimous.

A similar proposal for more mills and a longer levy failed in November 2013 and also had divided support among the elected officials. One of the concerns was council's failure to utilize citizen committees organized after visioning sessions earlier this year and the potential negative impact on a 1-mill police and fire renewal being sought on the same ball.

Councilman John Rhaesa said he was concerned about the climate in which the city was seeking a millage increase.

"I want to be a team player but I'm struggling with this. Back in February, we asked residents and businesses to help identify ways to get us back on track," said Rhaesa, referring to visioning sessions.

"We also set up committees, a millage committee that was intended to provide a voice and opinions."

Lesson learned?

By voting to seek the 345 millage, Rhaesa said the council would be ignoring the re-

quest made to residents for their help in identifying solutions. The visioning sessions were part of efforts to address the city's ongoing budget deficit.

"We keep ignoring the financial constraints. Didn't we learn our lesson the last time by not including people," he said.

Mayor Al Haidous, councilmen Albert Damitio and Skip Monit focused on the severe revenue loss suffered by the city in recent years due to the drop in property tax revenues.

The question of the citizen committees had been mentioned before, Haidous said. "If the council decided to put the question on the ballot, then the committee comes in to decide how to help us promote it," he added.

For Councilman James Hawley, the 1-mill police and fire millage renewal was a concern. "If this (345) millage brings down the other millage, we will be in big trouble," Hawley said.

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Street parking along Michigan Avenue in Wayne looked a little different on Saturday morning. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CRUISES DRAW CLASSIC CARS AND FANS

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Predicted rainy weather largely held off Saturday as car enthusiasts cruised through separate events in Westland and Wayne.

Along Wayne Road was the All-American Cruise using Westland's city slogan.

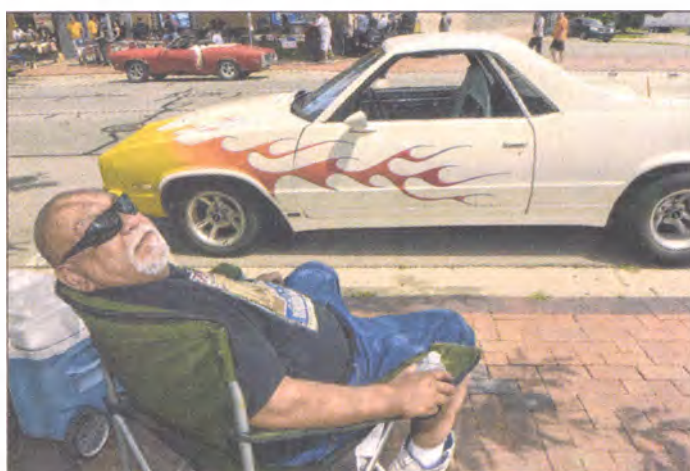
"The All-American Cruise for the All-American City," organizer Don Nicholson said. "It was a very good event. It rained a little but that was later in the day."

With a cruising route that extended from Joy to Glenwood on Wayne Road, Nicholson said it's hard to estimate how many classic cars and hot rods participated.

"It's a cruise, not a car show. The cars aren't supposed to sit all in one spot — they are meant to move around," Nicholson said.

About 9,500 commemorative plaques were handed out Saturday but Nicholson said they were given to people with

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Gil Quesada of Canton brought his 1985 El Camino to the cruise. He has owned it for two years and, like most cruise vehicles, is considered a work in progress.

H2O Zone fees trigger complaints

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The reopening of Westland's H2O Zone spray park and notice of admission charges starting Aug. 1 has been greeted with outpouring of mostly criticism and complaints through social media, along with calls to City Hall.

"We kind of expected the negative feedback. We have never charged up to this point," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "The park was incomplete. It had no pavilions or restrooms."

The H2O Zone had been closed for improvement on it and Tattan Park. The nearly \$4 million capital investment includes several new pavilions with electricity that are available for rent, a 1,000-square-foot concession stand, restrooms and benches with improved shade areas.

In addition, the city has hired 25 part-time park rangers to supervise the sprayground and adjoining park in an effort to address complaints about overcrowding and trash.

Beginning Aug. 1, it will cost \$3 per resident to use the sprayground. The resident rate applies to Westland and Wayne residents. A season family pass is \$40 for residents. Non-residents would be charged \$10 or \$100 for the family season pass.

Along with improvements to the H2O Zone and Tattan Park, Wild said the city is also addressing issues at the sprayground like the overcrowding.

"The city (offices) is closed on weekends when the park is used the most," Wild said. "The plan to make and keep it nice was the park ranger program."

The city budgeted \$60,000 to pay the mostly teenage park rangers who will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"We will offset those costs with nominal fees for the spray park and pavilion rentals," Wild said. "The goal is to keep it a nice experience. A lot of detail was added to the park and there is upkeep. The Play Planet is free."

The city isn't looking to make a profit through the fees, just help cover expenses, Wild

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Meet a Westland Police officer for coffee, conversation

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Anyone who has wanted to ask questions or raise concerns with a Westland Police officer will have their chance Wednesday, July 23, at the Dorsey Center.

Scheduled for 9:30-10:30

a.m., the informal event is called Coffee with a Cop. It's the first of what is expected to be periodic meetings held around the city.

"I wanted to create a forum and an opportunity for residents to speak with myself and other members of our police department, one-on-one

basis," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "We will be open to discuss neighborhood concerns, crime trends, or Tiger baseball. Whatever is on the residents' mind."

This first Coffee with a Cop will be held at the Dorsey Center, where the department has community police officers

based but future coffees will be held in other locations around the city.

"This will be the first one. We will move to other locations. The idea is to give everyone an opportunity to talk about what is on their mind,"

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Town halls to address new trash program

City of Westland officials have scheduled three town hall meetings throughout July that will focus on the new sanitation and garbage collection program.

The meetings are open to the public and are scheduled for:

- » 6-7 p.m. Thursday, July 17, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 7575 N. Hix Road.
- » 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey.
- » 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh.

Residents can attend these meetings to learn more and ask questions about the new program.

More information is also available on the FAQ page and informational pages of the city website at MyNewBin. CityofWestland.com.

July 22, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey.

July 29, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh.

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said.

"We had a study session on fees with the council. We want to be flexible," Wild said. "We will discuss the fees. I would ask people to be patient with us. We will strike the right balance."

Another change at Tattan Park is a prohibition of barbecue grills in

the park. Visitors can still bring their grills to other city parks.

"There are so many kids running around barefoot. People using a pavilion dump their hot charcoal on the ground near the pavilion," Wild said. "There is no way to handle the coals. And we want to maintain the look of the park."

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Jedrusik said. "It's an opportunity to meet one-on-one and have a discussion. Other area departments do this."

The meeting was scheduled after some discussion between Jedrusik and Community Development Director Joanne Campbell, who runs the Dorsey Center.

"We were talking about the move (of the Dorsey Center to the former (Jefferson-Barns) school," Campbell said. "I asked if he still

wanted a presence at the building and he said yes. They will have a bigger room — a classroom at the school."

When the idea of Coffee with a Cop was being discussed, Campbell said there was no reason to wait to the move to the new building which is expected in January.

"It's not just for Norway people. We will get people to Norway and see Norway," Campbell said.

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It's Kids Day at market



Walker's Hollow offers a variety of candles at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market, which is held from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays in the Westland City Hall parking lot on Ford road. There's also fresh produce, plants, baked breads, desserts, honey, jams and jellies and more. Today is Kids Day at the market, with special treats and crafts for kids. For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222.

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Point of contention

Expiring after five years, use of the police and fire mill has been a point of contention among residents. Instead of being used to expand police and fire services, the millage was used by the city to maintain police and fire while general funds

were diverted to fund parks and recreation.

"In all other communities I'm aware of, the 345 millage runs until the (expenses) are paid off," Hawley said. "If it is approved for five years, we have five years more life. What happens then? It will take us 28 years to get back to the revenues we had."

Even if approved in November, the 345 millage wouldn't benefit the current fiscal year — it

wouldn't be levied until the summer tax bill after the start of the 2015-16 fiscal year. If voters rejected the reduced 345 millage in November, the identical question could not be put before voters again for two years.

"We will balance the budget for this year but there will be nothing left for next year," Haidous said. "There will be no revenue coming. We will be on a cliff. If we knew money was

coming in July, there would be a cushion for the future."

Without more revenue, Monit said Wayne will be a very different city. "People will ask why we are not able to provide them with the services they are accustomed to receiving," Monit said. "I'm getting a defeatist message and I hate that."

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Paul Coleman Sr. tops off the tank of his 1959 Chevy Bel Air with \$9 per gallon racing fuel. The retired firefighter is from Garden City. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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or without participating vehicles. This is the second year for the Wayne Road cruise.

Special plaques were given to the first 100 classic vehicles visiting the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road and Marquette. Another popular spot was the Wayne-Ford Civic League parking lot just to the north.

"Sometimes the historic village parking lot was packed, sometimes it was empty. It's a cruise," Nicholson said.

While he was disappointed at the participation in a pre-cruise kick-off event on Friday aimed at involving Warren Road businesses, Nicholson said he was pleased with the increased number of businesses hosting activities during the cruise itself.

"There was a big charity event at Westland Oil and Lube and Keith's Muffler at Wayne and Marquette," Nicholson said. "There was a lot going on. A lot of nice cars and a nice day."

Michigan Avenue Cruise

"It was a really good time. It was amazing to see downtown Wayne full of pedestrians, families holding kids' hands and checking out the retail stores," said cruise organizer John Goci of the U.S. Bar.

This was the second year for the new Michigan Avenue cruise. "We got some really great enthusiastic outreach for next year to make it



Sixteen-year-old Michael Klein of Canton backs his dad's 1927 Ford roadster into a parking space. It's powered by a 408 stroker engine.

bigger and better," Goci said.

The new Wayne McDonald's had WCSX radio broadcasting from their property during the cruise.

"It was really good for the soul to see downtown Wayne in such a great setting," Goci said. "Hopefully, we will have more events to bring people here to experience a nice downtown."

Commenting that he walked the cruise area Saturday, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said he asked people what they would like to see added to further enhance the cruise.

"This was probably the most successful event. People stayed all day. They brought grills and had a fun day," Haidous said.

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John Holmes is the proud owner of a 1959 Cadillac Sedan DeVille with fins that would scare a shark. Holmes is from Belleville.

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Collection of antique household items donated to Redford Township Historical Commission

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Thanks to Glenhurst Golf Course and a Bloomfield Hills resident, Redford is acquiring a large collection of antique household items.

Elly Sullivan of Bloomfield Hills said she has no ties to Redford, except that her late husband played golf every Wednesday afternoon for more than 30 years at Glenhurst as part of the old construction league.

There's a magnolia tree planted in his memory near the 13th hole where he made a hole in one, she said.

But when Sullivan heard about the demise of the Little Red Schoolhouse this spring and the township's historic commission's move to a new location, she decided Redford might be the perfect home for a collection she has been working on since the 1970s.

And the collection is impressive as it includes 500 irons, 22 washboards, more than 100 radios and numerous pairs of scissors and souvenir tins among many other things.

"I grew to be fond of it as a whole," Sullivan said of her collection. She likes the "variation on a theme" of household objects over the years.

Complete collection

When she realized she would have to find someone to take the whole collection or sell it piecemeal, she decided to donate it to Redford, she said.

The collection shows the development of household objects, Sullivan said. It also shows "yankee ingenuity, one-upmanship and competition between manu-

facturers," she said.

For example, a variety of materials were used to make improvements to products such as to make handles cooler on irons, she said.

"It's a beautiful collection," Arvilla Moore of the Redford Township Historical Commission said. The Redford Township Board of Trustees accepted the collection and thanked Sullivan at a board meeting Tuesday.

The commission hopes to begin displaying the collections when its new building opens on Berwyn Street later this year.

The collection is so large that it will have to be rotated, Moore said.

It is currently stored in Sullivan's home on shelves built by her husband, who died in 2006.

Collecting for years

Accumulating the collection has taken time and travel, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said she found many of her antique scissors in central New York.

She has found irons in many places, including mobster Bugsy Siegel's barn in New York, she said.

"A couple are really rare ones and are museum quality," she said.

"There are even some you just did your undies with," Moore said of the irons.

Some of the radios date from the late 1800s and early 1900s, Moore said.

The collection also includes many tools that Sullivan's husband collected.

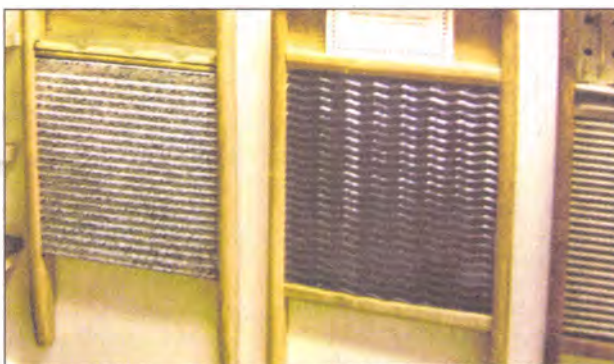
"The love she had for them is obvious," Lois Carpenter, Redford Historic Commission member, said of the collection.



Elly Sullivan of Bloomfield Hills is donating her vast collection to the Redford Township Historical Commission.



Elly Sullivan has a collection of 500 irons.



The collection also includes 22 washboards and more than 100 radios.



The collection also includes a wide variety of scissors.



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Hearing in Westland teens' murders continued

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The preliminary examination of two men charged with the 2012 murders of two Westland teenagers was set to continue Wednesday afternoon.

That will be the third part of the hearing for Fredrick Young, 25, and Felando Hunter, 23, who are charged with murdering Jacob Kudla, 18, and Jourdan Bobbish, 17. The hearing Monday before Detroit 36th District Court Judge Michael Wagner lasted only about 30 minutes due to scheduling conflicts for the defense attorneys.

Witness Stephany Seawright, who had been testifying when the hearing adjourned last week, took the stand for cross-examination by defense attorneys Jeffrey Edison and Coral Watt.

Under questioning, Seawright reiterated her earlier testimony about spending time at a home on Algonac in Detroit's east side in July 2012. She testified to having an intimate friendship with the home's resident, Deonte Owens, and an earlier witness, Brandon Hall.

Both men were also present at the home when Young and Hunter reportedly arrived uninvited, left briefly and

then returned, joined by Kudla and Bobbish. The Westland teens reportedly had come to the home on Algonac thinking they would be able to purchase drugs from Young and Hunter.

Instead, Seawright described the situation quickly turning into a robbery, with the teens forced to strip before being taken out of the house and driven away in the trunk of a car. Hall, a cousin of Hunter, had offered a similar story despite periodic efforts to claim a faulty memory.

Representing Young, Edison questioned whether Seawright had

actually seen Young, nicknamed Lock, with a gun the night of the murders.

"I was sitting at the kitchen table. Lock came into the kitchen and was pacing in the kitchen. I looked over and saw a gun in his hand," Seawright said. "He was behind the white boys (Kudla and Bobbish) as they left the house."

Like Hall, Seawright testified that she didn't contact police even after recognizing the teens' photographs on television news programs. As he had earlier, Wagner ordered television stations not to show the faces of witnesses in

their footage.

It wasn't yet clear through the testimony how Kudla and Bobbish, who had been visiting a relative in Detroit, made contact with Young and Hunter, both of whom are already imprisoned for unrelated homicides.

Young and Hunter have each been charged with first-degree murder, first-degree felony murder, torture, armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and felony firearm. Young also is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Many family members and friends have attended the court hear-

ings for the teens, who went missing July 22, 2012. Their bodies were found five days later in an field on Detroit's east side, both fatally shot in the head.

Both Young and Hunter were among seven suspects arrested by Detroit Police during an investigation into crimes, including homicide cases, that happened over a two-week period in 2012. Police have described it as a crime spree that began with the slaying of the Westland teens.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

» A resident at the Willow Creek Apartments, 37434 Hixford Place, told police July 7 that overnight someone had stolen a rear tire/wheel from her 2010 Dodge Avenger.

» On July 1, a resident of an apartment at 8165 Valleyview told police someone stole all four tires and rims from his 2014 Ford Focus. The vehicle was left on blocks.

Larceny

On July 6, a resident in the 31000 block of Steinhauer told police that someone had stolen her daughter's bicycle after it was left outside unsecured overnight.

Suspicious circumstances

A resident of the Pointe West Apartments in the 1900 block of Cottrill told police July

7 that someone had attempted to cut her bike lock on the front porch directly in front of her apartment.

Hit and run

A Wayne woman told police July 1 that someone had hit her parked 2013 Ford Escape on June 25 while it was parked at Hair Works, 36313 Ford.

Larceny

On July 2, a resident in the 32000 block of Missaukee Court told police that when he was leaving for work he noticed someone had ripped the passenger-side mirror from his 2002 BMW and threw it on the garage floor.

The resident said he then noticed his Craftsman push lawn mower was missing and someone had thrown yard mulch into his John Deere riding mower.

By LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Break-in

A resident in the 4300 block of Hayes told police June 29 that overnight someone had stolen his wallet containing \$500 cash, three credit cards, his driver's license and veteran identification.

The wallet had been left on the kitchen counter next to the kitchen sink the night before but was gone in the morning. The kitchen window and screen were found pushed wide open.

Suspicious circumstance

On July 9, an employee at American Jetway, 3737 Venoy told police that on July 4 a fire alarm was activated at the business. The Wayne-Westland Fire Department responded and found that a faulty sprinkler head triggered the alarm.

Subsequently, the employee said it ap-

peared that the sprinkler head had been struck by a high-caliber bullet. An adjacent window was also reported damaged. The employee noted concern about fuel storage tanks on that side of the building.

The officer reported the sprinkler head, made of heavy gauge galvanized steel, appeared to have been struck by a .223-caliber bullet, which passed through it.

Vandalism

» A resident in the 34000 block of Forest told police July 10 that someone shattered the rear window on a 2004 Dodge Stratus. He told police that he was passing by and the window shattered. He said he didn't see anyone around.

» On July 12, a resident in the 32000 block of Cardinal told police that someone smashed the rear window of her BMW X5. A large stone was found next to the car.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Neighbors complain about loose dogs

The owner of a Rottweiler and German Shepherd in the 32000 block of Hennepin was cited July 14 for allowing the dogs to run at large and also because they were unlicensed.

In separate instances, neighbors complained about the dogs. A man and woman in their 30s said they had problems getting to their vehicles because of two "strange" dogs, which they described as a large Rottweiler and a smaller German Shepherd.

The Rottweiler jumped up on the woman and pinned her against the garage door as he showed his teeth.

When the man approached the Rottweiler, the dog jumped on him and scratched his arm.

As he pushed the Rottweiler away, the German Shepherd came up barking at him but he managed to push the

Shepherd away.

A third neighbor, a 31-year-old man, said that after the dogs approached him, he was stuck in his truck until the owner came to get his dogs.

Drunken driving arrest

Garden City Police reportedly arrested a drunken driver after making a traffic stop July 6 at Venoy and Manor Park.

The driver registered .13 on the preliminary breath test, police said. Police said they made the traffic stop because the car was in the middle of the roadway.

Suspended license

Garden City police cited a 20-year-old Detroit woman who reportedly disregarded a red light in the area of Middlebelt and Bock on July 14.

When the officer ran her driver's record he discovered that her license was suspended, police said.

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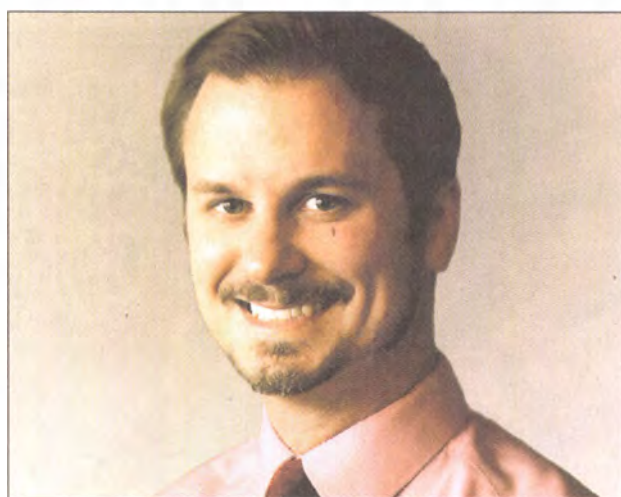


Co-op Services' Cybulski elected to MCU Foundation Board

Jeremy Cybulski, youth and community development coordinator for Co-op Services Credit Union, has been elected to serve a two-year term as a trustee of the Michigan Credit Union Foundation (MCUF), a nonprofit organization that receives support from credit unions, chapters, individuals and businesses within the industry.

Among MCUF's primary goals are support for financial education and counseling.

In Cybulski's position with Co-op Services Credit Union, he oversees nine student-run credit unions in Livonia, Westland and Redford area schools. He also makes hundreds of classroom presentations throughout the year, talking with



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elementary and middle school students about financial literacy.

According to Lisa Fawcett, marketing vice president for Co-op Services Credit Union, Cy-

bulski's work is well recognized by his peers throughout Michigan. In 2013, he received the Michigan Credit Union League's "Award for Excellence in Consumer

Education." Previous awards include "Young Professional of the Year" in 2012 and "Youth Advocate of the Year" in 2011.

"We are confident that Jeremy's experience and demonstrated passion for financial literacy will help be of great service to the Foundation," Fawcett said.

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 51,000 members and maintains eight full-service branch offices in metro Detroit. Members also have access to more than 3,000 shared branches and nearly 28,000 ATMs nationwide.

For more information about Co-op Services, visit the credit union website at www.cscu.org or call 800-321-8570.

St. Mary Mercy expands, improves parking on campus

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is improving and expanding parking on its campus.

The plans include the addition of more than 170 parking spots while expanding the number of barrier-free, handicapped parking by more than three times the current number of spots. Also, the hospital plans to install a ring road around the campus and create dedicated drive-ways for more direct routes through and around campus without leaving hospital grounds. The new plan will also

add a sidewalk around the perimeter of the campus as well as eliminate two of the drive-ways coming in off Levan Road.

Implementation of the new parking plan began with the closure of its far south lot. To make up for the parking lost during this phase, patients and visitors who come to the South Entrance of the hospital are able to park in the West Lot, west of the emergency center. A shuttle and golf carts are being used to take patients and visitors to the South Lobby Entrance.

After the south parking lots are complete, renovation will continue in phases in the surrounding north and west lots of the hospital. This six-phase plan is expected to be completed by the end of summer 2015.

"These parking changes are a continuation of the improvements being made to the St. Mary Mercy Hospital campus," said David Spivey, president and CEO. "Our focus with this project is to make hospital traffic flow and parking safer and more accessible to everyone

coming to our campus."

The improvements to St. Mary Mercy's campus are part of the larger project which started in fall 2012 that includes the 154,000-square-foot south addition that contains a state-of-the-art, 50-room Emergency Center and two floors of 80 private patient rooms. It also includes the renovation of all private and semi-private rooms in the North Wing as well as the renovation of the hospital's north entrance that is currently under construction and expected to reopen this month.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Offices relocate

The Business Development Center at Schoolcraft College recently located to a larger, more flexible operating space on the third floor of the college's new Jeffress Center building at the corner of Haggerty and Seven Mile roads on the college's main campus in Livonia.

BDC was designed to help local businesses take their operations to the next level of excellence, providing a wide range of support in areas such as launching a new business, improving office efficiency and workforce skills, exploring opportunities for growth, researching and analyzing the market or evaluating financial or legal issues.

Throughout the summer months, the BDC will continue to offer several workshops and seminars, including: Government Contracting 101 on Aug. 7 and Government Marketing Strategies on Aug. 19 provided by the Procurement Technical Assistance Center; and Starting A Business on Aug. 5, Writing a Business Plan on Aug. 7, Business Loan Workshop on Aug. 20, Team SBA Financing Roundtables on July 24, International Insights: Brazil on Aug. 14 and Women's Business Enterprise Certification Seminar on Aug. 11 provided by the Michigan Small Development Center.

To register for any of the workshops or for more information, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc or call 734-462-4438.

40th anniversary

Ypsilanti-based Materials Unlimited started as a demolition company co-owned by founder Reynolds Lowe in early 1970s.

A trained artist, Lowe quickly saw the beauty and value in architectural elements bound for the landfill. It quickly became evident that he preferred to collect the items instead of trashing them, and in 1974 he founded Materials Unlimited.

Lowe's treasures were originally housed in three pole barns on Morgan Road in the industrial outskirts of Ann Arbor. After a fire in 1979, Lowe reopened his business in 1981 at 2 W. Michigan Ave. in Ypsilanti, where it has been ever since.

Materials Unlimited now houses thousands of antiques and architectural salvage items within a 15,000-square-foot Art Deco structure built in 1927 as a car dealership. It continues to serve southeast Michigan through its brick-and-mortar store, online at materialsunlimited.com and through social media.

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, Materials Unlimited is holding a celebration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, that includes snacks, drinks, antiques and fun. The business will be raffling off a \$400 gift certificate and ten \$40 gift certificates. There will even be 40-percent discounts on selected items. Guests are also invited to dress in their favorite 1970s clothes for the event. For more information, call Materials Unlimited at 734-483-6980.

Creative mistakes can lead to great ideas

Feeling creative? Scott Adams once wrote: "Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep."

We all make mistakes. It's the inevitable result of being human. At our creative best, we tend to make even more mistakes than usual. The key is to recognize this for the blessing it is. Hidden among all the ideas that don't work out are the precious few that can change the world.

So next time things don't turn out as planned, take another look. You may have created something even better! Let's get creative — and have a sunny weekend.

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2 vie for GOP spot in 11th State House race

Two candidates are vying for the Republican nomination in the 11th State House District: David Malhalab of Dearborn Heights and Jim Rhoades of Garden City. The 11th State House District includes parts of Livonia, Westland, Dearborn Heights as well as Garden City and Inkster.

1. What made you decide to seek election to the State Legislature?

Malhalab: I received a Duty Disability from the Detroit Police Department, but I still have the need to serve the public and to advocate for better government. The legislature needs an activist to shake things up. No longer should Michigan residents suffer "business as usual." The legislators need to work for their constituents and fix Michigan's problems.

Rhoades: I have been active in the political arena for my entire adult life. I have worked on local, state and federal issues along with working on political campaigns at all levels. As the Legislative Director for a motorcycle riders advocacy group, I have worked with and helped pass a number of pieces of legislation to promote safety and education. I have worked with BOTH parties and feel that I could best represent the 11th District as an advocate to promote our needs.

2. State and local roads and bridges are in deplorable shape. As a member of the legislature, how would you address the issue? Explain where you believe the money should come from.

Malhalab: Michigan needs to increase taxes to fix the roads and bridges raise the sales tax, fuel tax and fees on overweight trucks (the industry should not dictate to legislators with money). We need to hold the Asphalt Concrete Consor-

tium accountable, too. We also have to fix sewers, power grids, etc., too.

Rhoades: From a statewide "Pure Michigan" tourism perspective, road repair and maintenance is the top priority for our legislature. I believe that there should be a re-examination of the original 1950's-era highway legislation. So much money goes to programs that are not specific to road repair and although viable, must be re-examined. I would re-allocate funding from other areas along with some small "user fee" increases to pay for these necessary improvements. I don't believe that an overall tax increase is the answer.

3. Twenty years after the implementation of Proposal A, there remains a wide disparity in per pupil for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this concern? What is your recommendation? Be specific.

Malhalab: I am not an expert in education. We have some of the best universities and educational leaders in the country. We must sit down with them and find a real solution. Foreign countries better educate their children than we do. We must match their efforts. I favor full year education. I was a Fairlane District school board member and I ran on the platform of merging our district with Dearborn School District. I won and we merged to the better education of both districts' children.

Rhoades: Input from the various communities in the District would be the key in coming up with a solution to the school and community funding issues. We have lotteries, property tax issues and so on that haven't solved this funding problem. I don't believe that "redistribution" of monies from other school dis-

tricts is necessarily the answer.

4. What do you see as issues facing communities in the 11th House District? How would you address them?

Malhalab: Senior citizens need better services — now and in the future — and we must prepare. We need to deliver better core services; we must prioritize now and deliver. Infrastructure fixes — we must find a way to fix problems now to save money in the future. Voter apathy — we have to get voters more active in voting and in making their talents available to local, state and federal governments to improve the quality of life issues.

Rhoades: Road repair and maintenance and repairs is number one. My second concern primarily is how do we replace funding that has dissolved from the State without taxing the people and especially the businesses in our district. How can communities become more efficient and effective in using our tax revenues.

5. What makes you the best candidate for

this position?

Malhalab: Because, I will not be afraid of special interests over the interests of 11th District residents and state residents. I don't intend to become rich from public service. I favor common sense gun control (fix open carry laws, more education and training for CPL licenses). I favor a woman's right to abortion (her decision with her doctor — not mine or yours), spending tax dollars for their intended purposes, better campaign finance laws (disclosure and limits on special interest monies).

Rhoades: Owning a small construction business and previously working as general manager of a multimillion dollar company has given me a working view on the costs involved in dealing with state government. My experience of 35+ years in dealing with the Michigan Legislature and working with both parties to come up with objective solutions to problems has given me a unique perspective on the possible unintended consequences of what I will be doing in passing legislation.

DAVID MALHALAB



Malhalab

Age: Senior citizen, 1950.
City: Dearborn Heights.
Employment: Retired Detroit Police Sergeant, photographer - MNS Photo / M News Service.
Family: Ukrainian - Armenian, single.
Education: Graduate of Fordson High School, Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.
Community Involvement: Advocate against corruption and for residents to have good government.

JIM RHOADES



Rhoades

Age: 63.
City: Garden City.
Employment: Owner of a small construction and remodeling business for over 20 years.
Family: Married with two adult children.
Education: Attended Garden City schools and graduated of Garden City West High School, Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) certified motorcycle safety instructor/coach since 1979.
Community Involvement: Lifelong resident and homeowner of Garden City, serves on Garden City Planning Commission; certified motorcycle instructor/coach, teaching at Schoolcraft College Radcliffe Center and other community colleges for more than 30 years; legislative director for a motorcycle advocacy group directing and coordinating legislative activity in Lansing and Washington, D.C., since 1976; presently serves on the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Board for motorcycle safety; founding member and past president of ABATE of Michigan (motorcyclist advocacy group); founding member and past board member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in Washington, D.C.

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RACING TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY

AAU track club sounds SOS

Wayne-based group in dire need of donations
for trip to AAU Junior Olympic GamesBy Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When it comes to summer destinations, forget Myrtle Beach or the Grand Canyon. Nothing beats a small college in Iowa as far as the Intensity Track Club is concerned.

That's because six members of the Wayne-based Amateur Athletic Union club qualified to take part at the 2014 AAU Junior Olympic

Games at Drake University in Des Moines.

But not so fast. The contingent — led by Intensity coach Jamal Johnson — needs help generating the \$3,000 required to make the trip of a lifetime from July 27 through Aug. 2.

Money will provide transportation, food and housing for Johnson, team manager

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The Intensity Track Club hopes to travel July 27 to the AAU Junior Olympics Games in Des Moines, Iowa. From left are coach Jamal Johnson, Malik Jordan, Andrew Chant, Joseph Gatton, Dujon Brown-Deacon, LeDell O'Bryant, Montel Hood and manager Jana Hughes.

Publinx senior golfers excel

On July 1 the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association held the eighth of its 15 tournaments at The Coyote Preserve Golf Club in Fenton.

George Catto of Wixom had a hole-in-one on the 184-yard, par-3 No. 17 hole using a 19-degree rescue club. This was Catto's seventh hole-in-one.

The tournament produced 22 winners from a handicapped field of 102 players (50 years and older).

The first-place prize winners were (Gross/Net): Flight A: Dave McTear, Redford (77/69); Flight B: Jesse Drews, Troy (81/66); Flight C Tie: Martin Dunn, Macomb (87/69); Ron Nofs, Novi (87/69); and Flight D: Don Masini, Plymouth (92/61).

Area golfer gets first ace

Shirley Kasperek of Livonia made a hole-in-one Friday while playing golf at Marsh Ridge Resort in Gaylord.

It was the first hole-in-one for Kasperek, who used a pitching wedge to ace the 94-yard, par-3 13th hole.

Kasperek's feat was witnessed by Lynn Kasperek, Sharron Bartus and Laura Fitzpatrick.

Fox Hills breaks ground

On July 7, Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth broke ground on a new Learning Center and Short Game Facility.

The new golf Learning Center building, at 6,900 square feet, will offer six new bays for teaching equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

Additionally, the building will have a putting studio, reception area and multipurpose room for educational purposes. A massage room will incorporate the sports fitness component of healthy golfers and rehabilitation of injured players.

"We really believe that that the new Learning Center will expand the offerings available to every golfer, including high school and college golf teams, and open up many more opportunities for juniors, beginners and intermediate golfers," said Sandy Mily, owner of Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. "The new technology, state-of-the-art equipment and spacious bays will provide the physical space and the feedback-learning tools that are so effective today."

According to Jordan Young, Fox Hills PGA professional and director of instruction, "having a state-of-the-art facility and short-game practice area is a dream come true. We are fortunate and very grateful for the commitment of our owners to build a facility that will be one of the finest in the Midwest. The expansion was necessary as our business has outgrown our existing structure."

Young is the current winner of the 2013 National PGA Award for Player Development and is also the 2012 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Director of golf Mark Runchey agrees that "this is a great opportunity for golfers of all skill levels to visit one facility and be able to work on all areas of their game. Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center is one of the few facilities in the Midwest where golfers can take advantage of these world-class amenities and experience the complete golf package."

In addition to the added space, a short-game area with three green complexes, bunkers and teaching areas are being added. The short-game area is designed by Mike Nuzzo of Nuzzo Course Design and will be his first entry into the state of Michigan. Nuzzo Course Design strives for integrating originality, artistry, technical aptitude and business insight into every project. Mystic Meadows Construction of South Lyon has been contracted for the building. Construction is scheduled to be completed by November, which will allow the new Learning Center to be ready for winter lessons, clinics and education.



Jim Sechler's powerboat, Fast Eddie II, has won nine straight APBA national championships in the one-liter modified inboard class.

AIMING FOR BIG FINISH

Retiring powerboat champion Jim Sechler of Farmington Hills makes run at 10th straight APBA crown

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Jim Sechler and his team are hoping to go out on top in the sport of hydroplane racing.

The Farmington Hills engineer, who owns and operates the Fast Eddie II, has won nine straight national championships in the APBA one-liter modified inboard class.

He wants to make it an even 10 in a row before he retires and sells his boat at the end of this season.

"It's, basically, like another full-time job, trying to keep the boat and equipment up and ready to the level where we can compete," Sechler

said. "And then we're driving all over the country, all summer long."

"We've been doing it for nine years. We're going to try win a 10th national title. We figured that would be a good round number to stop."

Sechler will race his boat in front of family, friends and a hometown crowd for the final time this weekend in the 15th annual Quake on the

Lake. The event begins Friday with boats making test runs on Pontiac Lake in Waterford as they gear up for racing Saturday and Sunday af-

ternoons.

The Quake has added significance this year since the Saturday race also will serve as the Summer National, one of the premier events on the APBA calendar.

"We've been going through the engine and making sure everything is where it's supposed to be," Sechler said. "We're double and triple checking everything just to make sure we don't have any mistakes."

Fast Eddie II blew an engine two years ago, costing Sechler and his crew a victory, but they came back to reclaim the one-liter modified title last year.

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Piot runaway winner at GAM Junior

CC sophomore from Canton wins by 13 strokes

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James Piot is having a good summer.

The Canton 15-year-old, who will be a sophomore at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High this fall, shot 4-under-par 67 Friday on the Championship Course at Brighton's Oak Pointe Country Club to easily win the sixth Golf Association of Michigan Junior Stroke Play Championship.

He topped the tournament

that featured age-group play and also crowned a girls overall winner in Anika Dy of Traverse City, a boys 12-and-under winner in Cameron Cowland of Dexter and a girls 12-and-under winner in Traverse City's Anci Dy, sister of Anika.

"I just keep trying to shoot as low as possible and win tournaments," said Piot, who was the youngest player in the field at the Michigan Amateur earlier this summer

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Canton native James Piot, who will be a sophomore at Novi Detroit Catholic Central, won the Golf Association of Michigan Junior Stroke Play Championship by 13 strokes. GREG JOHNSON

COOL OFF

with no-bake and frozen treats

After a record-breaking cold winter, everyone has been craving a little warmth and sunshine — and finally, the heat has arrived.

Keep your friends and family cool and satisfied during summer afternoons and backyard get-togethers with no-bake and frozen recipes from McCormick. From mousse to smoothies to colorful shaved ice, you'll survive the summer ... no sweat.

Courtesy of McCormick.com



STRAWBERRY LEMONADE FROZEN POPS

1 cup water
½ cup sugar
2 cups frozen strawberries
½ teaspoon McCormick Pure Lemon Extract

1. Bring water and sugar to boil in small saucepan on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat. Cool to room temperature.
2. Pour syrup into blender container. Add frozen strawberries and lemon extract; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth. Pour into frozen treat molds.
3. Freeze 4 hours or overnight or until firm.

Nutrition information: Calories, 64; sodium, 1mg; fat, 0g; carbohydrates, 16g; cholesterol, 0mg; protein, 0g; fiber, 1g



EASY CRUSHED ORANGE SHAVED ICE

Serves: 16
2 cups sugar
1 cup water
1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Orange Extract
8 drops yellow food color
2 drops red food color

1. Bring sugar and water to boil in small saucepan on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in orange extract and food colors.
2. Cool to room temperature. Pour into squeeze bottle for easier serving. Pour syrup over shaved ice

Nutrition information: Calories, 100; sodium, 1mg; fat, 0g; carbohydrates, 25g; cholesterol, 0mg; protein, 0g; fiber, 0g



STRAWBERRY COCONUT MILK SMOOTHIE

Serves: 4
1 can (13.66 ounces) Thai Kitchen Coconut Milk
1 bag (16 ounces) frozen whole strawberries
¼ cup light agave nectar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1. Pour coconut milk into blender container. Add remaining ingredients; cover.
2. Blend on high speed until smooth. Serve immediately

Nutrition information: Calories, 282; sodium, 30mg; fat, 18 g; carbohydrates, 29g; cholesterol, 0mg; protein, 1g; fiber, 1g



NO BAKE STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

Serves: 8
2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
½ cup sugar
2 tablespoons McCormick Imitation Strawberry Extract
1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 prepared vanilla crumb crust (6 ounces)

1. Beat cream cheese, sugar and extract in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended and smooth. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spoon into crust.
2. Refrigerate 3 hours or until set. Garnish with fresh strawberries. Store leftover cheesecake in refrigerator

Nutrition information: Calories, 430; sodium, 228mg; fat, 30g; carbohydrates, 35g; cholesterol, 62mg; protein, 5g; fiber, 0g



PIÑA COLADA SPICED MOUSSE MINIS

Serves: 6
2 ounces (½ package) cream cheese, softened
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
¼ cup sugar, divided
¼ cup Thai Kitchen Coconut Milk
½ cup heavy cream
¼ cup coarsely crushed shortbread cookies
¼ cup coarsely chopped toasted macadamia nuts
¼ cup flaked coconut, toasted
½ can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple or pineapple tidbits, drained and divided

1. Beat cream cheese, pumpkin pie spice and ¼ cup of the sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Add coconut milk; beat until well blended.
2. Beat cream and remaining ¼ cup sugar in another large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until stiff peaks form. Add ½ of the whipped cream to cream cheese mixture; stir until well blended. Gently stir in remaining whipped cream.
3. Mix crushed cookies, macadamia nuts and coconut in medium bowl. Spoon 1 tablespoon cookie mixture into each of 12 (2-ounce) shot glasses. Divide pineapple evenly among glasses. Layer each glass with mousse and remaining cookie mixture. Garnish as desired.

Nutrition information: Calories, 238; sodium, 98mg; fat, 18g; carbohydrates, 17g; cholesterol, 39mg; protein, 2g; fiber, 1g



S'MORES PIE

Serves: 8
Crust:
1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
7 tablespoons butter, melted
½ cup sugar
Filling:
¾ cup heavy cream
6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
4 ounces (½ package) cream cheese, softened
1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

1. For the Crust, mix all ingredients in medium bowl. Press into bottom and up sides of 9-inch pie plate. Set aside.
2. For the Filling, bring cream just to boil in small saucepan. Pour over chocolate in medium heatproof bowl. Let stand 1 minute then stir until smooth. Stir in cinnamon and 1 teaspoon of the vanilla. Pour into prepared crust. Refrigerate 30 minutes or until chocolate is firm. Freeze 15 minutes for faster chilling.
3. Beat marshmallow creme, cream cheese and remaining 1 tablespoon vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Gently stir in whipped topping until well blended. Spread evenly over chocolate layer in crust.
4. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until ready to serve. Garnish with chocolate curls or toasted marshmallows, if desired.

Nutrition information: Calories, 600; sodium, 267mg; fat, 36g; carbohydrates, 65g; cholesterol, 75mg; protein, 4g; fiber, 2g