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Wayne reviews offer to operate ice arena

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne is reviewing a proposal from a company interested in leasing and operating the city's ice arena.

"We're still going through the contract and making changes. I think it's about there," Interim City Manager David Murphy said. "Then, we need to send it to the city attorney and council." The arena, located in the

Wayne Community Center, is currently closed and has no ice. That move was made to help cut the operating losses at the community center as the city addresses an estimated \$500,000 deficit.

The basic idea of the proposal is that Denver-based WMA, which stands for We Manage Assets, would lease the arena from the city and operate various skating programs. Wayne resident Brian Cro-

nan of WMA asked council about the lease agreement recently.

"We want to run the rink. My company is dynamic, comprehensive and profitable," Cronan said. "We would like to take Wayne and make it a hockey town again like it was in the early '80s."

With plans to put a junior A hockey team in the arena, Cronan said his company can make money with the city ice arena.

"It's whether the city can afford to keep it open," Mayor James Hawley said.

The city has been subsidizing the community center operations but would pay approximately \$300,000 annually to maintain the building, if it were closed.

An earlier proposal to operate the entire community center from HYPE didn't move forward at least in part due to significant reinvestment in the building the group sought from

the city.

"We're working closely with the city for good partnership," Cronan said.

As part of efforts to balance the current year budget and the projected deficit for the next fiscal year, the city has also been looking at consolidating operations into various city-owned buildings.

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CHANGES MADE TO PROVIDE MORE RIDES ON NANKIN TRANSIT

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There have been changes in the way Nankin Transit operates its transportation service for elderly and disabled residents in the four cities it serves.

"We used to be run like a taxi cab service. Nankin Transit is not a taxi, it's a bus service," said James Ridener, who took over as Nankin Transit executive director in March 2014. "Our goal is to offer more rides."

That means riders are given a window of 45 minutes to get to their destination when they get on the Nankin Transit shuttle bus. That allows for other riders to be picked up.

"Under the old system, if 12 people called for a ride at 10 a.m. and we were running seven buses, five people didn't get a ride," Ridener said. "We would have one person on a bus. Now, maybe we have three or four people picked up before someone is dropped off. It's all within the 45-minute window."

On a return trip, Ridener said the rider will be asked what time they want to leave and will be given a 30-minute window.

"Several people complained that they don't like the window and wanted a specific time. We are a bus service," Ridener said. "Some customers said they never understood why there was only one person on the bus."

Nankin Transit provides rides to residents 55 and



Nankin Transit Executive Director James Ridener works with assistant manager Jennifer Saylor of Garden City. The transportation service recently computerized.

older or handicapped residents of any age in the communities of Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster to locations within those communities. The only exceptions are rides to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Oakwood Main Hospital in Dearborn.

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In Wayne, skip Facebook, report crime to police

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

If there is a crime or just something suspicious going on in Wayne, don't complain on Facebook — call the police.

That was the gist of comments from council members and Police Chief Alan Maciag after some local residents were posting comments about crimes but not making any police reports.

"The police can't be everywhere. I see online that people don't want to make police reports," Councilman John Rhaesa said. "Complaining online doesn't change things. People get mad at the police, but no one makes them aware of the problem. It's our community."

If residents want to make the city better, Rhaesa said people need to let police know what is happening in their neighborhoods.

Other council members agreed.

"If you are having issues, the most critical thing is to call the police department. Make the call; the police might not be aware of the problem," Councilwoman Susan Rowe said. "We need to be the eyes and ears and work together for a safe community."

Part of the problem may be that residents have been hearing comments about the Wayne Police Department being understaffed. Police manpower has been reduced due to budget cuts and currently has 23 officers and is in the process of hiring three officers to fill budgeted positions open following recent retirements.

"There is misinformation on social media. If an incident occurs that requires police attention, we will come out and investigate," Maciag said. "Sometimes things are blown out of proportion. We don't monitor social media 24 hours. People need to call us right away."

This conversation started, Maciag said, after something was posted on Facebook about an attempted breaking and entering.

"When it was brought to our attention (by council members), it hadn't been reported," Maciag said. "I think there is a perception we don't have a lot of officers on the road. That's untrue. We are short-handed, but we are still providing ser-

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Early morning fire displaces senior citizens

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A faulty wall heating unit is being blamed for causing a fire early Thursday morning that displaced residents at a Westland senior housing complex.

One firefighter and a maintenance worker were treated for smoke inhalation from the fire at the Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, a senior living community.

"It's a motel-style heating/air conditioning unit. We traced it and found there had been a recall," Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Red-

dy said. "We are working with maintenance. They are getting repairs on the other (heating/cooling) units. They will be taken care of right away."

It was the fourth time in a week that Wayne-Westland firefighters battled a fire at an apartment building.

The latest fire was reported at 2:15 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill.

"The fire was in one unit. Our folks arrived and saw flames from the door wall of the apartment," Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said.

Firefighters entered through the interior hallway and evacuated 30 residents from 20 apartments in that wing of the building.

"There were no injuries, everyone got out safely. We housed the residents in the rescue vehicles until management found them accommodations," Eggers said. "It's great that they had space to house the residents."

The apartment where the fire occurred was occupied by the tenant and her mother. Eggers said that unit was completely destroyed by the fire and another 10 units had smoke damage.

"When they (the two occupants) fled, the door from the unit was left open," Eggers said. "That allowed the fire to escape to the hallway. There was significant damage to the hall."

Firefighters from Garden City, Livonia, Dearborn Heights and Inkster responded to aid in the firefighting efforts.

"There is definitely no conspiracy. Accidents happen. That's why we are here — to go out and help people," Eggers said. "With the weather, people are using heating

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WCCCD's Ivery to speak at MLK Day ceremony

Dr. Curtis Ivery, the chancellor of Wayne County Community College District, will deliver the keynote address at this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Ceremony in Westland.

The event will be held at Monday, Jan. 19, in the Grande Ballroom of Westland City Hall at 36300 Warren Road. Although city offices will be closed in recognition of the holiday, city hall doors will open at 9 a.m., with the ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will follow the event.

Ivery is a renowned author of several books, the recipient of the Michigan Man of the Year and the Michigan Newsmaker of the Year Awards. He also was the first African American and youngest cab-



FILE PHOTO
Westland will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

inet member in Arkansas state history.

"MLK Day is a time to honor Dr. King's life and legacy and reflect on how we can best live up to his dream today," Mayor William Wild said. "And I am honored to have Dr. Ivery as our keynote speaker for this very special celebration."

Kosowski lands Dem leadership post

Robert Kosowski has a new title to go with state representative. The Westland Democrat has been appointed Democratic Whip for the 2015-2016 legislative session by House Democratic Leader Tim Greimel, D-Auburn Hills.

As a result of the appointment, Kosowski has selected third-term Rep. George T. Darany, D-Dearborn, second-term Rep. John Kivela, D-Marquette, and first-term Reps. Erika Geiss,

D-Taylor, Frank Liberati, D-Allen Park, and Sheldon Neeley, D-Flint, to serve as his assistant whips.

"I'm grateful to Democratic Leader Tim Greimel for my appointment to caucus whip, and I am extremely happy to be leading such a talented team of assistant whips," Kosowski said. "I look forward to making Michigan a better place to live and raise a family, and I'm very excited to get to work this session."

Kosowski joins a Democratic leadership slate that Greimel said "will help to shape public policy in a positive way for Michigan's families, kids and seniors."

"I'm proud to have a leadership team from all different backgrounds and I look forward to working with them to better Michigan," Greimel said.

Kosowski was sworn into office Wednesday at the state Capitol with other members of the

98th Michigan Legislature. This is his second term representing 16th House District 16, which comprises all of Wayne and the majority of Westland.

"It's a privilege to continue serving the men and women of the 16th District," Kosowski said. "I'm proud of what I accomplished in the last two years for middle-class families, but there's more to be done. I'm ready to get to work."

TRANSIT

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Recent computerization has enhanced Nankin Transit's ability to schedule rides and provide reminder calls the night before and 15 minutes before the bus will arrive. That call is triggered by the drivers, who are now using tablets equipped with GPS and automated vehicle location.

Nankin Transit also offers scheduled rides from senior housing to shopping locations like Meijer, Kroger and Westland Shopping Center.

During the recent holidays, Nankin Transit took seniors through the Wayne County Lightfest for \$5 per person. The standard ride is \$3 each way.

"We were trying to see if there was interest and contacted the senior resource directors," Ridener said. "I think it was successful."

Nankin Transit ended the 2013-14 fiscal year with a \$68,000 deficit, but six months later is \$8,000 in the black. That's due to a combination of changes, including a rate increase from \$1 to \$3 that was put in place in 2013, savings from vacant positions created by attrition and installation of a 1,000-gallon diesel fuel tank.

"That lets us buy fuel wholesale. We were filling up at Speedway," Ridener said. "We are always looking for cost-savings. We look at every aspect of the business to see where we can be more efficient."

Each of the four member communities ap-

points two representatives to the Nankin Transit Commission to oversee the service.

Following the retirement of long-time executive director Richard Fernandez, there was an interim director for several months before the commission appointed Ridener, who is a retired Westland Police chief.

"Things are 1,000 percent better — more efficient — than 10 months ago," Westland Councilman and Nankin Transit Commissioner Dewey Reeves said. "We can track the buses and when they sit idle. We aren't operating in the red anymore and he (Ridener) brought in a gas reservoir."

The biggest change, Reeves said, is making Nankin Transit a viable service again. That includes doing some public

relations to repair the bad reputation the Nankin Transit had developed under the previous administration.

Garden City Councilman Jim Kerwin said that he couldn't be happier with Ridener's work.

"He has done wonders," Kerwin said. "He has done a fabulous job. He has done a heck of a job for the four cities. We are in the black now."

There is greater accountability at Nankin Transit, Reeves said, noting a perfect financial audit report was received.

Looking ahead, Ridener said Nankin Transit is scheduled to get new buses through SMART, which subsidizes the local bus service.

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blankets. The heat is on constantly. If the equipment hasn't been maintained, accidents happen. It is what it is."

In the other fires:

» The Jan. 10 fire at Scotsdale Apartments has been found to be an accidental fire started by a faulty heating pad.
» On Thursday, West-

land Police arrested a person of interest in the Jan. 5 fire at Warris Farm Apartments. The person was subsequently released pending further investigation and lab results from the Michigan State Police.

"There is no indication that this person of interest was involved in any other fires," Westland Deputy Police Todd Adams said.

Four apartments were fire damaged at Warris Farm with 20 people being displaced.

» A fire at Woodland

Villa on Jan. 8 is still under investigation. Eight apartments were directly involved with the fire and 34 residents were displaced.

There was also a large fire Nov. 24 at the Woodcrest Apartments that destroyed the entire building and displaced about 40 residents. The fire was fueled by extremely high winds.

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vice to the community."

As the department works to fill the three vacant funded positions, Maciag said officers are doing an excellent job continuing to provide service to the community.

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Area auto dealerships look forward to 2015

By David Veselenak, Nathan Mueller and Jay Grossman
Staff Writers

When it comes to cars expected to roll off the sales lot at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia this year, one vehicle comes to marketing director Andrea Calvanese's mind: the 2015 Ford F-150.

With all the attention focused on the new truck, one of the leaders in sales, it's no surprise it's the new truck that's drawing a lot of attention to the dealership at 32222 Plymouth in Livonia.

"We're pretty fortunate to be in the heart of Ford country," she said. "We've already had quite a bit of eagerness surrounding that kind of vehicle."

Bill Brown Ford is just one area dealership prepping for a big 2015 as the beginning of the North American International Auto Show begins at Cobo Center in downtown Detroit.

The truck, being built in Dearborn, sports a new, lighter aluminum body, one of the big reasons the F-150 is turning heads in Livonia, Calvanese said.

"I think the aluminum body is a big one," she said. "I just think there's so much more excitement around this vehicle, because it offers so much more than the previous models."

The dealership was a stop on the Ford F-150 Drive Tour back in December, which gave the dealership's customers a first look at the new truck.

After that stop, Calvanese said anytime a truck is on the lot, it is purchased quickly.

"Whenever we get



Bill Brown Ford in Livonia was a stop on the Ford F-150 Drive Tour back in December, which gave the dealership's customers a first look at the new truck.

one, they're usually gone pretty quickly," she said. "We're continuing to get more units on our lot all the time."

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet

Being a part of the Plymouth community is one of the keys to success for Lou LaRiche Chevrolet.

The dealership has been in business since 1970 and is heavily involved in the Plymouth community, including a donation for Plymouth's Miracle League field that was built in 2011 for special needs kids. Lou LaRiche also contributes to Make-A-Wish, the annual Plymouth Fall Festival and other community events.

Located at 40875 Plymouth Road, the dealership itself recently underwent an extensive remodeling and expansion.

"Walk into the showroom and you'll see everything is bright and lit up," sales manager Debbie Dowling said Wednesday. "Right now, we have two Corvettes, a Camaro, a Cruze, an Equinox, Traverse, Impala, Malibu and the all-new Chevrolet

Trax on the floor today."

Scott LaRiche is serving as the chair of the 2015 North American International Auto Show, an honor his dad, Lou LaRiche, held exactly 20 years ago in 1995. Dowling said the auto show is the perfect place to go for anyone interested in a new vehicle.

"It gives the public an opportunity to see everything in one place," she said. "Once they find the Chevy they're interested in, they can come to Lou LaRiche to purchase or lease it."

What are some of the anticipated hot sellers for 2015? Dowling said the new Silverado is especially popular, but she expects all the Chevy products to do well.

Looking back on 2014, Dowling said the Lou LaRiche dealership and entire auto industry enjoyed a very successful year.

"I think it was a very good year — we were up over 2013, so that's always positive," she said. "Right now, we're just looking forward to 2015 with the products we have and increasing our sales once again."

Atchinson Ford

Community involvement has been the calling card of Atchinson Ford since it opened more than 50 years ago in Belleville.

The family-owned dealership, located at 9800 Belleville Road, has been active on community boards and volunteer committees, supported charities and given back to various groups and schools.

Selling vehicles is what they do, but community-focused is who they are.

"It's a big thing for us," said Mike Sturtz, general sales manager. "Our owner is on the DDA, big with the Boys and Girls Club and chamber, you name it. If there is a group in town, he tries to get in the middle of it."

The success in the community also has translated to success in business.

Sturtz said while Ford Motor Co. had a pretty "level" year in terms of sales, their dealership was up 7 percent.

Atchinson also recently opened a new quick-lane store, giving them more capacity to do maintenance work and work on off-brands.

"Overall it was a record year for the overall health of the store," he said.

Sturtz said he is working on his projections for 2015 next week, but thinks they will come in "pushing 10 percent."

"I believe we can do it because we are in a growing community and have worked very hard to cater to the growing Canton community that doesn't have a Ford dealership in its city limits," he said.

Tri-county superintendents group endorses May ballot proposal

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa was among the public school superintendents across Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties who announced their support Thursday of Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot.

If approved by voters, the proposal would generate billions of dollars to fix Michigan's roads and bridges and strengthen funding for classrooms. The action was taken at a Jan. 5 executive board meeting of the Tri-county Alliance for Public Education.

"We applaud Gov. Rick Snyder and the Michigan Legislature for crafting a bipartisan road-funding solution that also protects and enhances funding for schools," Liepa said. "We look forward to working with the education community across the state to inform and educate voters about the importance of supporting Proposal 1."

The Michigan Legislature approved a plan in December to place a proposal on the May 5 ballot that would:

- raise the sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent;
 - repeal the sales tax on fuel;
 - restrict the use of School Aid Fund dollars in higher education;
 - generate \$300 million in additional funds for public schools annually.
- "Gov. Snyder and the Legislature deserve credit for pre-



Liepa

sending a common-sense plan that addresses two critical investment

priorities of Michigan citizens: to repair our roads and bridges and to strengthen our kids' education," said Robert D. Livernois, superintendent, Warren Consolidated Schools. "For the next four months, we'll be laser-focused on educating parents, school employees and the greater community about the need to support this critical ballot proposal that will benefit our kids and our economy."

"Passing this proposal means Michigan will see over a billion dollars more for roads and bridges, hundreds of millions more for our kids' education and millions more from additional savings in maintenance and repair costs," said Kenneth Gutman, superintendent, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools. "Safe, well-maintained roads benefit everyone in Michigan and, as superintendents, we believe we must seize this opportunity to move Michigan forward and invest in our kids."

The Tri-county Alliance for Public Education is a coalition of education leaders comprised of superintendents from every district in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

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The newest member of the school board, Melandie Hines, asked her son Elijah and Pastor William David Sumlin to be a part of her swearing-in ceremony.



School Trustee Charles Trav Griffin asked former city clerk Diane Rohraff to administer the oath of office and friend Jan Cipolla to hold the Bible.



Carol Middel of Canton says the oath of office, which was administered by her daughter Molly and husband Bill.



Dwayne Walker swears in wife Shawna for her second term on the school board.

4 trustees begin terms on W-W school board

Four members of the Wayne-Westland school board raised their right hands and took the oath of office at last Monday's organizational meeting.

Sworn in for new terms were incumbents Shawna Walker of Westland and Carol

Middel of Canton, appointed incumbent Charles Trav Griffin of Westland and newly elected board member Melandie Hines of Westland.

Middel and Walker are beginning their second full terms on the board. Middel was elected to the board in 2009, while

Walker was appointed to the board in 2008 and was successful in her bid for election in 2009.

Griffin has been on the school board since September 2012 when he was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Andrea Clawson. He was elected to fill the

remaining two years of that term.

Hines also received a six-year term in the November school election. She replaces Cindy Schofield who opted not to stand for election after being appointed to replace John Goci who had resigned last May.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Sean Davidson of Westland was among approximately 950 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List. The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average.

Davidson is a sophomore, majoring in premed/preudent at the Greenville, S.C.-university.

Werner Dahm and James Zerebiny of Westland were among more than 12,000 ASU undergraduate and graduate students who had degrees conferred at the May commencement ceremonies at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Donna Hahn-Becker of Westland was named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List at Arizona State University. Undergraduate students who earn 12 or more graded semester hours during a semester in residence at ASU with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List.

Marietta College's Megan Bache of Westland has been named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List. Bache is majoring in biochemistry and is scheduled to graduate in 2017.

Any full-time Marietta College student completing at least 15 credit hours with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.74 in a given semester is recognized as a Dean's List student for that semester.

Laura Gisondi of Westland has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2014-15 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill.

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Angela Hospice announces new president/CEO

Margot J. Parr of Livonia, a veteran in the field of health care and human services, will lead Angela Hospice as president and CEO beginning Feb. 9.

For the past eight years, Parr served in leadership roles for Evangelical Homes of Michigan in Farmington Hills, most recently as senior executive director.

"It is with great confidence that we welcome Margot's leadership and skills to build Angela



Parr

Hospice's capacity to provide continued comprehensive, compassionate hospice care," said Sister M. Barbara Ann Bosch, CEO of Felician Services Inc., the parent organization for ministries sponsored by the Felician Sisters across North America. "Margot's strong business acumen, financial expertise, years of health

care experience and faith-based organizational leadership, along with her passion for hospice care, ensure Angela Hospice will positively benefit patients and families, community members and the staff and volunteers who serve this organization."

Mary Beth Moring, who has served as Angela Hospice's interim president and CEO since March 2014, will resume her role as executive director of Angela Hospice, a position she

served in for eight years. "As its first lay leader, I will represent Angela Hospice with compassion and great respect for the organization and its history, while honoring the work of Sister Giovanni and the dedication of so many," Parr said. "I am honored to move their great tradition forward."

Prior to her work at Evangelical Homes of Michigan, Parr served as operations consultant with Trinity Continuing Care Services specializing in new business de-

velopment and then as executive director for Jewish Home & Aging Services (now Jewish Senior Life) in West Bloomfield. Prior to that, Parr served as the director of operations for Mercy Services for Aging (now Trinity Continuing Care Services).

Parr completed coursework toward a Master of Science degree in hospice and palliative care studies from Madonna University in Livonia and her Bachelor of Science degree in health

services administration from Lockyear College in Indianapolis, Ind. She also received her certification in fund raising management from The Center on Philanthropy in Indiana University. Parr is licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator by the State of Michigan, is a former nurse and is a U.S. Army veteran.

Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. is a Catholic-sponsored ministry in the Felician Franciscan tradition.

City of Livonia looks to sell land at Stamford and Five Mile

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The City of Livonia will sell some very visible residential property off Five Mile in Coventry Gardens, though the decision to put the property on the market came with some heated discussion.

The council voted 5-2 Monday night to sell some land off Stamford just north of Five Mile in the subdivision. The land has been owned by the city since 1985 when it was acquired in a Wayne County tax foreclosure auction and was rented out. A drunken-driving accident later rendered the home that sat on the lot damaged beyond repair. The lot has remained vacant after the home was demolished in 2014.

Much discussion has taken place over the plot of land after it was brought before the planning commission and city council earlier this winter. Some discussion has taken place over whether the area homeowners association was interested in purchasing the land, or whether the lot could be divided, allowing for some nearby residents to purchase segments of it.

Council president Maureen Miller Brosnan said a letter sent to a city council member from Coventry Gardens Homeowners Improvement Association president Wayne Brehob indicated the association would not buy it.

"The note indicates the Coventry Gardens



The City of Livonia will look to sell this piece of property at Stamford and Five Mile after the city council approved its sale. It's valued at about \$30,000.

Improvement Association has discussed the option of purchasing the property at that location, and they have decided they are not interested at this time," she said.

A motion to substitute the original approving resolution with the intent to send the issue to the committee of the whole was offered by councilwoman Susan Nash, but it was rejected by a 4-3 vote. The two "no" votes on the proposal to sell the property came from councilwoman Laura Toy and Brosnan.

The land, located at 33916 and 33964 Five Mile, is valued at roughly \$30,000. Housing director Jim Inglis said there are no immediate prospective buyers for the land.

Association could maintain land

Tom Mascaro, who lives on nearby La Moyné, said while the

property was not in great shape for many years under city control, a new home built facing Stamford may be undesirable and result in it changing hands several times, with the home facing the side wall of the law office on Five Mile.

"When I could, I put up a privacy fence to hide the property you're talking about, because the house, which was owned

by the city, was not in good shape," he said. "For those of us on this corner ... we spent a lot of time refurbishing the property and houses that are there. I think we've done a better job, in some ways, than the city."

"I only ask that you consider other options." Resident Steve King, who lives near the home, has expressed some interest in purchasing part

of the property for an addition to his home.

He said he spoke to Brehob earlier in the day and said the association would maintain the space if the city decided to keep it as a greenspace. The subdivision already maintains Coventry Park in the middle of the subdivision and the greenspace off Stamford and Five Mile could be added to the maintenance schedule.

"We will maintain that property if the city decides to maybe choose another option," he said.

Anyone can buy lot

Toy said she had been contacted by several area residents with concern over the sale of the property, and wanted to wait before giving the OK to sell it.

"I just think if there's not a press for time on this ... then I'd like to see

us go to the committee of the whole with it if we may," she said. "I think there's other interest in Coventry Gardens that I've heard and I would be less honest with those people if I didn't try to hear the voices a little bit louder."

Councilman John Pastor, who offered the approving resolution to sell the land, said this property has remained vacant for many years and anyone interested in purchasing it can do so when it's up for sale.

"Anyone can buy it," he said. "We just got a letter from the association saying they don't want to buy it. So I don't understand what the delay is. This is a lot that can be used."

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NO. 2978

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3929 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated September 25, 2014, setting forth its resolution 09-50-2014 recommending approval of Petition 2014-08-01-06, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on September 27, 2014, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2014-08-01-06 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 3.3929. Petition 2014-08-01-06 submitted by the City Planning Commission is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from RUF to R-1:

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Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 945 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, December 1, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Sue Hoff, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 6th day of January 2015.

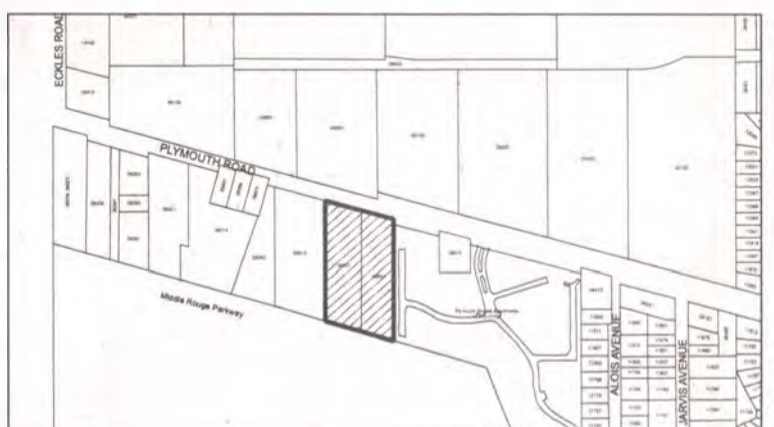
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Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: January 6, 2015

Published: January 18, 2015

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PETITION NO. 2014-08-01-06
A PART OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 30

AMENDMENT NO. 945 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 2978
Adopted by the City Council on 12/ 1/14



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Firefighters entered through the top of the tower to rescue a contractor working on the Piedmont Concrete on Eight Mile, west of Middlebelt.

MICHAEL KINNEY

Contractor in recent fire dies

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The 37-year-old contractor who Farmington Hills firefighters rescued from a storage tower at Piedmont Concrete on Eight Mile Jan. 8 died Thursday night at the Detroit Medical Center.

Greg Messenger of Temperance was one of seven injured, including two Farmington Hills firefighters. The firefighters were treated and released the day of the fire. The other contractors, who were at the business making repairs, have reportedly recovered.

"We are very saddened by his death, especially the firefighters who went in and got him," Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch said. "His

family and friends did have a chance to say goodbye to him."

The fire remains under investigation and a cause has not yet been determined, Bartsch said. "There wasn't a lot of damage. The contractors were there doing repairs, conducting cutting and welding operations."

Farmington Hills firefighters received a call about the fire around 3 p.m. a week ago Thursday. While on their way, firefighters were advised that people were trapped. The business was not mixing cement at the time, Bartsch said.

When firefighters arrived at Piedmont Concrete, they were informed that the contractors who were working on the facility were trapped in the mixer tower. Four of the five

contractors escaped the tower on their own. Firefighters entered the tower from the top to recover the fifth man, Messenger. That was when the two firefighters were injured, Bartsch said.

The contractors and firefighters were transported to hospitals within a half-hour, an effort Bartsch attributed to mutual aid agreements with surrounding departments.

In addition to the Livonia Fire Department, Community Emergency Medical Services also responded. With more than 20 Farmington Hills firefighters at the incident, West Bloomfield firefighters stepped in to handle other incidents, Bartsch added.

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Shop wisely for life insurance

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my late 50s, married and currently employed. I plan to work for another 10 years. I invest in my company's 401(k) Plan and I also have a decent-size portfolio outside of my retirement account. Twenty-five years ago when my children were infants I purchased a \$1 million term policy. I just received notice that the term policy is going to expire in a few months. My two children have both graduated college and are on their own. My wife also works and if something happens to me, there are plenty of assets to protect her. Do you think I need to buy additional life insurance?



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

A: There is no need for you to purchase life insurance. After all, your kids are on their own and if something happens to you, there is enough to protect your wife.

Too many people believe that life insurance is an automatic and that everyone needs it. After all, we're all going to die, so don't we need life insurance? The answer is absolutely not.

Life insurance is not an investment. Like all types of insurance, life insurance is a means of covering risk. The question is when you pass away do you have the resources to protect those who are dependent upon you? If the answer is yes, then there is no need to purchase life insurance. On the other hand, if someone is dependent upon you and there would be a financial hardship, then life insurance is one way of covering the risk.

All too often life insurance is sold as an investment. Many insurance salespeople like to show all sorts of charts and graphs as to how your money grows in a life insurance policy. Unfortunately, these graphs and charts for the most part are inaccurate and many times contain unre-

alistic expectations. The bottom line is the only people who consider life insurance an investment are those that are selling it.

For those who need life insurance, my recommendation is to consider term life insurance. Term life insurance is the simplest and least expensive type of life insurance. With term life insurance you are buying coverage for a period of time — five, 10, 20 or even 30 years. If you pass away during the time period, then your beneficiaries collect.

In addition, it is easy to shop term around. There are many sites on the Internet where you can buy term insurance and many agents also sell it.

You may ask, if term insurance is so good why do so many life insurance agents shy away from it? The answer is commissions. The commissions on a term life insurance policy are a fraction of what they are on products such as whole life and variable life insurance programs.

One last note regarding term insurance. Most people don't need insurance their entire life. The greatest need for insurance is when you have a growing family. That is why term insurance is so valuable because it allows you to cover your insurance needs at a much more affordable cost than any other type of insurance.

Good luck.

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

Camera Club Council will exhibit 'Best of Best' photos

The Greater Detroit Camera Club Council will display its "Best Of The Best" print photography exhibit during the month of February in the art gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile.

More than 90 winning 16-by-20-inch color and monochrome images, all matted, will be on display.

An artists' open house and reception with light refreshments will be held 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4. The images

are not for sale, but the names and titles of each image are displayed along with the image.

The GDCCC is a group of 10 area camera clubs from metro Detroit, as well as Toledo and Windsor.

Meetings and competitions are held at the local clubs on a regular basis and the best images are selected and sent to the GDCCC for further competition. At the end of the year, the best images that were submitted to the GDCCC for com-

petition during the year are selected as the best of the year. A banquet is held yearly to honor the best photographs of the year — both digital and prints.

The library art gallery is open during library hours: from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Former Livonia firefighter honored for extrication work

Ron Moore of Plano, Texas, a retired firefighter from Livonia, was one of two individuals honored with "Men and Women of Steel" awards Tuesday at the 2015 North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The Steel Market Development Institute (SMDI), a business unit of AISI, recognized Moore with the Community Hero Award for his efforts in educating first responders and other emergency workers on cutting through steel parts made from advanced high-strength steel (AHSS).

The award recognizes those whose lives have been impacted through the use of AHSS or who have used AHSS

in a heroic manner.

Moore is a retired firefighter who most recently served as safety and chief training officer for the McKinney fire department. He is an expert in the area of advanced vehicle rescue seminars and has dedicated much of his career to publishing papers and presentations and training first responders on vehicle rescue and extrication techniques. In addition to the award, Moore will be given a \$5,000 grant to further support extraction techniques.

The awards honor innovators and heroes who are pioneering the use of steel in their work. The other award, the Industry Innovator Award, went to Eliza-

beth Krear, chief engineer on the Ram 1500 EcoDiesel. The award acknowledges automotive designers or engineers who showcase innovation in their use of AHSS. The Ram 1500 EcoDiesel uses AHSS to help achieve fuel economy of 28 mpg, making it the top performing truck in its class.

SMDI will make a \$5,000 contribution in Krear's name to the scholarship fund at Wayne State University's College of Engineering, Krear's alma mater.

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Blessings in a Backpack launches program in Livonia

Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia held its first packing event Jan. 6 at Bethel Community Church in Livonia. Backpacks full of nutritious food were packed for 47 eligible students at Garfield Elementary, Livonia, according to Laura Buda, BIAB-Livonia's secretary.

Much of the funds used to launch the pilot program were raised during BIAB-Livonia's first annual Bowling for Backpacks event, held at Merri-bowl Lanes in November.

Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia is a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that addresses the problem of weekend childhood hunger in Livonia Public Schools. Each week, backpacks are packed by volunteers and distributed on Fridays to participating LPS children who receive free or reduced-fee lunches during the school week. These school children return the backpacks on Monday, to be refilled for the following weekend. Backpacks contain six meals consisting of foods such as tuna, chicken, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, oatmeal, fruit juices, soup, beef ravioli, canned fruit and granola bars.

More than 72,000 children in 700 schools in 44 states and Washington, D.C., are currently being fed by Blessings in a Backpack, according to the national organization.

Thanks to their community partners, Meijer

and St. Mary Mercy Livonia, as well as the generosity of many individual and business donors, BIAB-Livonia is able to fill a weekend backpack with food for as little as \$2.40. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased

attendance have all been attributed to the success of this program, according to the national headquarters for BIAB.

To learn more, donate or volunteer, visit Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia's Facebook page or connect with BIAB-Livonia through Twitter or Instagram.



SMDI presented Elizabeth Krear, chief vehicle engineer for the Ram 1500 EcoDiesel, and Ron Moore, former Livonia firefighter, with awards for their work with advanced high-strength steel in the automotive industry and in the community.



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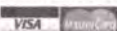
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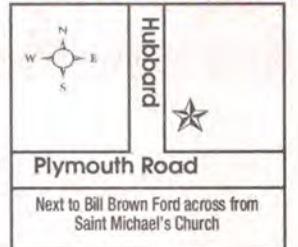
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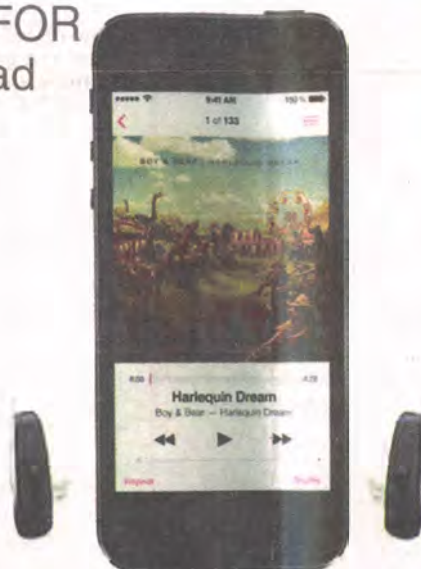
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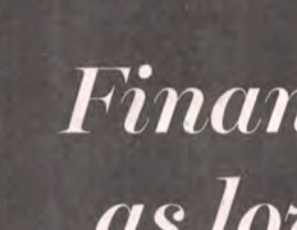
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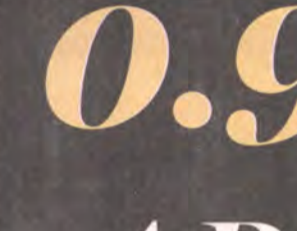
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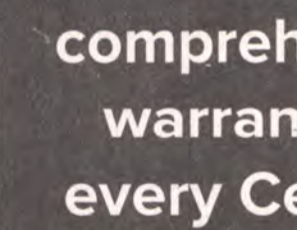
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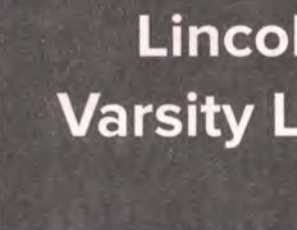
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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Everyone helps in Churchill's rout

Franklin can't overcome size disadvantage in 84-53 loss

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

After busting his tail in practice every day for Livonia Churchill's basketball team, junior swingman Griffin Riley took full advantage of his chance to shine in the spotlight Friday night against visiting Livonia Franklin.

A rarely used reserve heading into the game, Riley made a strong case for seeing more minutes going forward as he scored a season-high 11 points in the Chargers' 84-53 romp.

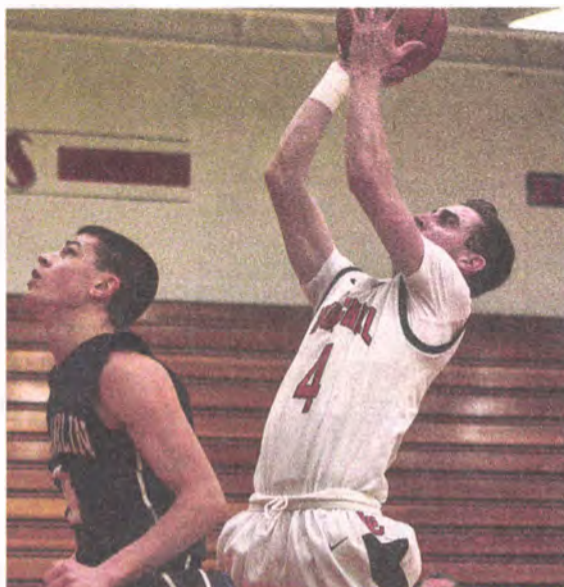
Churchill improved to 6-3 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA South Division heading into Tuesday night's key encounter at Canton.

Even though they dropped to 0-9 and 0-3, respectively, the Patriots played with grit and gusto the entire 32 minutes.

One of Riley's three 3-point makes was a deep-corner rainbow that nestled into the twine as the buzzer sounded, giving the hosts a 42-20 lead.

"I was happy that we were

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ED WRIGHT
Livonia Churchill's Jon Hovermale rises for a short jumper over Livonia Franklin's Joe Chinavare.

Wheelchair basketball

The Michigan Challengers junior wheelchair basketball team will take on a team made up of Livonia Stevenson alumni basketball players during halftime of Friday's 7 p.m. game against Novi.

Half of the \$5-per-person admission to the Spartans' game against the Wildcats that night will be donated to the Michigan Challengers' program.

The Challengers consist of youths between the ages of 5 and 18 from throughout metropolitan Detroit who have lower-extremity physical disabilities. The Challengers are a member of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and practice year-round.

They compete in five or six tournaments from September through April.

The Challengers-Stevenson Alumni game will run 14 minutes.

Strength Team anti-bullying program

The nationally-recognized Stand Strength Team will hold an anti-bullying-themed demonstration on Jan. 23, 24 and 25, at the Berean Bible Church, which is located at 35375 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. The Jan. 23 show will begin at 7 p.m. while the other two shows will start at 6 p.m.

The nightly two-hour event, which will include music, is free.

For more information, visit standstrengthteam.org.

Thurston volleyball events

The Redford Thurston volleyball program will be hosting a pair of upcoming events.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6-7:30 p.m., the Eagles will take on members of the Thurston varsity football team in an annual "Showdown" match that will help raise money for the Methodist Children's Village in Redford.

The admission cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Kids under 5 years old are free. Concessions will be available.

On Sunday, March 15, beginning at 9 a.m., Thurston will host its annual "Spikefest" tournament that will benefit the volleyball program and the school's physical education department.

Participants of the "Spikefest" must be either current Thurston students, alumni or faculty.

PREP HOCKEY



ED WRIGHT
Stevenson's Alec Allen battles for position against Franklin's Trevor Lassaline during Wednesday night's classic at Eddie Edgar Arena.

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The tension inside Eddie Edgar Arena was so thick during the final moments of Wednesday night's hockey showdown between Livonia high school rivals Stevenson and Franklin that you could have cut it with a slap shot.

Much to the dismay – or relief, depending on your perspective – of the teams' large and rambunctious cheering sections, a late-game slap shot never sliced the tension nor the 3-3 score.

The Spartans and Patriots – who not too long ago were separated by a significant margin in the standings and on the talent meter – skated off the ice with their second draw against one another in the span of a month.

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Stevenson-Franklin draw shaped by outcome of two long penalties

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Chargers unplug Patriots, 58-44

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Churchill girls basketball team's "Twin Towers" were too tall of an order for Livonia Franklin to contend with Friday night in a KLAA South Division rivalry game on the Patriots' home court.

Led by post player Anne Yost's season-high 15 points, the Chargers ran off with a 58-44 triumph to improve their record to 6-3 overall and 1-2 in the division. The result left Franklin with a 2-7 overall mark and 1-2 division record.

In addition to Yost's strong play in the paint, Churchill 6-0 senior Hannah Pummill re-

bounded well and scored five points.

Becky Giacobbi enjoyed a career night for the Patriots, scoring 17 points despite missing on 7-of-10 free-throw attempts.

"Becky did a great job of driving into the lane and either finishing or getting fouled," Franklin head coach Jim Milican said. "She did a nice job of drawing defenders and then distributing the ball to her teammates."

Giacobbi compiled four assists along with her stellar scoring totals.

Senior forward Sarah Cramton also played well for Franklin as she pumped in 13 points.

"Even though we lost, I

thought we played a really good game against Churchill," Milican said. "In fact, we may have outplayed them, but they came away with the win. They creamed us with their size. We did not rebound well."

Churchill led 13-12 after one quarter, 32-24 at the end 40-32 with eight minutes to play before outscoring its hosts 18-12 down the stretch.

Milican was especially pleased with the defensive effort of Julie Perez, who shadowed Churchill leading scorer Natalie Spala (12 points). Spala was limited to five points over the first three quarters, Milican said.

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ED WRIGHT
Churchill's Hannah Pummill was a force in the paint.



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Study results could spare kids with bone disease from IV

After reviewing the histories of more than 2,000 American children who were treated with antibiotics for bone infections, a national team of pediatric researchers made a finding that could change the way kids receive the drugs in the future.

The study found that children who were discharged home with oral antibiotics did just as well in overcoming their bone infections as those who were sent home on intravenous antibiotics.

"This very large clinical trial shows that oral antibiotics also cause significantly fewer complications and that there is

no advantage of the more invasive prolonged intravenous therapy," said Banu Kumar, M.D., who led the Children's Hospital of Michigan group participating in the study. Kumar is chief of pediatric hospital medicine at Children's Hospital and an assistant professor of pediatrics for Wayne State University School of Medicine. "Based on these very hopeful findings, clinicians who treat pediatric bone infections may want to reconsider prescribing



Kumar

intravenous delivery of antibiotics for patients who are being sent home for extended drug therapy."

Published last month in the *Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics*, the study results seem likely to challenge the long-held belief that intravenous-delivered antibiotics are more effective than pills in combating bone infections in children.

The analysis of medication records among 2,060 children at 36 U.S. hospitals also found that 15 percent of the children who received antibiotics intravenously through a peripherally inserted central catheter

developed complications that later sent them back to the hospital.

The study noted that the "gravity" of the complications that can result from IV antibiotics delivery — including bloodstream infection, thromboembolism and line breakage — warrants another look at the notion that intravenous antibiotics are just as safe as the oral version.

Kumar said the results might eventually help to spare children with bone infections the discomfort and health risks that sometimes accompany intravenous delivery of antibiotics.

"The typical course of treatment for these children is anywhere from six to 12 weeks," Kumar said. "Given the obvious discomfort, anxiety and risk of infection that can be part of the intravenous procedures, the possibility that we could get the same effectiveness from an orally delivered antibiotic is quite promising. Based on these very hopeful findings, clinicians who treat pediatric bone infections may want to reconsider prescribing intravenous delivery of antibiotics for patients who are being sent home for extended drug therapy."

Oakwood program boosts health of kids, teens

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Kids today have to deal with a lot, ranging from bullying to drug use. Health care pros from Oakwood Healthcare are there to help them navigate those waters.

"It's a great program, great centers," said Jeff Cook, director of child and adolescent health for Oakwood Healthcare, speaking at a Westland Rotary luncheon on Jan. 15.

He told Westland Rotarians and guests about the Oakwood-Adams Child & Adolescent Healthcare Center, housed since 2010 in Adams Upper Elementary School on Palmer in the Wayne-Westland district. That followed a couple other clinics in Wayne-Westland that closed when their host schools did.

The Oakwood Taylor Teen Health Center, on Eureka in Taylor, has been open since 1988 and offers family planning, which is banned by state law in school-based facilities.

Cook also pointed with pride to the Oakwood Westwood Teen Health Center on Annapolis in Inkster, as well as the center at Taylor Truman High School staffed by two registered nurses and a social work-

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Oakwood through the Health Insurance Marketplace and Healthy Michigan will offer a "Health Care Enrollment & Education" program Saturday, Jan. 24, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway. The information session is 11 a.m. to noon, enrollment assistance noon to 4 p.m. Enrollment assistance will also be offered 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the library. You should bring Social Security numbers, or document numbers for legal immigrants; employer and income information for every household member who needs coverage (for example, pay stubs or W-2 forms); and policy numbers for any current health insurance plans covering your household members.

er. Most program funding comes through the Michigan Department of Community Health supplemented by the Oakwood Foundation.

"Most of our kids have no insurance or have Medicaid," Cook said. The health care pros aim to match kids up with a



JULIE BROWN

Jeff Cook, director of child and adolescent health for Oakwood Healthcare, discusses services offered by his employer. At right is Westland Rotarian Margaret Harlow.

primary care physician, as their services aren't available on weekends.

A Romulus High School facility had been defunded, but is slated to reopen. At all facilities, physicals and immunizations are done, along with one-on-one counseling with a dietitian and, for mental health, a counselor/social worker.

"We talk about abstinence, we talk about being safe," Cook said of sex education, with

counseling allowed in schools. HIV testing and counseling on sexually transmitted diseases are both offered. No abortion discussion or referral is done.

"Most of our families are struggling," he said, noting free immunizations available through the county and other fees on a sliding scale with low or no co-pays. "We spend time with the students and we talk about prevention."

A yearly risk assessment ranges from questions about being bullied to use of bicycle helmets. "Our overall goal is to keep that kid in the classroom," said Cook, a Royal Oak resident and recreational therapist by trade. "We know there's issues in the home."

Parental consent is required for most services, and runs around 80 percent. Cook noted one in five students is obese and almost 65 percent are overweight. He and colleagues look to enhance dietitian services, as well as mental health services.

"Mental health is finally becoming a priority in terms of prevention," he said.

More than 500 kids were served last year in about 1,400 visits.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Aging parents

A panel discussion on caring for aging parents is set for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in Classroom One at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Register by Monday, Jan. 19, at 734-738-6300.

Blood drive

Gardner-White stores will hold an American Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at most store locations, including 39453 Ford Road, Canton. The drive will run 1:30-7:15 p.m. at the Novi store, 43525 West Oaks Drive. Every donor will receive a \$50 Gardner-White gift certificate and will be entered for a chance to win one of eight 51-inch Samsung televisions which will be given away at each blood drive location. Appointments are encouraged but not necessary. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-Red-Cross.

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For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees¹
\$1,226 Cash Due at signing
EPA-estimated rating of 19 city/27 highway MPG²



BUY A 2014 FORD EDGE
**0% APR FOR
72 MONTHS³**

Lease a 2014 Ford F-150 XLT SC for
\$269 Per month lease
For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees¹
\$1,082 Cash Due at signing
EPA-estimated rating of 14 city/19 highway MPG²



BUY A 2014 FORD F-150 FOR
**0% APR + \$1,500
TRADE ASSIST⁶
FOR 60 MONTHS⁴**

NOT CURRENTLY IN A FORD VEHICLE? GET UP TO \$750 CONQUEST CASH WHEN YOU BUY OR LEASE AN ALL-NEW FORD VEHICLE!⁹



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(1) Not all customers qualify for Ford Credit Red Carpet low-mileage lease (10,500 miles). Special lease rates are for eligible A/Z Plan lessees. Some payments higher; some lower. Residency restrictions apply. Payments include \$500 Renewal Bonus Cash, with the exception of the Escape which includes \$1,000 Renewal Bonus Cash and Edge which includes \$875 Renewal Bonus Cash for RCL/RCO customers who currently lease a Ford product and lease again through Ford Credit. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 2/2/15. See dealer for qualifications and complete details. (2) 2015 Escape SE FWD 1.6L EcoBoost® I-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 23 city/32 hwy/26 combined MPG; 2015 Fusion SE FWD 2.5L Duratec I-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 22 city/34 highway/26 combined MPG; 2015 Taurus SEL FWD 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 engine 19 city/29 hwy/23 combined MPG; 2015 Explorer XLT FWD 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 engine EPA estimated rating of 17 city/24 hwy/20 combined MPG; 2014 Focus SE FWD 2.0L Ti-VCT direct-injection I-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 26 city/36 hwy/30 combined MPG; 2014 Edge SE FWD 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 engine EPA estimated rating of 19 city/27 hwy/22 combined MPG; and 2014 F-150 5.0L Ti-VCT V8 FFV engine EPA estimated rating of 14 city/19 hwy/16 combined MPG. Actual mileages will vary. (3) Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 72 months at \$13.89 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 2/2/15. See dealer for details. Special rate is not compatible with any other retail offers. Eligible vehicles: 2014 MY Fiesta, Focus Gas, Focus BEV, C-MAX HEV, C-MAX PHEV, Fusion Gas, Fusion HEV, Fusion PHEV, Mustang, Taurus, Escape, Edge, Flex, Explorer and Expedition. (4) Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 60 months at \$16.67 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 2/2/15. See dealer for details. (5) Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 60 months at \$16.70 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment. Take new retail delivery by 2/2/15. (6) Some exclusions may apply, see dealer for details. (7) Customer cash consists of Ford Motor Credit Cash, some exclusions may apply. See dealer for details. (8) Customer Cash consists of \$500 ROBC + \$500 FMCC. (9) Up to \$750 Conquest Cash on select 2014/2015 models (Program #30084). Customers that currently lease a non-Ford Motor Company Car, SUV, or Light Duty truck will receive Conquest Cash towards the purchase or lease of an eligible new vehicle. This program is available through 3/31/15. Not all customers will qualify for financing. See dealer for details. (10) \$250 is Open Bonus Cash.