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Man asks forgiveness in woman's death

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

Before being sentenced to 22 ½ to 40 years in prison under a plea bargain Thursday, a Detroit man apologized and asked forgiveness for murdering a Westland woman, the mother of his son.

Reading his statement in Wayne County Circuit Court, Jamie Pearson blamed his bad choices on shortcomings in his upbringing and lack of a male role model. Conversely, Pearson also said his single mother did her best raising him and wasn't responsible for his actions.

Pearson, 39, had entered a guilty plea to a reduced charge of second-degree murder in the Oct. 22 death of Rachel Watson, 30, who was found strangled to death in her home by relatives and a

co-worker when she failed to appear for work.

"At 38 years old, there were some circumstances that drove me past an unreasonable state of mind, and ultimately take the life of one of God's children and change my own," Pearson said. "I have broken laws and commandments that have left many in sorrow, mourning, disbelief. I would like to say my deepest, dearest and most sincere apologies to the Watson family and close associates."

Watson, who had four children 12 and younger, had earlier ended her relationship with Pearson, father of her youngest child. Pearson was no longer living at Watson's home and had moved to a Detroit apartment.

Testimony was that Watson had con-



Pearson

tacted her father to have him some down from Genesee County to change the locks on her home's doors to keep Pearson out after they broke up.

"I wish this had never happened - if only I could turn back the hands of time," Pearson said. "If only I could trade places with Ms. Watson, I would."

In his statement, Pearson specifically addressed Watson's father, the Rev. Theodore Watson, saying how much he had loved the victim. Pearson also commented that he looked at Watson as a father figure but noted the geographical distance that had been between them.

"I guess you couldn't be in two places at one time," said Pearson. "I know you (Rachel Watson), you are watching. You were a breath of fresh air in my life. I must admit that you didn't deserve the outcome."

Despite his admitted poor choices, Pearson said he was most worried about the four children and hoped that the morals he had instilled in them would continue.

Without the plea, Pearson had been set to face trial on a charge of first-degree murder which carries a mandatory sentence of life without chance of parole.

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Chantia Dallas and daughter Amaya Colo try to stay dry as showers swept through early in the Westland Community Gathering.

Rain doesn't douse Community Gathering at Corrado Park

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

A brief downpour didn't dampen spirits at the summer's first Community Gathering in Westland.

Held Tuesday in Corrado Park, the event featured inflatable water attractions, hot dogs, watermelon and a close-up look at police, fire and public services equipment.

"Last year, the kids got all wet (on inflatables) so this year I got smart and told them to wear their (bathing) suits," said Westland resident Natalie Hobson.

Living a block from the park, Hobson said she brought 10 people with her to event, mostly kids.

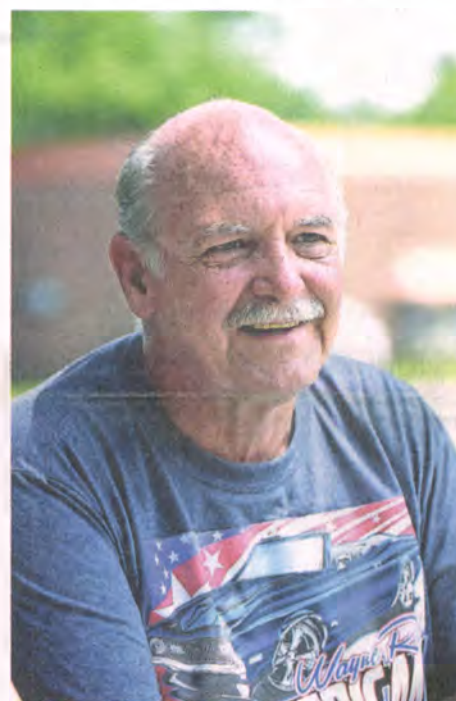
"This is the third time we have come to this. It's a lot of fun," she said. "I was hoping the weather would hold - we would have stayed anyway."

An eight-year resident, Hobson said her neighborhood is really nice and very family-oriented. "It's quiet, well-kept. Everyone keeps their property up," she said. "And Hayes Elementary School is amazing, too. I want to give them a shout out."

This was the second time Cesar Jaillet, a 13-year resident, had attended the Community Gathering bring-

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2015 BUSINESS PERSON OF YEAR



TOM BEAUDOIN

Don Nicholson has helped put Westland on the map with his car cruises and involvement in the community.

Westland Chamber honors Don Nicholson for commitment to Westland

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

It's been an interesting couple of months for Don Nicholson, Westland 2015 Business Person of the Year.

The honor from the Westland Chamber of Commerce and also a volunteerism award from the DAR follow another big step - Nicholson took the oath to become an American citizen on June 8. Born in Ottawa, Nicholson has lived 45 of his 60 years in the U.S.

"My dad transferred to Virginia in 1962. I love Canada but this is really the area where I grew up," said Nicholson. "I went to Nankin Mills Elementary and Nankin Mills Junior High. When I went to Churchill High School, it was my 13th school."

Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC does a variety of automotive events for groups like the Detroit Visitor and Convention Bureau along with car cruises

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Christmas in July section publishes July 23

Independence Day has come and gone and that means the hard-working elves in Hawaiian shirts, no doubt working their laptops squinting through sunglasses on the roof of the *Observer & Eccentric* offices, are preparing the annual Christmas in July special section.

And you don't have to venture out onto a hot roof or wear a colorful shirt to join in the fun. But you may want a magnifying glass as we once again invite readers to try your luck at our holiday icon contest. Details can be found on page 4 of the section when it hits the streets July 23. A link will also



be posted online at hometownlife.com.

Winners will be selected in a random drawing of all correct entries.

The lucky few will be able to select from a long list of cool prizes, including a Galaxy pendant from Belle Étoile courtesy of Motif Jewelers; a lifetime membership to Witch's Hat Brewing Co.; and a jewelry gift from Larson's Jewelry. Other prizes include \$50 gift certificates from Tenpenny Furniture, Scrooge and Barley and

Polish Pottery; a gift certificate for hair service to Modello 227; Salad Mates set from Cutco Kitchen; consultation and gift certificate for Nina McClemore; Automobile Day at the Spa from Bill Brown Ford; plus two will win a one-hour massage or LuXe Facials plus 15-minute HydroLuXe massage at MassageLuXe - Novi or West Bloomfield locations.

Ten others will win Riviera Cinema tickets and a Buddy's Pizza coupon.

So put on those shades, find a magnifying glass and have fun beginning July 23. Deadline to enter will be Monday, Aug. 3.



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Bid accepted to demo vacant city building

In the first of what will likely be several demolition projects this year, the Westland City Council has awarded a bid to tear down the vacated Economic Growth Center.

The one-story building on Marquette housed the city's economic development, building and

planning departments until last fall. Those departments moved into the new Westland City Hall which was large enough to house many departments in one location.

"At this point, we're going to take it down to get rid of the cost to maintain it (the building)," said Westland Mayor

William Wild.

The low bid not to exceed \$9,850 was awarded to Berkshire Development. The building is located near other city buildings on Marquette, including the Department of Public Services and fire administration.

"We're pretty pleased



Wild

with the price to take the building down," said Wild. It's not been determined yet what will be done with the vacant land. "We have some more land to

the east so we could develop a pocket park," Wild said. "Or we could use it for a new DPS building as we reinvest in our assets."

It's expected that later in the year, the former city hall, closed fire station one and the former Bailey Center buildings on Ford at Carlson will be

demolished. The city hall moved into a retrofitted former Circuit City building on Warren Road while a new fire station was constructed on Central City Parkway at Nankin Boulevard.

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in different location, including Hines Drive and Westland's recent All-American Cruise. He also does design and layout for publications, business cards, dashboard plaques and web design.

The current business opened in 2007 after Nicholson had worked for 3M as vice president of

the photo finishing division and later established Prism photo service – the first one-hour photo lab in Westland Shopping Center. He ran Dearborn Master Photo until 2007.

Expanding business

"Digital took over and people thought they didn't need a lab. I've been in photography since I was 12. It started as a hobby," he said. "I had a phenomenal photography teacher in high school. The biggest com-

pliment I ever got was when that teacher sent his daughter to me for her wedding photos."

His current business has expanded to the point where his wife, Gayle Napolitano, whom he first met in high school, has quit her job to work for the company.

"The business has grown that much. It's at a point that I can't do it without help," said Nicholson.

Nominations for Nicholson as Business Person

of the Year note his heavy community involvement. He serves on 16 different boards/commissions/committees. Those range from being vice president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and the Westland Chamber board of directors to serving on the Westland Disabilities Concerns Commission and the Motor Cities National Heritage Board.

He organized the original Burger Car Show in 1993 when his son, Edward, now 31, was attend-

ing the autism center. He also has adult stepdaughters Anne and Claire.

"I was really surprised to be Business Person of the Year. I always go to the function – I had already ordered a table (of seats) long before I knew about it," he said. "I'm quite honored. I've been doing very well. I enjoy doing things in the community."

Nicholson will be among the honorees at the Westland Chamber of Commerce Awards Cele-

bration at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at Joy Manor. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes appetizers and open bar.

Sponsors for the event include the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Joy Manor. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact the chamber at 734-326-7222 or westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

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ing his two children.

"We enjoy it. I read about it last year in the (Wayne-Westland) Observer and decided to come," he said. "Everything is the best."

Westland Mayor William Wild, council members, department heads and other city staff were on hand to show off vehicles and equipment or chat with residents. The Wayne-Westland Fire Department fire safety trailer was on hand letting guests practice escaping a smoke-filled house.

Members of the Westland Police Explorers and teens from the Westland Youth Assistance Program were helping serve food and manning some of the activities.

"It's a good event – a good way for people to ask everyone questions directly of staff," said



Ethan Kozakiewicz, left, and Robert Foley, both 10, enjoy a big chunk of watermelon. They also got fire helmets during the Westland Community Gathering.

Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz. "It builds relationships with police and fire, the city leaders and council people. They can

see where their tax dollars go (for emergency vehicles and other equipment)."

Celebrating his 81st birthday at the event



Ray Parker of the Westland Community Development grills hot dogs.

was the park's namesake Sam Corrado, who was tooling around in a golf cart.

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A mother's nightmares, prison for couple

By L.L. Brasier
Michigan.com

An anguished mother told a packed courtroom Tuesday how she still has nightmares about her son, Craig Sytsma, being attacked and mauled to death by two large dogs as he jogged along a rural road in Metamora Township a year ago.

"I am trying to help him and I can't get to him," Jacque Sytsma told a Lapeer Circuit Court judge, beginning to cry as the dogs' owners, Valbona Lucaj, 45, and Sebastiano Quagliata, 46, sat handcuffed in jail garb, awaiting sentencing.

Judge Nick Holowka — calling the fatal mauling "tragic," and "preventable" — sentenced the couple to a minimum of 57 months to a maximum of 15 years in prison.

"No matter what the court does, this has destroyed two families," the judge said, noting that the defendants have three children who will now be without parents. He said his sentence "will never be enough for the victim's family, and too much for the defendants' family."

Both defendants spoke briefly in court.

Lucaj, her hair gray after a year in jail, spoke first.

"My thoughts and prayers go the family of Craig Sytsma," she said softly.



Valbona Lucaj, 45, right and Sebastiano Quagliata, 46, left stand in Lapeer County Circuit Court with their attorneys Sanford Schulman, second from right and Jason Malkiewicz.

When her husband spoke, she began to wipe away tears.

"I am so sorry," Quagliata said. "I never really thought something like this could happen. I tried to be a model citizen and work all of my life."

The sentencing was one more step toward healing for Sytsma's family in the year since he died.

"We're turning the page," said his father, Richard Sytsma, after the hearing. "It's called closure."

And despite their pain, they feel empathy for the defendants and their family.

"My heart goes out to

them because they have children," Jacque Sytsma said. "They're going to miss all those years with their children."

Sytsma, 46, a metallurgical engineer and divorced father of three from Livonia, was jogging along Thomas Road the evening of July 23 when the two dogs, 100-pound Cane Corsos, dragged him into a ditch and mauled him to death, even as frantic neighbors tried to chase them away.

The dogs, who had a history of attacking people, had been running loose at the time. Lucaj was in Boston visiting family and Quagliata was working as a house paint-

er. Investigators say the dogs may have broken out of a chain link kennel. The dogs were euthanized after the mauling. Several puppies, believed to be the offspring of the killer dogs, were sent to a Texas rescue league where they were reportedly adopted out to families.

The couple was originally charged with second-degree murder, but reached a deal with prosecutors in April, in which they pleaded guilty to owning a dangerous animal, causing death, a 15-year felony. The plea spared the Sytsma family from having to undergo a



Sebastiano Quagliata told the court Tuesday: "I am so sorry."

painful trial. The killing made national headlines. Fatal dog maulings are extraordinarily rare. There are about 30 fatal maulings a year in a country with 75 million dogs.

In Michigan, the Metamora case is similar to a 2008 case in Iosco Township where a dog owner was also allowed to plead to a 15-year felony - rather than murder, after her dogs mauled an elderly neighbor and a woman walker to death.

Like Quagliata and Lucaj, Diane Cockrell pleaded no contest to the

lesser charge of possessing a dangerous animal causing death, after her bulldogs killed Edward Gierlach, 91 and Cheryl Harper, 56. She was sentenced to three years and seven months in prison.

The Sytsma family has filed a civil suit against Lucaj and Quagliata, and are pursuing damages through their homeowners insurance. That litigation is continuing, said family attorney Glenn Saltsman.

In addition, the pair may face deportation.

Free concerts series continue

The 2015 Music from the Heart concert series is in full swing. All concerts are free and sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department. Concerts are held 7-9 p.m. Thursdays during July and August on the grounds of Livonia City Hall at Five

Mile and Farmington roads.

Following is the remaining schedule:

- » July 23 - The Millionaires, big band
- » July 30 - Steve King and the Dittilies, oldies
- » Aug. 6 - Motor City Soul, classic rock
- » Aug. 13 - Billy Mack and the Juke Joint John-

nies, '50s oldies

» Aug. 20 - Cosmic Groove Band, variety dance music

» Aug. 27 - TJ Thomas and Kentucky Strait, country

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Letter to freshman: How to make it in high school

Dear Freshmen,
Congrats, you've made it this far. Now it is time, it is time for you to become the person you're destined to be. The next four years are going to go by so fast, you're going to look back and wish they didn't. So make the most of it, don't let the weight of the world drag you down, enjoy this time, enjoy high school.

What you've heard about high school, probably isn't true, I promise you don't get thrown into trash cans or shoved into lockers. No, seniors don't steal your lunch money or throw your books on the ground, those are just things to make it seem more interesting. The only scary thing about high school is that, every mistake you make, every bad grade you get, and everything you do is accounted for, whether you know it or not.

First of all, seniors aren't all that bad. They don't run the school, although they'd like to think they do. They don't bully innocent freshmen on their first day. If anything they are there to help you, you just have to ask. So just take that thought out of your mind.

Second, the next four years are either going to be the best or the worst, it just depends on you and your attitude, just remember that.

Grades are a big deal

Grades may have not seemed like a big deal for you in middle school, or elementary school, but now they matter. Do



Samantha Aneed
GUEST COLUMNIST

not, I repeat, do not take your freshmen year classes as a joke. That just puts you on the path to do badly throughout the next four years and trust me you do not want that. Take your classes seriously and do all the work the teacher assigns. Even if it seems pointless, and I assure you, a lot of it will, still do it. It will only better you in the future.

If a teacher offers you extra credit, do it! You will be thankful you did. I know you are under a lot of pressure by your peers and your parents. Your parents only want the best for you, so get the grades and do your work. As for your peers, do not let them influence your decisions on homework, classwork, etc. If they want to do badly and they think it's cool to not do their work, let them, don't follow in their footsteps.

But most important, if you do not understand something that is being taught to you, ask questions! Ask as many questions as you need, and if you still don't understand it, ask again! Ask until you understand it. Stay after class, come before school, do whatever you can to make sure you understand what you are being taught.

If you still do not understand

it, go see a different teacher, that teaches the subject you are struggling in. No teacher teaches alike and they might be able to help you see it a different way. Your current teacher will not be upset that you are seeking help elsewhere, they will be happy you show the motivation to understand the concepts being taught.

Get organized

Stay organized and keep a planner, I promise it will help. Challenge yourself every day and learn as much as you can, it will only help you succeed the rest of your high school career.

It may sound brutal but it is the truth, you will not remain friends with people you have known your whole life. No matter how badly you want to, it may not happen. But if you lose touch with friends, just let them go. I know it sounds rough and even sad, but you have to do it. You can't let people hold you back from being happy. You and your friends may seem super close, but you both are going to find things you don't agree on, you will fight and maybe eventually that friendship will be lost, but that's OK! It's OK because you can make new friends, talk to people you usually wouldn't talk too.

Just because you are a freshman doesn't mean you can't be friends with the upperclassmen, but if you are friends with them, just don't brag about it. You are going to realize a lot of your friends are

fake and not trustworthy, when you realize that, let those friends go, it's for your own good. You'll learn how temporary some people are.

You'll also learn that just because you think you can trust someone doesn't mean one day they will turn on you and expose all the deepest secrets you told them, so just be careful on who you tell things too. If you happen to screw up and talk badly about a friend because they did something to make you angry, just be honest with them and tell them. Tell them what you said, admit it. It is always better to be honest, that goes for relationships as well.

But if they confront you about something that isn't true, be sure to tell them it's not, and explain your side of the story. If they don't believe you, then maybe there was already issues in that friendship. Friends trust each other, they have each other's back. No matter how busy a friend is, if they truly care they will make time for you, just remember that.

Mom knows best

If your mom tells you that a friend is no good, listen to her cause chances are, she is right. I learned that, many people learn that. Your parents want the best for you, including the best friendships, not fake ones that will end badly.

Take a deep breath, realize that high school is not as bad as they say. Sure you will have bad days, bad weeks even, and there are going to be times

where you feel like you are completely alone, but I promise you, that you aren't. You just need to find those people that care, and that will take time. You're going into high school with thoughts of what you've heard from others. But just stay calm and clear your head of the negative thoughts.

Make these four years count; have fun; take risks; join a club; play a sport; join theater; do something you usually wouldn't do. But most of all have fun. If you have the mindset that you are going to have a terrible time, and it is going to be the worst four years of your life, that is exactly what it's going to be, but if you go in thinking that you are going to be happy and have the best four years, that's what will happen.

Make memories, talk to new people, and you'll find yourself along the way. Your passions will come out; you'll want to make all your dreams come true, and when you're a senior, you will look back and tell yourself that everything that happened in high school, happened for a reason and that is all that matters.

Well go ahead, enjoy high school now, and remember the same people you started it with, will not be the people you ended it with. Have fun and be happy!

Sincerely,
The Senior

Samantha Aneed is a senior at Garden City High School.

Japanese Foundation donates \$30,000 to Livonia school

The Japan Foundation has made a \$30,000 donation to Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School in Livonia, Kazuyuki Katayama, the Consul-General of Japan in Detroit, announced.

The donation was presented on July 8 by Mizuki Eguchi, public relations officer for the Consulate General of Japan in

Detroit.

Niji-Iro is a Japanese-language immersion school for both Japanese and American students who learn various subjects including global cultures, English and Japanese. It is operated by Livonia Public Schools.

The donation was given to support Japanese language

instruction and tutors.

"We are proud to align with organizations like the Japan Foundation, which supports Japanese language and cultural instruction in the schools," Katayama said. "Promotion of Japanese cultural and language education is at the core of our mission, and we are pleased to do all we can for the

schools and universities that have such excellent curricula."

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The National Federation of the Blind on July 10 presented a \$10,000 cash award to Livonia-based Seedlings Braille Books for Children as one of five organizations and individuals honored with a Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award.

The NFB presented a total of \$50,000 in cash awards to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions toward achieving the full integration of the blind into society on a basis of equality. The award took place at the 75th anniversary of the National Federation of the Blind at its annual convention in Orlando.

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Seedlings produces almost 25,000 braille books and articles per year.

books and articles per year, 40 percent of which are given away with the goal to help increase the literacy rate among blind and visually impaired children. Seedlings' books have been shipped to every state in the United States, every province in Canada, and 75 other countries around the world.

In addition to the production of books, in 1994 Seedlings added The Rose Project which provides free transcription of encyclopedia articles in braille for students' projects and

reports. This service is entirely free to visually impaired students in grades one-12.

Among the programs offered by Seedlings is the Book Angel Program. Each year, Seedlings provides two free braille books to visually impaired children from the United States and Canada who register. The program has opened up new worlds for thousands of children.

Dr. Jacob Bolotin, the namesake of the award program, was a blind physician who lived and practiced in Chicago in

the early 20th century. He was widely known and respected in Chicago and throughout the Midwest during his career, which spanned from 1912 until his untimely death at the age of 36 in 1924. He was particularly recognized for his expertise on diseases of the heart and lungs. Bolotin used his many public speaking engagements to advocate for the employment of the blind and their full integration into society.

Receiving the award on behalf of Seedlings was Debra Bonde, Seedlings' founder and director. In receiving the award she noted, "We are so deeply honored to receive this award, and we hope and believe that



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it comes with some of Dr. Bolotin's drive, tenacity, and compassion for others which we will

combine with our own."

The NFB, headquartered in Baltimore, Md., is the largest membership organization of blind people in the United States with more than 50,000 members. The NFB's primary mission is to serve as a means for blind people to work collectively to improve their lives, as well as to educate the public about the true ability of blind people to function at the same level as their sighted peers. For more information about NFB's programs, visit www.nfb.org.

For more information on the services provided by Seedlings visit its website at www.seedlings.org or call 800-777-8552.



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Westland resident Bill Mowder, right, an AmeriCorps veterans resource coordinator, and a Westland resident, and Westland Police Officer Jeff Kropodra with unclaimed bikes that will now help area veterans.

JROTC cadets shine at Leadership Challenge

Members of the Wayne Memorial High School community have plenty to be proud of after a strong showing by its JROTC cadets at the recent 2015 Michigan JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge in Alpena.

Twenty Wayne Memorial cadets participated in the Joint Forces training Center with 500 other cadets from throughout Michigan. Cadets rotated in leadership positions and were evaluated as they trained.

According to JROTC instructor U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Steven E. La Haine (ret.), the cadets accomplished the tasks of rappelling, rifle marksmanship, drill, water safety, math and science, river rafting and land navigation.

"They spent a night in the woods on bivouac, and otherwise slept in military barracks and ate in a mess hall," LaHaine said. "At the end of the eight days, Wayne came out on top."

Jonathan Dennis, John Willet and Jose Herrera were named top male cadets in their company and Kayla Johnson was a runner-up for top female cadet. Lizbeth Cortez was a top first-year cadet in her company, and Shaki-



STEVE LAHAINE

Cadet 1st Lt. John Willet came away from the Michigan Leadership Challenge as the top cadet in the state.

ra Huckabee and Oscar Cortez were named Company Commanders for the graduation ceremony.

On graduation day, the top cadets overall for the camp were named, and Cadet John Willet from Wayne Memorial was named the best cadet in the state for 2015. Willet is a cadet first lieutenant and Alpha Company commander. He also is a member of the state champion boys bowling team, and a varsity soccer player.

"He carries a 3.4 grade point average and is a model of positive behavior at Wayne High," LaHaine said. "He is truly an example of the scholar, athlete, leader model that JROTC strives to produce."

Unclaimed bikes will benefit veterans

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Local veterans are getting some help through donations of unclaimed bicycles at the Westland Police Department.

Westland resident Bill Mowder, an AmeriCorps veteran's resource navigator, recently stopped by to pick up three bicycles from the police property garage.

The bikes will be used for an off-shoot of the Bikes for Vets program which donates new bicycles to veterans. It's aimed at providing lower-cost transportation for the veterans.

"This is a new program we are just starting. These bikes are mostly education so the veterans can learn to work on them," said



Veterans advocate Bill Mowder and Westland Police Officer Jeff Kropodra secure the donated bicycles to Mowder's vehicle.

Mowder. "Then they can get jobs. It's vocational rehabilitation."

When Officer Jeff Kropodra was assigned to oversee the department's property storage, he said he knew he needed to get rid of

some of the collected abandoned items.

"These bikes had been there over a year and half. They are unclaimed and unregistered," Kropodra said.

Without the donation, the bikes would likely have been auctioned off at some point.

The bicycle donation was facilitated through city attorneys Fausone Bohn, which has a specialization in handling veteran's claims assistance.

"A lot of used bikes are too expensive for us to fix. These (donated bikes) are needed assets so veterans can learn to work and have a bike," said Mowder.

Part of United Way, AmeriCorps does education, medical care, quality of life and housing for veterans. It's part of the Veterans Community Action Team for region 10.

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1987	LIGHTNING	TR	000VA272744	TRAILER	ABANDONED	1
1993	TALBERT	TR	40FR03024P1010185	TRAILER	ABANDONED	2
2000	FORD	VAN	1FTNE2428YHB44410	ECONOLINE	ABANDONED	3
1995	FORD	VAN	1FTEE14Y95HC26457	ECONOLINE	ABANDONED	4
2000	FORD	PU	1FTNF20L7YEE24414	F250	ABANDONED	5
2004	FORD	VAN	1FTNS24L04HA01527	ECONOLINE	ABANDONED	6
2002	BUICK	4D	1G4HP54K72U254755	LESABRE	FIRE	7
2000	FORD	4D	1FAFP3438YW254937	FOCUS	ACCIDENT	8
2001	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WX15K519343960	MONTE	ARREST	9
2002	FORD	4D	1FAFP53U52G182912	TAURUS	ARREST	10
2013	DODGE	4D	1C3CDFBA0DD328564	DART	ACCIDENT	11
2001	FORD	SW	2FMZA52441BA07711	WINDSTAR	ACCIDENT	12
2002	HYUNDAI	4D	KMHWF35H82A589753	SONATA	ABANDONED	13
2005	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1JC52F657197693	CAVALIER	ARREST	14
1992	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3NL543XNM456098	ACHIEVA	ACCIDENT	15
1989	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCD314K7KE273310	1500	ARREST	16
1994	FORD	2D	1FAPP31X2RK241105	TEMPO	ARREST	17
2001	GMC	SW	1GTCS195218245297	SONOMA	EVIDENCE	18
1996	FORD	4D	2EALP73W3TX217152	CROWN	ARREST	19
2002	CHRYSLER	2D	1C3EL55R22N310078	SEBRING	ABANDONED	20
1984	MOTOVOX	CY	L4SPAELJ2E2005600	MOPED	ARREST	21
2004	CHRYSLER	4D	2C4GP54L74R540226	TOWN	ARREST	22
2006	DODGE	4D	2B3KA43GX6H242063	CHARGER	ARREST	23
1995	CHEVROLET	SW	1GBDM19W8SB252187	ASTRO	ARREST	24
2006	CHRYSLER	SW	1A4GP45R66B594576	T&C	ABANDONED	25
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Church pantry helps area resident pay bills

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Without help, Carolyn West would be forced to choose between paying her bills and buying food.

"When I get through paying my bills, I don't have enough money to stock up on my groceries like I need to," the 61-year-old Westland resident said.

Her situation worsened after her Bridge Card benefits were reduced, so she has turned for help to the Abundant Life Church of God in Canton, which has started a new food pantry to fight hunger.

"It's very helpful," said West, accompanied by grandsons Rashard, 5, and Kaiden, 1.

The church has marked the second week of its new food pantry, open 2-4 p.m. Thursdays inside its building near Hannan and Palmer. Recipients need only to show a driver's license and proof of residence.

Paulette Smitherman, food pantry administrator, has witnessed metro Detroit's hunger as a home care and hospice nurse. She has gone into homes and seen empty refrigerators.

Smitherman said some people, especially the elderly, are forced to choose between buying food or paying for their prescription drugs. It's a choice she said they



Volunteer DeShawn Will brings food to the front of the church for pickup.



Carolyn West, with grandson Rashard by her side, said the new food pantry is "very helpful."



DeShawn Will brings food to Marlette Anquetil, who volunteered to drive the food to a recipient in Plymouth who currently has no transportation.

shouldn't have to make.

Her husband, Dan, the church's pastor, agreed. "This is a way for us to reach out and touch the community," he said. "We don't just want to be a house on the side of the road. We want to make a difference."

On Thursday afternoon, volunteers had numerous boxes of food ready to go when the church opened its doors. The project drew 18 families in its first week but already had begun to

expand by the second week.

The church picks up supplies from Gleaners Community Food Bank, including frozen meat, vegetables, canned soup, pasta, bread and other goods. A church volunteer even makes small bags of candy for children.

"We try to make it a well-balanced diet," Paulette Smitherman said. "If it's a larger family, they get a larger box of food."

Private donors also complement food supplies from Gleaners.

Marlette Anquetil of Canton stopped by Abundant Life of God Church on Thursday to pick up food for a Plymouth family of five who had no transportation. Anquetil was helping through an online project, Sharing Is Caring, started by a Redford woman.

"I'm a single mom myself. God only knows if I might ever need help," Anquetil said. "Never say never."

Referring to the family she was helping, she said she felt heartbroken after hearing what a 10-year-old child had said after eating canned food day after day. The child simply asked the mother, "Can we have some real

food?"

Abundant Life Church of God had started a food pantry last year but had to close down and get better organized before reviving it. Volunteers already had filled numerous boxes of food as recipients began to arrive Thursday.

The church also has some donated clothing that its visitors are encouraged to take.

The church intends to complement - not compete with - other

churches that have food pantries. One of the area's biggest is the long-time Open Door Ministry, started by Canton's Connection Church on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue.

Dan Smitherman said hunger is a problem that any church can help fight.

"It's not a competition," he said.

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CITY OF WESTLAND 2015 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2015 July Board of Review and will convene in the Westland City Hall at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

July 22, 2015 @ 10:30 AM

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160. Eileen DeHart, CMC
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN NOTICE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR SPECIAL ELECTION OF AUGUST 4, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the Special Election, to be held on August 4, 2015, will be conducted on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall, located at 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, Michigan, 48239.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
Charter Township of Redford

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

INVITATION TO BID FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL - TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND WHEELCHAIR LIFT (ONLY)

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting firm prime contractor bids for all labor, material, equipment and all other services to complete the work at Livonia Public Schools - Franklin High School for New Traffic Control / Signal and New Wheelchair Lift.

Plans and specifications may be obtained electronically via PlanWell through George W. Auch and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after **July 14th, 2015**. The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by Stantec. Complete sets of printed documents may be purchased from DunnBlue/ARC, 1009 W. Maple St., Clawson, Michigan 248-288-5600 or email michigan.troy@e-arc.com.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company and the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Administrative Offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, July 29th, 2015** to Livonia Administrative Offices (address above), Attn: Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the construction manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

A Bid bond executed by a **U.S. Treasury listed surety company** acceptable to the owner, or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Livonia Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of \$23,126.00. All proposals shall be firm for a period of ninety (90) days. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

Contractors will be required to meet the Prevailing Wage requirements which are provided with the project manual.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for **July 21st, 2015 at 10:00am** at the Franklin High School (31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI 48150). Please park in the west lot at Franklin High School and meet at the Auch job trailer. **This walk through is not mandatory, but highly recommended.**

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at a meeting convened at the Livonia Administrative Offices (Board Room to be determined) starting at **2:00pm, July 29th, 2015**. Post-bid interviews will be held on July 30th - August 4th at the office of the George W. Auch Company OR Livonia Administration Office; the low responsive bidder must be prepared to meet on these days.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board or Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. Also include the Equal Opportunity Form. Forms are included in the bid proposals.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance

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NOTICE TO ALL CITY OF LIVONIA PROPERTY OWNERS

Dennis Wright, City Treasurer, would like to notify all Livonia property owners that the summer tax bills were issued on July 1st and are due and payable without interest until September 14, 2015. On September 15, 2015 and the first of every month thereafter, interest of 1% will be added to any unpaid summer tax bill. Residents and business owners have until August 14th to apply to have their summer taxes automatically withdrawn from their bank account. Residents meeting the following qualifications have until September 14th in which to file the necessary paperwork with the City Treasurer's Office to defer payment of their summer tax bill. Tax deferrals are granted to the principal residence homeowner who is totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower, or 62 years of age or older, or the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death, and whose total household income in the prior tax year did not exceed \$40,000. The application to defer summer taxes is available at the City's website at: www.ci.livonia.mi.us or at the Treasurer's Office.

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LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION 19300 Purlingbrook Livonia, Michigan 48152 (248) 477-7086

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Livonia Housing Commission (LHC) has developed the fiscal year 2016 Annual Agency Plan and Five Year (2017-2020) Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and applicable regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Agency Plan reflects the goals and objectives of the Commission and the administration of housing and community development programs. The Agency Plan and supporting documentation are available for public review for a period of not less than 45 days at the Livonia Housing Commission's administrative office located at 19300 Purlingbrook, Livonia, Michigan 48152. The Commission's hours of operation are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The comment period will end on September 7, 2015. The Housing Commission will conduct a public hearing at 5:30 pm, Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Housing Commission's Silver Village Community building located at 33780 Lyndon, Livonia, 48152. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain final citizen comments on the Agency Plan, which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development no later than October 15, 2015.

James M. Inglis, Director
John Bryan, President
Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

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Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Appeal 15:01: Applicant Joseph Natt, 19170 Denby, Redford Twp, MI 48240, Lot 126A of Liberty Heights Subdivision between Seven Mile Rd and Vassar Streets

The applicant is requesting a variance that would permit him to erect a 24 x 14 sq. ft. equipment shed toward the rear of his property.

Zoning Ordinance 152N, Sec. 3.11, I.2, states that storage sheds shall not exceed 144 Sq. Ft. If the structure is to be considered a garage, Section 3.11, I permits only 1 garage on a residential lot.

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING. THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.

This appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Redford Township Hall board room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, on **Wednesday, July 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** Written comments must indicate the above appeal number and will be accepted no later than **4:30 p.m. July 22, 2014.** No comments will be accepted over the telephone.

Jennifer Lawson, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

The Charter Township of Redford (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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Forums: a voice in community mental health care

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said, "The only thing that is constant is change." Here in Michigan, our weather proves this continually. If we didn't plan for the impending change of tomorrow, it would pummel us.

Our health care system works the same way. On the national level, the advent of the Affordable Care Act and the Excellence in Mental Health Act – thank goodness – are altering the way our health care system operates from the inside out. An additional shift toward integrated care and payment reform are structurally altering the way that services will be provided at the local level.

At the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, we want to make sure that these changes result in the best care for the people we serve: those with severe mental illnesses, substance use disorders, serious emotional disturbances, or developmental disabilities. Change is inevitable – progress should not be optional.

In order to meet this goal, the authority's Board of Directors has developed the Best Practices Task Force, co-chaired by two board



Tom Watkins

members, Dr. Cheryl Munday and Terrence Thomas and composed of Authority staff and leaders from our mental health provider partners and Wayne State University.

The Best Practice Task Force charge is to, "Provide system design recommendations to myself and the Board of Directors that will move service systems to a nationally recognized, locally good fitting, best practice model that maximizes behavioral health outcomes for those we serve, through optimally efficient use of available resources."

Community forums

Through the end of July, the Task Force is holding a series of community forums to uncover any cracks in the current system, or to predict where those cracks might occur, so they can be promptly addressed. Each session begins with an informative film screening about the changes taking place in the DWMHA system. The two major shifts are

payment reform and the movement to a "Behavioral Health Home."

According to Dr. Carmen McIntyre, chief medical officer at DWMHA, "For individuals living with chronic behavioral health conditions, like many of the people we serve at DWMHA, a behavioral health provider might be the best fit for their Health Home. This is where the Behavioral Health Home comes into play. In terms of payment reform, the current system is moving to a system that incentivizes treatment outcomes, rather than pure payment for services."

At the DWMHA, we believe that by listening to the people we serve we can greatly improve the outcomes and maximize the limited public dollars available.

We need to hear from you. Your input is vital as we continuously look to improve community mental health and substance use service to our community. DWMHA is committed to being consumer- and community-focused, data-driven and evidence-based.

Our community forums engage participants on a variety of topics related to the system improvement, including

what is and isn't working about the way the current system is managed, how a new model might affect different stakeholders, structural design recommendations, critical issues and populations to address.

Community views

Community insights thus far have included concerns over the practicality of integration. John Lewis of Children's Behavioral Action Team, for instance, recommended "real collaboration and coordination between physical and behavioral health care providers, rather than just consultation."

Joan Barefield, a consumer and employee at DWMHA, recommended more social supports for individuals with mental illnesses saying, "It's not just a mind thing, it's a heart thing. It's emotional. They need that social element." Additional needs, such as clear communication of services and rights, clubhouses for youth, and better transitional services from childhood to adulthood, have been voiced along the way.

The Best Practices

Task Force will take all feedback gathered at the eight community forums being held around Detroit-Wayne County and will then be able to refine its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Each session is recorded and stored in order to review and continue extracting information. At the end of these sessions, the recordings will also be available on DWMHA's website.

Mental health care is an issue that affects us all in some way: It might be someone in your family, place of worship, friend or a neighbor. At some point, you will know someone who is struggling with a mental illness, developmental disability or substance abuse.

We are hoping that providers, community stakeholders, consumers, civic members, advocates, businesses, educators, law enforcement and people from the faith-based community will attend these forums. The more voices that are present, the more impact the Task Force will be able to have on those who often do not have a voice.

The Best Practices Task Force informational resources are posted on the DWMHA website www.dwmha.com. Community members are also able to send in ideas to the Task Force online. With the communities' input we can build the structures that safeguard us from the ever changing winds of tomorrow.

To view the calendar of forum dates, visit www.dwmha.com/portals/0/Documents/BestPracticesCommForumFlyer.pdf. To view a list of community resources related to the system change, visit www.dwmha.com/BestPracticeTaskForce.aspx.

If you or someone you know needs help, contact DWMHA's 24-Hour Help Line at 800-241-4949 or visit us online at www.dwmha.com

Tom Watkins is the president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (www.dwmha.com). He has served the residents of Michigan as state superintendent of schools and state mental health director. Follow Watkins on twitter @tdwatkins88.



Kohl's Associates in Action volunteers provided support to students in the Madonna University Bridging Lost Gaps program. A friendly softball game helped welcome the new students.

Kohl's Cares supports Madonna University students

Thanks to support from Kohl's Cares, students in the Bridging Lost Gaps program at Livonia's Madonna University held a summer softball game to network and prepare for the upcoming academic year. With student support services and encouragement from campus and community members, the BLG program helps prepare young African-American males from Detroit for college and life after graduation.

The softball game was put together by current BLG students to welcome incoming freshmen,

according to Bryant George, program director. The students shared stories of growing up in Detroit, and the upperclassmen shared their experiences living in Livonia while pursuing their bachelor's degree, and the tools they use to be successful BLG students.

Representatives from the Kohl's department store in Canton volunteered as lunch servers, game umpires, score keepers and players. Kohl's Cares awarded Madonna University's BLG program with a \$500 grant to fund the

day and help support the BLG Early Arrival Program, for freshmen, in late August.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 180 OF TITLE 13, CHAPTER 08 (WATER SERVICE RATES AND REVENUES) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 180 of Title 13, Chapter 08 the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Water meters—Procedures when out of order. A. When water has been used for a period without the meter registering, the water so used shall be estimated by the city on the basis of past consumption by the user or by similar users. The current meter schedule shall apply to water used through a meter out of order.

B. Where, through no fault of the consumer, the reading obtained from the outside reading device differs from the actual amount of water used, as measured by the water meter, with the result that the consumer has been underbilled by \$500 or more for actual water usage, the meter and/or outside reading device shall be replaced, and if the consumer has not a) covered, obscured, or hindered city access to the meter, b) refused to allow or otherwise hindered the city from changing the meter, c) tampered with the meter or outside reading device, d) fallen into arrears on his/her/its water/sewer bills by more than one month, or e) defaulted on any other obligation to the city, the consumer may apply to the department of public works of the city for relief from make-up billing. If the department finds that the consumer qualifies for such relief, the consumer must forthwith pay \$500 plus 10% of the additional underbilling, up to a maximum of \$1,000, and the balance of the underbilling shall be paid out of amounts collected by the city to cover water/sewer revenue losses.

Section 2. 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 3. 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 Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan Hoff, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 9th day of July, 2015.
Jack Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: July 9, 2015

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
July 27, 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, July 27, 2015 at 7:00 pm**, regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF GARDEN CITY**

ORDINANCE NO A15-xxx

CONVEYANCE OF CITY PROPERTY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO MODEL PROPERTIES OF REAL PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY VACATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN 1999; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. PURPOSE.

Pursuant to City Charter Section 5.02 the City of Garden City hereby submits a quit claim deed in the following real property located in the City of Garden City:

The east 22 feet of the west 53.83 feet of the south 268 feet of Lot 29, Folker's Full Acre Farms, as recorded in Liber 45, page 3 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

The identical property was vacated by the 1999 Garden City Council. In that the City vacated the property in 1999, the City does not have an ownership interest in such property, and the conveyance is a quit claim deed rather than a warranty deed. The submission of the quit claim deed is a courtesy to the current owner of the property, Model Properties, a Michigan Co-Partnership, whom purchased the property from the resulting owners after the 1999 vacation.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION III. REPEAL.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

**Randy Walker, Mayor
Clerk/Treasurer**

Introduced: 7/13/2015
ADOPTED:
Resolution#:
Published: July 19, 2015

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According to Patty Porta, the school's administrator, the summer camp is a great introduction to the learning environment and educational programs Livonia Montessori offers young children throughout the year. With five weeks remaining in the summer camp program, there is still time to sign up.

In addition, families seeking authentic Montessori preschool and kindergarten programs for the fall are welcome to tour Livonia Montessori School, which is currently accepting applications for the 2015-16 school year. Both half-day and full-day programs are available, along with before- and after-school care as needed.

For more information about the summer program or to schedule an individualized tour for fall enrollment, call 248-474-4764, email livoniamontessori@att.net or visit www.livoniamontessori.org.

Livonia Montessori School is a nonprofit educational community affiliated with the American Montessori Society, Michigan Montessori Society, and the Association of Independent Michigan Schools. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Livonia Montessori School is licensed by the Michigan Department of Human Services. More information is available at www.livonia-montessori.org.



Becoming good buddies are, from left to right, Caleb Eiben, Adam Charara, 3, and Dominic Crupi, 4.



Caleb Eiben, 3, plays an outdoor water game during summer camp at Livonia Montessori School.



Lydia Pegouske, 4, squeezes lemons to make lemonade — a summertime favorite.

Inheritance: Get your tax advice from a professional

Q: Dear Rick: I just received an inheritance of more than \$250,000. The money is from my aunt's estate. She passed away over five years ago. Her only living relatives — in addition to me — was other nieces and nephews. My inheritance came from the sale of her home. The letter I received with the check from my cousin said that I am responsible to pay any taxes owed as a result from the sale of the home. My aunt lived in the house for over 50 years and I have



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

no idea what she originally paid for it. Can you help me figure out what I owe in taxes?

A: I have good news. You won't have to pay taxes on the money. The total \$250,000 you received is income tax free.

Many people are confused with the taxation of inheritances. They confuse it with estate taxes.

These are two different taxes. For example, you could be in a situation where the estate pays zero taxes but the beneficiaries have to pay income taxes, or a situation where the estate is liable for taxes but the beneficiaries pay no taxes. It all depends upon the assets and the situation.

Estate taxes are paid by the estate and are based upon the fair market value of the estate upon death. For the majority of people, estate taxes are no longer an issue as the current exemption is well over \$5

million per person.

On the other hand, a beneficiary can be subject to income taxes if they inherit a tax-deferred type of account. As a beneficiary, you typically inherit property income and estate tax free. The one major exception to the rule deals with tax deferred accounts like traditional IRAs or 401k's. If you inherit one of these accounts the money is taxable to you as ordinary income. For example, if you inherited a \$25,000 IRA that \$25,000 would be taxed as ordinary income to you. Regardless of whether the estate

itself paid estate taxes or not, the beneficiary would be subject to income taxes.

If you inherit something like an annuity that is not within a qualified retirement account such as an IRA, then the tax liability is the deferred income. For example, if you inherited a \$25,000 annuity and the original purchase price was \$10,000, then \$15,000 would be taxed to you as ordinary income.

You may ask why your cousin told you that you have to pay taxes on the sale of the house when there are no taxes due. I don't know, but one thing

I do know is that most people who give tax advice shouldn't. Remember, tax laws are not stagnant, they're ever changing. Just because something was the law last year doesn't mean it's the law this year.

People who don't stay current should refrain from giving tax advice and those who receive advice should be very cautious as to whom they seek it from.

Rick Bloom is a financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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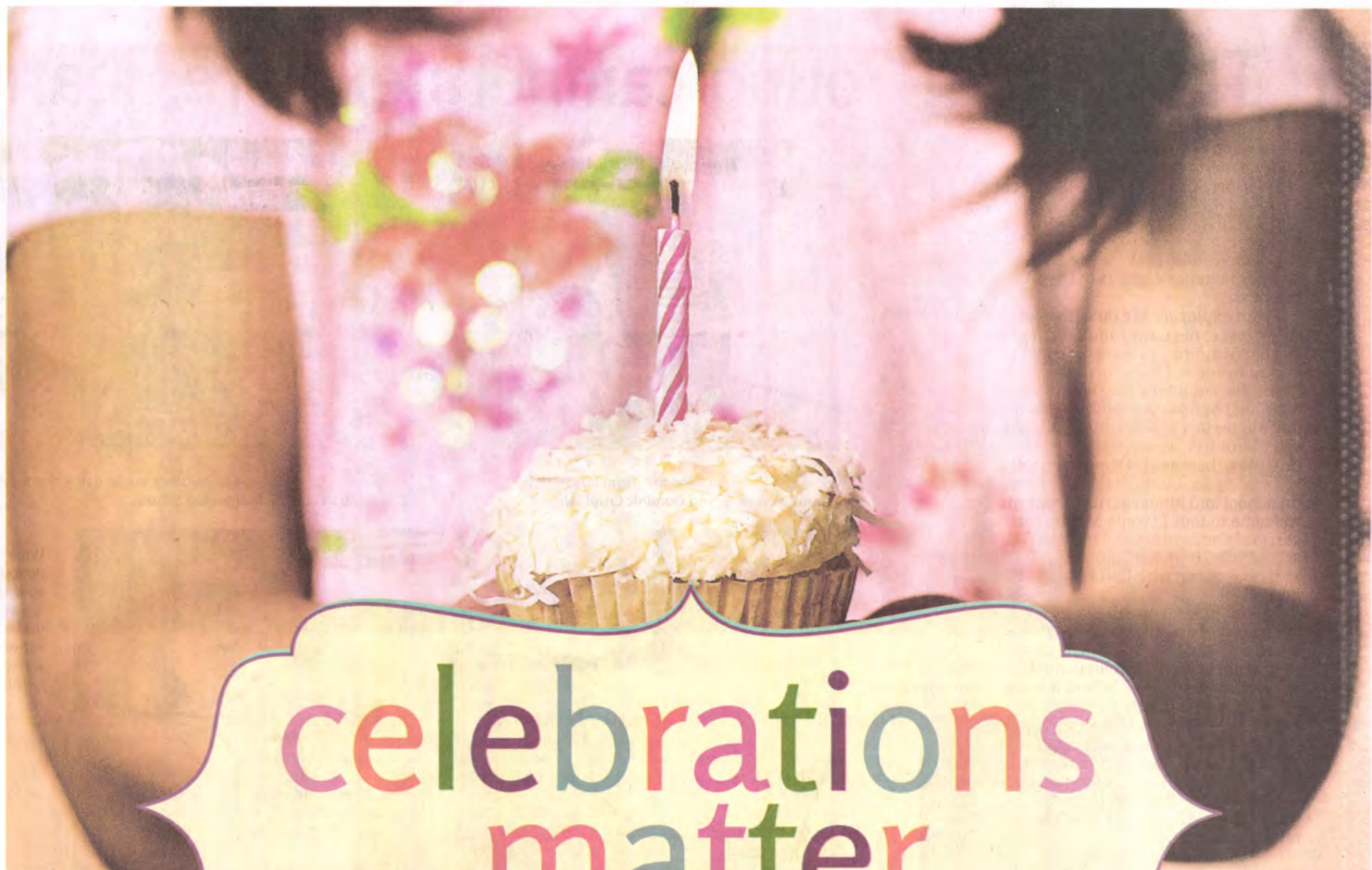
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CARL SAMS II

Milford photographer Carl Sams snapped this photo of a white deer surrounded by other deer, last year at Kensington Metropark.

METROPARKS BOARD MEMBER SPEAKS ON DEER CULL

By Lisa Roose-Church
Michigan.com

A Huron-Clinton Metroparks Board of Commission member says the "entire board" is disappointed that a rare white buck was killed during a culling at Kensington Metropark.

However, board member Jack Labelle said the board needs to learn more about what happened and how it happened before making demands. He said the public may cheer if the board outright fired the employee or contractor who made the mistake, but that employee could successfully sue the Metroparks if he has an unblemished work history.

"The easy thing to do when sitting at the board table is to start ranting and raving at the employee or contractor (who shot the deer) and make him the scapegoat," Labelle said. "The other way is to listen to the people, which we all did. We will have to review the regulations and find out why and don't let it



GREGORY MILLER
Genoa Township resident Gregory Miller took this photo in December of a white deer that was shot and killed in February by Metropark police.

happen again. ...
"This is the shot in a million, and I don't mean to be cute about it, but we've never really encountered controversy in the culling," he added. "You don't just rant and rave for (the public's) benefit."

The white buck was shot dead in February as part of an effort to control the deer population at Kensington Metropark, but it was not made public until recently.

The loss of the rare deer has upset some area residents and nature-lovers, including Gregory Miller, a nature pho-

tographer from Genoa Township, and Milford photographer Carl Sams, who said "the loss is heartbreaking."

Miller sent a letter to the park's western district park superintendent, expressing how the community has lost "something unique, beautiful, rare and irreplaceable." He was unable to attend the board's Thursday meeting, but his sister did and she shared with him that attendees were disappointed that board members had their backs to the public and they could not hear what was being said. Several area residents spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting upset with the white deer being killed.

Labelle said the board sits around a rectangular table and three board members' backs may have been to the audience, but all board members treated the public with courtesy and respect.

Labelle confirmed the board was not immediately aware the white buck had been killed in the culling until it was

mentioned at a board meeting. He said the board has asked to review the culling policy "to see if there's something in the regulations that would stop" any future incidents involving white deer.

"Every board member felt bad about the fact it occurred," he said. "However, we want to take a look at what has to be corrected and also exactly what happened."

Sams said he had seen the deer at Kensington for two winters, and at first thought it was an albino deer. It blue eyes, he said, indicated otherwise. Sams had pictures of the deer among his collection on display last month at a Flint art festival.

Miller said he first spotted the eight-point buck with a white coat, pink nose and blue eyes in November. He took a photograph, which he had enlarged, and presented it to the Kensington Metropark Nature Center so that others, especially children, could

enjoy and learn about the unique animal.

Over the course of a month, Miller said, he spotted the white deer three more times. To not see it again is a loss, he noted.

"I in no way hold the everyday park employees at Kensington responsible in any way for this disaster," Miller said. "Their dedication and hard work in promoting, protecting, and preserving the natural resources of the park I admire and appreciate, and I remain a firm supporter and patron of the park. ...

"However, it is the upper levels of park management and the police that I hold in every way responsible and accountable for the utter recklessness that caused the death of this animal," he added.

According to the Metropark's White-Tailed Deer Management Report and Proposed Policy dated May 2001, trained Metroparks' sharpshooters are used to cull deer during the early winter

months after the statewide hunting season has ended.

It was not immediately known if that report was changed before adopted. However, the document notes that combined with sharpshooters will help maintain deer numbers.

Paul Muelle, natural resources director at Huron-Clinton Metroparks, told the Oakland Press the sharpshooter team followed proper procedure by identifying the target. However, the sharpshooter did not notice its antlers or coat against the snow. He said his shooters were told to avoid the white deer if possible, but the conditions were terrible on the night in question, the Pontiac newspaper reported.

"Our sharpshooters work as a four-man team," Muelle told the paper. "They always call out that there's a target, and work in cooperation so that things are appropriate to go ahead."



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No. 2990

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND FOR THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SYSTEM AND THE BONDS.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this Ordinance, except when otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Act 94" means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.
- (b) "Adjusted Net Revenues" means for any operating year the excess of Revenues over expenses for the System determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, to which shall be added depreciation, amortization, interest expense on Bonds and payments to the City in lieu of taxes, to which may be made the following adjustments:
 - (i) Revenues may be augmented by the amount of any rate increases adopted prior to the issuance of Additional Bonds or to be placed into effect before the time principal of or interest on the Additional Bonds becomes payable from Revenues as applied to quantities of service furnished during the operating year or portion thereof that the increased rates were not in effect.
 - (ii) Revenues may be augmented by amounts which may be derived from rates and charges to be paid by new customers of the System.
 The adjustment of revenues and expenses by the factors set forth in (i) and (ii) above shall be reported upon by professional engineers or certified public accountants or other experts not in the regular employment of the City.
- (c) "Authorized Officers" means the Mayor, Treasurer, City Clerk and Director of Finance of the Issuer, and each is an "Authorized Officer".
- (d) "Bonds" mean the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds and any additional Bonds of equal standing hereafter issued.
- (e) "Council" or "City Council" means the City Council of the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.
- (f) "Issuer" or "City" means the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.
- (g) "Outstanding Bonds" means the Series 2005 Bonds, Series 2006 Bonds, Series 2013 Bonds, Series 2014 Bonds and the Series 2015 Bonds.
- (h) "Placement Agent" means Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated.
- (i) "Prior Ordinances" means Ordinance Nos. 2719, 2945, 2963 and 2979 of the Issuer.
- (j) "Refunded Bonds" means all or a portion of the outstanding Series 2005 Bonds and Series 2006 Bonds as shall be finally identified in the Sale Order referred to herein.
- (k) "Revenues" and "Net Revenues" mean the revenues and net revenues of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to "Revenues", the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by this Ordinance.
 - (l) "Sale Order" means the Sale Order to be executed by an Authorized Officer respecting the sale of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds.
 - (m) "Series 2005 Bonds" means the Issuer's Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, dated December 15, 2005.
 - (n) "Series 2006 Bonds" means the Issuer's Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2006, dated January 4, 2006.
 - (o) "Series 2013 Bonds" means the Issuer's Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2013, dated September 17, 2013.
 - (p) "Series 2014 Bonds" means the Issuer's Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, dated June 25, 2014.
 - (q) "Series 2015 Bonds" means the Issuer's Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, dated June 25, 2015.
 - (r) "Series 2015 Refunding Bonds" means the Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, of the Issuer authorized by this Ordinance.
 - (s) "Sufficient Government Obligations" means direct obligations of the United States of America or obligations the principal and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America, not redeemable at the option of the issuer, the principal and interest payments upon which, without reinvestment of the interest, come due at such times and in such amounts as to be fully sufficient to pay the interest as it comes due on the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds and the principal and redemption premium, if any, on the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds as they come due whether on the stated maturity date or upon earlier redemption. Securities representing such obligations shall be placed in trust with a bank or trust company, and if any of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds are to be called for redemption prior to maturity, irrevocable instructions to call the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds for redemption shall be given to the paying agent.
 - (t) "System" means the entire Water Supply and Wastewater System of the City as defined in Prior Ordinances, and all enlargements, extensions, repairs and improvements thereto hereafter made.
 - (u) "Transfer Agent" means a transfer agent to be determined by the Authorized Officers at the time of the sale.

Section 2. Necessity; Public Purpose. It is hereby determined to be necessary for the public welfare of the City to refund the Refunded Bonds.

Section 3. Series 2015 Refunding Bonds Authorized. To pay the cost of refunding the Refunded Bonds and the costs of issuance of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds, it is hereby determined that there be borrowed upon the credit of the Revenues of the System, the sum of not to exceed Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,600,000), and the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds be issued therefor, under the provisions of Act 94.

Except as changed by the provisions of this Ordinance, all the provisions of the Prior Ordinances shall apply to the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds, the same as though each of said provisions were repeated in this Ordinance, the purpose of this Ordinance being to authorize the issuance of additional Bonds to finance the cost of refunding the Refunded Bonds and to pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds.

Section 4. Detail of Series 2015 Refunding Bonds. The Series 2015 Refunding Bonds shall be designated WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015 (or such other designation as an Authorized Officer shall determine at the time of sale thereof to better reflect the date of issuance of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds or to meet the requirements of law) and shall be, not general obligations of the City, but revenue bonds, payable solely out of the Net Revenues of the System, and shall consist of fully registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the aggregate principal amount of that maturity, dated as of the date of their delivery (or such other date as determined by an Authorized Officer, but in any event within 45 days from the date of sale of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds), numbered as determined by the Transfer Agent, maturing on November 1 (or such other date as determined at the time of sale thereof) in the years 2016 to 2020, inclusive, and subject to redemption in the manner and at the times and prices to be determined at the time of sale by any of the Authorized Officers and set forth in the Sale Order. The Series 2015 Refunding Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined at the time of sale thereof, payable on May 1st and November 1st of each year, or such other dates and in such years as set forth in the Sale Order, and first payable as determined at the time of sale thereof. Interest on the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds shall be payable by check or draft mailed by the Transfer Agent to the person or entity which is, as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date, the registered owner at the registered address as shown on the registration books of the Issuer maintained by the transfer agent. The date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the Issuer to conform to market practice in the future.

The Authorized Officers are each authorized to appoint a bank or trust company located in Michigan and qualified to act as bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent for the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds. The Authorized Officers are each authorized to execute one or more agreements with the Transfer Agent on behalf of the City. The City reserves the right to replace the Transfer Agent at any time upon written notice to the registered owners of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds not less than sixty (60) days prior to any interest payment date.

The Series 2015 Refunding Bonds may be issued in book-entry-only form through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York and any officer of the City is authorized to execute such custodial or other agreement with DTC as may be necessary to accomplish the issuance of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds in book-entry-only form and to make such changes in the Bond form within the parameters of this Ordinance as may be required to accomplish the foregoing. Provided that CUSIP identification numbers are printed on the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds, all expenses in relation to the assignment of said numbers shall be paid for by the purchaser of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds pursuant to an agreement between the City and the purchaser of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds.

The Series 2015 Refunding Bonds shall be executed in the name of the City with the facsimile signatures of the Mayor, the City Clerk and the City Treasurer and shall have the City's seal printed on them. No Bond shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized signor of the Transfer Agent. The Series 2015 Refunding Bonds shall be delivered to the Transfer Agent for authentication and be delivered by the Transfer Agent to the purchaser in accordance with instructions from the Treasurer of the City upon payment of the purchase price for the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds in accordance with the bid therefor when accepted. Executed blank bonds for registration and issuance to transferees shall simultaneously, and from time to time thereafter as necessary, be delivered to the Transfer Agent for safekeeping.

Section 5. Registration and Transfer. Any Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept pursuant to this section by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Transfer Agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The Transfer Agent shall require payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The Transfer Agent shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the giving of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption as described in the form of Bonds contained in Section 13 of this Ordinance and ending at the close of business on the day of that giving of notice, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of Bonds being redeemed in part. The Issuer shall give the Transfer Agent notice of call for redemption at least 20 days prior to the date notice of redemption is to be given.

The Transfer Agent shall keep or cause to be kept, at its principal office, sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall at all times be open to inspection by the Issuer; and, upon presentation for such purpose, the Transfer Agent shall, under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, transfer or cause to be transferred, on said books, Bonds as hereinbefore provided.

If any Bond shall become mutilated, the Issuer, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the Transfer Agent of the mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Ordinance shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the Transfer Agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to the Transfer Agent shall be given, and if all requirements of any applicable law including Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended

("Act 354"), being sections 129.131 to 129.135, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws have been met, the Issuer, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the Transfer Agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing the statement required by Act 354, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond the Transfer Agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

Section 6. Payment of Series 2015 Refunding Bonds. The Series 2015 Refunding Bonds and the interest thereon shall be payable solely from the Net Revenues, and to secure such payment, there is hereby created a statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues which shall be a first lien that is equal in standing with the lien on the Outstanding Bonds created by the Prior Ordinances, to continue until payment in full of the principal of and interest on all Bonds payable from the Net Revenues, or, until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations have been deposited in trust for payment in full of all Bonds of a series then outstanding, principal and interest on such Bonds to maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption together with the amount of the redemption premium, if any. Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, as provided in the previous sentence, the statutory lien shall be terminated with respect to that series of Bonds, the holders of that series shall have no further rights under the Prior Ordinances or this Ordinance except for payment from the deposited funds, and the Bonds of that series shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under the Prior Ordinances or this Ordinance.

Section 7. Bondholders' Rights; Receiver. The holder or holders of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty percent (20%) of the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the Issuer, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the Issuer and under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the Issuer more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Bonds shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Bonds and the security therefor.

Section 8. Management; Fiscal Year. The operation, repair and management of the System shall continue to be under the supervision and control of the City. The City may employ such person or persons in such capacity or capacities as it deems advisable to carry on the efficient management and operation of the System. The City may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary to assure the efficient management and operation of the System. The System shall be operated on the basis of an operating year which shall coincide with the Issuer's fiscal year.

Section 9. Rates and Charges. The rates and charges for service furnished by and the use of the System and the methods of collection and enforcement of the collection of the rates shall be those in effect on date even herewith, as the same may be increased from time to time.

In a case where a tenant is responsible for the payment of the charges for service furnished by the System, and the Issuer is so notified in writing, the Issuer shall require a cash deposit in a sum determined as set forth in Title 13, Chapter 8 of the Issuer's Code of Ordinances, as the same may from time to time be amended, as security for the payment of the charges.

Section 10. No Free Service or Use. No free service or use of the System, or service or use of the System at less than the reasonable cost and value thereof, shall be furnished by the System to any person, firm or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality, including the Issuer.

Section 11. Bond Reserve Account. The Bond Reserve Account in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund, as established and supplemented by Prior Ordinances shall be maintained in such amounts, so that said Bond Reserve Account shall be in such amount as is equal to the lesser of (i) the maximum annual debt service due on the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds in the current or any future year, (ii) 125% of the average annual debt service on the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds, or (iii) 10% of the principal amount of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds.

Section 12. Bond Proceeds. The proceeds of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds and, if deemed necessary or advisable by the Issuer, moneys on hand in the outstanding Bond Reserve Account, shall be deposited in an escrow fund or funds (the "Escrow Fund") consisting of cash and/or investments in direct obligations of or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing not redeemable at the option of the Issuer in amounts fully sufficient to pay the principal, interest and redemption premiums, on all of the Refunded Bonds, which are to be refunded hereunder and shall be used only for such purposes. If deemed necessary or advisable by the Issuer, the Escrow Fund may consist of separate funds as provided in the Escrow Agreement. The Escrow Fund

shall be held by the Escrow Agent (the "Escrow Agent") pursuant to an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") which shall irrevocably direct the Escrow Agent to take all necessary steps to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds when due and to call the Refunded Bonds for redemption on the first call date, as specified by the Issuer. A bank or trust company located in Michigan and qualified to act as escrow agent shall be appointed by the Authorized Officers to serve as escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") for the issue. The Authorized Officers are each authorized to negotiate, approve and execute an escrow agreement with the Escrow Agent, including the establishment of the amounts of escrows therein provided. The amounts held in the Escrow Fund shall be such that the cash and investments and income received thereon will be sufficient without reinvestment to pay the principal, interest and redemption premiums on the Refunded Bonds when due at maturity or by call for redemption as required by the Sales Order. The remaining proceeds of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds shall be used to pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds. Any proceeds in excess of the proceeds deposited in the Escrow Fund or required to pay costs of issuance shall be deposited in the Redemption Fund and used to pay interest on the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds on the first interest payment date as set forth in the Sale Order.

The Authorized Officers are each authorized to negotiate an Escrow Agreement on behalf of the Issuer.

Section 13. Bond Form. The Series 2015 Refunding Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

CITY OF LIVONIA
WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM
REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2015

NorthRidge Church hosts global leadership summit

NorthRidge Church will host The Global Leadership Summit at its Plymouth and Brighton locations Aug. 6-7.

The Summit will be seen in more than 375 satellite locations in North America, with an expected 260,000 leaders — in education, business, faith-based organiza-

tions, nonprofits and churches — who will gather for two days of high-level training.

Organized by Willow Creek Association and broadcast live in HD from the Chicago location, this annual conference brings in a world-class faculty to leaders and teams of leaders who

are committed to developing and strengthening their leadership skills.

Bill Hybels will welcome to the Summit Jim Collins, best-selling author of *Good to Great*; Horst Schulze, chairman and CEO of the Capella Hotel Group; Ed Catmull, co-founder of Pixar Animation Studios and presi-

dent of Walt Disney Animation Studios; along with Sallie Krawcheck, Adam Grant, Sheila Heen, Craig Groeschel, Dr. Brené Brown, Brian Houston, Albert Tate, Liz Wiseman and Sam Adeyemi.

By the end of 2015, The Global Leadership Summit will take place in

an additional 550-plus cities, 120 countries and translated into 55 languages.

This event is open to the public. Registration is available at www.NorthRidgeChurch.com/Summit.

With its main campus at 49555 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth, NorthRidge

Church is a non-denominational ministry that serves approximately 20,000 southeast Michigan residents. Brad Powell has led the congregation for the past 25 years.

For more information, go to NorthRidgeChurch.com at <http://northridgechurch.com>.

Legal Notice continued from page A11.

Interest Rate: _____
Maturity Date: November 1, _____
Date of Original Issue: _____
CUSIP: _____

REGISTERED OWNER: _____

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____ DOLLARS

The City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby promises to pay, but only out of the hereinafter described Net Revenues of the Issuer's Water Supply and Wastewater System (hereinafter defined) the Principal Amount shown above in lawful money of the United States of America to the Registered Owner shown above, or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date shown above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon (computed on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) from the Date of Original Issue shown above or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum shown above, payable on May 1, 2016, and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable upon surrender of this bond at the principal corporate trust office of _____, Michigan or such other transfer agent as the Issuer may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than 60 days prior to any interest payment date (the "Transfer Agent"). Interest on this bond is payable by check or draft mailed by the Transfer Agent to the person or entity who or which is, as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date, the registered owner of record, at the registered address as shown on the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent. For prompt payment of principal and interest on this bond, the Issuer has irrevocably pledged the revenues of the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the Issuer (the "System"), including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto, after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration (the "Net Revenues"), and a statutory first lien thereon is hereby recognized and created.

This bond is one of a series of bonds of even Date of Original Issue aggregating the principal sum of \$ _____, issued pursuant to Ordinance No. 2990 duly adopted by the City Council of the Issuer (the "Ordinance") and Ordinance Nos. 2719, 2945, 2963 and 2979 of the Issuer (the "Prior Ordinances"), and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purposes of paying the cost of refunding the Issuer's Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005 and Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2006. The bonds of this issue are of equal standing and priority of lien as to the Net Revenues of the System with the Issuer's Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2006, Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2013, Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, and Water Supply and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (collectively, the "Outstanding Bonds").

For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal standing as to the Net Revenues may hereafter be issued and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this bond is issued, reference is made to the above-described Ordinance and the Prior Ordinances.

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

This bond is a self-liquidating bond and is not a general obligation of the Issuer and does not constitute an indebtedness of the Issuer within any constitutional or statutory limitation, but is payable, both as to principal and interest, solely and only from the Net Revenues of the System. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by the statutory lien hereinbefore mentioned. The Issuer has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree, to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the System shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the interest on and the principal of the bonds of this issue, the Outstanding Bonds and any additional bonds of equal standing as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to create and maintain a bond redemption fund (including a bond reserve account) therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the System as are required by the Ordinance and the Prior Ordinances.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the Issuer kept for that purpose at the office of the Transfer Agent by the registered owner hereof in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Agent duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinance and the Prior Ordinances authorizing the bonds, and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the Transfer Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, by its City Council has caused this bond to be executed with the manual signatures of its Mayor, its City Clerk and its Treasurer, and the corporate seal of the City to be impressed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CITY OF LIVONIA
County of Wayne
State of Michigan

By _____
Its Mayor

(Seal)

Countersigned:

By _____
Its City Clerk

By _____
Its Treasurer

[FORM OF TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION]
Certificate of Authentication

This bond is one of the bonds described in the within-mentioned Ordinance.

By _____
Authorized Signatory

Date of Registration: _____

Section 14. Tax Matters. The Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditures and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds and to prevent the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds from becoming "private activity bonds" as that term is used in Section 141 of the Code. The 2015 Refunding Bonds are hereby designated as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions.

Section 15. Sale of Bonds. The City Council has considered the option of selling the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds through a competitive sale and a negotiated sale, and has determined to proceed with the sale of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds through negotiated sale because a negotiated sale will result in the most efficient and expeditious means of selling the Bonds and will result in the lowest interest cost to the City.

The Authorized Officers are each authorized to negotiate the sale of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds with a purchaser, negotiate and execute a purchase agreement with the purchaser, if any, execute a Sale Order specifying the final terms of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds and take all other necessary actions required to effectuate the sale, issuance and delivery of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds within the parameters authorized in this Ordinance, provided that the net present value savings to be realized by the City shall not be less than 3.00% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds, provided further that the true interest cost of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds shall not exceed 2.75%.

Section 16. Adjustment of Bond Terms. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details as set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the sale of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds and in pursuance of the forgoing is each authorized to exercise the authority and make the determinations pursuant to Sections 7a(1)(c) of Act 94, including but not limited to determinations regarding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, date of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, the portion or portions of the Refunded Bonds to be refunded, and other matters within the parameters established by this Ordinance.

The Series 2015 Refunding Bonds shall be issued in the final principal amount determined upon sale and shall mature and be subject to redemption at the times, in the manner and at the prices determined upon sale of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds as set forth in the Sale Order.

Section 17. Authorization of other Actions. The Authorized Officers are each authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or advisable, and make such other filings with the Michigan Department of Treasury or with other parties, to enable the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds as contemplated herein.

Section 18. Retention of Bond Counsel. The City Council hereby retains Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as Bond Counsel with respect to the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds.

Section 19. Financial Advisor. Stauder, Barch & Associates, Inc., is hereby retained as the registered municipal financial advisor in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 20. Placement Agent. The City Council hereby appoints Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated as placement agent with respect to the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds.

Section 21. Severability; Paragraph Headings; and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 22. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the Livonia Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Issuer and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Section 23. Effective Date. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of Act 94, this Ordinance shall be approved on the date of first reading and accordingly this Ordinance shall immediately be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 8th day of July, 2015.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Signed: _____
City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the 8th day of July, 2015, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, and that the meeting of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available or by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: Brian Meakin, John Pastor, Laura Toy, Brandon Kritzman, Lynda Scheel, Susan Nash,
and that the following Members were absent: Maureen Miller Brosnan

I further certify that Member John Pastor moved adoption of said Ordinance,
and that said motion was supported by Member Lynda Scheel.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance:
Brian Meakin, Laura Toy, Brandon Kritzman, Susan Nash

and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: N/A

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

City Clerk

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan Hoff, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 9th day of July, 2015.

Jack Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: July 9, 2015

Published: July 19, 2015



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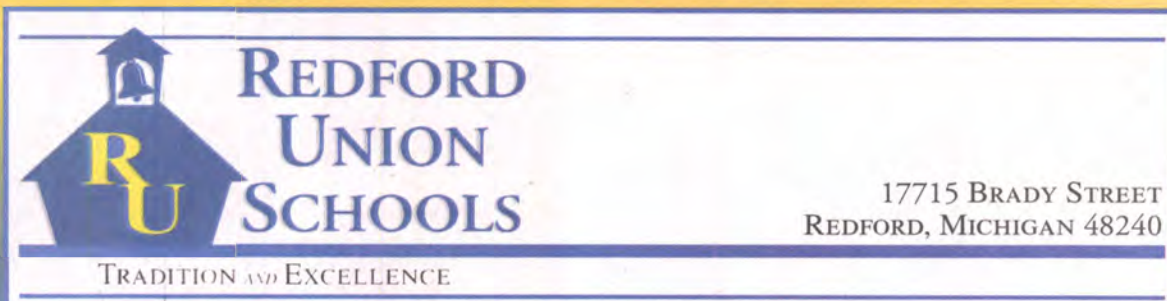


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Motorsports Hall of Fame finds new home

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The Motorsports Hall of Fame of America has finally found a new home and it couldn't be more appropriate.

"The hall will be relocating to the Daytona Speedway in the months ahead to a 20,000-square-foot facility as part of the Daytona Experience," Ed Kriewall said.

The city manager of Novi was instrumental in creating the original hall of fame, which was located in the since-demolished Novi Expo Center on the southwest corner of Novi Road and I-96.

"The hall started out in Novi as a direct spin-off of the city of Novi acquiring the famed Novi Indy Car stable from Andy Granatelli, who got it from Novi industrialist Lou Welch," Kriewall said.

Welch manufactured automotive parts at a facility on Novi Road (just south of Main Street) near the C&O railroad tracks. The water tower, featuring a depiction of the Novi Special race car, is the only remaining

vestige of Welch's facility.

"The Novi Special is one of the most famous cars to race at Indy," Kriewall said. "Its uniqueness is the power plant, a one-of-a-kind V8 developed by Welch."

With a double overhead cam engine and an integral supercharger, the car developed a whine that could be heard 10 miles from the speedway.

The Novi Special never won at Indy, but it sat on the pole as the fastest qualifier at the time.

The most noted driver of the original car, Duke Nalon, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 27th induction ceremony June 18 at The Fillmore Detroit.

How it came to Novi

After the city of Novi acquired the stable, Dick Lee, from the Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame, contacted Kriewall and put forth that Novi should explore the idea of creating a national motorsports hall of fame.

In the mid-1980s, Kriewall invited Lee to a



Four of the men instrumental in establishing the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America in Novi and bringing to the city the last Novi Special Indy car, now on display at the library: (front) Ed Kriewall and Joe Kapelczak and (back) Larry Ciancio and Ron Watson.

gathering of Novi residents for Saturday morning meetings at Fire

Station No. 1. In attendance was Larry Ciancio, director of racing for

The last Novi Special race car now rests on display in the Novi library.

PPG Industries and The Norton Co.; local attorney and then-Mayor Pro Tem Ron Watson; and several local racing enthusiasts.

After many Saturday meetings, the concept gathered steam and Ciancio emerged as the first chairman of the fledgling plan.

"As the concept picked up steam, the Novi Expo Center was beginning to unfold," Kriewall said. "Blair Bowman (owner) stepped forward to provide a space in the converted Adell facility to house the initial Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America."

The concept which began in Novi is now regarded as the premier racing hall of fame in the U.S., according to Kriewall.

The hall was mothballed when Bowman left the Novi Expo Center and opened a new facility in 2005 just west on Grand River Avenue,

now known as The Suburban Collection Showplace. The hall moved to the Detroit Science Center in 2009; the Daytona move is anticipated to be complete in January 2016.

Watson, who is the president of the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, and his wife Donna have purchased a home near Daytona and will soon relocate.

The last Novi Special race car now rests quietly on permanent display in the Novi Public Library. It was driven by Bobby Unser, who was an earlier inductee into the hall as well, as an early board member.

"Novi is known nationally for the historic Novi Indy cars and will always be recognized as the community that gave birth to the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America," Kriewall said.

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In Southfield, Jewish institute raided by federal agents

By Niraj Warikoo
Michigan.com

Federal agents have raided the Southfield offices of the Michigan Jewish Institute, a university that has come under scrutiny because of its finances and use of Pell grants.

Agents executed a search warrant Tuesday, said Catherine Grant, a spokeswoman for the federal Department of Education's office of the Inspector General. The institute is tied to the local chapter of the Chabad-Lubavitch, an Orthodox Jewish group with a

growing campus in West Bloomfield.

Grant did not say what the raid was about. The Forward, a noted Jewish newspaper, said about 15 agents took part, gathering employees into a room to get personal information and bringing in boxes.

The Forward has reported over the past three years about accreditation challenges the college has faced. In 2012, the Forward published a report that said the institute was using \$25 million in federal aid aimed at low-income students, "but very little

of this money has been spent on men and women taking courses in Michigan or ... the United States."

Instead, the majority of its students were found in Israel, the report said. The university operates largely online, with its campus headquartered at the Shul, a synagogue in West Bloomfield that's part of a complex built by Chabad-Lubavitch. The university's few in-person classes are held there, the Forward said.

Rabbi Kasriel Shemtov is president of the institute and spiritual

director of the Shul. The Shul is part of the Campus of Living Judaism, which includes the Friendship Circle, a nonprofit that helps specially challenged children.

Shemtov did not return a call seeking comment. Messages left at the institute were not returned.

In a statement published in the Jewish Press, the institute said it "is cooperating fully with the federal authorities. We are continuing operations as normal. We remain committed to our students who rely on the institute, and we appreci-

ate the dedication of our nearly 100 faculty and staff who are focused on our students.

"We will not be providing any further comments until we have more information."

It also said it has "provided educational opportunity and career pathways for thousands of students over many years, and we are proud of our accomplishments."

The Forward reported in 2012 that only 10% of freshmen at the institute went on to their sophomore year. In 2011, the institute gave only three bachelor's degrees. After

the report, its "academic record improved dramatically," the Forward said.

Founded in 1994, the Michigan Jewish Institute said on its website that it offers "carefully chosen, up-to-date and balanced curriculums in business, computer information systems and Judaic studies."

It said it provides "a warm and intimate learning environment that adheres to the highest ethical standards and religious traditions of Judaism."

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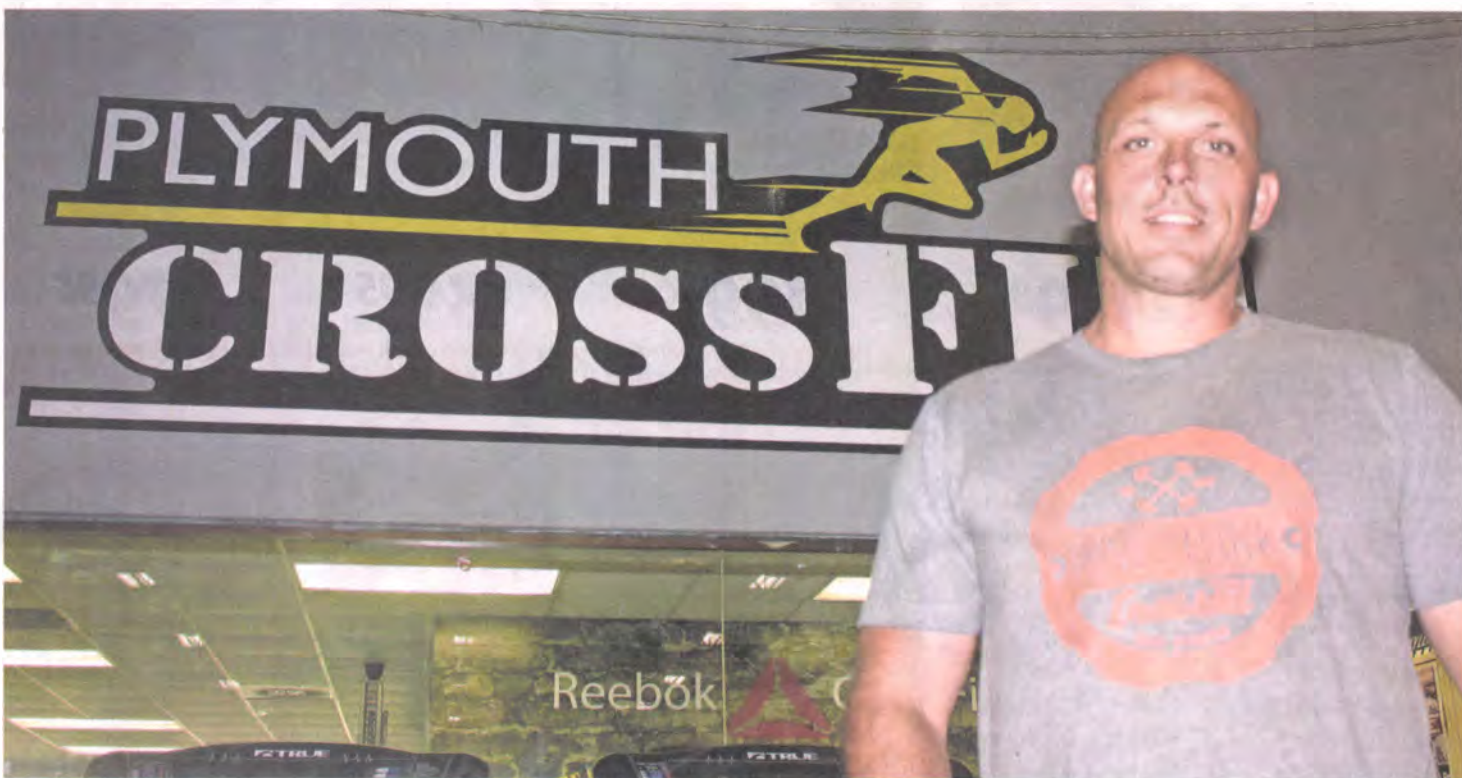
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COMPETITIVE FITNESS



Plymouth resident Jason Swafford is part owner and a coach at the Plymouth CrossFit facility in Canton.

Madonna athletes star in classroom

Nine of Madonna University's athletic programs have been honored for their work in the classroom by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics as 2015 NAIA Scholar Teams.

The women's cross country team led the way with a 3.56 grade-point average. Women's golf was a close second at 3.55.

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference-champion softball team was third with a 3.50, while baseball led the men's teams with a 3.43 GPA. Men's soccer is fifth on the list with a 3.35.

Men's cross country and women's soccer tied for sixth place at 3.32. Volleyball was eighth (3.26) and women's basketball ninth (3.10).

To be considered for the award, a team must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale). The team GPA includes all eligible varsity athletes.

Forty-two Crusaders were named to their respective WHAC academic teams; 31 earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors. Five MU athletes were selected for their sport's CoSIDA Academic All-America team.

Two guards join MU hoops team

Madonna University coach Noel Emenhiser announced Andrew Myers and Muhammed "Moe" Zahr will join the men's basketball team for the 2015-16 season.

Myers of Ortonville prepped under coach Dan Fife at Clarkston High School and helped the Wolves win four OAA titles.

The 6-0 guard averaged 11.8 points and 4.2 assists per game to earn all-OAA honors. He scored a career-high 28 points in a state quarterfinal game.

"In addition to being an incredible competitor and leader, Andrew has the ability to make the players around him better with his creativity and passing," Emenhiser said. "He brings a toughness and desire to succeed."

Zahr is a 6-1 guard from Dearborn Fordson. He also lettered in football and baseball. A two-time all-WWAC honoree, Zahr averaged 30 points per game.

He owns the single-game scoring record at Fordson with 50 points and the single-season record with 631.

"Moe is a great all-around player," Emenhiser said, adding Zahr is an impressive passer and play maker, too.

"Moe is a great shooter and plays with confidence and style. I believe our fans will really enjoy watching him play."

Softball tryouts

The NFWB Impact will have tryouts for its 14U, 12U and 10U travel softball teams in early August. The day and time will be the same for all three levels.

Tryouts will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Pioneer Park in Farmington Hills and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at Drake Park in West Bloomfield.

Players should arrive for registration at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Pioneer Park is on Farmington Road, north of 13 Mile; Drake Park is on Drake Road, south of Maple.

The Impact plays in the Western Wayne County League. Direct questions to softball@nfwbimpact.org.

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CrossFit drawing waves of area's athletes into gyms



Allison Mankowski stretches out during a Tuesday night class at the Plymouth CrossFit in Canton.

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

One 60-minute CrossFit class can leave even the most well-conditioned athlete wallowing in a puddle of his or her own sweat.

But the growing legion of CrossFit enthusiasts around the world would have it no other way.

"If you allow yourself to get uncomfortable, if you challenge yourself, you're going to feel fatigue, you're going to feel exhausted," said Jason Swafford, co-owner of four CrossFit facilities located throughout metropolitan Detroit, including gyms in Canton, Northville and downtown Detroit. "The key ingredient to CrossFit is adding intensity and pushing yourself to a greater level of fitness."

"If you do it right, you're going to feel better, because

you're going to see improvement. And you're not going to get bored doing it, I can assure you of that."

Of the many ingredients that make CrossFit so popular, boredom is not in the recipe.

The fitness regimen developed by Greg Glassman in the late 1970s emphasizes group workouts that include functional exercises done in a meaningful, measurable manner.

Everything from Olympic-style weightlifting to fundamental gymnastics techniques are thrown into the CrossFit soup, which is spiced up by a competitive edge that most of its participants covet.

One way CrossFit competitions are scored is by how many repetitions of any given discipline - for example, pull-ups or 50-meter sprints while

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RECREATION / RUNNING

A non-runner's journey to 13.1 and beyond

Much progress was made after humble beginning

By Dan Dean
Staff Column

Running almost killed me, but also quite possibly saved my life.

I remember hitting the first mile dead on at an eight-minute-per-mile pace, two minutes ahead of my plan. Mile 2 was at 16 minutes ... it was time to let the 70-year-old seasoned runner go, there was no way I was going to finish at this "torrid" pace. The last thing I remember is passing a water station just after Mile 2, my mouth parched ...

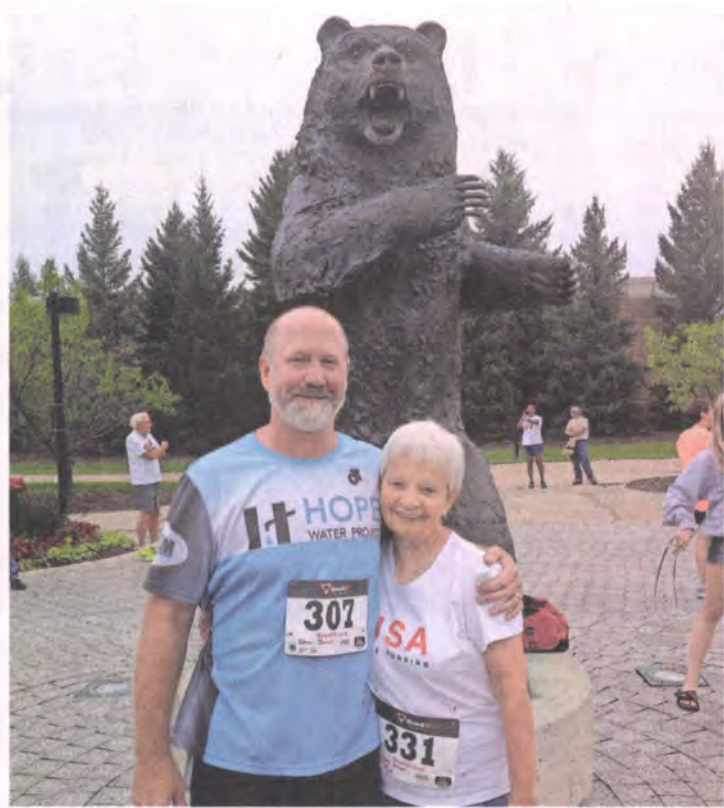
I was in the midst of training for my first Detroit Free Press International Half Mar-

athon when I ran the Senior Olympics 5K on Aug. 12, 2014, held at Oakland University.

A visit to the ER

According to my kids, I was a little "loopy" when I crossed the finish line at OU. From what I remember, a nursing student was also watching over me, handing me water and a banana. It was not too long after that I told her that I did not feel so good and had to lay down. I actually had a fear that this was it. I remember feeling the disappointment of messing up. I was sad I would not be able to say goodbye to my

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Posing with his mom, Dan Dean (left) and Carol Dean before the 2014 Senior Olympics 5K road race at Oakland University.



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Michigan Mustangs goalie Dean Olivas stopped a shot by Philadelphia PowerPlay's Jake Saxton. Mustang Kevin Konfara is at right.

2015 U.S. POWERHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

POWERING UP!

Wheelchair Hockey League players turn up the juice as they battle for title

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Hockey fans saw something completely different — and awe-inspiring — this weekend at USA Hockey Arena.

The former Compuware Arena was the site for the 2015 U.S. PowerHockey Championship, a tourney giving disabled men and women ages 18-60-plus the opportunity to fly around on "powerchairs" and battle it out for bragging rights.

They play with a plastic ball instead of a hard, rubber puck. But players' passion for the game was palpable to those who stopped by for the opening round Thursday as players scooted around trying to whip a ball into their opponents' goal.

The Michigan Mustangs and defending Wheelchair Hockey League champion Philadelphia PowerPlay com-



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Michigan Mustangs Tristan Parent (left) and Kevin Konfara (right) fight for the ball against Philadelphia PowerPlay's Jake Saxton (middle).

peted against each other during one of the Thursday games.

Other squads on the schedule included the Minnesota Selects and Texas MotorMavs. Action at the Beck Road arena concluded Saturday.

Those vying for supremacy do not let a variety of disabilities get them down.

Players went all out despite being afflicted with muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy,

spina bifida, arthrogryposis and osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bones), among other disabilities.

The U.S. PowerHockey Championship is a biannual tournament that actively promotes the sport of adaptive power-wheelchair floor hockey, also known as PowerHockey.

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JOURNEY

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wife that Tuesday morning, not see my two youngest kids graduate from high school or my oldest from graduate school.

But to my relief, a few minutes later, I was standing and actually feeling much better. However, I must have looked pretty bad as the local EMS was called and — after an EKG — I was told in no uncertain terms that I had to go to the ER. I begrudgingly complied and my 80-something mom, Carol Dean of Rochester, first-place medal secured, drove me to the hospital.

Elevated heart enzymes led to an overnight stay and a procedure the next morning. After the testing, it was determined that severe dehydration may have been the issue and I was cleared to keep running and partake in the half marathon.

Despite nearly dying, I ran on.

In the beginning

As a new staff photographer for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, I covered the Senior Olympics at Redford Union High School in 1983 and thought it was pretty cool that there was a track meet for these 50-plus-year-old people. Of course, 32 years ago I could still run a mile around five minutes.

At some point, both my parents got involved with Senior Olympics. Mom holds state records in the 1,500-meter run for females ages 75 and 80, while dad has been throwing discus for years. I hit 50 three years ago and thought it would be cool to have two generations compete, but my attempts to run the mile again failed miserably that first year.

A ride to Detroit



DAN DEAN

Selfie in the starting corral shows Dan Dean (left) with good friend Bud Olafsson of Clarkston.

Mom bugged me for months to give her a ride downtown two years ago after she signed up to run the 5K race as part of the *Detroit Free Press* Marathon races. And even though this newspaper's offices were in the same building as the *Free Press*, I strongly resisted — due as much to my failed attempts to run again as the fact I did not want to deal with downtown and crowds at 5 a.m. on my day off.

And like many things that we resist, when we finally give in ... the morning turned out to be incredibly inspiring. Mom was part of the Hope Water Project team from Kensington Community Church, which had a huge tent in the *Free Press* parking lot. Seeing all the Hope Water jerseys, listening to the pre-race speeches and witnessing the start of the marathon got me hooked. It was time to run.

Couch to 13.1

In spring 2014, I started following a half marathon running plan for new runners with Hope Water. In the beginning, running 10 minutes was very difficult and I had only run more than three miles at any one time, maybe a couple of times in my life. But amaz-

ingly, it was not too long before I was running, five, six and up to 10 or more miles during Saturday group runs.

Group runs were the key to getting over the hump by providing encouragement from runners of all abilities, along with running tips, a "Why I Run" testimonial and help with fundraising for the group's mission of providing clean water wells in Kenya.

With a couple of months of training completed, I finally signed up for what would be my fateful foray into the Senior Olympics. With a little confidence I started to run, to race.

Life-saving test

Between a crazy schedule and strange lack of breath when I did run during the months following both races last year and into this year, running all but stopped.

I had been visiting the cardiologist for follow-up tests and procedures since my Senior Olympics "event." A test in early February of this year was supposed to be the last, a scan inside a partial tube-type thing that may have been life-saving, as it was there that two blood clots were discovered in my lungs. Oddly, it was the same day Gov. Rick Snyder went into the hospital with a blood clot.

While I pushed myself way too hard trying to whip seasoned runners 20 years my elder, the follow-up medical visits most likely saved my life. So with an outlook of enjoying the people, the moment and being part of the Hope Water Project providing clean water in Kenya, I run on (when I can) with the goal of completing the full marathon in October with the comfort of knowing running probably saved my life. Senior Olympics? Maybe next year.

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ARLEEN DUARTE

Farmington Glen Aquatic Club's Trevor Jones was a double winner in the boys 11-12 age group.

FARMINGTON CLUB SWIM MEET

Gators capture fourth consecutive city title

Farmington Glen AC dominates annual intra-city competition

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Glen Aquatic Club continued its dominance of the Farmington city swim meet, winning its fourth consecutive championship July 11 at Kendallwood Swim Club.

The Gators won the annual club competition by 200-plus points over the Beechview Breakers, 1,500.5 to 1,279.5. Kendallwood won the battle for third place over Woodbrooke Hills Swim & Tennis, 707-694.

Six of the 13 double winners in the meet were Farmington Glen swimmers. They included Katrien Feenstra, Ryan Gurgel, Madeline Greaves, Hannah Brown, Jack Szuba and Trevor Jones.

Overall, the Gators won 21 of 46 individual races and four of the six relays. They did well in the three youngest age groups, taking first place in 15 of the 26 events and sweeping the boys 9-10 division.

Farmington Glen's other winners were Brody Jamieson, Seth Fleming, Luke Morden, Conner Halberg, Matt Lane, Brendo Golicz, Bella Feenstra, Jorge Zemanski and Julianna Petrak.

The other double winners were Beechview's Ashley Turak, Drew Hoelscher, Haylie Pohlman, Emily Brunnett and Tyler Roshak and Woodbrooke's Hannah Chao and Mackenzie Bushey.

Swimmers with one first-place finish included Beechview's Delanie Butler, Emma Anzivino, Daniel Xu, Sean McCann, Emmie D'Errico, Kendallwood's Carl Schmidt, Anthony Kish, Greta Gidley and Sabine Branford, Woodbrooke's Cameron Whitfield and Max Greenbaum.

The top three swimmers

in each event are listed below.

GIRLS 11-12

50 free: Delanie Butler (B), 31.89; Maddy Fohey (G), 32.31; Kristen Fleming (G), 35.03; **100 IM:** Madeline Greaves (G), 1:13.27; Greta Gidley (K), 1:14.66; Emily Evers (K), 1:24.97; **50 fly:** Greaves (G), 33.15; Ella D'Errico (B), 38.41; Sabine Branford (K), 39.09; **50 breast:** Gidley (K), 39.70; Goldie Hahn (G), 40.50; Butler (B), 43.15; **50 back:** Branford (K), 37.77; Fohey (G), 38.51; Ellie Smith (B), 43.53.

BOYS 11-12

50 free: Brody Jamieson (G), 29.88; Jared Visser (G), 32.00; Owen Bartman (G), 32.35; **100 IM:** Conner Halberg (G), 1:23.22; Nic Gascon (B), 1:31.26; Carson Roberts (K), 1:35.76; **50 fly:** Daniel Xu (B), 34.64; Owen Bartman (G), 35.97; Jared Visser (G), 41.12; **50 breast:** Trevor Jones (G), 37.14; Finn Riley (G), 46.20; Andrew Kish (K), 48.02; **50 back:** Jones (G), 33.41; Jamieson (G), 34.57; Halberg (G), 39.20.

GIRLS 13-14

50 fly: Ashley Turak (B), 32.01; Emma Inch (G), 33.01; Kate Pierini (G), 33.75; **50 breast:** Hannah Brown (G), 36.94; Julianna Petrak (G), 37.06; Mack Greaves (G), 38.12; **50 back:** Bella Feenstra (G), 35.21; Gabby Inch (G), 39.03; Maddy Carter (B), 39.18; **50 free:** Turak (B), 27.97; Drew Hinckley (B), 28.69; Tristan Strasberger (W), 28.93; **100 IM:** McCann (B), 1:10.57; Lane (G), 1:12.97; East (K), 1:16.33.

BOYS 13-14

50 fly: Drew Hoelscher (B), 30.71; Ryan Morgott (W), 32.76; Connor East (K), 34.77; **50 breast:** Matt Lane (G), 36.28; Sean McCann (B), 36.50; Nick Adams (W), 40.42; **50 back:** Carl Schmidt (K), 34.25; Evan Kozara (B), 34.70; Luke Pierini (G), 40.58; **50 free:** Hoelscher (B), 27.97; Drew Hinckley (B), 28.69; Tristan Strasberger (W), 28.93; **100 IM:** McCann (B), 1:10.57; Lane (G), 1:12.97; East (K), 1:16.33.

GIRLS 15-18

50 back: Hannah Chao (B), 32.43; Bella Feenstra (G), 34.83; Caroline Reamer (B), 35.12; **100 free:** Emily Brunnett (B), 1:01.50; Emma Bradly (G), 1:03.69; Katie Romero (B), 1:05.05; **100 IM:** Chao (W), 1:12.27; Bradly (G), 1:13.16; Reamer (B), 1:16.19; **50 fly:** Brunnett (B), 30.50; Annika Gidley (K), 32.11; Romero (B), 32.28; **50 breast:** Hannah Brown (G), 37.45; Julia Borri (B), 37.75; Sydney Feenstra (G), 42.91.

BOYS 15-18

50 back: Seth Fleming (G), 30.59; Alden Kane (W), 30.64; Cameron Whitfield (W), 32.78; **100 free:** Tyler Roshak (B), 54.53; Keith Erichsen (W), 57.63; Colin Fohey (G), 59.89; **100 IM:** Whitfield (W), 1:09.38; David Ratze (B), 1:09.90; Fohey (G), 1:10.20; **50 fly:** Roshak (B), 26.52; Seth Fleming (G), 29.28; Colin Caverly (W), 29.57; **50 breast:** Max Greenbaum (W), 33.83; Erichsen (W), 34.45; David Schmalt (K), 34.53.

GIRLS 9-10

50 breast: Haylie Pohlman (B), 47.52; Mayah Goel (G), 47.65; Emma Anzivino (B), 49.86; **50 back:** Anzivino (B), 43.71; Lily Schwalm (B), 47.63; Mya McEvilly (G), 48.22; **50 free:** Pohlman (B), 37.57; Viv Kindseth (G), 37.76; Emma D'Errico (B), 38.00; **50 fly:** D'Errico (B), 40.37; Mandy Millar (B), 47.76; Lily O'Neill (K), 48.64.

BOYS 9-10

50 breast: Ryan Gurgel (G), 43.52; Ben Nykanen (B), 54.46; Drew Washburn (G), 1:00.22; **50 back:** Brendan Golicz (G), 41.88; Ryan Halberg (G), 43.20; Bo Hahn (G), 48.12; **50 free:** Gurgel (G), 32.38; Golicz (G), 35.28; Halberg (G), 39.31; **50 fly:** Jorge Zemanski (G), 47.57; Jeremiah Axe (B), 49.25; Owen Smith (B), 50.46.

GIRLS 8-UNDER

25 free: Katrien Feenstra (G), 19.00; Melanie Millar (B), 19.76; Kellan Meier (G), 19.87; **25 fly:** Mackenzie Bushey (W), 20.82; Annika Cho (G), 20.95; Millar (B), 21.03; **25 breast:** Bushey (W), 24.65; Cho (G), 24.84; Jessalee O'Connor (G), 26.00; **25 back:** Feenstra (G), 25.72; Katy Schwalm (B), 26.50; Hannah Gurgel (G), 27.06.

BOYS 8-UNDER

25 free: Luke Morden (G), 21.22; Tobias Huber (W), 21.41; Gavin Brady (G), 21.95; **25 fly:** Jack Szuba (K), 25.34; Anderson Axe (B), 29.22; Aidan Sharp (K), 30.45; **25 breast:** Anthony Kish (K), 32.50; Morden (G), 36.27; Noah Goel (G), 42.32; **25 back:** Szuba (G), 24.18; Jack Tomlinson (G), 27.87; Luke Pohlman (B), 31.40.



ARLEEN DUARTE

Glen's Annika Cho was the runner-up in the girls 8-and-under butterfly and breaststroke.

2015 ALL-AREA BASEBALL TEAM

Clutch performers dominate all-Observer squad

FIRST TEAM

Jack Ferguson, P-OF, Stevenson: It's easy to see why Saginaw Valley State University signed Ferguson to play for its baseball program beginning later this year.



Jack Ferguson

The senior second team all-state selection hit .438 with 31 RBIs, 39 runs scored, 53 hits and four home runs. On the mound, he sparked with a 2.39 earned-run average.

"Jack had a great season on the field, on the mound and at the plate," coach Rick Berryman said. "He was a major reason for our team's success."

Patrick Downing, OF, Plymouth: The senior was a go-to player all season for the Wildcats, whether at the plate, in the outfield or on the mound.

Downing batted .445 with five homers and 35 RBIs, clubbing a big three-run home run against Livonia Franklin to help clinch the KLAA South Division title.

He also posted a 5-0 pitching record, with a 1.45 earned-run average and 33 strikeouts in 33-plus innings.

"Patrick was a game-changer for us all year, providing clutch hit after clutch hit," coach Jason Crain said. "He had a strong presence on the mound and rose to the occasion several times as a starter."

His efforts landed him spots on the all-KLAA and all-district teams. Downing will play baseball at Concordia University.

David Vinsky, OF, Harrison: The junior center fielder set single-season school records with 61 hits and 16 doubles this year. He batted .484 with seven doubles and 33 RBIs.

He also had 18 stolen bases and scored 34 runs. Vinsky, who batted in the third spot, had 12 two-out RBIs and hit .583 with runners in scoring position.

As a pitcher, he was 4-1 with one save and a 2.16 ERA. He started five games, appeared in seven and worked 32½ innings.

"David had a great season and has had a great career thus far," coach Pete Lamerato said of the three-year varsity player. "Sixty-one hits and 16 doubles puts him in a select group in the state, let alone the area."

"David is one of the best hitters I've been around, and he plays a very good center field. Pitching-wise, he was very consistent and had a great year on the mound. He's a solid starter, an all-round great baseball player."

Evan McMurray, OF, N. Farmington: McMurray started in center field for two seasons and was instrumental in the Raiders winning 20-plus games and contending for the OAA White Division crown each year. He moved to third base late in the last season and excelled there defensively, too.

McMurray batted .378 with nine doubles, two triples and two home runs. He also drove in 28 runs and led the team in every offensive category. He had an on-base percentage of .440 and scored 35 runs.

"He hit for average; he hit for power," coach Mike O'Connell said. "He's just a great kid, very coachable. I can't say enough good things about him."

"He was our No. 3 hitter the last two years and was an all-round good player from every aspect - offense to defense to stealing bases. He was as close as it comes to a five-tool guy."

"Other guys may hit for a higher average than him, but Evan always came through when we needed a key hit to drive in the winning run."

Alex Manasa, OF, Farmington: From the lead-off position, the junior center fielder batted .398 and scored 39 runs. He had 17 doubles, four triples and three home runs among his 53 hits. Manasa also had 18 stolen bases and 28 RBIs.

He was flawless defensively with 59 putouts, nine assists and zero errors. On the mound, he had six saves, 37 strikeouts and six walks in 23½ innings. He also had a 2.63 ERA and 1.19 WHIP.

"He's a tremendous player with tremendous speed," coach Pete Finn said, adding he saw the ability Manasa had as a freshman and moved him to the varsity early that year.

"He has a great arm. He threw out a bunch of guys at the plate from center field. He works hard, comes to practice every day and has a great attitude. I think he can do a lot in the sport of baseball if he continues to work at it."

"He hits for power and average. He was our lead-off hitter, so he got us going in the right direction all the time. He definitely has a chance to play at the next level."

Pete Carravallah, OF, Plymouth: Whenever the Wildcats needed a jolt of energy, Carravallah usually delivered, with a .441 average, .532 on-base percentage and 20 stolen bases.

The junior outfielder also played stellar defense as Plymouth tied a school record for victories and won division and district titles.

"Pete was a catalyst batting second in our lineup," Crain said. "A vocal leader, Pete consistently grinded out great at-bats and put pressure on the opposition with speed on the base paths."

Carravallah was named to the all-KLAA, all-district and academic all-district teams.

Josh Penn, SS, Salem: The senior shortstop was an offensive and defensive standout for the Rocks under first-year head coach John Wright.

Penn led the team in average (.409) and hits to cap off a superb third season on varsity.

"Penn's just been solid like this all year," Wright said following a game when Penn hit his first-ever varsity home run. "He hits the ball hard. The kid hits the ball harder than anybody I've really seen."

One of four players who comprised Salem's first group of baseball captains, Penn was named to the all-conference and all-district squads.

Tyler Brooks, 1B-P, Salem: The third-year varsity player pretty much did it all for the Rocks in his senior season.

On offense, he hit .390 to often spark rallies and was a strong performer as a starting pitcher, posing a 1.06 earned-run average in 59 innings.

Brooks, another Salem co-captain, earned selection to the all-KLAA and all-district teams.

Also a stellar player for Salem's varsity boys basketball team, Brooks is looking to play college baseball at Division II Northwood University.

Brendan Wetmore, P-OF, John Glenn: The senior lefty had a spectacular final season as he earned all-conference, all-regional and all-district honors after posting a .355

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Nick Romanowski, sr., Canton
Brett Kramer, sr., N. Farmington
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Jordan Williams, sr., Luth. Westland
Jared Fish, jr., N. Farmington

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HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Scott Bazner, Noah Spencer; **Plymouth:** Jared Merandi, Josh Sulak, Cory Burnette, Owen Spryszak, Kyle Wolter; **Salem:** Griffin Shiminski, Shane Prevo; **Ply. Christian:** Will Crecelius, Josh Slater, Tanner Hay, Austin Andres, Nick Andres; **Churchill:** Steve Szymanski, Jon Hovemale; **Franklin:** Tyler Camp, Kolby Dewhirst; **Stevenson:** Chris Tanderys; **John Glenn:** Zach Croft, Noah Damian; **Wayne:** Jimmy Herdon; **Luth. Westland:** Brandon Ruelle, Kory Bankimo; **Farmington:** Dan Carty, Collin Finn, Lance Lovett, Artie Bentley; **N. Farmington:** Will Buracconak, Joey Gignac; **Harrison:** Jared Char, Nick Bell; **Clarenceville:** Matt Drain, Nick Bisaro; **Garden City:** Matt Kindred, Tyler Kelly; **Redford Union:** Jacob Gagnon, Tommie Lewis; **Thurston:** Bobby Snell, Austin Benoit.

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Vinnie Bakerian, SS, Garden City: The junior was a pitcher's nightmare this spring as he raked to the tune of a .460 average. He delivered power in clutch situations, finishing with six doubles, two triples and a home run while scoring 24 runs and knocking



Vinnie Bakerian

in 20. Bakerian registered a phenomenal .602 on-base percentage and stole nine bases. "Vinnie was our best player this year," coach Steve Herman said. "He led us in hitting, as the statistics show. He also led us defensively, mostly playing shortstop and being our rock up the middle. He is a quiet leader, but a leader that everyone on our team and in our program would follow."

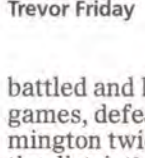
"Vinnie is a great young man and always represents himself well. I look forward to coaching him next season, one in which I strongly believe he has a great chance of being an all-state player."

Trevor Friday, P, Harrison: As the No. 1 starter for the Hawks, Friday posted a 5-2 record and 2.16 earned-run average. He had 42 strikeouts and 22 walks in 42 innings.

Friday, who will pitch for Saginaw Valley State University next year, was often used as the designated hitter, too.

He batted .277 with six doubles, 16 RBIs and 13 runs scored.

"Trevor had a great season on the mound, going up against number ones all season," Lamerato said. "He



Trevor Friday

battled and kept us in many games, defeating North Farmington twice (second time in the district). "He was a true No. 1 pitcher. His fastball is a firm 86-87 mph with command. Trevor wanted the ball against the other team's best all season."

Kevin Anthony, P, Plymouth: One of the Wildcats' senior leaders, Anthony made a huge impact on the team's fortunes in 2015.

He was a stalwart on the mound, going 7-3 with a 1.28 earned-run average while fanning 47 batters in 60 innings of work. "Kevin got the ball in almost all of our big games, consistently stepping up to take on strong opponents," Crain said. "A composed pitcher, Kevin navigated his way to a great senior season against some of the stiffest competition."



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Anthony, who will go to Michigan Tech University, was named to the all-KLAA, all-district and academic all-district teams.

Vince Diaz, P-1B, Redford Union: Diaz was the most valuable player for the Panthers as they captured their second consecutive Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division title. A southpaw, Diaz chalked up a 7-3 record on the mound with one no-hitter an ERA of 1.23. Hitting-wise, Diaz chiseled out a .463



Vince Diaz

batting average with 20 RBI, five doubles and 30 hits. "Vince was our workhorse all year," coach Bob Miller said. "He pitched well and was our No. 3 hitter. Vince's leadership on the field and with the younger players was a major reason for our team success this year."

Gordon Ferguson, P-INF, Stevenson: The junior was a two-way standout for the Spartans, racking up a .404 batting average with 21 RBIs, 21 runs and 42 hits, while crafting a 7-2



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Gone with the wind: Hurricanes snap Rams' streak

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Kyle Roberts ripped a double and drove in three runs to lead the Hurricanes to an 8-5 victory over the Michigan Rams in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League contest played Wednesday at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. The result derailed the Rams' 14-game winning streak and left them with a 20-6-1 record. The Hurricanes evened their mark at 14-14.

The visiting Rams appeared headed to their 15th straight triumph when they scored five

times in the third to seize a 5-0 lead. However, the 'Canes responded with two runs in the bottom of the third before exploding for a five-spot in the fifth. The victors added an insurance marker in the sixth.

Badih Jawed earned the victory on the mound after

scattering eight hits and two walks over seven innings. Only one of the runs allowed by Jawed was earned. He struck out four Rams.

Chase Flanery suffered the loss after giving up four runs in one-third of an inning.

Josh Bays started for the Rams, yielding two runs over four innings.

In addition to Roberts, Jared

Hagen (solo home run, two runs), Dan Cameron (2-for-4, run), Al Oleszkowicz (1-for-2, RBI) and Jake Mokowski (two runs) contributed to the eight-run night.

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Pictured (from left) are Team Jekyllhyde Yellow Plymouth CrossFit members Tim VanDeusen, Lynn Potter, Andy Ciantar, Tonya Barker, Zach Nichols and Meg Iafate. Also on the team are Ted Barker and Lindsay Vandeusen.

CROSSFIT

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carrying weighted sand bags – one can do in a given time period.

A team based out of the Plymouth CrossFit facility in Canton – Team Jekyllhyde Yellow – has advanced to the regional round of the national CrossFit Games four consecutive years.

“My interest level always stays high with CrossFit,” said Jekyllhyde team member Ted Barker, a Plymouth resident. “It gives me that competitive rush that I’m always looking for and the fitness gains are

immediate and off the charts high.

“And it’s something I can do with my wife (Tonya). She didn’t play football or basketball, but she’s a good athlete. Once I introduced this to her, she took off running, further than I have.”

A typical CrossFit class at the Canton facility epitomizes diversity. Tuesday night, the group Barker trained with included a stay-at-home mom and a former University of Michigan defensive back.

The classes start out with warm-up exercises that stress dynamic stretching.

“Then we may do a jog to get the heart rate up and to allow the muscles to loosen up,”

said Swafford, who is a coach in addition to his ownership role. “We’ll move on to a strength or cardio workout, then the final part of the class will focus on getting better at a specific discipline.”

Working out as part of a group adds a unique incentive, Barker said.

“For me, ultimately, it’s about working out with like-minded people and feeling good about their improvement as much as my own,” Barker said.

The CrossFit facilities offer up to 50 different classes. A monthly membership ranges from \$99 to \$189 per month, depending on the programs.

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Ageless Boshoven seeks CrossFit Games gold

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Bob Boshoven is 53 years old, doesn’t look a day over 33 and (by his own admission) is more athletic than when he was 23 – impressive, considering the former college hockey player and current Northville High School wrestling coach has never come close to venturing into “Couch Potato” territory.

Not surprisingly, the fountain of youth the age-defying athlete has discovered spews sweat, not magical water.

Next week in Hermosa Beach, Calif., the lifelong Northville resident will be one of just 20 Masters (ages 50-54) category competitors from around the world going for gold at the Reebok CrossFit Games.

He will be competing in seven events over three days that range from the Triplet – a demanding smorgasbord of challenges that include three 50-meter sandbag runs, three sets of pull-ups and three sets of sit-ups – to the Long Chipper, which requires participants to run 1,000 meters before enduring a series of wall-ball shots and box jump-overs.

CrossFit athletes are timed in each of the grueling events and whomever takes the least amount of time to complete the tasks will take home the first-place prize.

Advancing to the CrossFit Games hasn’t been easy, admitted Boshoven, who works out regularly at Plymouth CrossFit in Canton.

“Three or four days a week, I do the limit of my conditioning and one or two days a week, I collapse on the floor when I’m done,” Boshoven said, smiling. “What’s nice about it is the workouts only last an hour and I don’t have to come up with my own workout. Somebody else plans it for me and it’s in a class setting, so you want to be able to keep up with everybody else.”

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ED WRIGHT

Only the specks of gray in Bob Boshoven’s beard reveal his 50-plus age. The Northville resident will be competing next week in the CrossFit Games in Carson, Calif.

myself on the way out, ‘I should have done this or that.’ When you work out by yourself, you tend to do more of what you’re good at, not necessarily what you need.”

Boshoven’s introduction to CrossFit training unfolded two years ago.

“I was looking for a fun way of conditioning for my wrestling team,” he said. “I couldn’t get enough of them to do it, so I started a CrossFit club at Northville High School. As the sponsor of the club, I trained along with them and I loved everything about it.”

“Probably the No. 1 thing about it is that you don’t get bored. When you go to a gym by yourself, you usually follow the same routine over and over. With CrossFit, you don’t know what you’re going to do until you get there.”

“The other thing I like about it is I’m constantly learning new things. Most of the movements I do in here, I’ve never done before, including some of the gymnastics techniques.”

Boshoven will be accompanied to the CrossFit Games by his “coach,” Ted Barker, and he’ll meet up in California with his wife Lorie.

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SUMMER CAMPS

Stevenson hockey

The Livonia Stevenson Summer Hockey Camp will be Tuesday, July 21, at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

The camp will be run by head coach David Mitchell, his staff and former Stevenson players. Camp will cover skill development, position development and scrimmages.

For more information, contact Mitchell at dmitchell@livoniapublicschools.org.

Salem wrestling

The Salem wrestling team will have an open skills camp for high school wrestlers and incoming freshmen 6-8 p.m. July 27-30 in the Salem wrestling room.

The cost is \$40. Wrestlers should contact coach Henderson at 734-812-9588 to register.

Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill summer football camp for kids entering grades 3-8 will be 7-9:20 p.m. July 22-23 at the

school’s football stadium.

The fee is \$50. All participants must bring cleats, running shoes and have a signed liability form.

For more information go to churchill.livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill hockey camp will be held 8-9:20 p.m. Aug. 3-7 and Aug. 10-14 at Eddie Edgar Arena. The cost is \$175.

For more information, contact head coach Jason Reynolds at JayRey48152@gmail.com.

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Music man: Canton resident loves theater organ music, mechanics

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Justin LaVoie knows theater pipe organs inside and out.

"When I'm not playing the organ, I'm working on one," said LaVoie, 20, a Canton resident and a junior who's earning a bachelor of music arts degree at the University of Oklahoma. The focus of his study is in organ technology.

"I've been involved in organ since I was 6. As I got older and started to pursue it more, I thought there is a need for people to maintain and build organs as much as play them. There is a need for younger people to keep these instruments going and to keep them for future generations. I definitely think you should have some playing experience. You have to know what the instrument is intended to do to maintain it properly."

LaVoie knows a thing or two about that. The American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) named him the Young Theatre Organ Artist of the Year for 2013.

He received scholarships from the organization to attend its summer camps from 2008-12 and played for ATOS national conventions in Los Angeles, Calif., and Atlanta, Ga.

Over the past year, he gave theater organ concerts in Ohio, Massachusetts, and Delaware, in addition to Detroit, on the Senate Theatre's Wurlitzer. On Sunday, July 26, he'll perform on an organ he knows well and loves playing — the Barton at the Redford Theatre. The concert starts at 2 p.m. and will include jazz, standards, contemporary pieces, orchestral music and his own compositions. A reception with refreshments will follow the concert. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The Redford is located at 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue, in Detroit.

"I started doing these



Justin LaVoie of Canton will perform July 26 at the Redford Theatre.

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formal concerts a year ago. I've done quite a few. It's the first time playing this kind of thing at the Redford. It's quite a thrill."

Young fan

LaVoie, son of Theresa and Vince LaVoie, was "instantly hooked" on theater pipe organ at age 6 after listening to a CD set of historic theater organ music.

"I remember it having so much more color, more vivid and lively sound and now I know that's because theater

organs were intended to have a more orchestral sound than a church organ."

The following year, he began visiting the Redford Theatre, where he would listen to organists play before movie screenings.

"The people at the theater were very gracious. They let me come in on Saturday mornings and fool around with it. I was taking organ lessons, but on an electronic organ to begin with. It kept my interest for a while, but I wasn't too focused

on it. I didn't progress much until I was 13 and my parents found out about a summer camp for young people. They took me and it helped intensify my interest."

LaVoie, who was home schooled, also met an instructor at the camp. At age 15, he began taking lessons every other month in Wisconsin, where his teacher was based. He also started playing at film screenings at the Redford that same year.

Jazz, rock

"When I do concerts for organ groups, but especially the public, I present as wide a variety of music as possible. No one should walk away feeling they haven't had something they like played in the program."

He enjoys playing the music of Cole Porter and George Gershwin, but also rocks out with works by Billy Joel and Queen.

LaVoie also collects old Kodak cameras and likes to experiment with "different flavors" in the

kitchen.

He's looking forward to the day he has a steady job and a house where he can unpack his own theater organ — the Wurlitzer from the Punch and Judy, a Grosse Pointe Farms theater that closed in the late 1980s. It's in storage until that day comes.

"It's a smaller instrument, comparatively speaking," LaVoie said. "I'll have the real thing to sit down at every day. There is nothing like it."

Visit the theater website, redfordtheatre.com.

How much money do you need for retirement?

Last weekend, my husband and I attended a graduation party in our neighborhood. We knew a few people but they were leaving when my husband and I arrived, so we joined a table of neighbors we didn't know well other than a friendly wave. As the evening went on, someone brought up the topic of retirement. The average age at the table was around 50. No one knew that I was a financial planner, so I just sat back and listened. I will have to admit it was difficult to not interject. Of course, I eventually had to.

It still amazes me about how little people know about planning for their retirement. Two people at the table will be receiving pensions from Ford and planned on retiring at 55. They were talking about how they were going to retire, collect their pension, find another job or do consulting work. This is when I had to interject. I made the comment that "There is no guarantee that will happen." I explained I was a financial planner and from experience I knew from working with some of my current clients that it is not easy to retire early. Most regret their decision and are now working full or part



Paula Swain
GUEST COLUMNIST

Answer these important questions: When do you plan to retire? How much money will you need each year? Where and when do you plan to get your income?

time for \$8 an hour. They gave up a job making \$28 an hour to make \$8. I continued, no matter what age you want to retire make sure to "run the numbers" to make sure you have enough to last for the rest of your life before you retire.

The discussion continued on how much money is enough for retirement. There is no easy answer to this question. What is enough for one person is not enough for another.

Planning matters

What's important to realize is that calculating a retirement savings goal does more than simply

provide you with a dollars and cents estimate of how much you'll need for the future. It also requires you to visualize the specific details of your retirement dreams and to assess whether your current financial plans are realistic, comprehensive and up-to-date.

The following strategies will help you do a better job of identifying and pursuing your retirement savings goals:

» Double-check your assumptions. Before you do anything else, answer these important questions: When do you plan to retire? How much money will you need each year? Where and when do you plan to get your retirement income? Are your investment expectations in line with the performance potential of the investments you own?

» Use a proper "calculator." The best way to calculate your goal is by using one of the many interactive worksheets now available free of charge online and in print. Each type features questions about your financial situation as well as blank spaces for you to provide answers.

An online version will perform the calculation automatically and respond almost instantly with an estimate of how

much you may need for retirement and how much more you should try to save to pursue that goal. If you want assistance, contact a financial planner in your area. Remember that your ultimate goal is to save as much money as possible for retirement regardless of what any calculator might suggest.

» Contribute more. Are you among the almost three quarters of retirement savers who say they could set aside an extra \$20 each week? If so, here's some motivation to actually do it: Contributing an extra \$20 each week to your plan could provide you with an additional \$51,389 after 20 years or \$130,237 after 30 years, assuming 8 percent annual investment returns. This example is hypothetical and for illustrative purposes only. Investment returns cannot be guaranteed.

At the very least, you should try to contribute at least enough to receive the full amount of your employer's matching contribution, if offered. It's also a good idea to increase contributions annually, such as after a pay raise.

After all, when was the last time you heard a retiree complain about having saved too much money in his or her retirement plan?

I am dedicated to walking your though the steps that you need to make to take control of your financial future and prepare you for a secure retirement. Now it is the time to start focusing on your finances.

The opinions voiced in this material are for

general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual. Consult with an adviser about your specific situation.

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TREATING ARTHRITIS, BUT NOT NOW

Doctors have to guard against jumping to conclusions. A patient with diagnosed gout, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis or lupus, may present with joint pain and say: "my condition is flaring, I need more treatment."

The doctor will put great weight on the patient's words, as a person with a chronic condition is apt to know when it is changing for the better or for the worse. However, while a patient surely knows, and usually is correct on whether the arthritis is flaring, the patient is not right all the time. It is the doctor's responsibility to confirm the patient's assessment.

The doctor usually starts with two questions: 1) where is the pain, and 2) when did it start? For example, a flare of gout will take the form of a single joint pain in the toe, knee or finger. Rheumatoid arthritis is symmetrical and if the wrist is involved, would include both the right and left wrist; lupus likely would give a flu-like pattern and at the same time show as pain in the hands bilaterally or both shoulders.

Answers to when did the flare started are equally helpful. Gout starts with a sudden intensity of pain while rheumatoid arthritis begins slowly and builds to more swelling and more pain over days. Lupus also builds over days with the patient at first noticing only a slight increase in fatigue and aching.

A physician will ask questions and examine the areas of pain before concluding that the present flare represents a fresh instance of an old disease.

Golf event, annual ball raise funds for heart research

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

Golfers were pretty social at Social in Birmingham on Wednesday. The gathering was a kick-off for Golf Fore Go Red that will be held next month at various golf courses throughout southeast Michigan. The concurrent golf event was created by the American Heart Association and McLaren Macomb Medical Center to raise awareness about heart disease and stroke while raising funds for cardiovascular research.

But there were no cleats allowed, just dancing shoes and black-tie attire, at the recent 28th annual Heart Ball that was held in Eastern Market's Sheds 2 and 3. Henry Ford Health System and HAP were the Presenting Sponsors. Besides an elegant cocktail reception and gourmet dinner of fresh farm-to-table delicacies, the bidding was intense during the Art for the Heart silent and live auctions. New this year to the American Heart Association Michigan Chapter is the introduction of an



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

AHA Young Professionals Board of Directors. With the addition of the new board, a rockin' Pulse Party afterglow was held in Shed 2 at Eastern Market. Guests enjoyed dancing and Detroit fare from popular food trucks.

Next up is an inaugural nine-day street-art festival called Murals in the Market which will be held Sept. 17-24 throughout Eastern Market. Over 45 international artists, including half who will be local, will paint large-scale murals to enhance the area. The festival's first official mural by Australian artist Meggs (aka David Hooke) was also unveiled Tuesday.

"Murals in the Market is a project that just brings a little more life, a little more interest and a little more attention to Detroit," said Hooke, who painted the first official mural in Eastern Market two weeks ago.

To sign up for Golf Fore Go Red, or find out

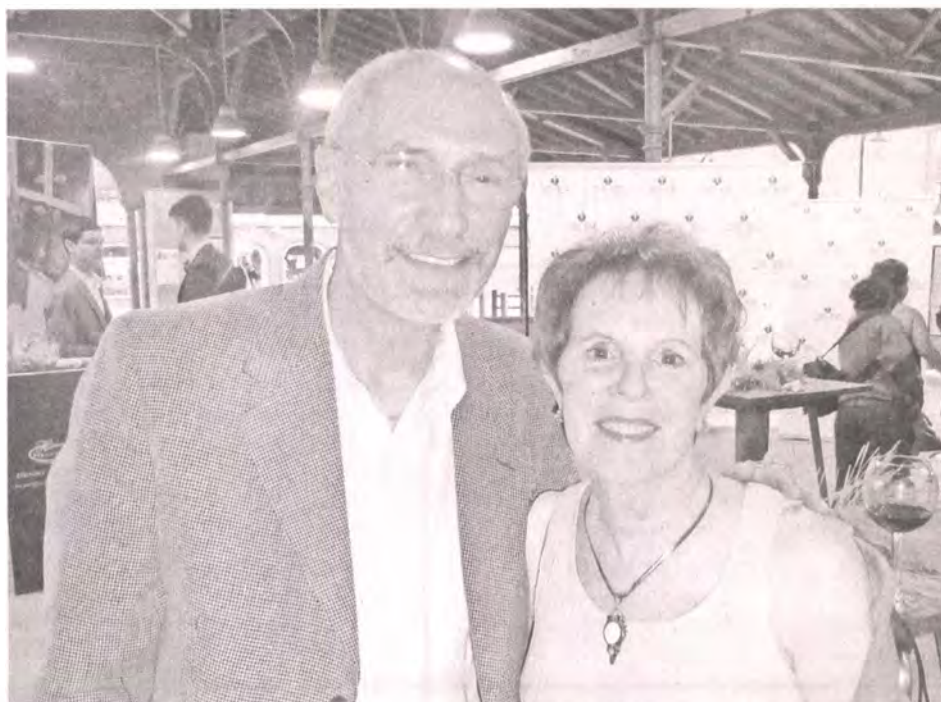


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Jeff and Laurel Beeler, left, and Jamie and Curtis Burstein are Heart Ball guests on behalf of event corporate sponsor Cardinal Health of Canton.

more information, contact Amy Hobley at 248-936-5831 or amy.hobley@heart.org.

Contact Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-642-9465.



Howard Dubin, formerly of Dubin Optometric Clinic in Farmington Hills, and his wife, Susie, enjoy the Heart Ball. Susie has been on the heart transplant list for five years.



Livonia residents Cheryl and Jeff Doelker attend the 28th annual Heart Ball's "Heart in the Market" at Eastern Market on behalf of event corporate sponsor Cardinal Health.



Plymouth residents Dave and Ashley Emison enjoy the 28th annual Heart Ball's "Heart in the Market" at Eastern Market.

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HOIBY, EUGENE STANLEY

Passed away at the age of 89 on July 10, 2015. He is survived by his daughters Mary Ann Desentz (Danny) and Carol Hoiby, his grandchildren Joyce Krom (Jim) and Lucas Schultz, and his great-grandchildren Emma and Natalie Krom. In death, he will join his wife, Joyce, to whom he was married for almost 60 years. Together they most enjoyed week-ends at their home in Canada on Lake Erie and nightly walks with their beloved dogs. Mr. Hoiby was also passionate about his law practice in Livonia, having just retired last year. His family is also very proud of his service to our country as a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, having received two Bronze Stars for bravery and two Purple Hearts. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his honor can be made to the Access to Justice (ATJ) Fund through the Michigan State Bar Foundation, 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933-2012. The memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2015 from 2-5 pm at Travis Pointe Country Club, 2829 Travis Pointe, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.



MARK, ROBERT HAROLD Surbrook

Age 95, of Farmington Hills, died July 2, 2015. Robert was born on May 10, 1920, in Detroit, Michigan, to James and Emmelie (Applin) Mark, and grew up in Tawas City, Michigan. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Robert graduated from Central State Teachers' College, and received his Masters Degree from the University of Michigan. On August 24, 1963, he was united in marriage to the former Barbara Hockley. Robert taught junior high school math in the Southfield Public Schools for 23 years. He also served as choir director at several United Methodist churches in the metro Detroit area, including Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, where he and Barbara were members for almost 50 years. Along with Barbara, Robert was very involved in the life of the church, but especially through music ministries, where he used the gift of his beautiful singing voice to praise God at every opportunity. He and Barbara traveled to several countries around the world as part of a touring choir organized by the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church. Robert also loved playing golf and spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren. In addition to Barbara, his beloved wife of 52 years, Robert is also survived by his children, Laurel Mark of Buffalo, New York, David (Pamala) Mark of Livonia, Jean (Clinton) Whitcomb of Kalamazoo, and Susan (Stephen) Long of Redford; his grandchildren, Christopher and Nicholas Mark, Daniel Whitcomb, and Erick and Hannah Long; brother- and sister-in-law Leonard and Phyllis Hockley of Eugene, Oregon; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Sadly, he was preceded in death by his siblings, James, Dora, John, and Phillip. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, July 25 at 12 noon, with visitation beginning at 11 a.m., at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Memorial tributes suggested to Orchard United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Heeneysundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. (248)474-5200 HEENEYSUNDSQUIST FUNERAL HOME

HUGHES, HERALD HALL

Age 87, July 2, 2015. Formerly of Livonia, Michigan www.McDougald.com



LEWIS, GLORIA A. (nee TERRANA)

Age 72 of Williamston, Michigan and former longtime Livonia resident. Beloved wife of Jerry for 54 years. Loving mother of Robert (Kim), and Dawn (Bill) Lubanski. Cherished grandmother of Kristi, Michael, Christopher, Ryan, and Sara. Dear sister of Lorraine "Lori" (Gary) Zimmerman, and Sandi (the late Donald) Mueller. She also leaves behind many other loving family members and friends. A private family gathering will be held at a later time. Memorial contributions may be made to Residential Hospice residentialhospice.com. Share condolences at fredwoodfuneralhome.com



LYBARGER, DOROTHY JUNE

Went home to be with her Savior on July 13, 2015, age 87. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Carol Lee (Shawn Hughes) Lybarger, Deborah J. (John) Kaye, Daniel J. (Judy) Lybarger, Linda G. (Scott) Slimak, and Kimberly A. (Paul) McVety. Also leaves 16 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and cherished cousins, Marlene Raden and Judy Lutz. Visitation Monday 2 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Visitation will continue on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until time of the Funeral Service at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. To read full obituary go to www.schrader-howell.com.

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MORNINGSTAR, LUCILLE MARIE (KOSTER) "CILLE"

April 20, 1921 - July 13, 2015. Age 94, formerly of Barryton, Michigan, and Dade City, Florida, passed away on July 13, 2015 at Legacy Heights Assisted Living in Charlotte, NC. She was born April 20th, 1921 in Detroit, MI to the late Martin and Lucy (DeWulf) Koster, and was the oldest of six siblings. On October 8, 1938 she married JB Morningstar in LaGrange, Indiana. They were married for 53 years and raised three children, Janice (now deceased), Judy and David. Lucille was an active member of Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Zephyrhills, FL. She is survived by daughter Judy Bazaire of Charlotte, NC, son David (Diane) Morningstar of Milford, MI, son-in-law Al Pitt of Barryton, MI and Dade City, FL; grandchildren Jeff (Mischael) Pitt, Jenifer Pitt-Bryant, John (Suzanne) Pitt, Courtney Bazaire, Chad (Rebekah) Bazaire, Toni (Christopher) Ashley, Shawnee Morningstar and Sierra Morningstar, as well as 14 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband JB, daughter Janice, sisters Mildred, Marge, and Betty, and brothers Sonny and Donny. Funeral Service was held on Saturday, July 18th at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 35320 Glenwood Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Pastor Dave Furno officiated. Lucille was buried beside her husband JB at Cadillac Gardens in Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, or to Lucille's home church, Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, 6205 23rd St., Zephyrhills, FL 33542. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.uhfh.com.

NAUMANN, ANNE D.

Age 74, of Canton. Beloved wife of William. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Jennifer) and Robert (Michael). Dear grandmother of Eric and Zachary. Sister of Rita (Willard) McMachen, Joseph (Sharon) Ringholz, David (Marilyn) Ringholz, John (Marie) Ringholz, Michael Ringholz, Ronald (Carlie) Ringholz, Paul (Linda) Ringholz, and the late Mary Morton. Funeral was held Friday at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. The family entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.



SINCLAIR, RUTH

July 16, 2015. Age 85. Loving wife of the late Richard. Cherished mother of Rick, Todd, and Robin. Beloved grandmother of Elizabeth. Ruth was the past president of the Ladies Guild at Grace Lutheran Church and received Lutheran Woman of the Year Honors. Visitation tomorrow from 3:30-9 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Funeral Service Tuesday 1 p.m., in state 12:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River Ave. in Redford. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



May you find peace in your time of sorrow.

Alliance helps patients with asthma, lung cancer

The Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation and the American Lung Association have joined forces to provide comprehensive support for people living with asthma, non-small cell lung cancer and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

Their alliance will enable the organizations to leverage the PAN Foundation's lung disease-related financial assistance programs and the American Lung Association's patient education tools to ensure patients have access to the full range of resources they need to best manage the three lung conditions, which collectively

affect millions of Americans each year.

"Our fundamental goal at the PAN Foundation is to ensure patients who are underinsured are able to access the critical treatments they need to improve their health and quality of life, and that doesn't stop at just helping with their deductibles and co-pays," said PAN President and CEO Daniel Klein. "Working closely with the American Lung Association will allow us to connect patients with experts who can help them better understand their conditions, adhere to their treatment regimens and link them to patient support

communities."

Through this new partnership, patients will have access to the registered nurses, respiratory therapists and counselors who work at the Lung HelpLine (800-LUNGUSA), offering support and health education services, physician searches, help with understanding treatment options for lung cancer, connections to Better Breathers Clubs, and education resources such as Asthma Basics.

By combining the Lung Association's education tools with PAN's financial assistance programs, the organizations aim to improve quality of life

for patients suffering from lung disease.

Patients who qualify for the PAN Foundation's lung-specific assistance programs must reside and receive treatment in the United States, must have health insurance and the medication for which they seek assistance must be covered by their insurance and treat the disease directly.

Asthma patients may receive up to \$3,000 per year but their income must fall at or below 500 percent of the federal poverty level.

Patients with non-small cell lung cancer can get up to \$7,500 per year, but they must

have Medicare insurance and their income level must fall at or below 500 percent of the federal poverty level.

For patients with RSV, the maximum award level is \$1,500 per year. Their income must fall at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty line.

Patients, or advocates and caregivers applying on their behalf, can apply for assistance using the PAN Foundation's online patient portal (www.panapply.org), or by calling 866-316-PANF 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. To learn more about PAN's more than 50 disease-specific programs, visit panfoundation.org.

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Bereavement Camp

Henry Ford SandCastles is accepting registration for its annual Camp Erin - Detroit grief support weekend for children and teens who have experienced the death of someone close to them. The free camp for youth in grades one-12 will be held Aug. 14-16 at Camp Tamarack in Ortonville. The camp will include fun activities combined with grief education and emotional support. A weekend highlight is an evening memorial service on the beach. Grief professionals and trained volunteers from the SandCastles Grief Support Program, part of Hospices of Henry Ford, lead the program. To register for camp or get information on volunteering, call 313-874-6881.

Birth classes

A four-part class designed to help prepare parents for childbirth runs 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, at Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Participants will learn the stages of labor, relaxation and breathing methods, strategies for managing discomfort, the partner's role in labor in deliv-



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Garden City Hospital offers a one-day class to prepare mothers-to-be and their coaches for the birthing experience, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Medical Office Building, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. \$50 fee for mom, coach is free. Pre-registration is required. Call 734-458-4330.

Diabetes management

Learn about meal planning, blood sugar control and medi-

cation management at a free seminar on diabetes, 5-7 p.m. July 29 in the Oakwood Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda, Dearborn. Register at Oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355.

Exercise for seniors

"A Matter of Balance," a discussion and exercise class for adults, 60 and over, runs for eight weeks from 1-3 p.m., beginning Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. The workshop is designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. During the free class, participants will learn to: view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risk at home and exercise to increase strength and balance. Register by calling 734-458-4259.

Free trial day

Oakwood's Physical Therapy and Wellness Center offers a free trial day, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. July 22 at the center, 17101 Rotunda Drive in Dearborn. The center features cardio and weight machines, an indoor track and more than 20 group exercise classes ranging from aerobics to yoga. No registration is required. For more

information, call 313-791-4347.

Look Good Feel Better

Look Good Feel Better is a nonmedical public service program that teaches beauty techniques to cancer patients to help them with cancer treatment. The group program is open to all women with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, radiation or other forms of treatment. Volunteer beauty professionals support the program and are trained and certified by the Personal Care Products Council Foundation, the American Cancer Society and the Professional Beauty Association. The program runs 10 a.m. to noon the second Monday of the month at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills. For more information or to register for the session on Aug. 10, call 248-471-8120.

Nonverbal kids

Parents of nonverbal children, ages 2-5, can find out more about an early intervention program, It Takes Two to Talk, at a free introductory meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, in the Demonstration Kitchen at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.

It Takes Two to Talk is an eight-week program that will teach parents how to help their child's skills in language development, socialization and play. The program includes four individual sessions with the speech-language pathologist. Cost is \$105 for the individual pre-program consultation, \$300 for the eight-week group sessions, and \$74 per individual sessions. To reserve a spot at the introductory meeting, call 800-436-7936.

Pink Out tickets

Tickets are available for the fourth annual Pink Out at the Park, the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals game, 7:08 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Comerica Park in Detroit. The event raises awareness of breast health and helps raise funds for breast cancer research at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ticket packages range from \$28-\$51 and include a free T-shirt. Buy tickets at tigers.com/pinkout. The event will include a pre-game ceremony honoring breast cancer survivors. Survivors who plan to attend the game can visit karmanos.org/pinkoutsurvivors to find out more about the ceremony.

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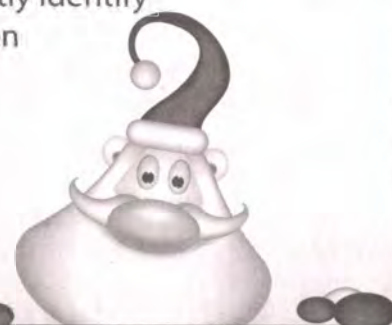
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