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**Clerk expects low turnout for primary election**

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Westland has just under 60,000 registered voters, but most of them won't be casting ballot in the city primary election Tuesday.

"In the last city primary in 2009, we only had a 7.3 percent turnout," said Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart

Schoof. "It has been awhile since we had a primary. I expect we will have a turnout of a 10 percent turnout or less."

The 2009 primary drew more absentee voters than those going to



**DeHart Schoof**

polls. So far, 4,146 absentee ballots have been requested and just under 2,800 have been returned.

"I expect a lot more absentee ballots will be returned," said Schoof, who supports allowing all voters to cast absentee ballots without restrictions.

Absentee ballots can be obtained Monday until 4 p.m.

but those ballots must be completed at city hall and immediately returned.

Voters will be narrowing a field of 12 council candidates to eight candidates who will move on to the Nov. 3 general election. In November, to the top four vote getters will be elected to council. The top three finishers will receive four-year terms with the

fourth-place finisher earning a two-year term.

In the council race are incumbents James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves. The other candidates are Steve Boron, Bill Campbell, Christopher Coldren, Peter Herzberg, Judy McKinney, former

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**Cemetery cleanup helps scouts soar to Eagle rank**

**By Sue Mason**  
Staff Writer

When 20-year-old Lucius Chubb died in August 1863 of wounds suffered during the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg, his father Glode went there to get his son's body so it could be buried next to family members in a small cemetery on what is now Warren Road in Westland.

Faded flowers and flags decorate his grave and new wooden crosses mark the graves of others who are buried Chubb Cemetery, thanks to the efforts of two Garden City Boy Scouts.

Sam Bernhardt and Jacob McNally took on the task of fixing up the cemetery as projects for their Eagle Scout award. Last week, a small group of people gathered at the cemetery to see the results of their work and to rededicate the burial site.

"This cemetery is hugely important to Westland, a lot of different aspects of its history is here," said Jeff Koslowski, president of the Westland Historical Commission. "To have young people come forward and volunteer to care for it, it shows that the youth of our city can care for and preserve our history for future generations."

It isn't a surprise that Bernhardt and McNally both selected the Chubb Cemetery for their Eagle Scout projects. They have been in the same pack and troop since joining Boy Scouts in the first grade. They are members of Boy Scout Troop 744, which meets at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City.

They also recently graduated from Garden City High School.



Sam Bernhardt salutes as Jacob McNally raises the flag on a pole put in as part of the teen's Eagle Scout projects.

SUE MASON

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**Community center to close for now**

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

In what is expected to be a short-term move, the Wayne Community Center will be closing its doors at the end of business today (Sunday).

At its meeting Tuesday the Wayne City Council is expected to consider authorizing the city attorney to finalize details and prepare a contract with HYPE Athletics for leasing and operating the facility.

"HYPE is basically taking all of it over except some maintenance. We'll put it on the agenda to approve the deal contingent on the lease being worked out," Wayne Interim City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "It's 99 percent done. They will work it out between the city attorney and HYPE."

The proposal before the council — to have the attorney complete the agreement — is the same way Wayne finalized the sale of the State Wayne Theater, Nocerini said. Council has been kept updated about the ongoing negotiations, she said.

Earlier, Nocerini had posted an announcement that the community center would close Sunday if an agreement wasn't reached with HYPE.

"We're going to close still. The facility will be in transition," Nocerini said. "HYPE is expecting that after Aug. 3 the building will be closed seven to 10 days, maybe two weeks. They would reopen around Aug. 15. The building does need a major cleaning."

For those with memberships at the Wayne Community Center, Nocerini said HYPE is offering use of their existing Dearborn Heights facility during the closing. Alternatively, members could receive credit to their membership for the days the facility is closed.

Due to financial constraints the Wayne City Council had approved closing the community center in the budget for the fiscal year that began July 1. The council agreed to delay the closing of the building during July while negotiating with HYPE Athletics on a potential lease agreement for the facility.

The facility has remained

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**Suspect sought in pawn shop break-in**

Westland Police are requesting the public's assistance in identifying a man suspected to be responsible for the break-in at a local pawn shop.

At approximately 4:30 a.m.

July 27, a break-in was reported at the Bank Pawn Shop, 32951 Warren Road. Police said the front door was damaged to gain access to the store.

A subject entered and stole

numerous items from inside the store, according to police. The male suspect, whose image was captured by security video, was wearing a navy blue Polo hoodie and white Nike tennis shoes.

Anyone with information that could help identify the suspect is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600, or Sgt. Burke Lange at 734-467-3178.



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# CEMETERY

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## 'Like a forest'

Bernhardt had wanted to do something with veterans for his project and got the idea of cleaning up the cemetery, which includes the grave of two Civil War soldiers, after a friend's father told him about it. He raised around \$300 to cover the cost of the materials and used his time in his wood shop class at Garden City High School to make the wooden crosses and engrave names on them.

"The cemetery was overgrown and you couldn't tell anything was there, it was kind of like a forest," Bernhardt said. "I got started by cutting down everything so I could have access to the ground."

Wood shop teacher Andy Romes let him use a milling machine. By programming a comput-



SUE MASON

Sam Bernhardt used his time in his wood shop class at Garden City High School to create markers for the graves in historic Chubb Cemetery in Westland.

er, he was able to cut the wood to size and cut the names and dates into the crosses.

It wasn't easy. "It took quite a while. At first I wasn't used to the system," Bernhardt said. "It's an old system and it had some bugs. I had to re-cut some pieces. It took me 2-3 hours a day for three months to do it."

"There were times when I didn't think I'd finish in a trimester. It

was pushed to the limit and a lot of times I thought I wouldn't get it done," he added. "If I hadn't had the machine, I probably would have had to hand-chisel the names on the wood, and if I had had to I probably wouldn't have taken on the project."

Working with a map of the site and historical commission member Ryan Eberhardt, Bernhardt went to the cemetery the night before the crosses were to be installed and marked where they should go. An auger was used to drill the holes. Some went down, 4 feet, others 5 or 6 feet.

Bernhardt will have his Court of Honor on Aug. 11 and later in the month will leave for the U.S. Army. Being an Eagle Scout means he

will enter the Army one rank above that of private.

### 'Hard work'

McNally built a walking path that goes from the cemetery gate to a newly installed lighted flag pole. The Westland Department of Public Service donated everything for the project — bricks, sand, even the flag pole. Garden City Rental gave McNally the tools he needed for the installation at no charge.

"This was a first for me," he said. "My dad had a general idea about doing it and gave me tips."

Family and friends helped. It took eight hours to complete the project.

"We removed the sod and dug up the top soil," he said. "When we got to

the depth we needed, we started laying the bricks. There were about 800 bricks, maybe closer to 1,000. It was hard work."

He, too, admits, that there is a point where you get road-weary, but it wasn't to the point "where I thought it wasn't going to happen." He also is looking forward to seeing how being an Eagle Scout will help him in the future. He plans to attend Schoolcraft College to study criminal justice.

"My brother got a job at Ford because he was an Eagle Scout," he added.

In rededicating the cemetery, Koslowski acknowledged that the cemetery "had fallen into a certain state of disrepair due to several storms. Some of the former markers had either

been moved or Mother Nature had worn them down to the point where they became difficult to read."

"We at the Westland Historic Village Park are always looking for ways and means to preserve, protect and teach about our city and regional history," he said. "The cemetery in which we are currently standing is a part of that history. From civil war veterans to those that passed away at Eloise, Chubb Cemetery tells the story that is close to all of us."

Koslowski noted that because of their work, people will be able to will be able to honor the efforts of Thaddeus Treat, who volunteered for the 54th Indiana Infantry as a hospital steward during the Civil War, and pay their respects to Hermann Adler, who died at Eloise in 1913 and was most likely the last person buried in Chubb Cemetery.

"We are very proud of Sam and Jacob. All their hard work not only benefits citizens today, but will also benefit them tomorrow and beyond," Koslowski said. "We could not be more proud of Sam and Jacob, their families and Troop 744."

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opened for limited operations — the ice arena and aquatic center were al-

ready closed. Under an agreement with HYPE, the pool would be expected to reopen but the ice arena would be reconstructed into a basketball court, Nocerini said. Some city services

housed at the community center, located on Howe at Annapolis, will continue to operate from the building.

"The city will save a tremendous amount of money with this agree-

ment. It will be a huge savings," Nocerini said. "People can ask questions about this Tuesday at the meeting."

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## TURNOUT

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councilman Dennis LeMaitre, Kevin Miller and Charles Pickering, a former councilman and mayor.

Voters will also narrow the field from four candidates to two candi-

dates who will move on to the November ballot seeking to become Westland City Clerk. Schoof will be retiring in January.

Wayne County Commission Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, is in the race with Christopher Cox, Jody Rice-White and Zivka Wojtowicz.

The polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Voters in precincts 3 and 31 usually vote at Hayes Elementary School but due to construction will be shifting to Cooper Elementary School for the primary.

Precincts 12, 25 and 35 will continue voting at Cooper. Hayes School will be open for voters

again in November. Schoof said as required by state law, voters received new registration cards for their temporary move and will receive another card reflecting the change back to Hayes.

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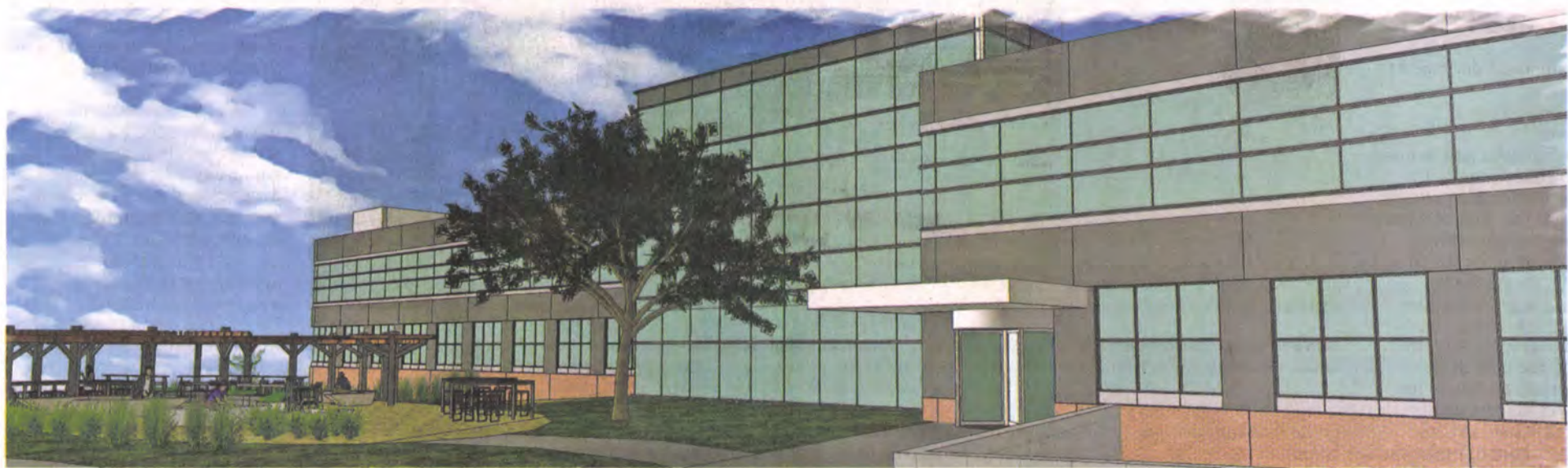
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A rendering of Masco's planned 75,000-square-foot headquarters in Livonia. It is expected to start construction in September 2015 pending approval from the city council. About 250 people are expected to work there.

## Masco moving its offices to Livonia

It expects to be there by December 2016

By Frank Witsil  
Michigan.com

Masco, the Michigan-based maker of brand-named faucets and other building products, plans to move its headquarters from its longtime home in Taylor to Livonia by the end of next year.

The company, which spun off its installation and services business and has cut corporate staff over the years, intends to move into new, three-story, 75,000-square-foot digs on about 12 acres at West Seven Mile Road and Haggerty Road, near Schoolcraft College.

Masco hopes that it can begin construction by September and move by December 2016.

The company's research and development center will remain in Taylor, at 26855 Trolley Industrial Drive.

"Masco has been a tremendous asset to the City of Taylor and we are disappointed to see them

### MASCO TIME LINE

- 1929:** Alex Manoogian organizes Masco Screw Products in Detroit.
- 1936:** Masco becomes a public company and listed on the Detroit Stock Exchange.
- 1942:** Annual sales exceed \$1 million.
- 1961:** Company changes name to Masco Corp.
- 1969:** Masco listed on New York Stock Exchange.
- 1983:** Annual sales exceed \$1 billion.
- 1984:** Masco forms new public company, Masco Industries.
- 1985:** Masco starts manufacturing cabinets.
- 2014:** Masco announces spin-off of installation and service business.
- 2016:** Plans to move headquarters to Livonia.

leave," said Taylor Mayor Rick Sollars. "But we also recognize the business environment and the pressures involving these types of large corporate decisions. We wish we could have done something to keep the Masco headquarters in Taylor, but that wasn't possible."

The current headquarters is more than 400,000 square feet and was built in 1966, and will likely be put up for sale, the company said.

"The move to a new

facility will provide a more collaborative, functional space and is an important step forward for us," Keith Allman, Masco's CEO and president, said Thursday. "Over the past several years, we have better aligned our corporate center services with the requirements of our overall business and our individual business units. As a result, our corporate office is now too large and segmented for our leaner workforce."

Masco, which Alex Manoogian started in 1929 as Masco Screw Products, has seen its workforce decline from more than 60,000 to about 30,000 worldwide and from about 700 to 250 at the headquarters in Taylor.

In addition to Delta and Hansgrohe faucets, the company also makes bath and shower fixtures, KraftMaid and Merrillat cabinets, Milgard windows and doors, Behr paint and HotSpring spas.

Mark Taormina, the planning and economic development director for Livonia, said the city is delighted to add another corporate headquarters, and expects to approve the plans and discuss tax incentives.

Schoolcraft College

vice president Glenn Cerny wrote a letter to the city back in April, requesting the city to create an Industrial Development District on the

proposed facility, indicating an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate would be requested for the property. The city council ap-

proved the creation of the district at its June 15 meeting.

Frank Witsil writes for the Detroit Free Press.



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## Wayne-Westland launches online student registration

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Registering students has gotten easier for parents in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools with the launch of an online program earlier this month.

"I'm really excited to bring this to you," John Albrecht, assistant superintendent for Educational Services, said in a presentation to the school board. "This brings Wayne-Westland into the 21st century in how we enroll and register kids in the district."

"We ask that our students be registered every single year. This makes it more convenient for families and saves time standing in line," he added.

Gone is the need for parents

to complete two emergency cards for each student. Instead, they input the information online for their child and the data, other than the name and birth date, is preloaded for a subsequent students.

With printed forms, it can take up to a semester for the secretaries to find the time to input the information. The time gap is eliminated when parents do registration directly into the system. It also eliminates the potential for errors.

"We'll get accurate spelling," Albrecht said. "When parents fill out the forms by hand, what they have written down is entered in as we interpret it. On occasion the information is entered wrong. The really neat, nice thing with this is when you type in the

address, you type in the numbers and the first two letters of the street and the name pops in."

### No need for copies

The program verifies residency and required documents are scanned and attached to the student's file. There's no need to make copies and put them into a student folder, Albrecht said. Deferred documentation also is automatically tracked, and parents receive reminders about needed information.

The online registration represents a savings for the district, which has spent up to \$12,000 on summer postage to mail the secondary packets. It also means a reduction in printing costs. The district

prints around 25,000 hard copies of the emergency contact cards, as well as copies of the Student Code of Conduct, concussion forms and similar documents.

Two links to the Registration Gateway, one for returning students and one for new students, can be found on the district's homepage at [wwcsd.net](http://wwcsd.net). Parents need to create a user name and password.

"Parents got an email last week; I got 100 responses the first night," Albrecht said. "Most said 'thank you, this is so nice.'"

For parents lacking computers or Internet access, computers are available at the district administrative offices and the high schools are setting up

computer labs. Computers also are available at the local libraries.

"You can also do it on a smartphone," Albrecht said. "One of the people I talked to did it on a smartphone."

By next year, the online registration will be fully integrated with the MiStar parent portal. Parents will be able to search and all the information will be there, Albrecht said.

"This provides our families and our clerical staff with an efficient means to update student information. Hopefully, we eventually will become paperless," he added.

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## Board: Livonia school chief leaving big shoes to fill

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Randy Liepa attended his last Livonia Public Schools board of education meeting Monday as superintendent of the 15,000-student district, but he promised to not be a stranger.

"I'm not going anywhere, I'll be seeing you around," he told board members.

Liepa starts his new job this week as superintendent of Wayne RESEA, the regional educational service agency that provides services and support to Wayne County's 33 school districts.

Andrea Oquist, director of elementary programs for Livonia Public Schools, will serve as the district's interim superintendent until a successor to Liepa is hired. She has said she is not interested in the position on a permanent basis.

The board recognized Liepa for his service to Livonia schools since 1994. He was superintendent for the past 12 years.

Trustees Dan Centers and



Randy Liepa worked election night 2013 when voters approved a \$195 million construction bond. Also pictured are board member Colleen Burton, right, and Business Director Lisa Abbey.

Mark Johnson said Liepa treated everyone with dignity and respect. "It never occurred to Randy Liepa to treat people who clean the building any different than the most influential state leader," Centers said. "He treats everyone the same."

### Big shoes to fill

Vice president Dianne Laura said Liepa has the ability to think outside the box. "It's not going to be easy to fill your shoes," she said. "I look forward to the great things you'll do for all students of Wayne

County."

Secretary Tammy Bonifield said one of the reasons she ran for the board was that Liepa was able to make the tough budget decisions and help everyone work through them. "Hopefully you'll get those legislators in line," she said, in reference to Liepa's frequent visits to Lansing to advocate for funding for Michigan students.

Trustee Liz Jarvis said that when a district runs smoothly, like Livonia has, people don't notice how involved the superintendent's job is. She said Livonia is one of the districts that is surviving financially at a time when few are. "It's not possible to overstate his impact," she said of Liepa.

Trustee Eileen McDonnell thanked Liepa for his hard work for the past 21 years and wished him well in his new position.

Board President Colleen Burton said it will be strange to have someone else in the superintendent's position, taking over the daily tasks Liepa performed for so many years.

"The amount of trust we have in you is immense," she said, adding that trust was built up over time.

Liepa credited LPS employees, calling them a "remarkable staff and a remarkable family that's committed to taking care of kids every day. If I've had any success, it's because of their work," he said.

Liepa's wife, Peggy, thanked the board for giving her husband the opportunity to do what he is passionate about and for welcoming them and their three children into the community 21 years ago.

She cited her husband's demeanor and work ethic. "People often ask me, 'How does Randy do it, how does he stay so calm?'" she said. "That all stems from his parents, and they'd be proud," she said.

Liepa's father, Arvids Liepa, an immigrant from Latvia, died in 2014; his mother, Shirley, in 2007.

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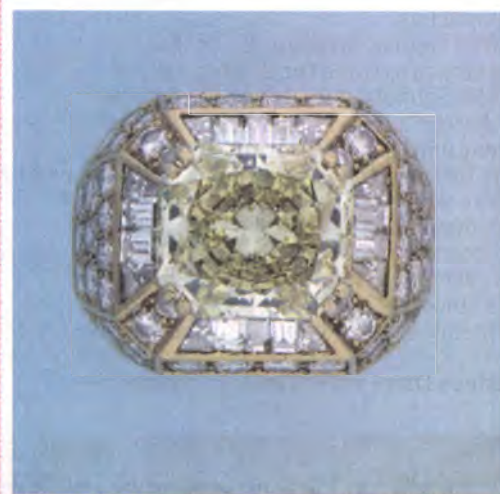
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## OUR VIEWS

# Voters have many decisions to make at polls on Tuesday

On Tuesday, voters in Westland and Garden City will decide which candidates will advance to the November election and the fate of a millage renewal that supports public safety.

In Westland, voters will decide who will be on the general election ballot for city clerk and city council.

Incumbent Eileen DeHart Schoof, the city's first elected city clerk is retiring. There are four candidates vying for the four-year term: Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, Christopher Cox, Jody Rice-White and Zivka Wojtowicz.

Schoof, the city's first elected clerk, is retiring after 12 years in office. We believe LeBlanc is the best choice to take over in January.

LeBlanc is well versed in state, county and local government, having served as a city councilman, state representative and currently county commissioner. He is well liked because of the attention he pays to his constituents. He has zeroed in on the need for "new service delivery demands, technological advancements, as well as changing requirements for accountability and record keeping" in the clerk's

office.

Two candidates will be selected from the field of four. One of those two candidates must be **Richard LeBlanc**.

In the city council race, incumbents James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves are being challenged by Steve Boron, William Campbell, Chris Colpron, Peter Herzberg, Dennis LeMaitre, Judy McKinney, Kevin Miller and Charles Pickering.

Eight candidates will advance to the November general election where three 4-year terms and one 2-year term will be filled. In looking at the candidates, we believe James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson, Dewey Reeves and Charles Pickering should advance to the general election.

They are veterans in city government. The incumbents asked the difficult questions and made the hard decisions when it came to addressing the city's looming financial crisis. The city is now on a sound financial footing and an improv-



LeBlanc



Hammons



Johnson



Pickering



Reeves



Godbout



Walker

ing infrastructure.

Pickering offers a different view of what the current council has done. Reduced services and tax increases have been a burden for residents, and his top priority would be to restore the services that have been lost, including public safety, street maintenance and trash pickup.

With such a large field of candidates, residents have many choices. We encourage voters to do their homework and find out who would best represent them. In the council race, **James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson, Dewey Reeves and Charles Pickering** deserve that consideration.

### Garden City

On Tuesday, Garden City voters will decide on the renewal of the public safety millage for five years and two mayoral candidates who will face off in November general

election.

The city is asking residents to extend the current 3.5-mill tax levy for five years. The millage would raise \$1,704,445 the first year and provide money for operations and equipment for the Garden City Police and Fire departments. It's estimated that 3.5 mills would cost the average homeowner about \$121 based on current taxable values.

The millage has helped stabilize the two departments and maintain services residents have come to expect of their police and firefighters. It needs to be renewed to maintain current services.

We believe the prudent decision is to approve the tax renewal. Keep Garden City safe and well-protected. Vote **YES** on the public safety millage request.

In the mayoral race, incumbent Mayor Randy Walker is seeking a fourth two-year term as mayor. He's being

challenged by former city council member David Fetter and longtime resident Buddy Wallace, whose name is appearing as E. Wallace on the ballot.

As head of the city council, Walker has worked hard to bring order to council meetings and see that the city's business being conducted in a civil manner. He also has taken to the streets with Police Chief/City Manager Robert Muery to identify blight in the city.

He is committed to making Garden City a better place and it shows.

Voters can only vote for one candidate. The top two voters will advance to the general election. In looking at the candidates, we believe that **Randy Walker** is the best choice in the mayoral election.

We urge residents to get out and vote on Tuesday. Polls in the two communities will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## LETTERS

### Vote in primary

Aug. 4 is primary election day in the cities of Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Northville and Westland. Depending on the city, voters will be choosing candidates for mayors, treasurers, clerks and city council or commission members that will appear on the November ballot. Those receiving the most votes in the primary will advance to the general election in November.

Why bother voting in a primary?

Because if you don't choose your favorite candidates in the primary, they may not appear on the Nov. 4 ballot. Suddenly, your choice is limited! We are given the enviable opportunity to choose our own local leaders who will make decisions on our behalf for the next several years. Your vote is your voice!

The League of Women Voters, which never supports or opposes candidates, provides information that will help voters learn about and compare candidates and their views. Log on to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) to find

information about your polling place and what contests are on your ballot. Most local candidates have participated in this public service venture, and this is an excellent way for voters to find last minute information about the candidates. Additional voting information can be found on the League's website: [LWVnorthwestwayne.org](http://LWVnorthwestwayne.org).

If you do not vote, you are allowing a minority of voters who do vote to make decisions for you. It takes only a small amount of time to learn about the candidates on your ballot and then 15 minutes to vote on Aug. 4. Greater participation on voting day results in leaders that are more representative of their citizens. So check out [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) to help you make confident decisions on Aug. 4.

**Angela Ryan**  
President

### Rec Center will be missed

I am a fourth-generation Wayne resident, currently raising a fifth. I grew up a few blocks away from the Wayne Community Center, on Colum-

bus Street. The reason my husband and I stayed in Wayne, the reason we bought a home in Wayne and decided to raise our children here, was the sense of belonging we've always felt here. Wayne has always felt like home to me, and I truly believe a large part of that feeling has always come from the Wayne Community Center.

As kids, we were constantly at the Community Center, year-round. My brother and I grew up looking forward to Easter weekend and the Marshmallow Drop. For years, my neighborhood friends and I came to the Community Center once a week for Spiriters Cheerleading, earning stickers for our pom pom handles and carefully putting swirly tape on our new batons.

One year, we begged my mom to take us to Winter Fest so we could participate in a live version of Double Dare. We had to wait almost an hour for our turn, and neither of us made it past the first round, but we were thrilled anyways.

I learned how to ice skate in the Ice Arena using the pearly

white ice skates Santa brought me for Christmas that year. Even though I don't remember ever actually having them sharpened, I had enough fun skating there to feel homesick for that little rink when I found myself skating in Rockefeller Center decades later.

As a teenager, the Community Center and the activities the Parks and Recreation Department sponsored kept me busy and gave me a sense of belonging to the city. I remember walking to the hills along the tennis courts with my friends to stake out our spot for the Fourth of July fireworks, making sure we had a great view of Franklin Hill. It was our summer ritual, reuniting and laughing with classmates we hadn't seen since the last day of school. I remember the beginnings of Wheelfest, first held on the corner of Wayne Road and East Michigan Avenue, then later piling my friends into my car and heading to Goudy Park every August.

This weekend, on Sunday, Aug. 2, the doors of the Wayne

Community Center will close, as the city council has decided it can no longer fund the Parks and Recreation department. Whether those doors will re-open remains to be seen. What worries me most about the closing of the Community Center is the generation of children that is growing up right now in our city that won't form their childhood memories of ice skating or dance recitals in Wayne — they'll form those memories in Canton or Livonia.

Without that sense of belonging, of attachment to the friendships they formed and experiences they had in our town, I fear that this next generation of children who will grow up in Wayne will not choose to stay.

I sincerely hope that they are given that chance, and that one day, our city can once again come together to open those doors, to provide a chance for our town to create our own memories in a place that belongs to all of us.

**Janel Mills**  
Wayne

## GUEST COLUMN

# Bold action led to creation of Medicaid, Medicare 50 years ago

Fifty years ago, LBJ's "Great Society" created a healthier nation; on July 30, 1965, Medicare and Medicaid, the two foundations of government health insurances, were signed into law. Since then, millions of poor and elderly have been helped from use of this government safety net to obtain medical care.

Today, with the passage of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obama Care," our country has significantly filled the gap for people who qualify for neither Medicare nor Medicaid. Thanks to President Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) and other tireless advocates for national health care, such as President John F. Kennedy, and our own Michigan Congressmen John Dingell Sr. and John Dingell Jr., America promises a healthier tomorrow for everyone.

According to a *New York Times* editorial, Medicare covers 46 million Americans over the age of 65 and nine million younger disabled people. "Its achievement in improving life expectancy and reducing poverty among the elderly has



**Tom Watkins**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

been enormous. Before Medicare, almost half of all Americans 65 and older had no health insurance. Today that number is 2 percent. Analysts say that between 1970 and 2010, Medicare contributed to a five-year increase in life expectancy at age 65, by providing early access to needed medical care."

Persons with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities benefited by the creation of both Medicare and Medicaid. These programs transformed the way persons who are disabled, the elderly and low-income individuals received health care. Most of us know that medical bills can take a huge financial toll, but those at or near the poverty line are already struggling to make ends meet. For low-income individuals without

insurance, a string of medical bills is often an irreparable blow. When President Johnson added Medicaid to the Social Security Act in 1965, millions of children, parents, pregnant mothers, seniors, and people with disabilities were able to receive consistent health care for the first time. If that isn't an anniversary worth celebrating, I don't know what is!

The positive statistics are worth noting: Within the first decade of Medicaid, African American infant mortality rates were cut in half. Current data shows that not only does Medicaid improve lifelong outcomes for children, academically, they are achieving better GPA, experience fewer missed school days, have higher graduation rates, and become higher earnings adults. Investments in our children will pay dividends to the nation as a whole. Over the decade, Medicare and Medicaid have been a lifeline to so many by providing health care assistance to those in need. But, as far as we have come over the past 50 years, we still have a distance to go. More needs to be done to help those with serious mental illness and substance use disorders. Once again, another Michigan lawmaker has stepped up to help the most vulnerable amongst us.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow's Excellence in Mental Health Care Act, signed into law last April by President Obama, is

another example of how Medicaid can be used to help needy Americans. This legislation will ultimately increase access to community mental health and substance use treatment services, while improving Medicaid reimbursement for mental health services.

The Excellence in Mental Health Act initially provides \$25 million in funding to states as planning grants to develop applications to participate in a two-year pilot program. Eight states will be selected to participate in the program, and Michigan is working aggressively to be one of those selected, which will be revealed this September.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Board, staff and provider network are excited to partner with the State of Michigan to apply for these new federal funds to help create a better life for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders.

At the conclusion of his speech celebrating the passage of Medicare and Medicaid programs 50 years ago, President Johnson proclaimed, "There are those, alone in suffering who will now hear the sound of some approaching footsteps coming to help. There are those fearing the terrible darkness of despairing poverty — despite their long years of labor and expectation — who will now look up to see the light of hope and realization."

Dr. Herbert Smitherman Jr., the DWMHA Board chairman and also concurrently serving as president of the Wayne County Medical Society, understands the value the creation of Medicare and Medicaid 50 years ago has meant to the quality of health care for those who did without for so long. He inspires his board colleagues and staff at DWMHA to provide a system of care that is consumer and community focused, data driven and evidenced-based. Smitherman gets it right when he states, "Many a grandmother, grandfather and child with a disability and person living in poverty has been helped because our elected leaders created two federal programs; Medicare and Medicaid a half century ago. He continues, "Our fellow citizens owe these leaders a debt of gratitude." So true, so very true!

If you know someone with a mental illness, developmental disability or substance use disorder and would like more information about the programs and services at DWMHA, contact our 24-Hour crisis help line at 800-241-4949 or visit [dwmha.com](http://dwmha.com)

**Tom Watkins** is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority ([www.dwmha.com](http://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.

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# Livonia's Greenmead to host old-fashioned family circus

The circus is coming to town!

The Kelly Miller Circus will be at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia on Tuesday, Aug. 11, with performances at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The show will feature an elephant, tigers, zebras, camels and a cast of international circus stars under the big tent.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 2-11. Children under 2 are free. The event is a fundraiser for Friends of Greenmead and the Livonia Historical Commission.

Tickets are available at Greenmead, the city of Livonia Treasurer's Office, the Livonia Community Recreation Center and the Livonia Civic Center Library. Pay by cash or check payable to "Friends of Greenmead."

Everyone can watch for free at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 11 as the animals are unloaded and fed. Then they can stay for the raising of the big top at 9 a.m., followed by a special tiger meet-and-greet. The tent-raising and tiger meet-and-greet are also free to attend.



The show will feature an elephant, tigers, zebras, camels and a cast of international circus stars under the big tent.

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The Kelly Miller Circus, billed as "America's One Ring Wonder," was founded during the

Depression and is marking its 77th anniversary. The traditional tented circus started by Obert

Miller and sons Kelly and Does has grown over the years but maintains the tradition of

family entertainment. Greenmead is at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

Enter off Newburgh. For more information, call Greenmead at 248-477-7375.

## SAFER grant lets Westland to add 13 firefighters

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Westland will be adding 13 new firefighters, thanks to receiving a \$2.3 million federal grant.

"This is great news for the residents and businesses of Westland and for our hardworking fire department," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "This grant will allow us to deepen our coverage and relieve the

fatigue level of our first responders."

The grant will fund the 13 firefighters for two years and will bring Westland's firefighting staff to 67 from the current 54 firefighters.

Once the grant expires, the city would be responsible for funding the positions or the firefighters would be laid off.

"This will get the staffing where it needs

to be for the Westland side," Wayne-Westland Firefighters union president Mitch Tokarski said. "I think they should start the hiring process as soon as possible. We have a hiring list."

The funding is coming through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response or SAFER

Program.

The Inkster Fire Department is also receiving \$1.8 million in SAFER grant funding for hiring, recruiting and retaining firefighters. Westland's budget called for hiring firefighters but not until October to allow time to see if the grant funding was awarded.

"I'd like to thank both Fire Chief Michael Reddy and (consultant) Lisa Nocerini for traveling to Washington, D.C., with

me to meet with our Michigan (Congressional) delegation to stress the importance of this grant to both Westland and the surrounding cities that we help everyday with mutual aid," Wild said.

Westland operates a joint fire department with Wayne. The Wayne Fire Department, which currently has only 12 firefighters and is using overtime to meet daily minimum staffing, has

also applied for a SAFER grant. There is still funding available and grants are being announced weekly.

"We haven't heard anything about the Wayne grant application. I felt Wayne would do better with their application due to the financial condition of the city," Tokarski said.

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# New Livonia medical building to include surgery center

Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic & Spine Specialists will open a new, state-of-the-art health care center in Livonia on Wednesday.

The Mendelson Professional Building, named in honor of orthopedic surgeon Herbert Mendelson, M.D., will house the Mendelson Kornblum orthopedic practice and an outpatient surgery center, run by St. Mary Mercy Livonia. The building, near the northwest corner of Five Mile and Levan roads, will also contain Lakes Urgent Care clinic.

"We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to build at Five Mile and Levan Road," said Mike Beaubien, CEO of Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic & Spine Specialists. "The location is the former Frank's Nursery and has been without a tenant for many years. The city of Livonia has been a great partner in helping us achieve our vision of a new health care center. We hope the community is as excited about it as we are."

This 42,000-square-foot health care center was custom-designed with patient care in mind. The main level will be occupied by the Mendelson Kornblum and Lake Urgent Care clinics. On the second level, St. Mary Mercy Livonia has leased 21,000 square feet of space for its outpatient surgery center and Michigan Bariatric Institute clinic slated to open in late 2015.

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blum Orthopedic & Spine Specialists clinic space is 14,000 square feet, two-and-a-half times the size of the previous office space in the St. Mary Mercy Marian Professional Building. The clinic is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment such as digital x-ray and wireless technology. Services offered at the clinic include orthopedics, spine, pain management and podiatry. It will also offer physical therapy in its 4,500-square-foot gym with all new equipment. The Mendelson Professional Building is a \$13 million investment for the group.

With its new Outpatient Surgery Center, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will expand its surgical services offering select ambulatory procedures and surgeries requiring

less than a 24-hour stay. The center will include three operating room (OR) suites, two procedure rooms, 19 spacious, private pre/post-operative patient recovery rooms, visitor waiting rooms and clinical office space.

"Opening this new outpatient center not only provides efficiencies and a better patient experience, it allows us to expand our surgical program, which was at capacity," says David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "With the expansion of our ambulatory surgeries offsite, more complex cases can occupy the hospital campus operating rooms."

The new \$6.9 million center's OR suites boast state-of-the-art, fully integrated surgical technology and digital equip-

ment. The design and layout of the space was created for clinical efficiency, easy access, privacy and comfort for patients and guests.

The Michigan Bariatric Institute will soon move from the St. Mary Mercy Marian Professional Building to a clinic within St. Mary Mercy's space on the second floor of the Mendelson Professional Building. The new clinic features six exam rooms and classroom space. The classroom space will be used for Bariatric seminars and support groups.

In total, the Mendelson Professional Building will bring nearly 60 jobs to the community with staff additions at Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic Specialists and the St. Mary Mercy Outpatient Surgery Center.

# Two students receive KFC scholarships

Redford resident Deanna Wilson and Garden City resident Ni'Chelle Samuels are among hundreds of hourly restaurant employees at KFC restaurants across the country to receive more than \$1 million in college tuition assistance from the Kentucky Fried Chicken Foundation.

The scholarships were made possible thanks to KFC Franchisees, including Vangeloff Management Inc. located in Southfield.

The two students were chosen as winners via the REACH Educational Grant Program™ and received \$2,000 for the 2015-16 academic year. The REACH program helps KFC Man-

agers and team members pursue their educational dreams at four-year and two-year institutions, including trade/vocational and graduate schools.

"I am more than honored to be one of the recipients of a \$2,000 Reach Grant and encourage others to apply for this grant next year," Samuels said.

"The grant is a tremendous help to my education and in paying for my tuition," Wilson said.

The program takes inspiration from Colonel Harland D. Sanders, founder of KFC, and his belief in the importance of hard work, giving back to those in need and passion for a job well done.



Ni'Chelle Samuels (top) of Garden City and Deanna Wilson of Redford have received KFC scholarships.

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All proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN DPW - PARKS TREE REMOVAL PROGRAM, name of bidder and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.**

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**CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN WHISPERING WILLOWS GOLF COURSE FAIRWAY DRAINAGE**

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Ryan Yoder  
 City of Livonia Golf Division

Jack E. Kirksey  
 Mayor

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# Holocaust Center part of special radio broadcast

The Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills is partnering with journalist and author Bankole Thompson for a special broadcast on the importance of the Holocaust in the context of social change.

"How Far Has America Come Since the Holocaust?" is the topic of a special edition of "Redline with Bankole Thompson," on WDET-101.9 FM (Detroit Public Radio), which will

broadcast live on Aug. 6, 11 a.m. to noon. The broadcast is the first of its kind in the region to feature a roundtable of Holocaust survivors including Dr. Guy Stern, director of the Harry and Wanda Zekelman Institute of the Righteous at the Holocaust Memorial Center, and Stephen Goldman, executive director of the Center, discussing the many dimensions of the Holocaust and the south-

east Michigan experience.

"I believe it is important to talk about how far we have come as a nation since the Holocaust given all that is taking place as it relates to racism and bigotry," Thompson said. "That is why I thought it is important to engage the Holocaust Memorial Center in this dialogue and to dedicate the entire hour of Redline for this conversation. The goal is to en-

gage listeners and metro Detroiters in deeper issues that are topical and resonate strongly in our present-day reality."

"This is a topic of high importance especially considering the situations involving genocide throughout the world today. Holocaust survivors are in a unique position to comment on their feelings about what it means to be a stranger in a strange land through no choice on their part,"

Goldman said. "It has been said that those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it. The Holocaust survivors' plea of 'never again' seems to have been transformed into 'again and again.'"

Stern underscored the importance of the upcoming broadcast.

"Through the efforts of people of goodwill, regardless of background, the memory of the Holocaust has been

kept alive throughout the years since its occurrence," he said. "By invoking this memory, responsible leaders have been able to hold it up as a warning against its reemergence in various parts of the world. While this warning has often not been heeded, the force of that argument has stayed intact and has occasionally prevented or shortened other genocides and, one hopes, will continue to do so."

## Performs for commissioners



Steven Thomas performs for the Wayne County Commission.

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Westland resident Steven Thomas (left) recently played "America the Beautiful" at the opening of a Wayne County Commission meeting. With him are his wife Deborah and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland.

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# Throw-Down lets cooks show off barbecue skills

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The challenge for amateur barbecue bragging rights has been thrown down by the Westland Area Jaycees, but so far there aren't a lot of people signing up to compete.

"We're trying to figure out what we need to do to get more participants," said Jim Hart, Jaycees president. "The people I'm hearing from are our own people (Jaycees) or people I know personally. We have zero response from the population at large."



The All-American Barbecue Throw-Down gets underway as with public judging at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, as part of Westland's fifth annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue at the Farmers Market Pavilion adjoining Tattan Park on Carlson, south of Ford Road.

"We'll actually be out there at 5 a.m. so they can start (barbecuing). If

they want to do beef brisket, they can start at home but they have to finish it here," Hart said.

Contestants can enter to compete barbecue ribs, pork, chicken or beef brisket. The contest has a \$20 entry fee, which allows contestants to compete in one or multiple categories.

"We really want to get some more regular citizens to enter the competition," said Hart, who also issued a challenge to members of some local service clubs to participate.

Among those lined up to judge the barbecue are

Westland councilmen Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves, U.S. Army Sgt. Brennan LaPere of the Westland recruiting center and Westland Mayor William Wild.

"Jim Hart and everyone involved with the Jaycees are to be commended for creating the All American Barbecue Throw-Down that adds even more fun and excitement to Westland's signature event of the year, our Blues, Brews and BBQ," Wild said. "I'm sure this throw-down will spice up BBB with good-natured competition and the aroma of

homegrown barbecue."

Entries are due by Wednesday, Aug. 12. For more information, visit [cityofwestland.com](http://cityofwestland.com).

Blues, Brews and Barbecue will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14-15. There will be music by several local blues bands, barbecue cuisine from area restaurants and Michigan craft beers from Westland's Ashley's Beer and Grill.

Headlining the two-day event is the Soul Men, a Blues Brothers tribute band. The lineup also features the Alligators, the Boa Constrictors, Broken Arrow,

Dirty Basement Blues, the Front Street Blues Band and the Randy Brock Group.

Joining restaurants Famous Dave's and Texas Roadhouse are newcomers Hammons Kitchen, featuring organic, gluten-free and raw food choices, Detroit Mini Donut and Heavenly Hot Dog. Restaurants scheduled to return also include Beaver Creek, Knox Catering, Max & Erma's, Biggy Coffee and Kona Ice.

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# Canton adopts ban on sky lanterns, citing fire risk

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Amid concerns over potential fire threats, Canton officials have decided to ban sky lanterns — small hot air balloons that float skyward holding a flame.

Fire Chief Joshua Meier said the lanterns can touch down while still burning, posing a risk to homes, businesses and — during dry-weather conditions — fields and grass.

"We've had some close calls when they have landed between houses," Meier said.

Often referred to as Chinese lanterns, they are basically aerial candles typically made of oiled rice paper and a bamboo frame, set afloat by hot air from a small candle or fuel cell.

In a decision Tuesday,



Sky lanterns, also called Chinese lanterns or Kongming lanterns, are being banned in Canton.

the Canton Township Board of Trustees added a sky lantern ban to the local fireworks ordi-

nance. The new rule is expected to take effect in late August after a second vote on Aug. 11.

Some states and other countries already have an outright ban.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he noticed sky lanterns released in some local neighborhoods during Canton's summer Liberty Fest.

"Once the lanterns are released," he said, "the user has no way to control where they go or when or how they will land."

Moreover, LaJoy said it's possible the fuel source that powers the lanterns may not be fully consumed before landing — raising fears of an open flame dropping onto rooftops and places

where fires could start.

"They are kind of scary," LaJoy said.

Officials say the potential for fires could be increased in densely populated communities such as Canton, a 36-square-mile township with more than 90,000 residents.

"It's just a big ball of fire floating in the air and where it comes down is anybody's guess," Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

Meier said sky lanterns aren't treated the same as fireworks that, according to state law, communities cannot ban during a three-day peri-

od around national holidays.

Some sky lantern fans release them during parties or weddings, while others send them afloat during more somber ceremonies to honor a loved one who has died. The lanterns have been blamed on at least one car crash in Michigan after a woman dodged one that had landed on a road.

Meier said sky lanterns can travel a mile or more. He said the aerial candles also are a concern when they are released near airports.

The township board's decision to ban the lanterns comes as local officials continue to push for a rollback of Michigan fireworks laws that state legislators eased in 2011, allowing more powerful products.

Trustee Pat Williams said some enthusiasts refuse to obey a local ordinance that prohibits the more powerful fireworks except around national holidays.

"It's now all summer long," he said. With an aide to state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, attending Tuesday's board meeting, Williams made a plea for lawmakers to help address the fireworks issue.

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## CITY OF WESTLAND AUCTION NOTICE

The City of Westland will be holding a live auction to sell obsolete equipment on **Friday, August 28th, 2015 from 9:00am - 5:00pm** and **Saturday, August 29th, 2015 from 9:00am - 2:00pm**. The auction will be held at the Westland Bailey Center, located at **36651 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185**.

### CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER ONLY

A list of items to be sold may be obtained from the Purchasing Office, located at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, or at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com)

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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### CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN HEALTH SERVICES AND SUBLEASE AGREEMENT AT THE LIVONIA COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

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Edward Davis  
Superintendent

Jack E. Kirksey  
Mayor

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### CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN LAN CISCO NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE HARDWARE

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An optional pre-bid tour of the LPD I.T. Room will be held at the Livonia Police Department, 15050 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 (734) 466-2400 at **9:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 30th, 2015.**

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Paul Beroff  
Sr. Police Officer  
Support Services / I.T.

Jack E. Kirksey  
Mayor

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## LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474 (734) 744-2500

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of **sealed bids** for the purchase of:

### LMC Lighting Project - (2) Sites Bid for the 2015-2016 School Year Cleveland Elementary School Rosedale Elementary School (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2015-2016 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, [www.buy4michigan.com](http://www.buy4michigan.com). Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

**Sealed bids marked LMC Lighting Project (2) Sites Bid will be received until 10:00 a.m. on the 18th day August, 2015, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan.** Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

**There will be a Mandatory Pre Bid site walk through on August 12th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **10:00 a.m.** on the **18th day of August, 2015**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Business Services, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.**

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,127.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification. All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part, to award 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 district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

**Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission.** All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos  
Administrator of Finance  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

### "LMC Lighting Project (2) Sites Bid"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions **regarding bid specifications** should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, [hlaul@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:hlaul@livoniapublicschools.org), 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST.

**LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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# Local leaders to state advisor: We need skilled workers

Business, education and elected leaders from several western Wayne County communities bent the ear of Gov. Rick Snyder's top advisor on workforce development Tuesday.

Stephanie Comai, director of the newly created Michigan Talent Investment Agency, met for two hours with a group from Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Northville, Plymouth and Canton at Schoolcraft College. The focus was on the state's shortage of young people pursuing careers in skilled trades, technology and construction. Most of these positions only require one or two years of post-secondary education, and often pay more than many who earn a bachelor's degree.

"Locally, statewide and nationally, we are all looking for talent, but we are concerned the feedstock is dwindling in our workspace," said Chuck Dardas, president and COO of Livonia-based manufacturer AlphaUSA.

Comai said her agency, created by the governor in March, is charged with developing state initiatives that better prepare young people for in-demand jobs.

"We need to overcome the stereotypes that exist about skilled trades," Comai said. "We plan to begin focus groups with parents to identify what they need to hear so they encourage their children to look at these careers."

Paul Bohn, a lawyer and partner with the Northville-based firm Fausone Bohn, said there are programming gaps in education and there are unreasonable state demands for professionals to teach career technical

**"We have a lot of employees who make a very good living working for us, and only two of them have a bachelor's degree."**

**TED BARKER,**  
employer

education (CTE) classes.

"Guys like Chuck Dardas, who is an accountant and successful chief executive of a manufacturing company for many years, is not 'qualified' to teach a business class in a Michigan school," Bohn said.

Comai acknowledged CTE certification requirements are "horrifying."

Educators detailed challenges they face promoting CTE and science, technology, engineering and math programs (STEM). With the need for education cuts in recent years, educators said limited demand for such curriculum made CTE programs an easy target for the budget ax. Additionally, local educators identified other issues:

» Mark Bondy, who runs CTE programs for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said the district recently used \$1.5 million from a bond issue to enhance STEM labs, but there are not enough students using these labs.

» Ann Owen, principal of Livonia's Emerson Middle School, said she consistently sees seventh-graders and eighth-graders drop out of

school. She suggested more active and engaging classes, such as robust shop classes, might keep these at-risk students in school.

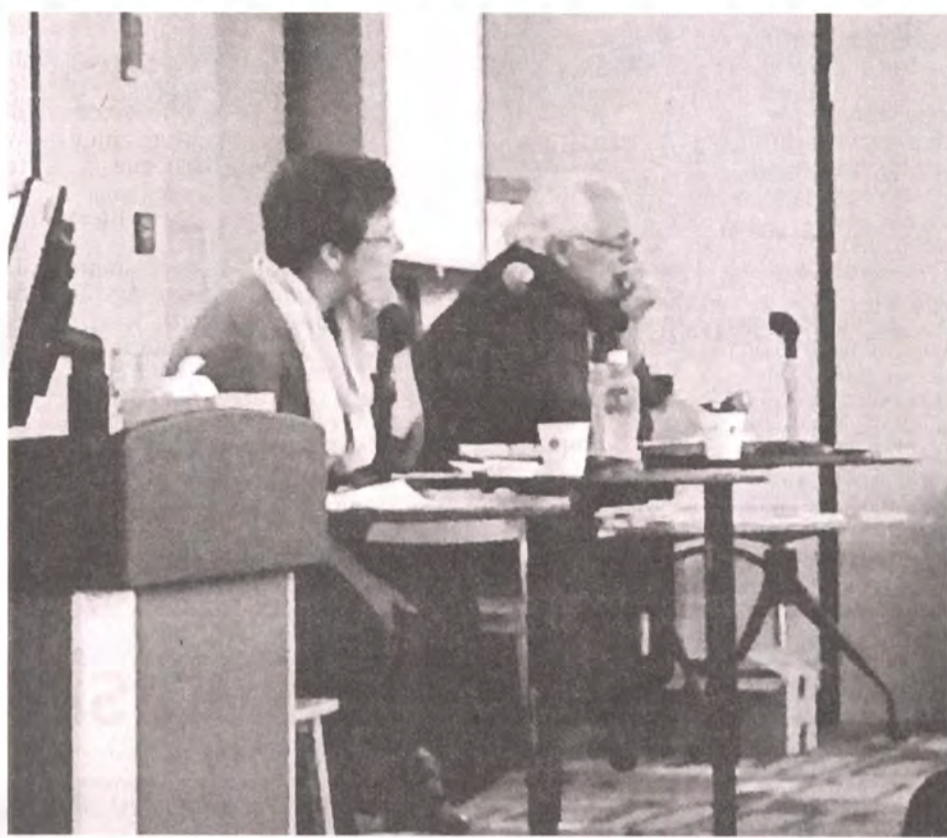
Dr. Michele Harmala, superintendent of Wayne-Westland schools, said technical education is primarily discussed at the high school and college level, but it needs to be introduced at younger ages, which may entice more students to these careers.

Employers like Ted Barker, who runs Livonia-based Shaw Construction and Management Co., said there is a lack of awareness about opportunities in his industry.

"We have a lot of employees who make a very good living working for us, and only two of them have a bachelor's degree," Barker said.

Harmala said CTE is a less-expensive option for parents concerned about the costs of their child's college education. And in many cases, Harmala added, a motivated, experienced young worker with an associate's degree will have a chance to earn a business, engineering or management bachelor's degree with the expense covered by their employer.

Other leaders involved in the discussion included: Dr. Randy Liepa, the outgoing Livonia schools superintendent who will soon lead Wayne RESA; Dr. Michael Meissen, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton schools; Mayor Jack Kirksey of Livonia; Supervisor Phil LaJoy of Canton Township; and Supervisor Shannon Price of Plymouth Township.



Michigan Talent Investment Agency's Stephanie Comai and AlphaUSA's Chuck Dardas listen to Tuesday's workforce discussion with leaders from across Western Wayne County.

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## Notice of Public Auction Thursday, August 13, 2015 At or After 10:00 am

1-800-Mini Storage of Redford  
15440 Telegraph, Redford Mi 48239

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2306	Cortez Dugger	3538	Sheila Peck
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Goods are to be sold to satisfy landlord lien. All goods will be sold to highest bidder for cash. 1-800-Mini Storage reserves the right to reject any bids and reserves the right to bid on unsold units. Contents include but are not limited to furniture, appliances, household goods, clothing, boxes & more.

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## Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 05:15. A request to rezone the following property from R-1 (Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial).

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It is further required that a copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business August 6, 2015 to be considered.

David Allen, Chairman  
Planning Commission  
Charter Township of Redford

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (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, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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Amended Zoning Map No. 04:15. A request to rezone the following property from C-1 (Local Business) to C-2 (General Commercial).

Lots 1074 through 1079 of Chesterfield No. 4 according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 60 of Plats. WCR.

Property more commonly known as 26770 Grand River Ave.  
(Parcel 79 004 01 1074 000)

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.

It is further required that a copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business August 6, 2015 to be considered.

David Allen, Chairman  
Planning Commission  
Charter Township of Redford

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (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, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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## Wayne-Westland Community Schools William D. Ford Career-Technical Center

Career-Technical Programs

Each year, Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center offer career-technical programs to the high school districts of Wayne-Westland, Melvindale, South Redford, Redford Union, Crestwood, Dearborn Heights #7, Van Buren, and Plymouth-Canton and area private schools. These programs are designed to prepare high school students for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors, and cooperative education coordinators. For further information on course offerings and admissions, please call (734) 419-2100 or visit our website: [wwcsd.net/ford](http://wwcsd.net/ford).

The following is a list of programs being offered during the 2015-16 school year:

Alternative Energy Technology, Automotive Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, Business/Computer Technology, Early Childhood Teacher Education, Construction Technology, Culinary Arts/Hospitality, Digital Media, Electronics/Robotics Technology, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Firefighter, Game Design and Programming, Graphic Design, Graphic Printing/Communications, Health Occupations, Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC), Mathematics, Media Production, Medical Assisting, Welding Technology.

All career-technical programs comply with Federal Laws and Regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. It is the policy of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education to prohibit any acts of unlawful discrimination in all matters dealing with students, employees or applicants for employment. The Wayne-Westland Schools reaffirms its policy of equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, gender, religion, age, height, weight, marital status or disability which is unrelated to an individual's qualifications for employment or promotion, or which is unrelated to an individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the School District's services, activities, benefits, privileges, or programs. Wayne-Westland Community Schools assures that the lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission of participants. Inquiries concerning the application of Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and Title II legislation should be directed to the Executive Director of Student and Legal Affairs, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 (734-419-2083).

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## Wayne-Westland Community Schools William D. Ford Career-Technical Center

Programas de Carrera y Técnica

Cada año, Wayne-Westland Community Schools y el William D. Ford Career-Technical Center ofrecen programas de carrera y técnica a los distritos de las escuelas secundarias de Wayne-Westland, Melvindale, South Redford, Redford Union, Crestwood, Dearborn Heights #7, Van Buren, and Plymouth-Canton y a las escuelas privadas de estos áreas. Estos programas están diseñados para preparar a los estudiantes de secundaria para una amplia gama de servicios de formación y empleo y se ofrecen por la dirección de profesores calificados, consejeros, y coordinadores de educación cooperativa. Para más información sobre las ofertas de cursos y admisiones, llame al (734) 419-2100 o visite nuestro sitio Web: [wwcsd.net/ford](http://wwcsd.net/ford).

El siguiente es una lista de los programas que se ofrecen durante el año escolar de 2015-16:

Tecnología de Energía Alternativa, Reparación de Colisión Automotriz, Tecnología Automotriz, Tecnología de Negocio/Computadora, Educación para profesores de niños y escuela primaria, Tecnología de Construcción, Artes Culinaria/Hostelería, Medios Digitales, Tecnología Electrónica/Robótica, Técnico Médico de Emergencia (EMT), Bombero, Diseño y Programación de Juegos, Diseño Gráfico, Impresión Gráfica/Comunicaciones, Ocupaciones de Salud, Calefacción/Aire Acondicionado y Refrigeración (HVAC), Matemáticas, Producción de Medios, Asistencia Médica, Tecnología de Soldadura.

Todos los programas de carrera y técnica cumplen con las leyes federales y regulaciones del Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos.

Es la política de Wayne-Westland Community Schools Junta de Educación de prohibir todo acto de discriminación ilegal en todos los asuntos relacionados con los estudiantes, empleados o solicitantes de empleo. Las escuelas de Wayne-Westland reafirma su política de igualdad de oportunidades educativas y de empleo para todas las personas sin respecto a raza, color, género, religión, edad, altura, peso, estado civil o discapacidad que no está relacionado con las calificaciones de un individuo para empleo o promoción, o que no está relacionado con la habilidad de un individuo para utilizar y beneficiarse de los servicios del distrito escolar, actividades, beneficios, privilegios o programas. Escuelas comunitarias de Wayne-Westland asegura que la falta de conocimientos de inglés no será una barrera para la admisión de participantes. Investigaciones relativas a la aplicación del Título VI, legislación Título IX, la Sección 504 y el Título II debe dirigirse a la Directora Ejecutiva de Estudiantes y Asuntos Jurídicos, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 (734-419-2083).

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## Artist lecturing at Faith Covenant Church

Jan Jacobs, the 2009 Artist in Residence in Farmington Hills, will be lecturing for the Farmington Hills Embroidery Guild on Aug. 5 at Faith Covenant Church. Jacobs, who was the first Artist in Residence to have expertise in two

fields — fiber arts and performing arts — will speak on the care and preservation of heirloom/family quilts.

The group gathers at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation, with the meeting starting at 10 a.m. Jacobs will start her

lecture around 10:45 a.m.

Jacobs has been an active member of the Farmington Players Barn for 10 years, and is the treasurer of the Farmington Community Arts Council. She also is one of the longtime members of the Library

Quilters that meets at the Farmington Community Library's main branch.

The church, located at the corner of Drake and 14 Mile, is wheelchair accessible and the meeting is open to the public.

### OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

#### NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

**Notice Is Hereby Given** that on August 12, 2015, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services - Road Division, Central Maintenance Yard, 29900 Goddard Road Extension, Romulus, Michigan 48242.

The Day of Review is for the purpose of reviewing and revising the boundaries of the Drainage Districts below. Maps depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each Drainage District can be reviewed at: [www.waynecounty.com/doi](http://www.waynecounty.com/doi).

The Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries is an opportunity to review the Drainage District boundaries with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner, engineers and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the Drain will also be available at the Day of Review.

The Day of Review of Apportionments is an opportunity to review the apportionment with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the Drains will also be available at the Day of Review.

Drain assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the assessment period is greater than one year, you may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at (313) 749-8340 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundary to the Wayne County Circuit Court within ten (10) days. You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for each of the Drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed
Apple Run Drain	Van Buren Township	04, 09	04, 09
Austin Drain	Van Buren Township	12	12, 13
Ayers Drain	Van Buren Township	05, 06	05, 06
Bassett Drain	Plymouth Township	36	36
	Canton Township	01	
	City of Livonia	31	31
	City of Westland	06	06
Begole Drain	Van Buren Township	08, 17	16, 17
Bell Creek Drain	City of Wayne	31	
	Canton Township	35, 36	35, 36
	Van Buren Township	01, 02	01, 02
	City of Romulus	06	
Bingel Drain	Canton Township	36	36
	Van Buren Township	01	01
	City of Romulus	06	06
	City of Wayne		31
Bunton Drain	Van Buren Township	22, 23, 25, 26, 27	22, 23, 25, 26, 27
	City of Belleville	22, 27	22, 27
Cooper & Dean Drain	City of Romulus	18, 19	18, 19
	Van Buren Township	13	13, 24
Cooper & Fey Drain	City of Romulus	07, 18	07, 18
	Van Buren Township	12, 13	12, 13
Deer Creek Drain	City of Livonia	31	31
	Plymouth Township	36	36
	City of Westland	06, 07	06, 07
	Canton Township	01	01
Delaney Drain	Van Buren Township	02	02, 03
Delaney & Branch Drain	City of Romulus	07, 18, 19	07, 18, 19
	Van Buren Township	12, 11, 13, 14, 24	
Durham Drain	Van Buren Township	04, 09	04, 09
Edmonds Creek Drain	City of Wayne	31, 32	31, 32
	City of Romulus	05, 06	06
Elliott Drain	Canton Township	01, 02, 12	01, 12
Fisher & Lenge Drain	Canton Township	33, 34, 35	34
	Van Buren Township	03, 04	03, 04
French & Post Drain	Van Buren Township	12, 13	12, 13
Gasper Drain	Plymouth Township	24	24
Goodell Drain	Canton Township	19, 20, 29, 30	19, 20, 29, 30
Hanshaw Drain	Van Buren Township	04, 05, 08, 09, 17	07, 08, 09
Holley Drain	Canton Township	29, 30, 32, 31	29, 30, 32, 31
	Canton Township	31, 32, 33	31, 32, 33
Horner Drain	Van Buren Township	04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 17	03, 04, 06, 08, 09, 10
	Van Buren Township	26, 27, 28, 35	27, 28, 35, 34
Hubbard Drain	City of Belleville	27, 28	27
	Plymouth Township	36, 35	25, 26, 36, 35,
Koss Drain	Canton Township	01, 02, 12, 11	01, 02
	City of Plymouth	35	
Leonard Drain	Van Buren Township	16, 17	16, 17
McCloughrey Drain	City of Wayne	31, 32	
	City of Romulus	05, 06, 08, 07	05, 06, 08, 07, 18,
	Van Buren Township	01, 02, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16	01, 02, 03, 09, 10, 11, 12, 15, 14
McKinney Tile Drain	Canton Township	36	36
Newton Drain	Canton Township	21, 29	21, 20, 28, 29
Post Drain	Van Buren Township	11, 14	01, 02, 12, 11, 14
Post-Robsen Drain	Van Buren Township	12	01, 12
Randolph Drain	Van Buren Township	14, 15, 23, 22	14, 15, 23, 22
Rich Drain	Canton Township	27, 33, 34	27, 33, 34
	Van Buren Township	04	
Robinson Drain	Van Buren Township	09, 10	09, 10, 15, 16
Rowe Drain	Van Buren Township	17, 18, 19, 20, 19	17, 18, 19, 20
Sherman Drain	Van Buren Township	01, 12	01
Shuart Drain	Van Buren Township	29, 32	29, 32
Smith Drain	Van Buren Township	05, 06, 08	05, 06, 08
Smock and Spear Branch of Cooper Drain	Van Buren Township	11, 12, 13	11, 12, 13, 14
Sterling Drain	Van Buren Township	26, 27	26
Sugar Drain	Van Buren Township	01, 12	01, 12
Wallace Drain-W003	Canton Township	31, 32	32, 33
	Van Buren Township	05, 06	
Wallace Drain-W004	Van Buren Township	04	
Wilbur Drain	City of Wayne	31	31
	Canton Township	36	36
	City of Romulus	06	06

Kenneth M. Kucel, P.E.  
Wayne County Drain Commissioner  
Telephone (313) 749-8340

# Social Security taxes, benefits explained



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**Q: Dear Rick: I am in my early 70s and I retired about five years ago. At that point I began collecting Social Security and my pension. Retirement is not what I thought it would be. I am totally bored. I will start a part-time job in September. When I was filling out forms for the new company, I was told they would deduct Social Security taxes from my paycheck. Is that correct? I thought that since I'm collecting Social Security that I should no longer have to pay the tax. Also, I was told my new job could have a negative impact on my current benefits. When I called Social Security, they were totally unhelpful. Can you help? And one last question, should I use a Roth or traditional 401(k)?**

**A:** Your new employer is 100 percent correct that they would have to withhold Social Security taxes. The fact that you are currently collecting Social Security is not relevant. When you have earned income, such as income from a job, you're liable to pay Social Security taxes whether you are receiving a benefit or not.

I recognize that you do not think this fair, however, my question to you is where does fairness enter into the equation? When I went to the University of Michigan Law School, the first thing my tax professor taught me was never to equate taxes with fairness. Therefore, in your situation it may not be fair but it is the law.

With regard to your current benefits, that is a different story. The way Social Security determines your benefit is based upon a number of factors, such as your past earnings and the age you begin collecting benefits.

In determining the amount of your benefits, Social Security uses your 35 highest paid years. Therefore, since you have already worked for

more than 35 years, your current benefits would not be adversely affected.

As to contributing to the 401(k) plan, the fact that you are collecting Social Security and over 70 years of age is not an issue. As soon as your employer allows you to contribute to the 401(k) plan, you can. I recommend the Roth option. It gives you the opportunity to invest tax free. Eventually when you retire the second time, the Roth 401(k) plan can be directly transferred into a Roth IRA. That money would not be subject to the required minimum distribution at age 70½.

People sometimes forget that the benefits of the Roth IRA are not only that they grow tax free but that they are not subject to required minimum distributions. What that means is that you can allow your Roth IRA to grow tax free for as long as you choose. For retirees, this provides flexibility for the future.

FYI: Whether you are collecting Social Security or not, if you are working, I recommend the Roth option.

The benefit of having money grow tax free can be substantial — particularly, for someone who is just starting their career. After all, could you imagine someone who is 21 using a Roth 401(k) vs. a traditional 401(k)? Having money grow tax free for 40 some years can make a substantial difference for someone in retirement.

Good luck.

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education of Garden City Public Schools hold its regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month, in the Administrative Service Center Board Room, 1333 Radcliff, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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### SALE - STORAGE VEHICLES

BARN SALES & SERVICE INC.  
38440 FORD RD., WESTLAND, MI

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2015

TIME: 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

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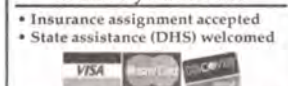
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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: [ksmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:ksmith@hometownlife.com).

#### FARMERS MARKET

**Time/date:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 10 (no market Sept. 5).

**Location:** Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia.

**Details:** Locally grown produce, honey, home-baked items and American-made crafts. Free activities this year include pony rides from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 8 and a Kids' Corner with special craft projects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 29.

#### FARMERS MARKET

**Time/date:** 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 8 (no market Aug. 13).

**Location:** 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford in Central City Park, Westland.

**Details:** A variety of food, craft vendors, special events and music is featured at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market. EBT accepted.

#### ST. RAFKA FESTIVAL

**Time/date:** 1-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2.

**Location:** St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church, 32765 Lyndon St., Livonia.

**Details:** Middle Eastern food, kids' activities, live entertainment, Joseph Bishara Band, free parking. Raffle tickets, grand prize is \$2,500. Drawing held at

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2

**Contact:** [saintrafkamichigan.com](mailto:saintrafkamichigan.com).

#### KIDZ KAMP

**Time/date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 3-4.

**Location:** Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold, Northville.

**Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a safe place for grieving children to come share their own story with others in similar situations and realize they can still have fun! There will be music, games and crafts. Children ages 4-12 are welcome. (We ask 4-year-olds to be with an adult.) Space is limited; register by calling 248-348-0115.

**Contact:** [newhopecenter.net](http://newhopecenter.net).

#### ST. MICHAEL SUMMER TOUR

**Time/date:** 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6.

**Location:** St. Michael Catholic School, 11311 Hubbard Road, Livonia.

**Details:** St. Michael will host a summer tour for all prospective students and their parents to see the school's facilities and speak with students and staff. The school serves Junior 4s through eighth grade and offers both morning and afternoon extended hours programming. Reservations are appreciated but not required.

**Contact:** 734-421-7360, ext. 225 or 226; [livonia@michael.org](mailto:livonia@michael.org)

#### THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**Time/date:** 9:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Aug. 6; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 7.

**Location:** NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, and NorthRidge Church

(Brighton Campus), 7555 Brighton Road, Brighton.

**Details:** The Global Leadership Summit is a world-class experience to help you get better and embrace your grander vision — the reason God called you to lead. Join an expected 260,000 leaders around the world as NorthRidge Church hosts this life-changing event at both the Plymouth and Brighton campuses.

**Contact:** [NorthRidgeChurch.com/Summit](http://NorthRidgeChurch.com/Summit) or Pam Heaton at 734-414-7777.

#### GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS

**Time/date:** 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30.

**Location:** Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

**Details:** All tours start at the Gift Shop, the building closest to the stop sign, about in the middle of the park. "Ice Cream" Sundays will be held Aug. 30 and Sept. 27. The Livonia Historical Commission will be treating guests to an ice-cream novelty at the AJ Geer Store; just show your paid admission pass. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. Tours will also be held in the fall Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6 and Dec. 13.

**Contact:** 248-477-7375.

#### WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

**Time/date:** 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12.

**Location:** Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites those widowed to come for dinner/games/friendship. Must RSVP by Aug. 8. Cost is \$15 cash payable at the door. We cannot

accommodate walk-ins or late comers.

**Contact:** Cookie at 248-367-2183 or Chet at 734-459-4316.

#### WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

**Time/date:** 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19.

**Location:** Eastside Mario's, 31630 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites those widowed for lunch and friendship. Six items to choose from; unlimited salad or soup and much more for \$15. Meet new widowed friends in a safe setting.

**Contact:** RSVP to Elaine at 734-717-0303.

#### GLUTEN FREE PICNIC

**Time/date:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22.

**Location:** Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

**Details:** The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting a Gluten Free Picnic at the pavilion in Heritage Park. Gluten free hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. Bring your own paper products, drinks, eating utensils and any side dish you wish to eat. Bring bathing suits and there is a children's playground also. There is a \$5 fee per family at the door.

**Contact:** RSVP to Ellen Hechler at [ellenhec@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenhec@hotmail.com).

#### CRAFT SHOW

**Time/date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

**Details:** Tables available for \$25 each. Sponsored by St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Wom-

en.

**Contact:** Mary Allsteadt at 425 4421 (vm#10).

#### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Time/date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

**Location:** St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Hosted by the Women's Guild, this Holiday Bazaar will feature crafters' tables with new handmade craft items. Home-made baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. Some tables available for rental.

**Contact:** 734-464-0476.

#### ONGOING LIVONIA GOODFELLOWS

**Details:** Help the Livonia Goodfellows assist families in need and assure "No Child Without a Christmas." Consider sending donations to P.O. Box 51982, Livonia 48151, or volunteering this holiday season by calling 313-438-0862.

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/date:** 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Location:** The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Free domestic violence/sexual assault group meetings.

**Contact:** 734-524-0380.

#### SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD GAMES

**Time/date:** 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Location:** The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Cost is \$5 per person. Angel House uses the money to give \$50 gift cards to a family in

need weekly. Donations are also accepted via [www.theangel-house.org](http://www.theangel-house.org).

**Contact:** 734-524-0380.

#### FRIENDS OF ELOISE

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November.

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or [pibbotso@aol.com](mailto:pibbotso@aol.com).

#### LIVING ON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/date:** 2-3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month.

**Location:** Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

**Details:** Hospice of Michigan grief groups provide a safe and supportive environment for participants to express feelings and better understand the grief process. These services are offered at no charge to any member of the community mourning the loss of a loved one. The group meets in Conference Room 2 on second level. Park at west entrance.

**Contact:** To register, call Margie Martin, Grief Support Services manager, at 734-769-5821.

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

**Time/date:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays

**Location:** Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

**Details:** T.O.P.S. is a non-profit weight loss support group. Everyone is welcome.

**Contact:** Peggy Frankie at 734-730-1325 or [frankiepeggy055@gmail.com](mailto:frankiepeggy055@gmail.com).

### CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

**Petition 2015-07-02-13 submitted by Panamera Motors** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(g) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a used auto dealership with outdoor display of vehicles at 35085 Plymouth Road, located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Wayne Road and Yale Avenue in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33.

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

R. Lee Morrow, Chairman  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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### CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

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#### Petition #2828-R.T.O. Quick Lube-33778 Ford

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# Madonna chair: Paralegal employment on the rise

"This is the best job market for paralegals that I've seen in my 30 years of paralegal education," said Jennifer Coté, chair of the paralegal studies department at Madonna.

Employment of paralegals and legal assistants is projected to grow 17 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) <http://www.bls.gov/oooh/legal/paralegals-and-legal-assistants.htm>

During the Winter Semester 2015, which concluded at the end of April, there were 49 paralegal jobs posted on Madonna University's

Career Services website. Recent Madonna graduates work as clerks for a U.S. magistrate and a Michigan Court of Appeals judge. Others are employed in law firms, corporate legal departments (including the auto industry), banks and the U.S. Attorney's office.

According to Cote, most large law firms, corporations and government bodies require that paralegals possess a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies. In addition to a bachelor's degree, Madonna University's paralegal program — approved by the American Bar Association — offers a post-baccalaureate certificate in paralegal studies and a nurse paralegal certificate.

Degree completion is available for those with an associate degree. Fall classes start Sept. 8 and are offered weeknights, weekends and online. For information about pursuing a paralegal studies degree, call Jennifer Coté at 734-432-5570.

The *National Utilization and Compensation Survey Report*, published by the National Association of Legal Assistants, showed the average annual paralegal compensation for 2014 was \$55,223 for the Great Lakes Region. Nationally, experienced paralegals in corporate, employee benefits and securities law were the highest paid with annual salaries ranging from \$70,000 to over \$100,000.



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Plymouth resident Sarah Zarend Sollars (right) is a Madonna University senior paralegal major who works as an intern with Attorney David Helm, at Helm Law Office in Plymouth. Sollars, who said the internship is an invaluable part of her degree program, will graduate in December 2015.

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MICHIGAN JUNIOR AMATEUR GOLF

## Piot edges Trosper to win title

Canton natives battle to final hole before 25-foot putt wins it

James Piot rallied from behind and then held on with great putting to beat fellow Canton resident and 2013 champion Donnie Trosper in the final match of the 37th Michigan Junior Amateur Championship Thursday.

Piot, 16, and a junior-to-be at Novi Detroit Catholic Central, made a 25-foot par-saving putt on the 18th green to edge Trosper 1-up in the championship presented by Miles of Golf/Kendall Academy/Titleist at The Polo Fields-Washtenaw.

"It means a lot," Piot said. "It's my



GOLF ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN  
James Piot of Canton watches a shot during his match Thursday against Donnie Trosper.

first win of the season actually, and I thought I played pretty well and I've been working hard. Hard work pretty

much pays off."

Trosper, 18, the 2014 GAM Junior Boys Player of the Year, and the top seed because he was medalist in the 36-hole match stroke play at the start of the week, birdied two of the first three holes and had a 3-up lead through five holes.

Piot rallied strong and quickly though with three consecutive birdies, two of which won holes and was just 1-down starting the back nine.

Trosper went 2-up at the par-5 10th hole with a birdie, but Piot battled back, winning holes with pars at 14 and 15 where Trosper missed greens and par-saving putts.

The two Canton golfers each birdied 16 and then at 17 Trosper's shot flew right over the top of the flag and into a

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## Harrison grad Laird excelling

Farmington Hills Harrison graduate Molly Laird is excelling on and off the fairways at the University of Detroit Mercy.

A mechanical engineering major, Laird has teamed up with UDM men's lacrosse player Austin Ross of Warren to construct a portable motorized device that will allow a powered wheelchair to navigate a flight of stairs.

Using the computer-aided design program SolidWorks, Laird and Ross — both sophomores-to-be at UDM — engineered the lift digitally before construction.

"Typically, students do not get to work with machines until their junior or senior years," Laird said. "We are gaining that experience before starting our sophomore year."

Laird, whose aunt is in a wheelchair, wants to improve the mobility of individuals in wheelchairs.

"I know this project will make a difference in someone's life," she said.

The lift is expected to be fully functional by mid-August.



Molly Laird

YOUTH GOLF

## COOL CUSTOMERS



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Fourteen-year-old Farmington Hills resident Danny Colleran rips a drive down the middle of the seventh fairway at Whispering Willows Wednesday afternoon.

## Young golfers post hot scores at Motor City tourney

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The heat was on Wednesday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia, but the high-80s temperatures proved to be nothing more than a minor distraction for the nearly 50 youth golfers who competed in the 2015 Motor City Junior Championships.

The annual event attracts junior swingers from throughout suburban Detroit, but Wednesday's tournament had a definite hometown Livonia flavor to it, especially near the top of the leaderboards as the only three non-locals placed in the top two spots in the five age flights (three boys and two girls).

The low 18-hole round of the day was carded by Sterling Heights resident Justin McCown, who won the 13-14 boys division with a solid 77.

McCown capped his memorable day by winning his flight's closest-to-the-pin and long-drive awards as well.

Other standouts in the boys 13-14 standings were Livonia's Brendan Stout, who fired a runner-up score of 85, and Novi's Connor Gallagher, whose 96 was good for third.

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INSPIRING JOURNEY

## Livonia's Howse presented with prestigious perseverance award

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Whether it was completing a high school cross country race with a broken collarbone, learning to talk at the age of 6 or thriving despite the daily obstacles presented by autism, Scott Howse has never backed down from adversity.

On July 20 the former Livonia Churchill long-distance standout and current member of the Schoolcraft College cross

country team was recognized for his unwavering positivity by being presented with the Ralph E. Hay Honors award, a commendation designed for athletes who have achieved great feats in the face of adversity.

Howse received the award at the Canton Pro Football Hall of Fame Gold Jacket 5K post-race awards ceremony in Brownstown Township.

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Scott Howse is pictured crossing the finish line at the July 20 Golden Jacket 5K race in Brownstown Township.

## Accidental omission

Livonia Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Brittany Hayes' photo was mistakenly omitted from Thursday's all-area girls soccer story. We apologize for the error.



Brittney Hayes

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# Ex-Chief waging battle with rare cancer

## Positive attitude benefitting Nolen

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Much like the speedy wide receivers Josh Nolen routinely locked down during his spectacular career as an undersized, tough-as-nails cornerback for Canton's football program, the cancer that has invaded the 21-year-old's body is in for a relentless battle.

On June 24, following weeks of experiencing alarming symptoms that were initially misread by medical professionals, Nolen was diagnosed with renal medullary carcinoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer that affects the kidneys.

Within days of the daunting diagnosis, Nolen was transported to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, where he undergoes powerful chemotherapy treatments that sap his strength, but can't lay a finger on his extraordinary mental toughness.

"Every day when I wake up, I tell myself I have to win this day, I have to stay positive," said Nolen, who is living with an aunt just a few minutes from the cancer center. "It was tough at first, but now I accept what I'm up against and I'm prepared to fight it."

"The doctors have told me I have a lot in my favor, including my age and the fact that I'm physically fit. Attitude is extremely important in beating cancer, but the other two things are probably more important."

"The doctors told me that if the treatments had started even a few days later than they did, I probably wouldn't have made it. I definitely appreciate the smaller things in

life now."

A few months prior to being diagnosed by doctors at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Nolen began experiencing persistent pain in his lower-left abdomen.

"The pain was so bad, I was going through three bottles of Aleve a week," he said. "It got so bad, I finally went in and had it checked out. They told me it was probably a muscle strain, but I told them there's no way that's what it was. I'm an athlete and I know what a muscle strain feels like. This was worse."

A few weeks later, Nolen's urine was streaked with blood, which prompted another trip to the doctor's office.

"They told me it was probably just from something I drank," he said. "When I went in a third time, they told me I had pneumonia."

Nolen's condition had deteriorated to such a degree in late June that he could barely roll over in bed without feeling exhausted. He had also lost 10 pounds in just two weeks.

"I finally decided that I had to call U of M," he said. "I woke up one morning at 7 a.m. so that I could call them as soon as they opened at 7:30. They told me they didn't have an opening until 3 that day, but I was in such bad shape, I couldn't wait that long."

"I decided to drive myself (from Canton) to the St. Mary's Hospital emergency room in Livonia. When I was about five minutes from the hospital, U of M called and told me they could get me in right away."

Immediately after Nolen informed the U of M doctors of his symptoms, they delivered somber news.

"Basically, they told me



Former Canton High School football player Josh Nolen has maintained a positive attitude during his battle with renal medullary carcinoma.

they hoped it wasn't the case, but that they were obligated to tell me that all the signs pointed to kidney cancer," he said. "I was shocked, but I wasn't totally surprised because of the way I was feeling."

After undergoing several tests and scans that morning, Nolen returned home.

"About 15 minutes after I was home, the doctor called and said I had to get back to the hospital ASAP," he recalled. "They had found a mass on my kidney and several small masses on my lungs."

The chemicals that are pumped into Josh Nolen's blood stream during his once-every-three-weeks chemotherapy treatments in Houston are both allies and enemies, hope-instillers and energy-drainers, as they destroy both bad and healthy blood cells.

Following his first chemotherapy treatment at the Anderson Cancer Center, Nolen was able to ride close to five miles on a stationary bike at a nearby YMCA.

However, that wasn't the case in the wake of his second treatment, which was delayed 36 hours by the discovery of a blood clot in his left arm and the onset of an upper-respiratory infection.

"After my second chemo treatment, I couldn't take a step without stopping to rest," he revealed.

Nolen's condition has since stabilized, he added.

"If you had called me seven days ago, I probably wouldn't have been strong enough to talk to you," he said during a Friday afternoon phone interview. "I feel stronger now." Nolen said his spirits have

remained strong thanks in part to the support offered by his former Canton football teammates and coaches.

With an eye on earning a bachelor's degree in finance at Western Michigan University next spring, Nolen has enrolled in online courses for the upcoming semester.

"Hopefully, if all goes well, I'm planning on being able to attend classes in person for the second semester," he said, his voice strong and assured.

A GoFundMe account has been established to help Nolen handle the onslaught of expenses that have piled up during his battle.

To make a donation to the account, visit [gofundme.com/joshuanolen](http://gofundme.com/joshuanolen).

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## HOWSE

Adding to the specialness of the day for the Howse family was the first-place performance of Scott's brother, Shawn, in the 5K race. Shawn Howse, who ran the entire race in bare feet, earned a berth in next month's Gold Jacket Championship race set for Canton, Ohio, which is the home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Scott Howse, who placed third in the Gold Jacket 5K, was nominated for the Hay award by Ed Kozloff, who is the head cross country coach at Schoolcraft.

"I was excited when I found out I won," Scott Howse said. "I was surprised because it came out of the blue."

Diagnosed with autism at the age of 2, Howse defied some educators, who recommended to his parents, Ken and Connie, that Scott be institutionalized.

Non-verbal until the age of 6, Howse learned how to talk using music therapy - particularly the song "Jesus Loves Me," which he had heard at church one Sunday.

Howse caught the running bug at Riley Middle School, where he won the city championship in cross country. He later excelled in cross country and track & field at Livonia Churchill while running under the guidance of John McGreevy and Rick Austin.

"I like to run because it calms me down," said Howse, who runs approximately three miles, up to five times a week.

Ken and Connie Howse both revealed beaming smiles when asked about the pride they feel for Scott.

"Just knowing what he's been through, we can appreciate the strides he's made," Ken Howse said. "Just getting into a school program was a huge step. He did really well in



Scott Howse (middle) is pictured with his parents, Ken and Connie, and brothers Shawn and Franklin.

some subjects, but struggled in others. We came up with a customized program that helped him get up to a certain level in all subjects so that he could attend public middle school and high school."

The Howses vividly recall the Churchill cross country race when their son got entangled in a large group of runners and tumbled to the ground.

"He jumped right back up and started running, but he was only moving one arm," Ken Howse remembered. "His coach, John McGreevy, shouted for Scott to walk off the course so we could check him out, but he kept going."

"It turned out he had broken his collarbone, but he didn't want to stop the race. We took him to the hospital after the race and he missed a few weeks of running, but by him finishing that race, it showed us what a competitor he was."

Along with attending Schoolcraft and competing on its cross country team, Howse works three days a week at the Detroit Zoo.

He also co-authored a book with his mom - "Autistic and Awesome: A Proven Roadmap for Raising an Autistic Child - which can be purchased on Amazon.com.

"I have wanted to write a book for quite some time that I thought would be meaningful for parents of children with autism," Connie Howse said. "It's an easy-to-read, easy-to-understand book that includes stories Scott wrote and research I have compiled over the years."

"It's only been available for a few weeks, but it has received positive feedback so far. We could have published it as an e-book or a hard copy. We chose the hard copy because we figured people would want it on their shelf so they could have easier access to it."

Scott Howse's life has been jam-packed with notable achievements. For instance, in 2010, he became the first national athlete with a disability to earn Academic All-American honors.

In 2015, Howse will complete his eighth year with the Schoolcraft cross country team.

He is on track to receive his two-year General Studies degree in the spring of 2016.

"God is my biggest inspiration beyond belief," Howse said. "He helps calm me down when I'm having a bad day or I'm angry and he lifts me up even higher on my good days."

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## TOURNEY

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Livonia's Jon McDonald, a member of the Stevenson golf team this past spring, won the boys 15-17 division with a sizzling 79 - two shots lower than John Doyle, who competes for Churchill's golf squad.

Along with finishing third with an 84, Alex Westphal was the division's closest-to-the-pin winner.

The boys 12-and-under crown was earned by Birmingham resident Spencer Whittington, who recorded a stellar 78. Livonia's Devin Allen was second with an 80. Allen also won the long-drive award while Evan Westphal took home the closest-to-the-pin medal.

Kendall Payne, a multi-sport standout at Livonia Franklin, won the girls 15-16 championship after shooting a 81, that included a longest-drive title. Emma Whittington of Birmingham finished 11 shots behind Payne to earn runner-up honors. Whittington also was her division's closest-to-the-pin victor.

Summer Horen of Livonia dominated the girls 13-14 flight after registering a 100. Allison Gronau of Livonia was second at 112.

**MOTOR CITY JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Wednesday at Whispering Willows  
**Boys 15-17**  
1. Jon McDonald, 79; 2. John Doyle, 81; 3. Alex Westphal, 84; 4. Robert Gulick, 85; 5. Griffin Ahmet, 88; 6. Chase Fallu, 96; 7. (tie) Jake Giacobbi and Kai Lau, 97; 9. Blake Ebling, 98; 10. Matthew Matley,



Livonia resident Megan Gronau, 16, keeps her eye on the ball as she chips onto the sixth green at Whispering Willows Wednesday afternoon.

103; 11. Devin Hotz, 104; 12. Ryan Kuehne, 117; 13. David Brackett, 121.

**Boys 13-14**  
1. Justin McCown, 77; 2. Brendan Stout, 85; 3. Connor Gallagher, 96; 4. Brendan Iatrow, 98; 5. Steve Hunt, 102; 6. Henry Shymanski, 103; 7. (tie) Justin Diegel and Tyson Wisner, 109; 9. Max Proulx, 110; 10. Ian Wood, 112; 11. Joe Sharkey, 115; 12. Stephen McDonald, 118; 13. Mitchell Rhoad, 122; 14. Brendan Fuciarelli, 123; 15. Danny Collieran, 126; 16. Daniel White, 127.

**Boys 12 and under**  
1. Spencer Whittington, 78; 2. Devin Allen, 80; 3. Michael Gallagher, 82; 4. Andrew Creighton, 86; 5. Evan Westphal, 97; 6. Nathan Blazo, 106; 7. Jacob Sager, 148.

**Girls 15-16**  
1. Kendall Payne, 81; 2. Emma Whittington, 92; 3. (tie) Rachel Crachiola and Sofia Cueva, 94; 5. Megan Gronau, 96; 6. Emily Walters, 100; 7. Grace Greiak, 102; 8. Marin Furuyama, 104; 9. Katherine Collieran, 110.

**Girls 13-14**  
1. Summer Horen, 100; 2. Allison Gronau, 112; 3. Anna Haupt, 144.

## YOUTH SPORTS TRYOUTS

### 11U Livonia City Thunder

Tryouts for the 2016 Livonia City Thunder 11U baseball team will be held from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 2 at the Livonia Stevenson varsity softball field.

Players are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes early to register and warm up. Baseball attire is required.

All dedicated baseball players are welcomed and all positions are open.

For more information, email [s8henriksen@yahoo.com](mailto:s8henriksen@yahoo.com).

### NFWB Impact

The NFWB Impact will hold tryouts for its 2016 10U, 12U and 14U teams on Aug. 8 from 1-3 p.m. at Pioneer Park in Farmington Hills and from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 10 at Drake Park in West Bloomfield.

Players are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes early to register and to bring softball equipment to the tryouts.

Pioneer Park is located on Farmington Rd. just north of 13 Mile Road. Drake Park is located on Drake Road just south of Maple Road.

The Impact compete in the Western Wayne County League in addition to playing in four to six tournaments.

For more information, email [softball@nfwbimpact.org](mailto:softball@nfwbimpact.org).

### 12U Livonia Stars

The Livonia Stars 12U travel baseball team will be looking to add additional players for the 2016 season. Players can not turn 13 before May 1, 2016.

For more information, contact head coach Matt Fournier at [mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net) or 734-968-0499.

## Positive Impact

The NFWB Impact 14U softball earned runner-up honors this summer in the Wayne Western Softball League's Silver West Division. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Nicole Roggow, Kelly McCullough, Hanna Velzy, (top row from left) Ella George, Izzy Randel, Mary Williams, Meghan Roshak, Julianna Petrak, Olivia Elder, Caylin Krause, Anna Ledermann and Sydney Gordon.





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Trosper went on to finish second at the D1 state finals at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Course.

se with a 67-77-144 tally and spark the Chiefs to third place as a team.

And with that, he made the first all-state team for the fourth year in a row.

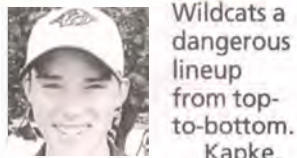
Other highlights for the Canton co-captain — and their were many — included registering a 63 in the SunTel Invitational held at Birmingham Country Club, earning medalist honors in two of four dual matches and in five of eight 18-hole events.

"Donnie is a phenomenal talent," coach Tom Alles said. "His game has no weaknesses. When Donnie plays in competition he expects to win every time."

"His golf course management skills are exceptional and his knowledge of the game is outstanding for a high school golfer. Donnie is the best golfer I have had the honor of coaching in my 21 years as head coach of the Canton Golf Team."

Trosper will golf for the University of Central Florida in the fall.

**Justin Kapke, soph., Plymouth:** Only a sophomore, Kapke burst onto the scene in a big way to give the Wildcats a dangerous lineup from top-to-bottom.



Kapke, an all-KLAA selection, averaged 39 for nine holes and 76 for 18 and was the top average scorer in both KLAA tournaments combined.

"He had the lowest 18-hole average on our team," coach Dan Young said. "He works extremely hard on his game and it's paying off."

After Kapke shot a 76 to finish fifth overall at the D1 regional at Dearborn CC, he finished with a 85-84-169 tally at the state final.

**Kitwana Ashford, sr., Farmington:** A repeat member of the all-area team, Ashford qualified as an individual for the Division 2 state tournament and shot well with a two-day total of 149 after



rounds of 75 and 74. Ashford's average score in nine-hole matches was 38; he shot an average of 77.86 in tournaments. His season low was 73 at Pontiac Country Club.

He shot 76 and was fourth overall in the regional at Fieldstone Golf Course and made the state-meet cut. Ashford will be on the Henry Ford Community College golf team next year.

"Kitwana had very high expectations coming into the season," coach Ray Maleyko said. "He wanted to finish in the top 10 in every tournament we played and compete against the best golfers in each tournament."

"Kitwana thrives under pressure and welcomes the challenge. His practice routines are grueling. He'd spend four hours on the putting green or the range, because 'It didn't feel right.'"

"I'm extremely proud that he was able to achieve his season goals and represent Farmington High School at the state final."

**Jack Boczar, soph., Plymouth:** Boczar is one of three golfers Young



considers "all number ones." Along with Kapke and junior Kyle Kozler, "they all

can go low at any given tournament and did."

The youngest of the trio, sophomore Boczar averaged 37 for nine holes and 77 for 18. He registered the lowest average for nine-hole matches in the KLAA, deservedly earning all-KLAA honors.

At D1 regionals, he came in third overall with a 75, pacing Plymouth to the championship at Dearborn CC. He followed that up at the state finals at Katke, tallying a 80-81-161 scoreline.

"Jack works as hard as anybody and has improved from a year ago," Young said. "... He is a leader in our program."

**Kyle Kozler, jr., Plymouth:** One of several standout Wildcats was the talented junior, who



averaged 39 for nine holes and 77 for 18. Kozler capped off his consistently splendid season by being the team's top performer at the D1 finals with a 78-74-152 scoreline.

"Jack works as hard as anybody and has improved from a year ago," Young said. "... He is a leader in our program."

"Kyle was named all-KLAA and was our lowest scoring golfer at the state championship," Young said. "He's a great ball striker who has a very bright future."

**Noah Lindlbauer, sr., Canton:** Another stellar performer for the Chiefs



throughout his career, Lindlbauer averaged 38.5 per nine holes and 78.2

per 18 during his senior season. A first-team all-conference selection for the second straight season, the Canton co-captain also earned academic all-state honorable mention honors.

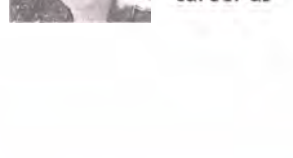
Lindlbauer was district medalist with a 74 at Pine View Golf Club and shot 80 or lower eight of 10 times in 18-hole rounds.

He finished 13th overall at the D1 regional with a 79 and then registered a 75-80-155 scoreline at state finals.

"Noah is a very intelligent player," Alles said. "He thinks his way around the course very effectively. He is extremely competitive and will battle the course until the last putt is holed."

"Noah is a straight hitter of the golf ball and possesses an outstanding short game to complement his accuracy."

**Austin Alexander, sr., N. Farmington:** A four-year varsity standout, Alexander finished his career as



the third-best player in North Farmington history with an overall average of 38.3.

The only golfers ranked ahead of him are Max Kollin (35.8), who plays for Indiana University, and Don Timmer (38.1). He is tied with Nick Williams.

A perennial selection to the all-area team, Alexander averaged 78.5 in tournament play and 38.6 in dual matches.

"Austin was the medalist in every match he played in this season and is one of the mildest mannered young men I have ever had the honor of coaching," coach Bruce Sutton said.

"During his four years on the varsity, Austin made it to the state final as a freshman and helped the team to a 26-5 overall record."

"He was selected for the All-Observer and OAA All-Blue Division teams four times and was the team MVP for three years. I am proud to say I have been his coach."

**Connor Greenlee, sr., Farmington:** Greenlee made the jump from the



all-area second to first team this year after shooting average scores of

78.7 in tournaments and 39.4 in nine-hole matches. His season low was 73 at Birmingham Country Club. Greenlee was eighth in the Fieldstone regional with a 79 and was one stroke away from qualifying for state.

"Connor's performance on the course was exceptional," Maleyko said. "Connor set the bar high for himself and his teammates, and I'm very excited that he will be playing golf at the collegiate level next year at Henry Ford CC with Kitwana."

"Connor has all the tools you want as a golf coach. One of his best attributes is that he works with his teammates on their games as much as he works on his own. He wants to be a better golfer. He puts in the time and the repetitions to get better."

"I can't tell you how many times after practice, a match or a tournament, he asked to hit balls at the range or putt on the greens. Farmington boys golf will definitely miss him next season."

**SECOND TEAM**  
**Suhas Potluri, soph., Canton:** With Potluri only a sophomore in



2015, the Chiefs won't miss a beat next season despite the graduation of Trosper, Lindlbauer and others.

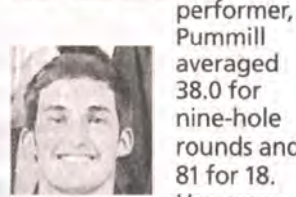
Potluri was the epitome of consistency, scoring 40.1 per nine holes and 80.1 per 18, earning dual-match medalist honors three times and breaking the 80 mark five times out of nine 18-hole rounds.

A first-team all-KLAA selection for his second straight year, Potluri placed second in the SunTel Invitational at Birmingham CC with a 69 and he shot a 81-84-165 at the state finals.

"Suhas is constantly working to improve his game," Alles said. "He spends a great deal of time on the range and on the practice green to hone his skills."

"He hits the ball a long ways but also possesses a deft touch around the greens. He has a lot of competitive junior golf experience that will serve him well for his junior and senior years."

**Joe Pummill, sr., Garden City:** A rare four-year all-conference



performer, Pummill averaged 38.0 for nine-hole rounds and 81 for 18. He was a match medalist six times, including back-to-back matches when he carded scores of 36 (at Gateway) and 33 (at Westland Municipal).

"The key to Joe's success this year was his consistency," said Ron Pummill, Joe's coach and father. "Joe knew he needed to shoot low in order for us to be successful and that is what he did."

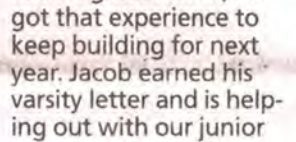
"He was our leader. In the four years he started in high school, we won two league championships and back-to-back state district titles. I am proud of Joe both as his coach and his dad. It was truly an honor to have coached him and I am going to miss him."

**Jacob Kenward, fr., Franklin:** The freshman enjoyed a dazzling debut season for the Patriots, capped by a sensational round of 78 at a Division 1 district tournament at The Legacy in Ottawa Lake. Kenward missed earning individual medalist honors at the district by just one shot.

"What made Jacob special is that he played and practiced and kept up with his grades," coach Jason Rammiller said. "The first year usually is about experience, playing in matches and tournaments, but he held his own in matches and tournaments."

"Jacob battled through injuries and made it to regionals, and even though he didn't have a good round, he got that experience to keep building for next year. Jacob earned his varsity letter and is helping out with our junior program during the summer. I am glad that I have him for three more years."

**Andrew Lloyd, sr., Plymouth:** The senior co-captain was instrumental in the Wildcats' success, providing an average of 41 per nine holes and

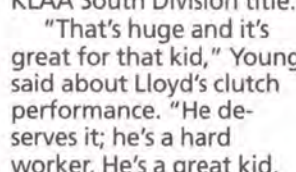


81 per 18 while contributing leadership. He also had one of the highlights of the season, was match medalist with a 35 in a showdown against Canton for the KLAA South Division title.

"That's huge and it's great for that kid," Young said about Lloyd's clutch performance. "He deserves it; he's a hard worker. He's a great kid. He's captain for a reason."

Lloyd, an all-KLAA pick, also chipped in during postseason tournaments. At the D1 regional, he registered a solid 83. He then tallied a 87-87-174 scoreline at the D1 finals at Ferris State.

**Connor Zydeck, sr., Plymouth:** Zydeck also provided clutch golf and leadership as the team's other senior co-captain, 41 per nine and 86 per 18.



He was the story at the D1 regional championship at Dearborn Country Club, coming through with a 76 to make "the difference" in the Wildcats prevailing, Young said at the time.

"He played in the 5 spot for us and ... he shot eight strokes below his average," Young said. "He got into a good rhythm today and came

through for us when it counted the most."

Zydeck had a 84-84-168 scoreline at the D1 finals at Ferris State.

**Joe Majoros, jr., Farmington:** Majoros was a solid complement to the team's senior leaders as the Falcons just missed making the cut for the D2



state meet, tying for third place (324) but losing a tiebreaker to Notre Dame Prep.

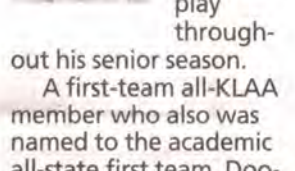
Majoros, who also plays forward on the school's hockey team, shot an average score of 82.86 strokes in tournaments and 44 in dual matches.

"There was probably more pressure on Joe this year than any other golfer on our team," Maleyko said. "Joe made some major swing and grip adjustments early in the year that paid dividends throughout the season. He met and exceeded my expectations."

"Joe has all the tools to be a very successful competitive golfer. The thing that impresses me the most as his coach is watching him commit to shots during competitions that we work on during practice."

"I'm really looking forward to seeing Joe take the torch from our graduating seniors and leading our team next season."

**Chris Dooley, sr., Canton:** With averages of 39 per nine holes and



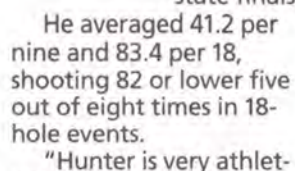
83.2 per 18, Dooley provided the Chiefs with solid, consistent play throughout his senior season.

A first-team all-KLAA member who also was named to the academic all-state first team, Dooley was a medalist in one dual match and shot a 77 in the Next Tee Invitational at Oakland Hills North.

"Chris is a very consistent player," Alles said. "He manages his game intelligently. He does a great job of playing to his strengths and keeping his composure."

"Chris has always been the consummate team player. He is extremely coachable and well-respected by his teammates."

**Hunter Schlamp, sr., Canton:** Schlamp closed out his prep career in grand style, registering impressive scores of 82 at districts, 81 at regionals and 80-80-160 at the state finals.

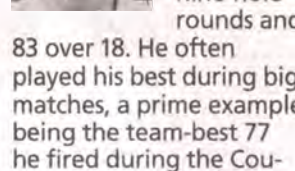


He averaged 41.2 per nine and 83.4 per 18, shooting 82 or lower five out of eight times in 18-hole events.

"Hunter is very athletic," Alles said. "He has improved considerably over the three years he has been on the team."

"He has a great attitude and rarely gets rattled on the course. Hunter was a big factor in our team being able to qualify for the state finals."

**Jared Latham, sr., Garden City:** Latham closed out his high school golf career with a bang, averaging 40.4 strokes during



nine-hole rounds and 83 over 18. He often played his best during big matches, a prime example being the team-best 77 he fired during the Cougars' second-consecutive Division 1 district championship performance.

**2015 ALL-AREA BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM**

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Dan Young, Plymouth  
Tom Alles, Canton

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

Canton: Brian Oldani, Phillip Conrad, Josh Johnson; Plymouth: James Baldwin, Joe Fontana; Salinas: Hayden Winch; Farmington: Jackson Tellerico, Phil Chacko, Luke Seflic; Harrison: LJ Tucker; N. Farmington: Nate Corley, Chris Matti; Churchill: Griffin Ahmet, John Doyle, Sam Spayd; Franklin: Will Hettel, Matt Wiebelhaus; Stevenson: Noah Pappalardo, Dominic Rea, Hyder Mansour; Garden City: Justin Bastion, Connor Johnson; Redford Union: Evan Albright, Luke Hebrner; Thurston: Alex Williams, Logan Charlton; Wayne: John Hicks, Nick Jefferson; John Glenn: David Hickson, Chase Anderson.

Latham has signed to continue his competitive golf career at Jackson Community College.

"Jared had his best year as a high school player this year," coach Ron Pummill said. "Jared has a desire to play college golf and he put in the work this past summer. That work paid off."

"Jared hit the ball off the tee as well as anyone on our team, but his improvement on the greens and his course management were why his scores were low. I wish him nothing but the best at Jackson Community College."

**CO-COACHES OF YEAR**

**Dan Young, Plymouth:** It was another outstanding season for the Wildcats, who won the KLAA South Division with a 5-0 record, then prevailed in the Kensington



Conference, D1 district and regional tournaments. "We had a great season, coming together at playoff time," Young said. "Winning our division, conference, district and regional championships are all hard to do."

With a selfless attitude, Plymouth's lineup had multiple golfers step up at different points of the season. Leading the way were Kapke, Boczar, Kyle Kozler and senior co-captains Lloyd and Zydeck.

"Our team had many contributors and they worked very hard to improve as the season went on," Young noted. "Most importantly, we had a great group of guys who had 'Team First' attitudes. That was the difference."

**Tom Alles, Canton:** Despite falling short in the division and conference standings, the Chiefs were



driven to succeed when the stakes were highest. Led by senior stalwarts Trosper, Lindlbauer, Dooley and Schlamp, augmented by Potluri and Brian Oldani, the Chiefs placed third at the D1 championship — finishing just two strokes back of runner-up Battle Creek Lakeview.

"Our seniors stayed focused and played very well the entire year," Alles said. "Our third place finish at the state finals was our best showing in my 21 years as head coach of the Canton Boys Golf Team."

"The boys can take great pride in the fact that their hard work paid big dividends with such a high finish at states. It was a pleasure for me to be able to coach such a talented and dedicated group of young men."

AMATEUR TRACK & FIELD

# Waza Track Club delivers strong efforts in Ypsi

Waza Track Club performed admirably at the recent AAU Region 12 National Qualifier Track Meet in Ypsilanti from July 2-5.

Of 24 athletes that competed, 22 qualified for the Junior Olympics national championship track meet that will be held in Hampton Roads, Va. from July 31 to Aug. 8.

Waza TC's athletes and relay teams set a total of 30 personal records, meaning they exceeded their previous best mark in their respective event. In addition, three athletes established PRs in their respective events en route to qualification for the Junior Olympics meet.

Among the club's national qualifier champions and runners-up are:

» **Akshay Reddy of Commerce (13-year-old age group)** - Following up on his indoor national performance

where he won three national championships, Akshay won each of his three events at the National Qualifier with PRs in three events: 800-meter run (2 minutes, 16.4 seconds); 1,500 (4:41.6); and 3,000 (9:56.8).

» **Victoria Heiligenthal of Commerce (15-16)** - Also following up three indoor national championships, Victoria won two events at the National Qualifier and placed second in another. Her times in her three best events were 2:20.9 in the 800; 4:57.61 in the 1,500; and 10:55.8 in the 3,000.

» **Garrett Nagelhout of Plymouth (12 years old)** - Set three personal bests and won the National Qualifier in two events. Qualified for Junior Olympics in the 800 (2:29.1) and the 1,500 (5:06.12).

» **Lily Wilczewski of Northville (12 years old)** - Won the National Qualifier

in the 3000 (12:01.5), earned second in the 1,500 (5:23.37) and also qualified for Junior Olympics with Waza TC's 3,200 relay team.

» **Rylee Lukes of Highland (13 years old)** - In her first effort at the outdoor pentathlon, Lukes won each of the five events: high jump, long jump, shot put, the 100-meter hurdles and the 800 run. Her score of 1,612 points was impressive considering it was her debut effort in the event.

» **Anna Nagelhout of Plymouth (15-16 yr age group)** - Nagelhout placed second in the 1,500 along with advancing the 3,000.

» **Barbara Sammut of Commerce (17-18 yr age group)** - Sammut placed second in the 2,000 steeplechase.

» **Bella Haynes of Dearborn (11 years old)** - Haynes placed second in the 3,000. She also advanced in the 1,500

and with the club's 3,200 relay contingent. Haynes set PRs in both the 1,500 and the 3,000 at the National Qualifier.

» **Tejas Shivaraman-Novi (12 years old)** - Shivaraman placed second in the discus, beating his previous PR by over seven feet. He also set new PRs in both the shot put and turbo javelin, qualifying for nationals in both events.

The 10-year-old 1,600 relay team of Amrita and Aishwarya Shivaraman, Saanvi Reddy and Zoe Adams placed second in the event.

Other national qualifiers included: » **Amrita Shivaraman** of Novi in the 800;

» **Ava Rathwell** of Commerce in the 400 and 3,200 relay; and

» **Grace Hoover** of Wixom in the 1,500, 3,000 and 3,200 relay.

USL SOCCER

## Bucks ousted from PDL playoffs in overtime

The Michigan Bucks completed a historic second half comeback Friday to get to the elite eight Premier Development League matchup with Great Lakes Division rival Kitchener-Waterloo United FC, but couldn't duplicate the previous night's feat Saturday at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

The Ontario team jumped out to a 2-0 first-half advantage and went on to post 3-1 victory to seize the Central Conference title and earn a spot in the club's first-ever PDL final four.

The Bucks entered the match with heavy legs from the previous night's 3-2 overtime marathon victory over the Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill 3-2 on a late goal.

K-W United and the Bucks played two Great Lakes Division regular-season games, with the home side coming away with an identical 3-1 score line.

The first K-W United goal came during the ninth minute by defender Ken Krolicki off a corner kick past the outstretched arms of Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd for a 1-0 lead.

Just five minutes later, K-W's Adam Polakiewicz sent a low



Tom Owens, pictured earlier in the year, had a just miss on a corner in the early minutes of the second half.

bouncing ball to the far post that eluded Shepherd and gave the K-W a 2-0 lead on the team's first two shots of the game.

The Bucks looked to have a certain goal in the early minutes of the second half when a Tom Owens corner kick fell to the feet of the Bucks' Francis De Vries, who missed from 6 yards out with what looked to be the spark to lead back-to-back comebacks.

Michigan missed several close-

range opportunities all night with shots that actually missed the goal or were blocked by United defenders.

In the 57th minute, right after a huge kick save by Shepherd, United broke from its own end and played a ball to Sergio Camargo, who played a perfect cross to Wesley Cain, who scored for a 3-0 K-W lead. The Bucks finally broke through in the 77th minute, when De Vries, a New Zealand native, converted a 24-yard free kick.

The Bucks continued to press and had several opportunities during the final 15 minutes, but could never get the score back to within one goal.

Yuta Nomura replaced Shepherd in goal for the final 27 minutes as the Bucks ended their season at 13-3-3.

Nathan Ingram made three saves for K-W United, which moves on to the PDL's final four Friday, July 31, at a site to be determined. K-W United faces the Sounders FC (Wash.) U23, while the Ocala (Fla.) Stampede take on the New York Red Bulls U23 in the other semifinal.

## AMATEUR

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back bunker. He left the first bunker shot in the sand and ended up conceding the hole.

Both golfers missed the green at 18 with approach shots, and Piot calmly stroked in his 25-foot par putt to secure the match.

"I played pretty good this week, I mean I beat the whole field by six (shots) the first couple of days," Trospen said. "If I made a couple of those par putts coming in, I probably win it. But James made a lot of putts. He made a great putt on 18."

Piot said he figured the wind would be to his advantage at the start of the match, too.

"Donnie hits it really high, and he might have used too much club at 17, too," he said. "I went for the middle of the green there. I didn't want to end up in that back bunker and my putter came back for me on the back nine. I was pretty confident with it and Donnie missed a couple of par putts he doesn't normally miss."

Piot reached the final with a semifinal win over 2013 GAM Junior Boys Player of the Year Andrew Walker of Battle Creek in 19 holes, and it took Trospen 23 holes and a 30-foot birdie putt to finally top Dylan Deogun of Orchard Lake in the morning.

Trospen, 18, is headed to Central Florida to play college golf. Deogun, 18, is headed to Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and Walker, 17, is an early verbal commitment to Michigan State University.

Piot, who was runner-up to Jake Kneen of White Lake last year, plans to defend his title next summer.

"It feels good to win," he said. "It's a lot of golf and I was pretty consistent all week."

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At 15, Katie Lee, left, walks in her first 3-Day event with her mother, Lori, and grandma, Jean Makela.

## It's all because she cares

Livonia woman looks forward to 3-Day breast cancer walk

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Katie Lee was just 15 years old the first time she walked 60 miles in three days.

With her mother and grandmother at her side, the Livonia teenager completed her first Susan G. Komen 3-Day, an annual fundraiser for breast cancer research that spans three days and 60 miles. They called their team Cleavage Keepers.

"I had heard about it and it sounded like a cool thing to do, a fun idea, given that my grandmother is a survivor," said Lee, 22, a seven-year veteran of the event, which runs Aug. 7-9 this year. Her mother, Lori, was 46 and her grandmother, Jean Makela, was 70, when they walked in the 3-Day for the first time.

Cleavage Keepers reunited for the 60-mile walk the following year, adding a family friend and some of Lee's classmates from Stevenson High School to the team. Her mother walked with her for their third event, and her father, Craig, kept her company during her fourth walk in 2011. College classmates joined her in year five, and by year six and seven, she took on the challenge by herself.

"I technically walked by myself, but you're never really alone. You are surrounded by so many friendly people. We had all sorts of fun. It's 60 miles of socialization and friendship.

"You meet so many amazing people. There was one woman who was



Katie Lee and her dad, Craig, walk the Susan G. Komen 3-Day in 2011.

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**KATIE LEE, 3-DAY WALKER**

only 30 when she was diagnosed. She did the walk in a wheelchair for two years. Another woman walked when

she was eight months pregnant. There is one man who is 82, who walks with a walking stick."

### Eighth year

Lee, who will start her second year of veterinary school at Michigan State University this fall, has raised more than \$2,300 for her eighth consecutive walk. It starts Aug. 7 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi and ends Aug. 9 at Ford Motor Co. headquarters in Dearborn.

"We've walked through Dearborn, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Livonia and Farmington Hills. It's amazing where you can get in 60 miles."

She'll walk 22 miles through Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills the first day. Although many participants camp overnight at the Suburban Collection, Lee will sleep at home Friday and Saturday nights. The 22-mile route will take her through Plymouth, Livonia and Northville the second day and on the final day, she'll walk through Hines Park from Livonia to Dearborn.

"I get injuries every year, but that was because I was a dancer," said Lee, who took Irish dance lessons for 17 years. "I have knee problems and shin splints. I tripped last year and sprained a groin muscle and I had a big crotch wrap." She doesn't mind the injuries because the event raises awareness of breast cancer in addition to research funds.

### Supporters

"You'll see people along the side of the road saying, 'I'm alive because of you. You don't hurt after that,'" she said. "People will drive by and honk. People support us by bringing food and on hot days, cold towels and wash

cloths."

Lee's dog, Hannah, cheered her on last year.

"My mom would drive her and stop every couple of miles (along the route). Everyone loved petting her."

Hannah died earlier this year, but Lee's new pup, Dina, likely will take on cheerleader duties with Lee's mom this year.

Onlookers can show their support for walkers at several cheering stations along the route. On Friday, stations will be set from 7-7:30 a.m. at the Suburban Collection; 8:25-11 a.m. at CVS Pharmacy, 39350 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills; and 10:35 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gill Elementary School, 21195 Gill, Farmington Hills. On Saturday, visitors can cheer from 8:10-10 a.m. on Center Street, between Dunlap and East Cady, in downtown Northville, and from 9:20 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main, in downtown Plymouth. One cheering station will be set from 8:45-10:55 a.m. Sunday, at Perrin Recreational Area, 27443 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Closing ceremonies run 4:30-5 p.m. at Ford World Headquarters, 1 American Road, Dearborn.

Lee, who sports a pink ribbon tattoo on her ankle, said she'll continue to walk as long as she can.

"It becomes such a big part of you. If I can raise awareness by walking and it saves someone from the heartache of dealing with cancer, I can handle a few blisters and the fundraising.

"I look at it as a privilege. I love it."

Find out more about the 3-Day by visiting the3day.org and click on the link to the Michigan walk site. Click "donate" on the Michigan site to find Katie Lee's fundraising page.

## Stay alert behind the wheel this vacation season

With our summer season in high gear, more driving miles are being logged than at any other time of the year.

Road trips, travel vacations, and out-of-state family reunions are upon us. For many, work and school vacations are time to "hit the road". A million drivers from near and far are expected at Michigan's famous Woodward Dream Cruise next month.

Increased attention to driving safety is not complete without heightened awareness of the grave epidemic of drowsy driving.

A study on highway safety by AAA Motor Club of Michigan emphasizes motorists' need to "wake up." Research revealed an alarming number of snoozing driv-



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ers. For example, 28 percent of drivers surveyed reported being so tired that they had difficulty keeping their eyes open while driving in a measured 30-day period. Drowsy driving is obviously dangerous because it slows reaction time, impairs vision, and causes lapses in judgment. We are accustomed to multimedia emphasis warnings about the danger of drunken driving. More attention needs to be paid to drowsy driving while sober.

### Accident risk

Studies have shown that many drivers un-

derestimate the problem of driving while extremely tired and misjudge their ability to deal with it. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Study says that a very fatigued driver may fall asleep for several seconds without even realizing it. The catastrophic effects of a crash can begin in a fraction of one second. Many chronic drowsy drivers believe this an acceptable state of affairs because they have been experiencing it for so long, they can come to believe they are actually good at driving drowsy.

Some warning signs of drowsy driving can include yawning repeatedly, feeling as though your head is heavy, wandering thoughts, inability to recall the last few minutes of travel, and hearing the rumble strips

when your car has veered off lane and is headed for the cement highway barrier.

### Eat a pepper

Interestingly, there is said to be a practice in China wherein free hot peppers are given at

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### ADHESIVE CAPSULITIS

Adhesive capsulitis is a shoulder condition in which the shoulder joint capsule shrinks resulting in a shoulder that cannot move. Several attributes of adhesive capsulitis make the condition difficult to diagnose and treat.

First, the name adhesive capsulitis. Orthopedists have operated on such a shoulder numerous times. At the time of operation there are no adhesions and microscopy of the specimens invariably finds no evidence of inflammation. Still the name, adhesive capsulitis carries on.

Second, the cause of condition is unknown. People with diabetes are at risk for developing adhesive capsulitis but physicians have no explanation as to why that association occurs. Usually a physician can find no evidence to support the diagnosis from a patient's history of injury or shoulder overuse.

Third, imaging the shoulder does not reveal the presence of adhesive capsulitis. X-rays of the shoulder are normal and are helpful only to eliminate the possibility of a fracture or osteoarthritis. MRI provides extensive information about the muscles and tendons around the shoulder and quality of the bone, but there is no reliable sign that tells the radiologist that adhesive capsulitis is present.

The diagnosis depends on examination that reveals the patient can barely move the shoulder and the absence of any other cause such as shoulder tendinitis.

Treatment by any means is inconsistent in its results. Physical therapists are limited because shoulder movement is so restricted. Steroid injection into the shoulder capsule does not reverse the process of shrinkage. Operation under anesthesia wherein the orthopedist forcibly moves the shoulder has many complications and inconsistent results.

Most often time determines how much recovery will occur.

RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST

DEMENTIA SERIES

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26

**Location:** St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Fourth session on dementia in a series of educational meetings sponsored by the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, focuses on ending the social stigma and isolation of someone with dementia and empowering the person who still is there

**Contact:** Sue Massey at 734-455-5910; smassey@sjncanton.org

FREE STUFF

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15

**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Clothes, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and more. Take what you need. No charge

**Contact:** 734-421-1760

MOTORCYCLE RIDE

**Time/Date:** Building tours at 9:30 a.m., ride departs at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22

**Location:** The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Ride for the Red Shield is a motorcycle ride to benefit the Salvation Army of Plymouth and Downriver. The group will depart from Plymouth and ride to the Downriver Corps in Wyandotte. Cost is \$25 per rider, and \$15 per passenger. Includes a T-shirt

**Contact:** Sandy Kollinger at 734-453-5464, Ext. 24

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 23

**Location:** Grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran Church holds worship services in a casual, outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

SOCCER CAMP

**Time/Date:** 1:20-3:30 p.m. Aug. 3-7

**Location:** Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Soccer Camp for boys and girls, 5 and up, any skill level. Nonrefundable fee is \$25 per student. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks, and a T-shirt. Register at www.crossroadsnow.org

**Contact:** info@crossroadsnow.org or pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

STUDY SERIES

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning Aug. 2

**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The Fault Lines series, an eight-week study, will focus on life's periods of upheaval and how they can either make you better or worse, depending on how you respond. The series looks at how "God forms you best where life's breaks go deep."

**Contact:** pastor Roger at 313-682-7491

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 3-7

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Theme is Market Place — Jerusalem AD; for kids age 4-grade five. Register at vbs.connectingwithGod.org

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details:** No documentation needed

**Contact:** info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

**Contact:** 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223

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**St. Michael Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach**

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

**Steve's Family Restaurant**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14

mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

**Congregation Beth Ahm**

**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

**Apostolic Christian Church**

**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

**Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

**Connection Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday

**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

**Contact:** Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

**Detroit World Outreach**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**Fireside Church of God**

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly

**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

**Unity of Livonia**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous

**Contact:** 248-559-7722; www.aa.org for additional information

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts); Thursdays

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and

hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

**St. James Presbyterian**

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

**Way of Life Christian Church**

**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

**Contact:** 734-637-7618

TOUR

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

**Adat Shalom Synagogue**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** 248-851-5100

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

**Contact:** 734-522-6830

**Congregation Bet Chaverim**

**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

**Contact:** www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

**Due Season Christian Church**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

**Location:** Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

**Contact:** 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

**Faith Community Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Details:** Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14

**Contact:** 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

**Faith Community Wesleyan Church**

**Time/Date:** Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays

**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Contact:** pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

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## Save your eyes with clean living, sunglasses

Which health screenings and exams are top priorities for you? If you're like most adults, monitoring your weight, cholesterol, and blood pressure is probably part of your health care routine. But what about vision care?

When adults reach their 40s, they often start to notice small changes in their vision, which can impact their daily lives and job performance. Whether having difficulty reading a book or working on a computer screen, such changes can be frustrating, but they can often be addressed by an eye care professional.

A comprehensive dilated eye exam is the best way to detect diseases and conditions that can cause vision loss and blindness. That's because many have no symptoms in their early stages.

According to the National Eye Institute, all adults aged 60 and older should have a comprehensive dilated eye exam, with the exception of African Americans, who are advised to get the exams starting at age 40 due to a higher risk of developing glaucoma at an earlier age. Even if you haven't experienced any issues with your sight, a dilated exam can detect serious eye diseases and conditions such as age-related macular degeneration, cataract, diabetic eye disease, and glaucoma.

During a dilated eye exam, your eye care professional places drops in your eyes to dilate, or widen, the pupil. This lets more light enter the eye, similar to the way an open door lets more light into a dark room and allows your eye care professional to get a good



A dilated eye exam can detect diseases such as glaucoma and macular degeneration.

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### EYE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

Just as the rest of your body ages, so do the eyes. The following are common diseases and conditions associated with aging that can be detected with proper monitoring from an eye care professional:

» **Cataract.** People who experience this clouding of the lens in the eye often report increased glare and fading of colors.

» **Diabetic eye disease.** A complication of diabetes and a leading cause of blindness, its most common form is diabetic retinopathy, which happens when the disease damages small blood vessels inside the retina.

» **Dry eye.** Dry eye can feel like stinging or burning, and can lead to blurred vision or even vision loss if left untreated.

» **Glaucoma.** Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the eye's optic nerve and result in vision loss and blindness. Open-angle glaucoma is the most common form of the disease.

» **Age-related macular degeneration.** Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a disease that blurs the sharp, central vision you need for "straight-ahead" activities such as reading, sewing, and driving. AMD affects the macula, the part of the eye that allows you to see fine detail.

look at the back of your eyes to examine them for any signs of damage or disease.

Regular eye exams go a long way in helping you see well for a lifetime. But there is more you can do. Experts at the National Eye Institute recommend following these additional steps to protect your vision.

1. **Live a healthy lifestyle.** Living an overall healthy life is good for your eyes. This includes:

» **Maintaining a healthy weight.** Being overweight or obese increases your risk of developing diabetes and other systemic condi-

tions, which can lead to vision loss from diabetic eye disease or glaucoma.

» **Eating healthy foods.** You've heard carrots are good for your eyes, but eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, particularly dark leafy greens such as spinach, kale, or collard greens is important for keeping your eyes healthy, too. Research has also shown there are eye health benefits from eating fish high in omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon, tuna, and halibut.

» **Not smoking.** Smoking is as bad for your eyes as it is for the rest of your body. Research

has linked smoking to an increased risk of developing age-related macular degeneration, cataract and optic nerve damage, all of which can lead to blindness.

2. **Know your family history.** Talk to your family members about their eye health history. It's important to know if anyone has been diagnosed with an eye disease or condition since many are hereditary. This will help to determine if you are at higher risk for developing an eye disease or condition.

3. **Use protective eyewear.** Protect your eyes when playing sports,

working with hazardous materials, or doing chores like mowing the lawn. Protective eyewear includes safety glasses and goggles, safety shields and eye guards specially designed to provide the correct protection for a certain activity. Most protective eyewear lenses are made of polycarbonate, which is 10 times stronger than other plastics. Many eye care providers sell protective eyewear, as do some sporting goods stores.

4. **Wear sunglasses.** Sunglasses are a great fashion accessory, but their most important job

is to protect your eyes from the sun's ultraviolet rays. When purchasing sunglasses, look for ones that block out 99 to 100 percent of both UV-A and UV-B radiation. Exposure to excess sunlight can increase your risk of cataract and age-related macular degeneration, tissue growth on the white part of eye that can cause discomfort and blurred vision.

You can find more information on these preventive measures and dozens of other vision-related topics at [www.nei.nih.gov](http://www.nei.nih.gov).

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## Plan for a healthy school year

August is already here and the school year is right around the corner. It's time for the planning to start and lists to be made. As you make a school supply list and shop for new clothing and shoes, don't forget to plan for a healthy school year. Parents often ask how they can keep their children healthy throughout the year but there isn't only one answer to this question. Here are some tips to get your child off to a great start and maintain their health all year long.

### Schedule a back-to-school doctor appointment

Before the school year begins, make an appointment with your child's physician to verify all of your child's immunizations are up-to-date. Some of the vaccinations children receive while they are babies or before they began school as a preschooler need to be updated later in life. Also, there are other immunizations such as those that protect against human papillomavirus and meningitis administered during the preteen and teenage years. The physician might also recommend a return visit for a yearly flu vaccination. Having up-to-date immunizations will help your child stay healthier throughout the school year.

At this appointment, your physician may also give your child a basic vision test. Blurry vision can cause recurring eye strain and headaches so it's important to know if impaired vision is the culprit. A follow-up appointment with an ophthalmologist may be recommended if your child has difficulty with the exam.



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### Make balanced nutrition an important part of your daily routine

Good eating habits will help keep your child healthy throughout the school year. A well-balanced breakfast is important. Too much sugar or a meal full of refined carbohydrates can cause blood sugar spikes, which will later result in a dip in energy. Try starting the day with whole grain toast with peanut butter and jelly and a glass of milk. The protein in this meal will keep your child feeling full longer and allow the child to focus on learning.

Continue the nutrition-filled meals into the lunch hour. Although school lunches have become healthier in recent years, it is still best to pack your own. A turkey wrap or tuna sandwich paired with a yogurt, piece of fruit and bottled water will give your child energy for the afternoon.

Don't let the healthy eating stop at the end of the school day. A nutritious family meal is not only good for the body but is also good for your child's development and social skills. Make the dinner table a technology-free zone and catch up on each other's day.

### Know when to keep your child home

Germs are everywhere and your child can't avoid them. At some point during the year, illness will most likely set in. When should a child stay home from school? If your child has a fever over 100 degrees, body aches, extreme

sleepiness or is vomiting, keep him or her home for at least 24 hours after the symptoms have subsided. If your child is just feeling off, send a note to school for the teacher or school nurse just so they are aware of your child's minor illness. They will be able to monitor the situation and notify you if the symptoms become worse and your child needs to be picked up.

### Other tips for a healthy school year

» **Staying active** is a great way for kids to stay healthy. Since school is very sedentary, children should have at least one hour of play each school day. On weekends, plan family outings that include physical activity such as bike riding, hiking or swimming.

» **Find alternatives to sugary birthday treats.** Fruit kabobs, hummus and veggies or string cheese are healthy options that are also delicious.

» **A consistent sleep schedule** is also important for optimum health. Children under 12 years old should get at least 10 hours of sleep a night and those 12 to 18-years-old need at least eight hours. It's best to have a set bedtime, not only during the school year but all year long. This keeps your child on a routine, maintaining the internal clock and helps the child fall asleep and wake up more easily.

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