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City agrees to HYPE rec center lease

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Temporarily closed due to financial problems, the Wayne Community Center will soon be reopening under the management of nonprofit HYPE Athletics.

The council voted Tuesday to lease the facility to Dearborn Heights-based HYPE contingent on an agreement being worked out by the city attorney. The lease would save the city just under \$80,000 over the cost of maintaining a closed building while still keeping it open.

open. "There has been a lot of debate for nearly two years. The community center certainly is an asset to the community," Interim City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "No one wanted to close the community center. We're very close to an agreement."

Under the agreement, the city would pay HYPE \$274,905 per year for five years. That would include a \$6,000-per-year management fee. That compares to \$975,000 annually that the city was spending on operating the facility. The agreement calls for the city to pay HYPE \$144,000 of the \$6,000 monthly management fee upfront. That would revert to a monthly payment after six months.

The nearly \$275,000 annual payment to HYPE is higher than the approximately \$210,000 the city projected as the annual expense for maintaining the community center closed.

HYPE would be responsible for maintenance and repairs of the building and equipment except for replacing of HVAC units, pool pumps and filters, if required.

That upfront \$144,000 fee will be used by HYPE to install a basketball court in the closed

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Councilwoman Christine Cicirelli Bryant speaks with council incumbent Dewey Reeves.

Low voter turnout picks field

Nankin Transit: New buses, more riders

> By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Nankin Transit, the local service that provides transportation for senior citizens and disabled residents, recently added 10 new buses.

"We've not had new buses in 10 years. Everyone is thrilled — the drivers and the passengers. They have a newcar smell," Nankin Transit Executive Director James Ridener said. "We finally have air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter."

The new buses have been on the road for a week, but Ridener said an official unveiling will be held next month after the full-time drivers are outfitted in their new uniforms.

It's unusual for an agency to receive 10 new vehicles at one time from the Suburban Mobility Agency for Regional Transportation. Ridener credited the efforts of Melissa Hightower, the SMART ombudsmen for Wayne County, with getting the buses replaced. "I'm sure SMART was getting tired of fixing our buses. Two days before we got the new buses, one blew its transmission and another blew its motor," Ridener said. "It was time for them to be replaced." Thanks to computerization, Nankin Transit has been able to become more efficient scheduling rides in the participating communities of Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster. "Our computer system expanded our ridership. We probably used to have one passenger per hour per bus," Ridener said. "Now, we have 3.5 passengers per hour per bus. We will never have completely full buses with curb-tocurb service in the four communities we serve. Representatives from each of the participating communities serve on the Nankin Transit Commission, which oversees bus service operations. "Nankin Transit has done a 360-degree flip. Ten new buses were delivered, all the (employee) UAW contracts are settled and approved," said Westland Councilman Dewey Reeves, who serves on the commission. "It is totally revamped. We are operating in the black for the first time in 12 years. We've expanded

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of candidates for clerk, council

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Westland Councilman Bill Johnson had a message for supporters who gathered at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Tuesday evening: The incumbents did well in the primary election.

"And we'll do better in the general election," he said. Johnson placed second in

Johnson placed second in the primary in which a field of 12 candidates was pared down to eight for the November election. He was one of three incumbents who finished in the top four spots in an election in which less than 8 percent of the city's 60,233 registered voters went to the polls.

Johnson was referring to a strong showing by Peter Herzberg and council regulars Judy McKinney and William Campbell who finished ahead of incumbent Adam Hammons in the election.

The top vote getter was City Council President James Godbout who garnered 2,146 votes. Johnson was second with 2,018 votes, while former





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PHOTOGRAPHER Council incumbents Bill Johnson (left), James Godbout (seated) and City Clerk hopeful Richard LeBlanc look at precinct numbers early in the evening.

Campbell

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Westland acquires 24 properties from tax foreclosure

Westland is continuing efforts to deal with blighted properties by picking up properties from tax foreclosure.

The city recently agreed acquire 24 properties, including 10 in Norwayne, which will be demolished. The total acquisition cost of the foreclosed properties is \$71,000, which will be paid for through federal funds. One parcel will be the site of a Habitat for Humanity home, while four parcels will have new homes constructed through the city's partnership with the construction trades students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

There will be 10 parcels redeveloped through Community Development redevelopment. One parcel

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will be resold through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

"Redevelopment this year equates to the Community Development Department overseeing the renovations. The city is not working with developers," Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Nankin Transit had received a fleet of new buses.

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routes to more hospitals. Kudos to the director. It's been a 1,000percent turnaround."

A retired Westland Police chief, Ridener was appoint to head Nankin Transit in March 2014. Financially, Nankin Transit saw a move from a \$68,000 deficit to be about \$8,000 in the black. Ridener said a surplus is expected again this year, but wasn't sure of

the amount yet as the audit is just being completed.

"We are moving in the right direction. It shows the leadership with Jim Ridener. The four communities are working together and getting along," Wayne Councilman and Nankin Transit Commissioner John Rhaesa said. "It's a great program. We need to promote it more in the community."

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HYPE

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ice arena. Nocerini noted that the basketball court would remain with the city, if the lease ended.

Most residents who were at the meeting supported keeping the community center open. In addition to costs to secure and maintain the building, the city has to repay bonds for its construction \$3.3 million in principal and interest over the five-year lease period.

There are no secrets or hidden agendas. We are trying to identify the best opportunity," Nocerini said. "You have bond payments and have in-

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mayor and ex-councilman Charles Pickering placed third with 1,817 votes. Rounding out the top four was Dewey Reeves with 1,689 votes.

Herzberg received 1,613 votes, followed by McKinney with 1,503 votes, Campbell with 1,326 votes and Hammons with 1,303 votes.

Four spots will be filled in the November election. The top three candidates will get fouryear terms with the fourth candidate receiving a two-year term.

Eliminated in Tuesday's primary were Steve Boron, 798 votes; Chris Coldren, 445 votes; Dennis LeMaitre, 941 votes; and Kevin Miller, 782 votes.

Godbout said the incumbents need "to get the real message out to the people.

'I'm honored that residents still have enough confidence in me to make me the top vote getter," he said.

Reeves, who is completing a two-year term on the council, was surprised at the results.

"There were a lot of untruths that we didn't dispel; we tried to stay

vested in the building. You still have to make bond payments.'

Resident Ron Roberts complained that the lease negotiations had been going on for months but residents only had about 15 minutes to look over the proposal.

What has the city done to look at using the building for city services?" said Roberts, questioning why the Wayne Library and other city offices couldn't have been consolidated at the community center.

That was studied, said Councilwoman Susan Rowe, adding she had supported moving the library to the community center until reviewing library building require-



"No one is asking us for a large parcel like that (the community center) for redevelopment," said Rowe, noting the concerns about the impact of such a large empty building on the surrounding neighborhood.

This lease provides the best opportunity to provide services residents have called for, Rowe said, as the city will still own the building and it will be occupied.

"If the citizens support HYPE in the services they say they want, in two

years I hope he'll (HYPE founder and CEO Ali Sayed) come to us and want to buy the building," Rowe said.

Resident Kathy Rockwell commented that the membership fees might be unaffordable for some residents and asked about discounts. The proposed fees range from \$79 per month for a family with up to four children to \$19 per month for a senior age 59 and older.

"We couldn't afford it either. You have to pay. We were losing \$1 million a year (under the city fee schedule)," Mayor James Hawley said.

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HOW WESTLAND VOTED

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out on top in the voting. A popular state lawmaker and now county commissioner has a strong following among Westland residents.

"I truly appreciate what happened here today," LeBlanc said. "I appreciate what the electorate has done and I'm appreciative of my hometown."

He also voiced his support of the four council incumbents and, like Johnson, said "we need to do a better job of getting out our supporters.'

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Council incumbent James Godbout and Sharon Scott wait for primary election results.

clean," he said. "We now have to address those

day is election day," add-**County Commissioner** ceived almost 75 percent of the votes cast in the race. He finished the

night with 3,388 votes,

LeBlanc and Rice-White will vie for the four-year term in the November election. Fin-

It came as no surprise that LeBlanc would come

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Golf outing putts big for wounded war veterans

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Canton resident Rich Keenan, owner of Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Livonia, believes Americans have a duty to care for U.S. war veterans.

He ranks it close to raising children.

'It's the biggest responsibility we all, as Americans, have to take care of," he said. "When our veterans come home, we definitely have to make sure we take care of them."

Keenan and a committee of volunteers are

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through an array of free programs and services intended to nurture their minds and bodies while empowering them economically.

Keenan said this year's golf outing is expected to raise more than \$50,000.

Nicole Schulz, a Canton resident and committee member whose husband served in the U.S. Navy, said 104 golfers joined the effort last Friday at the 18-hole Polo Fields at Washtenaw, formerly the Washtenaw Country Club.

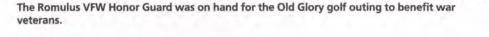
We do this every year for the Wounded Warrior Project," she said. "We just started seeing more and more of our veterans coming back and not getting the care they need.

Schulz said the Wounded Warrior Project spends nearly all of its proceeds directly on veterans, helping them with a wide range of services and care. She said if relies on a vast number of volunteers who give their time to help veterans. "They're just wonderful to work with," she said. Among those attending this year's Old Glory fundraiser were former Detroit Red Wings great Ted Lindsay, who had recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and James Wisniewski, a professional hockey player for the Carolina Hurricanes. Old Glory's golf outing last year raised about \$40,000, Schulz said, an amount organizers say they will exceed this year. Keenan said it's a worthy cause. "I just have a tremen-dous sense of indebtedness and gratitude to all our veterans, especially those who made the ulti-mate sacrifice," Keenan said. "There are thousands of veterans with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) and I don't think the message is getting out there sufficiently from the govern-ment." That makes it more critical, he said, for volunteers to help organizations, such as the Wounded Warrior Project. Donations still may be made at woundedwarrior project.org to event number 22766. Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles was joined in sponsoring this year's golf outing by Atchinson Ford of Belleville and Skyway Precision Inc., of Plymouth. Keenan credited the Old Glory Flags for the Benefit of the Wounded Warrior Project Committee for its untiring help, including Brian Berdnt, Jimmy Barr, Jonathon Johnson, Bill Matthews, John Moeder, Jim Paglino, David Schulz, Nicole Schulz and John Swanson.





OLD GLORY GOLF COMMITTEE Among those attending the golf outing were (from left) Wounded Warrior Project speaker Deven Schei, James Wisniewski of the Carolina Hurricanes, Ed Wisniewski and former Detroit Red Wings great Ted Lindsay.





OLD GLORY GOLF COMMITTEE

World War II veteran Ed Wisniewski takes the ceremonial tee shot at the Old Glory golf outing to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.



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Pretrial set for ex-coach charged with stealing from cheer team

By Aileen Wingblad Staff Writer

The ex-coach charged with stealing nearly \$10,000 from a Farmington

High School cheer team was arraigned by mail for her upcoming trial in Oakland **County Circuit** Court and is

scheduled for an Aug. 20 pretrial.

Stolen vehicle

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Vandalism

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entry had been made.

Circuit Judge Denise Langford Morris is assigned to the case.

Hernandez

Westland resident Kandice Hernandez, 25, faces one

count of larceny by conversion for the missing money, accumulated through fundraisers by the team to pay for uniforms and other equipment.

According to Farmington Public Safety Deputy Director Ted Warthman, during a June interview with investigators Hernandez admitted taking the funds for personal use such as travel and to pay bills.

As word of the alleged theft has spread, donations topping \$15,000 have been given to the team.

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Vandalism

A resident in the 32000 block of Glen told police that when he left for work early July 29 he found someone had smashed the rear window of his vehicle, which was parked on the street. The officer was unable to locate an item that caused the damage.

Fraud

On July 30 a Westland woman told police that she had learned that a week earlier someone used her personal information to unsuccessfully apply for unemployment benefits.

Larceny

A resident in the 36000 block of Oregon told police Aug. 1 that he returned home and went to put his motorcycle in the garage when he noticed the lights didn't come one. Checking the side of the house, he said he noticed the electrical meter and the glass cov-

WESTLAND COP CALLS

ering it were missing.

Alarm call

Police responded to a home in the 1400 block of Elia on Aug. 2 about an alarm call. Officers found doors open but no sign of forced entry. Officers were unable to check inside the home due to multiple dogs. Officers closed the open door.

Vandalism

On Aug, 2 a resident in the 6900 block of North Venoy told police that he returned home to find someone had shot the left side of his sliding glass door causing a hole in one pane. The resident said that earlier in the week the right side of the door had been similarly damaged.

Larceny in a vehicle

A resident in the 1200 block of South Henry Ruff told police Aug. 2 that someone stole his wallet from his vehicle. He said he thought he had left the

vehicle locked but found the passenger door ajar. There was no cash reported in the missing wallet but it did contain his identification, ATM/ credit and debit cards.

Found property

While doing a check at Cuda Auto, 1136 N. Wayne Road, July 29, an officer was given a set of keys. A person at the business told police that the keys had been found behind the building three days earlier.

Vandalism

An excavator on the site of the demolished Nankin Elementary School, 8100 Hubbard, told police July 29 that someone damage the equipment. The windshield and sliding window were smashed, the headlights were damaged or missing, the engine compartment was open but the engine still started. The damaged was estimated at over \$750.

By LeAnne Rogers

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» A resident in the 33000

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July 29 after finding a Frozen

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told police he didn't see the

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The woman identified the

backpack when he left for

when he returned.

home July 24 and stole a gold bracelet, silver earring, silver

Break-in

No items were taken during a break-in at Gamer's Avenue, 29552 Ford, July 28. Police responded to an alarm at the building at 2 a.m. and found a window beside the entrance broken out. Two large rocks surrounded by broken glass could be seen in the interior of the store.

Officers were able to view a surveillance video in which a suspect, wearing a black hoodie and silver shorts, could be seen entering and immediately leaving the building through the broken window. The video also showed a suspect waiting outside the building.

The two suspects fled east toward Middlebelt. Nothing was reported taken.

» A resident in the 33000

block of Kathryn told police

she came outside July 27 to

discover a love seat and two

Larceny

By LeAnne Rogers

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Police were called to Tire Stop, 32449 Michigan Ave., Aug. 2

WAYNE COP CALLS

A Newport man told police that about Aug. 4 someone stole

his 2005 Ford DRW Super Duty F-350 dually truck from the body component parking at Ford Motor Company, 38303 Michi-

Security cameras at the plant showed the truck, valued at

\$30,000, in the lot at 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. but it was gone just be-

fore 7:30 a.m. The owner told police that the truck is paid off

and he had both set of keys. The maroon or burgundy colored

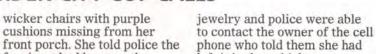
truck was described as having a custom tow bed and a fifth-

just after 8:15 a.m. after the owner found a 6-foot by 4-foot

display window shattered. There appeared to be a BB dent in

the window. Nothing was disturbed so the owner concluded no





left it in the vehicle. The backpack also contained two pairs of sunglasses, two packs of cigarettes, eight lighters, a gold glove and a bottle of Claritin.

Fraud

A resident in the 27000 block of Maplewood told police July 27 that someone had opened a PayPal account in her name. She was surprised to receive a statement from PayPal showing she owes \$699. She told police she never gets on the Internet and the only account she has is her bank account.

She showed the statement to her son who helped her call PayPal. She was told to file a police report and call PayPal back to have they her name removed from the bill and the account closed.

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By Sue Mason

Madonna hosts musical theater program for high schoolers

For two weeks this summer, the auditorium and music classrooms at Madonna University become home to an intensive training program for high school students who are passionate about, and perhaps considering a career in, musical theater.

After days filled with sessions in dance, voice, monologue and audition practice and critique, the instruction ends with a student production "My Way to Broadway," celebrating Frank Sinatra and contemporary Broadway. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Aug. 8 in Madonna University's Kresge Hall. Admission is \$5 and open to the public.

Led by Barbara Wiltsie, associate professor of voice at Madonna, and Patti Davidson-Gorbea, guest drama instructor, the program is geared toward talented students looking to refine their skills. Several past participants have gone on to study musical theater, music or drama at their college or university.

The instructors have high expectations for the students, because they know the students are capable. "We don't baby them," Wiltsie said. "We want to create an atmosphere where they're supportive of each other."

The students start each day with group dance instruction, which includes both basic training and specific choreography for their end-ofprogram performance. They close out the morning with ensemble music and, after lunch, attend a round robin of voice, drama and monologue lessons. Evenings are filled with activities such as professional-style audition practice, guest speakers and critiques, a talent agent visit, and movie-making fun with the help of Madonna's

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Dakota Firestone from Farmington High School and Lauren Tischler from Lutheran High School Westland rehearse a dance number for the final performance of the summer musical theater program at Madonna University.

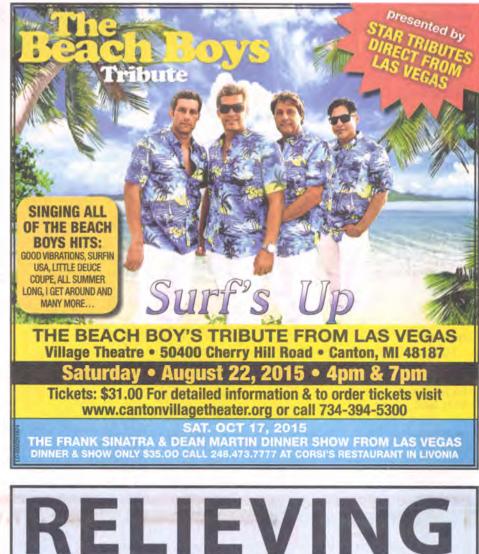


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Kelsi Fay, left, and Caraline Weglarz, Livonia Churchill High School students and members of the Creative and Performing Arts program, participate in music practice as part of the summer musical theater workshop at Madonna University.

Broadcast and Cinema Arts students.

At the final performance students will show off their refined techniques with a lead role in two scenes that include a song, and a scene or monologue. "Everyone will be featured somehow in the show," Wiltsie said. Each night, an audience member also will be selected for a small role in a scene from the movie *Airplane*.



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Westland bartender wins statewide contest with his 'Southern Peaches'

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

When 21-year-old Keven Wacker decided to create his own drink, he knew one thing: It couldn't be red.

Wacker, a bartender at the Livonia Applebee's, began brainstorming a drink and made that cocktail last month during the finals of the firstever Neighborhood Bartender Mixology Competition, a contest open to more than 400 Applebee's employees in Michigan. His drink, Southern Peaches, was the winner.

"I wanted it to become a different color because almost every other competitor's drink was red, and I wanted mine to stand out like a sore thumb," the Westland resident and graduate of John Glenn High School said. "To me, if I'm going taste something peachy, why is it red? My drink was yellow.'

And it stuck out for the judges: Wacker's winning drink, which has ingredients such as Pearl Peach Vodka, lemon-lime soda and Southern Comfort, was declared the winner and is expected to be featured on all 66 Michigan Applebee's drink

menus starting this fall. Being a big country music fan, Wacker said

he wanted to craft something that had a southern influence and thought to use peaches. He'll continue using the southern fruit this fall, saying the Livonia restaurant will be the only place where the drink is served with fresh peaches.

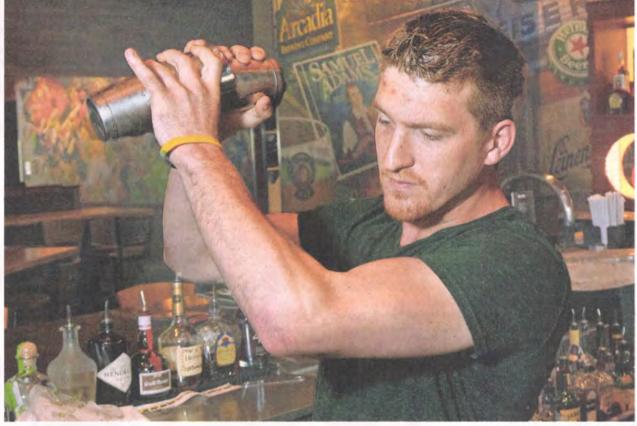
He began bartending just a few months ago after starting at the restaurant at 13301 Middlebelt, which opened last fall. When the opportunity to begin bartending came up, Wacker jumped at the chance to learn something new and make more money. Now, he's a regular bartender at the restaurant, especially on Sundays and Mondays.

The final competition took place late last month at the Livonia restaurant and was run by Livoniabased Team Schostak Family Restaurants, which operates all the Applebee's in Michigan.

Wacker's girlfriend, Cassidee Cooper, 21 of Westland, said she enjoyed the drink when she tried it.

"It was good," she said. "I would drink it." He enjoys bartending,

but eventually he'd like to



Keven Wacker mixes up a Southern Peaches, at Applebee's.

see himself move up the corporate ladder in the restaurant business.

"I want to hopefully be sent back to school to be able to go to those types of levels," he said. "Right

now, it's all about putting your time in.' He also works on boats

and watercraft as a side job as well. Mel Nugent, the man-

ager at the Livonia store,

said she's pleased to begin serving the drink later this year, saying it can be enjoyed yearround. "It's delicious," she said. "It's not just a seaBILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sonal drink. It's refreshing.'

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Stakeholders: Next school chief must move Livonia Public Schools forward

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

The new Livonia Public Schools superintendent should have many of the same attributes as Dr. Randy Liepa, the district's leader for the past 12 years, but he/she should also make continuous improvements to move the district forward.

That is what approximately 100 stakeholders have told the Michigan Leadership Institute so far as it searches for



Wayne County's 33 Liepa school

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districts. The Livonia school board has appointed Andrea Oquist, director of elementary programs for Livonia Public Schools, to serve as the district's interim superintendent, but she has said she is not interested in the job on a

said parent Crystal Frank.

We need to find some solutions," and not just blame Lansing for the district's financial problems, she said. "We need to figure out how to make students successful with what we've been given."

The next superintendent needs to be creative in finding ways to attract charter school students and those who are homeschooled, said Bob Smith, a grandparent.

At the same time, the next school chief should have a strong financial background like Liepa, said parent Frank Gajor. "Dr. Liepa was a huge leader among superintendents in Lansing trying to change policy," Gajor said. "The superintendent has to have the leadership skills to do the kind of things Dr. Liepa does. It seems like everything is against the schools, and funding that's coming from Lansing. Brenda Smith, a grandparent, agreed someone with a strong financial background is needed. "We have to maintain a strong financial status here," she said.

John Grzebik, a member of the Livonia PTSA Coubcil, said good communications skills are needed. Liepa got along well with everyone, and was comfortable being addressed by his first name

Other qualities stakeholders have identified include being approachable, having a high level of integrity, interacting with community members and having a strong educational background or surround themselves with people who do, We-

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Festival/craft show

Applications are being accepted for the St. John's Episcopal Festival and Craft Show that's set for Saturday, Sept. 12. There is a large indoor space and electricity is available. The church is located on Wayne Road in Westland with great traffic flow

The festival hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; the craft show runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (set-up is at 9 a.m.). For more information or to reserve a space, call 734-721-5023 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland. If it fits in a grocery bag, it's yours for \$1. Larger items will cost \$2.

Kelly Miller Circus

The City of Wayne has signed a contract with the Kelly Miller Circus for the exhibition of an all-new 2015 show. The circus will roll into town Saturday, Aug. 8. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the animals be unloaded and fed, witness the raising of the giant big top, followed by a special tiger meet and greet. Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Atwood Park on Howe south of Annapolis. Guides will be furnished for school groups and anyone attending. The traditional "old-style" circus will present performances at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sponsored by Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation, Advanced adult tickets are \$12 and children \$6. Children under age 2 are free. They can be ordered at ticketleap-.com.

Liepa's successor, said Dr. William Weber, the firm's associate regional vice president for Southeast Michigan.

The public can still weigh in online by going to the district's website, livoniapublicschools.org, and clicking on the "Talk to Us" button. That option will be available for the next three to four weeks, Weber said. Michigan Leadership Institute was contracted by the Livonia school board to assist in its search for a new superintendent.

Liepa is leaving Aug. 3 become superintendent of Wayne RESA, the regional educational serpermanent basis.

About a dozen community members attended a forum Tuesday night, the last of several held over the past several days by MLI to find out what stakeholders want in a new superintendent.

Twelve years ago, LPS was the No. 2 district in the state, said parent Heather Douglas. "We can work harder to get as good as we once were. I think in the past people didn't think anything needed to be fixed.'

The district needs an innovator, someone who's able to take what the district's been doing and raise it to the next level,

ber said.

The deadline for applications is Aug. 28. Interviews, all of which will be open to the public, are expected to be conducted in mid-September with an offer being made by the end of September, Weber said.

However, if the district does not receive suitable applicants, the search will resume in December or January, he said, adding that it's late for a superintendent search for the upcoming school year.

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Board approves selling 2 former school sites

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

The Livonia school board has agreed to sell two former school sites to developers who want to turn them into singlefamily housing.

The board voted 7-0 Monday to authorize the sale of the former Washington School site on Hix at Ann Arbor Road in Livonia to Rino J. Sloave and Leo Sloave for \$900,000 and the former Nankin Mills School site on Hubbard at Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Fredric Nassar of Crestar Holdings for \$475,000.

The sales are contingent on the appropriate approvals from the two cities. Superintendent Randy Liepa said. The district expects to close on the sales in the next six months.

Both offers exceeded the board's estimates, and included building single-family homes with additional greenspace, Liepa said. "That was



FILE PHOTO

Demolition on Nankin Mills School began in December and was completed earlier this year. The Livonia school board has agreed to sell the property to a developer for construction of single family homes.

important to us."

At a committee of the whole meeting last week, Lisa Abbey, the district's business director, said that while the school board can't dictate what someone can do with their property, administrators are "very comfortable" the developments will be singlefamily residential. "They're eager to sell homes in Livonia," she said

Meetings will be scheduled by the district for residents in the neighborhoods to learn more about the proposed developments, Liepa said.

The money from the sale of the properties will go into the district's general fund for 2015-16. The budget was adopted, with the expectation the district would receive \$1 million from the sale of the two properties, Liepa

said

The board contracted with Great Northern Consulting Group of Ann Arbor in February for an estimated \$30,000 to market the two school sites following community budget forums held in January, where attendees said they'd prefer selling excess property over program cuts to keep the district out of deficit.

The district received five bids for Washington and four for Nankin Mills in response to its request for proposals, Liepa said.

Administrators identified five former school sites they won't be needing in the future: The 13-acre Washington site, the 7-acre Nankin Mills site, the 4.5-acre Perrinville School site on Ann Arbor Trail at Farmington Road in Westland; a 10-acre site across from the Western Wayne Skill Center in Westland; and another 10-acre parcel on Hicks Road south of Johnson Upper Elementary in Westland.

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Vendor show

A vendor show to raise money for Florence Park improvements will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City. Vendors included Pampered Chef, 31, Scentsy, Paparazzi Jewelry and Jamberry.

School premier

St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne, is inviting parents to a premier from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20.

Stop by and meet the principal, your child's teacher, other parents and classmates. Tour the school, receive information on upcoming programs and hear a special presentation by the principal at 6 p.m. There also will be a special scavenger hunt for new students at 5:45 p.m.

For more information, call 734-721-1240 or visit stmaryschoolwayne.org.

Business Alliance

The Garden City **Business** Alliance meets on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the Golden Feather Restaurant, 29633 Ford, Garden City. This meeting will mark the GCBA's one

year anniversary. For more information, visit the GCBA gcbiz48135.org, email gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com or call 734-788-9319.

Garage/Bake Sale

A Bake Sale and Garage Sale to benefit the Norwayne Community Citizens Council

Customer appreciation

Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness will host an Appreciation Picnic from 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. The studio, located at 30942 Ford Road, will provide free hamburgers and hotdogs. There will also be bounce houses and an American Kenpo demonstration at 3 p.m. All members of the community are invited.

For more information, call the studio at 734-266-0565 for more information.

PATH Class

A free Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) workshop will be offered beginning Aug. 25 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis in Wayne.

The interactive sixweek workshop is designed to provide skills and tools to help people living with Type 2 diabetes and their support system live a healthier life. The workshop will be 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call 800-543-WELL or visit oakwood.org/ classes.

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Road crews near completion of Ford Road project

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Road construction crews are nearing the end of a \$3.7 million project intended to help ease traffic congestion along Ford Road near I-275, one of Michigan's most crash-prone areas.

"We're moving along," Bill Erben, project manager for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said Tuesday.

The project, including adding a continuous, third westbound lane from Lotz past Haggerty and connecting pedestrian sidewalks near the I-275 overpass, should be completed by late August, barring a flurry of bad weather.

"I would say the end of the month is comfortable," Erben said.

Work crews have lengthened turn lanes, tweaked I-275 ramps and

added the third westbound lane in hopes of easing traffic along a stretch of Ford Road, near IKEA, where studies have indicated 50,000 motorists pass each day.

Melissa McLaughlin, who chairs the Canton Downtown Development Authority, said the road project, which started in May, has made it somewhat more difficult to access some businesses along Ford Road.

'I'm sure they have felt it and will be glad to have it done," she said. However, McLaughlin

said Canton businesses are resilient.

"I think the businesses in Canton are war-hard-ened," she said. "They've been through this (road construction) so many times. I do think they are, in general, always anxious to have traffic move smoothly on Ford Road.



Shoulder work is occurring along the southbound I-275 exit to Ford Road.

"We don't want people to look at Ford Road and utter their words through clenched teeth," McLaughlin added. "We want people to come to Ford Road, shop, spend their money and support the local businesses.

MDOT and Canton officials say the project should provide some relief to traffic congestion, along with the paving of Lotz between Ford and Cherry Hill - a project that still hasn't started, despite assurances by county officials that some work will occur this season.

Lotz's paving would give motorists another north-south artery and an alternate to roads such as Haggerty.

The Ford Road project, meanwhile, includes a resurfacing between Lotz and Marlowe, a street near the Rusty Nail Lounge - a move ushering in a smoother drive.

Erben also said he believes longer turn lanes, such as one from westbound Ford onto south Haggerty, should help to ease traffic bottlenecks that worsen during peak rush hour.

"I think it will improve the situation. It'll help," he said.

But MDOT and local officials have said a longterm solution may center on transforming Ford Road into a boulevard

and eliminating left turns at major intersections. MDOT has said that project is contingent on funding becoming available.

The latest Ford Road work comes as studies have shown that Canton has three of Wayne County's top 10 crash-prone intersections outside of Detroit, although Canton is only one of 43 communities in the county.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has said Canton is seeking - for the seventh time – federal aid to pay for the longerterm solution to Ford Road traffic woes.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said no word on the federal dollars had been received as of Tuesday afternoon.

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First Step adds garden for healing at Wayne site

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

When you enter the new First Step Healing Garden, one of the first things you see is a family of five penguins on an ice flow

"It is designed to create a feeling of fun and whimsy," First Step Associate Director Theresa Bizoe said. "The portico (near the door) is for security. The table close to the building lets people just coming in to stay here and be closer the building.'

The recently opened healing garden and playscape is designed with elements of a hospital healing garden to meet the needs of adults and children. Serving residents of western Wayne County and Downriver, Wayne-based First Step provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

"It used to be an open field with standing water and muck. It has been transformed," Bizoe said. "This took three years of fundraising and design. We put in drainage, elec-trical and plumbing. Now,



Associate director Theresa Bizoe shows off a water feature that is part of the healing garden and playscape recently dedicated at First Step



feel they will be OK here. Coming to a facility is so scary for kids, leaving all they know," Bizoe said. "We want them to know it's OK to be a kid, that they don't have to protect the adult."

Bizoe mentioned a particular volunteer on the project who lost his sister and two nephews to domestic violence.

"He knew his sister was hesitant to go to a shelter - that it would be too hard on her kids," Bizoe said. "If she knew of a beautiful place like this for her kids, she might have gone (to a shelter) and it might have saved her life.'

Place to counsel

Along with providing a relaxing outdoor space for shelter residents. Bizoe said the healing garden also services counseling clients as well as staff.

"We can do counseling under a blue sky with beautiful flowers," Bizoe said. "The staff can take a walk here — they hear traumatic stories all day."

The healing garden and playscape were also designed with an eye on being green. A 2,000gallon cistern holds water from the building roof and pumps it into the garden areas. The water and rock gardens have a porous paver that elim-inates run-off and lets rain water drain into the ground. There were 60 trees planted, all donated. Established in 1978, First Step provides free and confidential programs to help survivors of .domestic and sexual violence. That includes a shelter, counseling and referral services. There is a 24-hour help line at 1-888-453-5900.

20 minutes after a rain, it drains and the kids can play."

Jonathan Dreyfuss of Greenscape Systems was the architect and volunteered as project man-ager for the healing garden and playscape. A wide range of service clubs and other volunteers donated time, materials and labor for the healing garden and playscape.

Something for everyone

The goal is to provide something for everyone. There is a toddler town play area with swings, a splash pad that allows the voungsters to cool off, a xylophone and pebble harp for music, an adult fitness area that includes a ping pong table, a healing garden that provdies



LEANNE ROGERS Inspirational messages are included on bricks decorating First Step's new healing garden and playscape.

a serene place for quiet reflection overlooking the park and a pavilion for gatherings.

There was no place for kids to play. We can house up to 50 people on any given night and more than half are kids or infants," Bizoe said. "They range from newborns to teenagers. We get all ages and are almost always full."

For someone who has escaped domestic or

sexual violence, Bizoe said the retaining wall around a seating area in the healing garden is



First Step associate director Theresa Bizoe with a family of penguins in the new healing garden and playscape.

> designed to provide a sense of security like sheltering arms.

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John Glenn alum begins fundraiser to help planetarium 'shine again'

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

When Steve Koponen and his wife Sandi got together with high school friends in June for a bit of a reunion, they wanted to come up with a few activities. One of them was visiting their alma mater, John Glenn High School, specifically the planetarium.

They were disappointed when they found out it wasn't really functioning.

The Koponens, 1989 graduates of the Westland high school, decided to turn that disappointment into a project to raise enough money to update the planetarium.

"We have pride in our alma mater and this is a good way to give back," said Koponen, a Farmington resident. "We 'saw it and said we should plan something. My wife and I said we're going to do it."

Working through the popular GoFundMe website, Koponen has set up a fundraising page aimed at getting enough money to bring the planetarium into the 21st century. The goal is \$50,000.

The high school opened in 1964, just two years after its namesake, astronaut John Glenn, became the first man to orbit the Earth. The school included a planetarium which was funded



STEVE KOPONEN

A huge light projects stars out of a large metal ball in the center of John Glenn High School's planetarium.

through a grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Fifty years later, its analog equipment is outdated and in disrepair.

Analog technology

According to Koponen, a science teacher in the Farmington Public Schools, the planetarium still uses the original 1960s analog technology that was installed when the school was built. A huge light projects stars out of a large metal ball in the center of the room and is operated through a series of switches and dials.

Amount

\$197,477

\$117,010

\$155,000

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\$71,000

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\$2,000 \$45,000 In a post on the Go-FundMe Page, Koponen said the old analog equipment remains unreliable and low-tech. The plan is to replace it with a digital system and an iPad to control the planetarium and new LED energyefficient cove lighting.

"Having a digital system in the planetarium would again make the John Glenn planetarium a shining star in the school and in the community, with a potential to offer a great resource for astronomy students and a wonderful potential to again offer planetarium programming to other students as well as community groups," he wrote.

The biggest expense is the digital equipment,





The original 1960s analog technology includes switches and dials that control the large metal ball.

which Koponen said "is pretty cutting-edge."

The fundraising drive kicked off three weeks ago and, to date, it's raised just under \$1,700. Koponen hopes it will pick up once school starts next month. It has the support of Wayne-Westland Assistant Superintendent John Albrecht and planetarium directors David Christiansen and Linda Willman.

In a letter posted on the GoFundMe page, Albrecht described the planetarium as one of the gems of the high school and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.

"I support Steve's work developing a fundraising effort to generate dollars to upgrade the facility to 21st century technology," Albrecht wrote. "I recall the great times I had as a teacher and administrator at John Glenn High School. I also had the experience of being a parent of five John Glenn graduates. It was a wonderful place for life beyond high school."

Benefit community

Christiansen and Willman echoed Albrecht's support, noting that "the upgrades would benefit not only the students of the Wayne-Westland Community School District, but the community as a whole."

Koponen remembers the planetarium from his elementary school days. "Growing up in West-

"Growing up in Westland, I remember in elementary school walking to John Glenn to get my first taste of astronomy in its planetarium, which is a rare treasure to have in a high school building," he said. Koponen hopes to

Koponen hopes to have enough money raised by November. Donations can be made at John Glenn Planetarium: Shine Again page at www.gofundme.com. People also can send a check made payable to John Glenn High School with Planetarium Fund written on the memo line and send it to Steve Koponen, 22973 Mayfield Ave., Farmington, MI 48336-3965.

"I would love to pull this off; it would be one of the coolest things I could do in my lifetime," he said.

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CITY OF WESTLAND - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROGRAM STATUS AND SUBMISSION OF THE CAPER (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)

The City of Westland will hold a public hearing on the status of CDBG and HOME programs, year ended June 30, 2015, August 18, 2015, 5:30 p.m., 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland. Draft CAPER available for comment August 17 - September 12, 2015. Submit written comments to: Department of Housing & Community Development, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI.

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	First Step	Annu
	Wayne County Family Center	Comp
	Friendship Center Improvement	Comp
	Community Resource Officer	Annu
	Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer	Annu
	Samuel B. Ware Community Center	Annu
	NSP - Acquisition/Demolition	Ongo
	Norwayne Parks	Comp
	NSP3 Family Self-Sufficiency	Ongo
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The City of Westland will submit the CAPER to the Detroit HUD Office on September 25, 2015.

William R. Wild, Mayor Westland Observer and Eccentric

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LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION BID ADVERITISEMENT MCNAMARA TOWERS ROOFING AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT 2014-2015 HUD CAPITAL FUND PROGRAMS

The Livonia Housing Commission, Livonia, Michigan, will receive sealed bids in its offices at 19300 Purlingbrook Road., Livonia Michigan 48152 until 11:00 a.m. local time, on August 27, 2015. A public opening will take place at that time. Any bid received after this time will not be considered. All work shall be performed pursuant to the plans and specifications prepared by Design House Architects and Designers, LLC, 10484 Range Line Road, Berrien Springs, MI. Bid work shall consist of roofing and window replacement and minor repairs of associated work. All bids shall be excuted on forms provided in the specifications or approved equal provided by the bidder. A special board meeting date will be determined to award the contract.

Each bid must include a "non-collusion" affidavit and fully enclosed HUD 5369-A form, and a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid. This bond will be forfeit in case of any failure to enter into the contract at the bid price after notification of acceptance of such bid.

Section 3 Performance as well as all other forms as outlined in the specifications must accompany all bids. Both the Architect and Housing Commission desire all prime contractors submitting bids to encourage all minority subcontractors to perform any portions of the work which will not be performed by the contractor's forces or could be performed by the minority subcontractor. Bidders must submit written evidence that they have solicited quotations from qualified Section 3 subcontractors at the time the bidder submits its bid to the Housing Commission for all portions of work the bidder is not proposing to complete with its forces. The Architect and Housing Commission also desire that the prime contractor will make an attempt at the hiring of those housing residents that can perform any function of the work successfully. All bidders shall comply with HUD Section 3 Clause of regulation 24 C.F.R. part 135. Department of Labor, Davis-Bacon Wage rates shall apply to this project.

The Livonia Housing Commission is in no way obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid submitted and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Livonia Housing Commission also may waive informalities in any bid if it determines to do so and to defer the acceptance or rejection of such bids until the financial arrangements for the project bid are completed.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from: The Livonia Housing Commission, 19300 Purlingbrook Road, Livonia Michigan 48152 on or after **August 10, 2015**. A deposit of **Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars** is required of Prime Contractors for each set of Drawings and Specifications up to a maximum of three (3) sets. The deposit is refundable in full only if:

1. The Drawings and Specifications are returned within ten (10) days after the bid date.

2. The Drawings and Specifications are in useable condition as determined by the Architect.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:00 am, August 18, 2015 at the Livonia Housing Commission office. Additional site visits will be by appointment only and made through the Housing office by contacting Mr. James M. Inglis at 248-477-7086 ext.5.

Contractor awarded the project will provide an acceptable Performance and Payment bond equal to 100% of the contracted price. These bonds shall conform to the forms prescribed by the State of Michigan. Plans, Specifications, and Instructions to Bidders are on file at the Livonia Housing Commission and **Design House Architects and Designers, LLC**, 574-276-1411.

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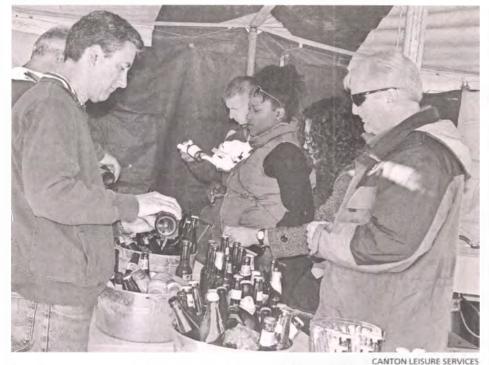


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Organizers say more than 75 craft and specialty beers will be available at Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn.



Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn is returning to Preservation Park.

Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn returning to Canton

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Hundreds of craft beer lovers will have a chance to sample flavors from across the nation and from Canton - as Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn returns to Preservation Park.

"Metro Detroit's growing craft beer culture can taste and appreciate specialty brews from all over the country in one location," said Gregg King, Canton facilities supervisor and fundraiser organizer. "Any event involving drinking craft beers, eating brats and listening to music with friends

event includes over 75 craft and specialty beers. Barry and Cara Boggs, owners of Canton Brew Works, expect to bring six flavors from their microbrewery on Lilley south of Joy.

"It's a small beer festi-val right here in Canton and we just want to be involved," Barry Boggs said.

Entertainment will include The Dale Hicks Band performing classic rock hits and All Directions, which plays rhythm and blues stan-

dards For tickets go to cantonhistoricalsociety.org or to

tickets.beerfests.com/

Motorcyclists raise \$15,000 at Ride for Autism

By Curtis Drogmiller Correspondent

Livonia resident Larry Stock and 122 other motorcyclists had picture-perfect motorcycle riding weather Saturday for their annual Ride for Autism, which raised more than \$15,000 for autistic children and their families.

Stock is a Livonia business owner (In Stock Marketing) and second vice-president of the nonprofit Ride for Autism.

Stock and fellow board members don't receive any compensation for their efforts in organizing the fundraiser. "It's all worthwhile when they see the smiles on all the faces of the children and adults with autism and their families," Stock said.

The Ride for Autism is an annual motorcycle ride that began in 2005 when two coworkers from UAW Local 245 were on break wondering what they could do to help another coworker's family whose son was autistic. The first year ride in 2005 had 56 motorcycle bikers rais-ing over \$8,000. In the past 10 years the RFA has raised over \$100,000 with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting Macomb/St. Clair County ASA and Autism Connections of the Judson Center.

The 11th annual 2015

NO. 2989



Ambassador Rachael Adams and second vice-president Larry Stock



CURTIS DROGMILLER

The lead motorcycles for the Ride for Autism as they drive down Telegraph Road after a 60-mile ride from Southfield to Taylor on their way to Biker Bob's Harley Davidson for the conclusion of the day's events.

RFA began at the South-field Civic Center and ended 60 miles later in Taylor at Biker Bob's Harley-Davidson. The Ride received police escorts from the Southfield Police Department, Wayne County Sheriffs and Taylor Police. Events included a pancake breakfast, lunch, entertainment by Remedy, 50/50 raffle, multiple raffle prizes, T-shirts, motorcycle simulation ride and bounce house for kids. President Sal

Ferra said, "This event was the best to date, a great big thank you to all those who continue to come out yearly and especially to our motorcycle ride escorts, Southfield Police. Wayne County Sheriffs, Taylor Police and Biker Bob's Road Captain.'

A highlight of the day's events was the Medallion Ceremony, during which medals were presented to autistic children and adults in attendance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543. AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING **ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3932 THERETO.**

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated April 22, 2015, setting forth its resolution 04-18-2015 recommending approval of Petition 2015-03-01-02, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on May 20, 2015, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2015-03-01-02 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

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

Section 3.3932. Petition 2015-03-01-02 submitted by the City Planning Commission is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from RUF to PO I:

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and family is bound to be a good time."

Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn — or B4, as some call it - is set for 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Cady-Boyer Barn, 500 N. Ridge, north of Cherry Hill, on Canton's west side. Tickets are \$25 before Sept. 6 and \$30 afterward or at the door — and just \$10 for designated drivers.

The event, geared toward the over-21 crowd, benefits the Canton Historical Society with its educational efforts in schools, exhibits at the Canton Historical Museum and displays at the old pole barn at Preservation Park, CHS President Bill Tesen said.

B4 has steadily grown in what will be its sixth year. Crowds have more than doubled, Tesen said. "We're up to over 800 people now," he said.

Organizers say the

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event/BrewBratsand BandsatTheBarn. Tickets also are available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, the Canton Treasurer's Office, 1150 S. Canton, and on Sundays at the Canton Farmers Market, 500 N. Ridge.

Admission includes seven drink tickets each good for a 4-ounce beer sample - brats with fixings and a keepsake beer-tasting mug. Additional tickets for four samples can be bought on site for \$5.

Sponsors include Canton Leisure Services, Holiday Market, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Canton Brew Works and Beerfests.com.

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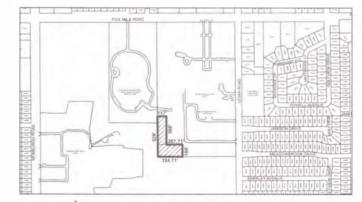
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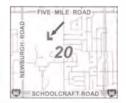
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BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM R-U-F. RURAL URBAN FARM TO PO I, HIGH RISE PROFESSIONAL OFFICE





AMENDMENT NO. 948 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN **ORDINANCE NO. 2989** Adopted by the City Council on 7/ 8/15



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

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

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

Susan Hoff, City Clerk

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

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Jack Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:

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

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GUEST COLUMN

Be smart: Research Medicare plans, costs, benefits

edicare, the governmentsponsored program to provide health care for those who age 65 and older, just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Whether or not you think Medicare is a good program, it is something that people should understand

Like everything else in our society, Medicare has gotten more complex over the years. It is important to understand the program because, the more you understand, the better you will be able to use it to fit your individual situation.

Medicare can be broken down into four basic programs - Parts A, B, C and D. Medicare A is basic coverage. When someone turns 65, they are eligible to collect Medicare A without cost. Medicare A is the coverage that you have while you are a patient in the hospital. Typically. Medicare will cover the first 60 days of a hospital stay free of charge. If you are in the hospital for more than 60 days, Medicare will partly cover days 61-90. Medicare A also covers your stay in a skilled nursing facility, for limited periods of time, hospice care and some home health care.

Medicare B is the coverage for health care outside of medical facilities. It covers doctor visits, outpatient procedures and lab tests. Medicare B can also be used to cover certain medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and scooters. Medicare B is not free and re-



erage and the cost vary. These plans limit your facilities to a select network of providers.

When it comes to choosing a Medicare Plan, consider cost and coverage, and quality of care and convenience.

quires a monthly premium.

The premium is a sliding scale based upon your income. Typically, you sign up for Medicare B at the same time you apply for Medicare. Medicare Parts A and B typically cover 80 percent of your medical costs. You will also want to research purchasing what is known as a Medigap plan that will cover the remaining 20 percent of your medical costs

Medicare C is also known as Medicare Advantage. This program is offered by private companies and it incorporates Medicare A and B. Typically, Medicare Advantage Plans are HMOs (health maintenance organization) or PPOs (preferred provider organization).

Medicare Advantage Plans are offered by such companies as Humana, United Health and Aetna. There are certain minimums that Medicare Advantage Plans must cover, but the scope of the covselection of doctors and Medicare D is the prescription drug cov-

erage and, similar to Medicare Advantage Plans, is offered through private insurance companies. In Medicare D, all plans are based on a calendar year and there is an open enrollment period, typically in the last part of the year. That is the only time that you can enroll or change your prescription D plan.

It is important for everyone to understand Medicare coverage and options. It is important to understand the different coverages and their the cost. For those people who are still working past 65 and who have health care coverage at work, it is important to coordinate. When it comes to

choosing a Medicare Plan, consider cost and coverage, along with quality of care and convenience.

To learn more about Medicare, go to www.medicare.gov. The site offers a wealth of information. The time you spend understanding Medicare and your benefits could lead you to better coverage, better quality of care and lower cost.

Good luck.

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



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Wayne McGregor, owner of Target Tracker, demonstrates a video training application using a projected video that responds to a target being "hit" by a laser light from the training gun. The system helps develop instinctive tracking of a moving target, as does the company's motorized targets maneuvered by remote control.

Target maker using right moves

By Mike Lammi Michigan.com

Wayne McGregor believes his products are right on the mark when it come to firearms training and saving lives. The Livingston resi-

dent is CEO of Target Tracker, a company that is changing the way police, military, hunters and others hone their shooting skills.

Target Trackers are moving targets, allowing for more realism when shooters are training. The remote-controlled, four-wheel targets are made at Target Tracker's factory in Garden City and shipped to buyers across the country.

McGregor, 44, is an avid hunter and certified shooting instructor with a background in robotics. After being introduced to Target Tracker and seeing its potential several years ago, he assumed a leadership role in the company.

"The original Target Tracker just had a deer on it, no steering, no distance controls. You

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For more information about Target Tracker or training courses offered by Wayne McGregor, visit targettracker.net, call 248-770-9678 or email waynem@ targettracker.net.

then I'd go to shows or do demos and sell them all. Then I'd come back and make more of them," he said

Now Target Trackers are made in a 120,000square-foot facility in Garden City. The basic units sell for about \$3,000 apiece. Some years have seen 300-plus orders, McGregor said.

Michigan hasn't been a major market, McGregor said, but the state police and Kalamazoo Police Department have trained with them. Business has been good in Texas, he said, and Target Trackers have been shipped to military bases and police departments all over the country.

One of the major distributors of Target Trackers is Law Enforcement Targets Inc.

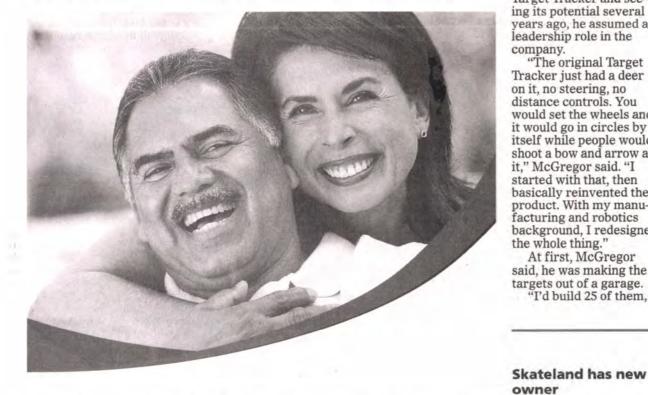
rechargeable batteries. "If you put a 120pound target on it, you can run it for three or four hours nonstop,'

McGregor said. While Target Trackers were designed to hone shooting skills, they also can be outfitted with bins and used to carry cargo around the home.

McGregor puts the Target Trackers to use when training police agencies and others at his private tactical training range in the northern Lower Peninsula, on 64 acres near Hubbard Lake between Alpena and Oscoda. A training session could consist of as many as 20 moving targets representing numerous threats.

Target Trackers also are used in a video application in which trainees shoot guns that fire lasers at moving targets projected on the screen.

'One of the ways that we separate ourselves from 99.9 percent of every other firearms instructor in the world is that everyone else is using stationary targets,"



would set the wheels and it would go in circles by itself while people would shoot a bow and arrow at it," McGregor said. "I started with that, then basically reinvented the product. With my manufacturing and robotics background, I redesigned the whole thing."

At first, McGregor said, he was making the targets out of a garage. "I'd build 25 of them,

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"There are competitor products out there," McGregor said. "Some out there are \$2,000, some are \$10,000, but none of them have the versatility that ours does."

The units can be remotely controlled from as far away as 500 meters, and can traverse sandy and bumpy terrain. They travel up to 9 mph on their 24-volt

McGregor said.

To add realism to the training on the range, firecrackers may be tossed around and trainees may come under paintball fire.

"It's about bullet accountability under stress," McGregor said. "It's all about saving lives.'

Mike Lammi writes for the Livingston Daily.

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"We are thrilled to announce the promotion of Connie Gladki to vice president of finance and accounting as well as the

legacy, making the new Skateland West the place to go for safe and fun entertainment in a wholesome, family environment.

Skateland West is committed to serving the community and has begun several outreach initiatives to bring area residents in to meet the new staff and to watch the transformation as Skateland West modernizes the facility, Bailey said. Among the events

planned at Skateland

West is a "Glow Party,"

an all-night lock-in Sat-

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is \$25 per person. Ad-

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Parents need to keep children's vaccines current

The countdown is on to the start of the new school year. Displays of school supplies line the aisles of stores, and retailers are filling their racks and shelves with the must-have fashions for school.

According to National Retail Federation's Back-to-School Spending Survey, conducted by Prosper Insights & Analytics, the average family with children in grades K-12 plans to spend \$630.36 on electronics, apparel and other school needs, down from \$669.28 last year.

That's a healthy chunk of change to make sure children are ready for school, but there's one other thing parents need to do to make sure their children are ready when the school bell rings in September — make sure they are up to date on their immunizations.

August is National Immunization Month, a good time for parents to talk with their pediatricians about recommended vaccines. Before beginning school in the fall, children entering a licensed childcare facility, kindergarten, seventh grade or moving to a new school district, need to be up to date on their immunizations or obtain a waiver from their local health department, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

"Immunizations are safe and effective, and by keeping current on the recommended vaccination schedule, parents can protect their children and our communities against vaccine-preventable diseases," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the MDHHS.

Every year there are cases of vaccine-preventable diseases the United States, which experienced a record number of measles cases during 2014, with 668 cases from 27, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. That was the greatest number of cases since measles elimination was documented in the U.S. in 2000.

And between Jan. 1 and July 24, 2015, there were 183 cases of measles reported in 24 states, including Michigan.

The only way to reverse the trend is to build and maintain high vaccination rates in our communities. Currently, Michigan's statewide waiver rate for children and adolescents is 5 percent, but rates vary by county. To address this, MDHHS is partnering with local health departments to educate parents on the benefits of vaccines and the risks associated with not vaccinating — risks to both to the individual and the community.

OUR VIEWS

When oversight becomes busy work

Finding the balance between responsible oversight and wasteful micromanagement can be a challenge. Yet putting oversight on auto pilot is no path to success.

Unfortunately, many will think that's what the Michigan Legislature has done over time as lawmakers mandate hundreds of reports from state agencies, yet apparently pay little attention to what many of those reports say.

Case in point: 20 years after the Michigan School for the Blind closed, the Michigan Department of Education is still required by law to send not one but two reports on the school to the Legislature. Has no one noticed for 20 years that a report comes in saying there is nothing to report because the school has closed?

Fortunately, the act of reporting nothing doesn't waste much in staff time or tax dollars. It does, however, push the ridiculous factor to record heights. And it doesn't stop there, because there are two additional reports that MDE must regularly file about other discontinued programs.

Over at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, folks have studied the impact of the many mandated reports and found many unneeded. They calculate that it takes the equivalent of one full-time employee working more than eight months to gather data and prepare just those unnecessary reports. Example: a report on Canadian trash exported to Michigan, a problem fixed years ago by legislation.

Michigan.com state government/investigative reporter Justin Hinkley surveyed every state department to learn how many mandatory reports there are and what, exactly, they achieve. Officials say some have produced beneficial results. Monitoring bovine tuberculosis, for example, raised awareness of that problem.

Better news for taxpayers, though, is awareness that the unneeded reports must be addressed. The state's Office of Regulatory Reinvention is looking into the matter, and lawmakers say they are open to change.

Start by writing sunset provisions into laws requiring such reports. Then if lawmakers don't vote to renew the report, it dies. Another option is just making more data available online so interested lawmakers — or members of the public — can look it up. And since some data is requested by both lawmakers and the federal government, aligning state requests with federal reports would add efficiency.

No one is suggesting that lawmakers abandon their oversight role. But requiring reports that have no useful purpose is not meaningful oversight.

GUEST COLUMN

Keeping Michigan families safe online

Today's technology is evolving at a rapid pace. Social media, mobile devices, the "cloud," and e-commerce have radically changed the ways information is used, stored and protected.

In a day and age when even young children can be found through a simple online search, families should be proactive in thinking about keeping themselves and their personal information safe.

Our organizations, AT&T and the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL), have seen the best and worst of cyber security practices. We want to help all Michigan families stay protected online, whether they're studying, working or just surfing the web.

As with any activity, common sense is the key to good cyber security. Our grandparents' reminders – "better safe than sorry" and "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is" – hold true in the digital world.

With that in mind, here are some important online safety tips:

» Click carefully. Be wary of pop-up windows and stick to websites you trust. You're careful to avoid scams in your daily life, so just apply these same



judgment skills online and you'll be way ahead of the game.

» Use firewalls, passwords and security software. It seems obvious, but many families don't take precautions to protect their home systems and data from hackers. Use multiple passwords and make sure your information is safe from prying eyes, malware, and other threats.

» Monitor your kids. Be sure to keep track of the websites children visit. Their searches, activities and eagerness to click on pop-up windows can lead to some unexpected consequences, not just for your system, but for them. Your vigilance can help ensure their safety from online predators and cyber bullying, and provide an additional layer your privacy. If you don't want your neighbors to see you doing it, don't do it online. People forget, but computers never do! This is an especially important lesson to consider when you're using social media. "Oversharing" can be tempting – especially for young people – but it's not usually a good choice. Parents should work with their children to help them understand that discretion is an important part of safety.

» Shut it down sometimes. It's not just good for your family to power down, it's also good for your computer system. Critical updates, virus protections and other fixes are often applied when you reboot, so be sure to disconnect frequently.

You've got a big job, keeping your family safe in today's digital world. For AT&T and MA-CUL, our partnership looks to help consumers – parents and their children – stay safe online. By using your head, taking advantage of available resources, and being a smart consumer, you'll be sure to get the job done right.

Jim Murray is president of AT&T

Parents who choose not to vaccinate must make an appointment with their local health department to receive a non-medical waiver, it is no longer available at schools or childcare.

Beginning this year, a new administrative rule is effect requiring parents to talk with a health educator at their local health department before opting their children out of vaccinations. The new rule ensures parents and guardians seeking a nonmedical waiver have the opportunity to discuss their concerns and questions regarding immunizations prior to the waiver being signed.

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their family physician or local health department as early as possible. Further, cost should not be a barrier to vaccinations. The Vaccines for Children Program helps provide vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them.

Oakland County Health Division will hold extended clinic hours to vaccinate children in two locations:

•North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 15, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19.

•South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 19, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 29.

Normal clinic hours for Health Division offices in Pontiac and Southfield are noon to 8 p.m. Mondays and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Cash, credit cards, insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare are accepted.

In the 200 years since vaccines were developed, more than 12 diseases — including measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis, diphtheria, polio, small pox and tetanus — have been almost eradicated in the United States. But the threat remains from unvaccinated travelers who are exposed to those diseases in foreign countries.

Vaccinations are important. Yes, there are concerns about vaccines causing such illnesses as autism, but parents need to know all the information before making a decision about vaccinating their children. For more information or a list of vaccinations provided by OCHD, visit oakgov.com/health.

More information about vaccinations, including immunization schedules, local health department locations, and resources regarding low-cost vaccination options for the uninsured or underinsured, can be found at michigan.gov/immunize.



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Michigan, and Mark Smith is executive director of the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning.

LETTERS

Food for the poor

Each day I sit down to a lunch with the right amount of food for my serving. It is usually something I like. I enjoy it.

Each day someone else weeps themselves to sleep at night in despair or rage because they cannot provide the equivalent of what I have for lunch for their family through the day.

I am not gorging on my food. I am eating what is available to me and what is recommended for me. I then work hard to earn my next meal. I don't think that these people who are struggling are so much different from me — though their circumstances certainly are.

More than 48 percent of school-aged children are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch. To be eligible for reduced-priced lunches, kids must live at 185 percent of poverty, or about \$44,000 a year for a family of four. To receive free lunches, kids must live at 130 percent of poverty, or about \$31,000 for a family of four.

Forty-two percent of the Michigan children who receive free or reduced-price school lunch live in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland or Wayne counties.

One in four Michigan children (24 percent) live in poverty.

Forty-seven percent of SNAP participants are under the age of 18. (USDA)

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Alfred Brock Wayne

Sour effects of GOP

For those voters who hope and pray that the GOP will control both Houses of Congress, it is time to look at some GOP history and take a good look at the sour effects created by the Republican Party.

For those voters who praise the era of Ronald Reagan, let us face the facts that Reagan increased the bureaucracy, increased government deficits, and presented a so-called "plan" to cut taxes, cut spending, to create a smaller government. Reagan said he would cut the Departments of Energy and Education. It did not happen. In fact, Reagan added a Department of Veteran's Affairs. Reagan increased the size of government from 1981 to 1989. When he entered office, the U.S. deficit was \$79 billion. When he left office the budget deficit was \$155 billion. Is that GOP progress?

Today, the U.S. voter faces a new election in 2016. So, what might happen if the GOP wins the U.S. Senate? The GOP wants to ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The GOP wants to strike parts of Obamacare, which affects the working class in America. The GOP wants to shrink the Environmental Protection Agency, which will allow more dirt in the air you breathe and more poison in the water you drink. The GOP Congress will stop all programs in Congress as they have done in the past.

In 1994, the GOP took control of the House and Senate. Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich pelted Bill Clinton to no avail until Gingrich softened and they passed a budget and welfare reform.

So, if the American voter wants to see the U.S. government grind to a halt, then let the GOP take over and we can say goodbye to the EPA, goodbye to Pell Grants for college kids, goodbye to food stamps, goodbye to Consumer Finance Protection. Of course, a GOP Congress and GOP President would spend money and time investigating the Benghazi Affair which is just another Republican mindless witch hunt where there is no witch except in the minds of people like Donald Trump. **Robert Wesolowski**, retired Livonia English teacher The Villages, Fla.

Deal is a turning point

Republican war hawks like Dick Cheney are beating their chests over a deal to stop Iran from getting a nuclear weapon. Rather than listen to those who led us into the foolish war in Iraq, look at the facts.

The deal cuts off every pathway for Iran to obtain nuclear material, with surveillance at all steps from uranium mines through manufacturing centrifuges. Iran must get rid of 97 percent of its enriched uranium. Any facility known to be used for nuclear development will be monitored around the clock forever.

Suspicious sites can be inspected with 24 days' notice. The notice respects Iran's rights as a sovereign nation to develop conventional weapons without allowing them to cheat and develop nuclear ones. Monitoring systems are so sophisticated that even with advanced notice they still could detect any nuclear residue. If Iran does cheat, the sanctions immediately snap back into place.

Without a deal, the sanctions would unravel since our allies are ready to drop them. Iran would be able to develop a nuclear weapon within a few months.

The deal wasn't meant to solve every problem with Iran. Sanctions against other bad behavior by Iran will stay in place.

The deal is a turning point in our relations with Iran. As we work with Iran to implement the deal, we may develop business, cultural and other ties that make war less likely.

That would benefit everyone. Judy Daubenmier Genoa Township

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WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Jordyn Shepler repeats as O&E golf champion

Madonna University senior and former Churchill star earns second straight title



By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Twice was just as nice for Livonia's Jordyn Shepler, who repeated Saturday as the overall champion of the *Observer & Eccentric* women's golf tournament at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Shepler, who turned 21 last week, shot the same score (77) as she did a year ago in the Championship Flight and fin-



cobs, who had won four consecutive titles until being de-

throned by Shepler last year, finished third with 86. "Being the defending cham-

pion was a little nerve-wracking, because people are saying, 'Oh, you won this last year,''' said Shepler, who played a more balanced round this time. She shot 3-over-par 39 on

the front nine and secured her

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Jordyn Shepler of Livonia won the annual O&E women's golf tournament for the second straight year Saturday.

PORT HURON-TO-MACKINAC SAILBOAT RACE



Bowling event to help animals

The 10th annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue will take place Saturday, Aug. 8, at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, 30250 W. Nine Mile Road.

The first nine events raised nearly \$200,000 for the benefit of the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Participants will have the opportunity to bid for and win a pair of tickets to the Michigan-Michigan State football game on Saturday, Oct. 17, courtesy of Kramar Jewelry.

Bowling tickets are still available. Non-bowlers are welcome to enjoy the auctions, music and food. The event begins at 7 p.m. Bowling check-in starts at 5:30 p.m.

To register to bowl as an individual or team or learn more about the event, go online to bowl4animalrescue.org or call 248-615-9060. The event is on Twitter at bowl4animalresc.

Crusaders sign another golfer

Madonna University women's golf coach Scott Marzolino announced a late addition to his 2015-16 roster with the signing of Colombia native Karen Zambrano to a letter of intent.

"To get a player of her caliber this late in the recruiting season was a great pickup for our team as we try and capture the conference championship," Marzolino said.

"With our three new players, plus all of the veteran experience we have coming back, I am excited to get practices and our events started in the next few weeks."

Zambrano is the third player to sign with the Crusaders for this season, joining Kelsey Edwards and Manuela Lopez Hernandez.

Zambrano comes to Madonna as the ninthranked golfer in Colombia after winning the Colombia National Youth Team Championship in 2014. She also won medalist honors at three Interclub Junior Tour events, shooting a low round of 70. The Crusaders open their fall schedule on Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Wolfpack Invite in Milwaukee, Wis.

Boat owner Chuck Blaty checks the main sail while manning the wheel during a storm on Lake Huron. Blaty and his crew won the Class R Cruising title.

Days End sails to Mackinac win



John Cooke takes a turn at the wheel as the sun peeks over the horizon.

Farmington Hills skipper Charles Blaty and crew cruise to victory in annual race on Lake Huron

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Wind speed and the ability of a crew to handle and harness it well makes all the difference in sailboat racing.

Charles Blaty of Farmington Hills and his team aboard the Days End mastered the task and sailed to victory last month in the annual Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race.

It was the second time Blaty and his boat finished first in the Class R Cruising Class, having also won in 2008.

"Our boat does well under certain conditions," Blaty said. "It does well when it's a short race. When there's a lot of air, we do well.

"That year it was blowing pretty good. It was the same this year. We finished in 40 hours because it was a fast race. Last year it was a slow race, and we were second from

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RECREATIONAL RUNNING

Naughton remains No. 1 in Founders Festival race

U-M's Taleen Shahrigian is women's winner in annual Farmington four-mile run

> By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

The annual Farmington Founders Festival four-mile road race undoubtedly will be on the 2016 calendar for Conor Naughton and Taleen Shahrigian.

Both have titles to defend



Naughton Shahrigian

now. The pair of young runners from Northville were the men's and women's winners in the July 18 event.

Naughton is a two-time defending champion, having competed in the last three races. Shahrigian was a firsttime participant and finished sixth overall.

The Founders Fest race is noted for its finish and the crowd lining both sides of Grand River Avenue, waiting for the annual parade to start.

Naughton and Adam Richmond, who was the 2013 winner and runner-up last year, gave people reason to cheer with a foot race to the finish line.

"It was a battle the whole

last mile," Naughton said. "With about 100 meters to go, he was still up on me, and I was able to find one more gear and move by him at the end.

"It was fun and people were really enjoying the race going on. The crowd gave us some extra energy. With a lot of people watching, I didn't want to lose."

Naughton, who will be a senior at Northville High School, was 32nd and just

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Women's senior qualifying event

A qualifying round for the U.S. Women's Senior Amateur Championship will take place Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township.

Amateur female golfers who are 50 years old by Sept. 26 and have a handicap index of 18.4 or less are eligible to enter. Golfers can register online at www.usga.org by Wednesday, Aug. 12.

Qualifiers will play in the championship event Sept. 25-Oct. 1 at the Hillwood CC in Nashville, Tenn. For more information, call Barbara Nowikowski at 248-433-3577.

Widzinski golf outing Sept. 6

The third annual David Widzinski Community Golf Classic will take place Sunday, Sept. 6, at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

Golfer registration begins at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a shotgun start at noon. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The entire package is priced at \$100 per golfer. Dinner and dancing only is \$33 per person. The event includes golf contests, raffles, auctions, cash bar and live band.

For more information, go online to www.davidliveson.com.

LOCAL SPORTS



The members of the Days End crew are (left to right) Alex Blaty, Kurt Mitter, Larry Blaty, Chuck Blaty, Matt Savage and John Cooke.

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last place.

"This year it was a fast race, and the boat really does well under those conditions. We got a lot of air. It was blowing in the direction we needed."

It was Blaty's third overall victory in the event, which started July 18 at Bayview Yacht Club in Port Huron and finishes each year at Mackinac Island.

For a change of pace and a new challenge in 2010, Blaty and Russ Martiniak won the Division V Doublehanded Class — a new category at that time for two-man crews.

Handicap scoring

Blaty and Days End won based on corrected time this year over Chas. Gabor of Troy, using the sailing community's handicap system.

Following a noon start on Saturday, Days End reached Mackinac Island just after 6 a.m. Monday, about 14 minutes behind Gabor's boat, Wasabi.

Blaty had a corrected time of 37:46:13, his friend and rival 37:52:09. Both have the same boat — a 32-foot Catalina 320 — but Gabor's has a different keel configuration.

"Because of that and because it's a handicapped system, he gives us a certain amount of time," Blaty said. "Even though he finished ahead of us, we corrected over him.

"Wasabi is exactly like ours, which is not surprising because, if it's great conditions for my boat, it should be great conditions for his boat."

Blaty and Gabor keep their boats at the same marina and race against each other throughout the summer, making for a spirited but friendly rivalry. "I really respect him and, when you can beat the people fellow sailors do respect, it makes that win better," Blaty said. In addition to winning their own 17-boat class, Blaty and his sixman crew also finished second in Cruising Class and ninth overall among 100 boats in the Shore Course Division II.

"It felt really good to win," Blaty said, adding he's in the sport more for the personal challenge. "It doesn't mean it's not a good race if you don't.

"Basically, you don't get a lot of challenges in your life. I feel fortunate for this one, to have the opportunity I have. "In a certain way, it's like golf.

You're not golfing against competition; you're golfing against the course. It's very similar with sailing. You're there to race the best race you can."

While the race ended well, it had a rough beginning for the sailors aboard Days End.

"A couple hours after the start, we got hit by a pretty good squall with about 40-knot winds, but it passed through," Blaty said.

"We saw it coming. Fortunately, we checked our radar and knew it was going to hit us before it did. The crew was able to put foulweather gear on and shorten the sail, so when it hit we just kept sailing."

Come-from-behind win

Days End was among half the boats that followed the shoreline as opposed to going farther out.

as opposed to going farther out. Blaty checked the website (Yellow Brick) that tracks the race, shows where all the boats are and how fast they're going. He learned Days End was in 14th place.

"All the boats offshore were two knots faster than us," Blaty said. "Eventually, going inshore did pay for us.

"We found a wind line and carried that for 40 miles, all the way to Harbor Beach. We checked Yellow Brick again and they had us in first place. anything that might be negative." That proved to be a good move,

too. "After that we never stopped," Blaty said. "We kept moving. A lot of times you'll hit an area where there is no air and might stop for a couple hours. We didn't hit any of that.

"We made the turning mark near Thunder Bay at noon on Sunday. We hit it a lot quicker than we normally do.

"It's another 80 miles to Mackinac. From that point on, we just sailed the rhumb line from Thunder Bay, and things just went our way."

Veteran crew is key

While most boats have eight crew members, Blaty had five other experienced sailors with him.

They included his brother, Larry, and nephew, Alex. The others were Kurt Mitter, John Cooke and Matt Savage, who has done close to 45 Mackinac races.

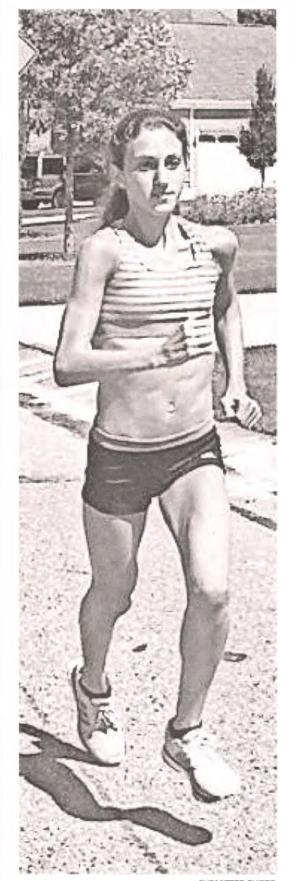
"We've been sailing together now for 10 years," Blaty said. "When weekend night racing ends, we go out for practice.

"Most of the decisions we made (in the race) were sail changes. We did a lot of that. When the winds change, you want to get the best out of the boat, so you do sail changes."

Blaty, an electrical engineer who had sailed in 19 Mackinac races, and his crew know how to manage the simple things such as sleeping and eating during a race, too.

too. "I can pick any three (to be on deck at one time) and know they're going to do well," Blaty said. "That's a good crew.

"At night we were going with four up and two men down. Things can happen at night, and I thought we could push the boat better. I was more comfortable with that."



SUBMITTED PHOTO Taleen Shahrigian was the women's winner in the Farmington road race.

FOUNDERS

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missed being all-state in cross country. He was a regional champion and 15th in the state in the 3,200 meters.

Still a 'good time'

He won the Founders race in 21:02.3, which was slightly off the pace of his 20:53

Likes the challenge

"We were a long way from being finished. At that point, we decided we weren't going to look at Yellow Brick anymore.

"We were going to race the best race we could and not worry about it. We wanted to stay away from Blaty plans to return for his 20th Mackinac race and attempt to defend his title next year.

"When I did my first one in 1996, I got the bug then," he said. "It's just a very big part of summer."

Thunder rolls to title



The 15-and-under Livonia City Thunder ended its season last weekend by winning the 16U August Classic at Monroe Jefferson High School with a 4-0 record. The Thunder won five tournaments and finished with a 22-8 record. The team members are (kneeling, from left) Craig Jakacki, Parker Graham, Evan Kuczmarski, (standing, from left) Marc Bergeron, Joe Kubeshesky, coach Joe Chops, Zack Chops, Nick Renner, coach Dave Kubeshesky, Connor Beck, Connor Jakacki, coach Bob Renner, Carl Clapp, Carlos Beltran and head coach Joe Jakacki. Not pictured is Jake Beaune.

TEAM TRYOUTS

Blues baseball

The South Farmington Blues have tryout dates remaining for several of their baseball teams.

They will occur on the following days at Shiawassee City Park: 9U, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9; 10U, 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16; and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18; 12U, noon Saturday, Aug. 8; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9.

The 13U tryouts will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Founders Park No. 1. Details for the 15U tryouts are to be determined.

For more information about the Blues tryouts, go to the team web-

site at www.sfbluesbaseball.com.

NFWB Impact

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

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

Pioneer Park is located on Farmington Road, north of 13 Mile Road. Drake Park is located on Drake Road, south of Maple Road. The Impact competes in the Western Wayne County League in addition to playing in four to six tournaments. For more information, email softball@nfwbimpact.org.

12U Livonia Stars

The Livonia Stars 12U travel baseball team needs additional players for the 2016 season. Players cannot turn 13 before May 1, 2016.

For more information, contact head coach Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net or 734-968-0499. time a year ago. Richmond finished in 21:06.8.

"It was a good time," Naughton said. "It was a little slower than last year, but I think that was purely because of the heat. I think I ran pretty quickly for July."

The length of the race suited Naughton well. A 5K is at the high end of his distance range.

"I think I'm able to find a little extra at the end when it's a four-mile race," he said. "It probably plays to my favor more than a 5K."

Naughton knows the course well because of his father Keith, who was raised in Farmington and also ran the race.

"Tve run it five or six times and always enjoyed it," Naughton said. "I know the neighborhoods and some of the old stories my dad has told me about parts of the course that are fun."

On pace to win

Shahrigian, who ran a time of 22:18.2, will be a sophomore at the University of Michigan. She runs cross country and track for the Wolverines.

"I've never done a four-mile race before, but my average pace was 5:34, which was one of my best; so I was happy with it," she said.

"I was looking up different road races and saw that one. I'm more of a long-distance runner, usually anywhere from the mile up.

"Our (college cross country) distance is 6K, which is 3.7 miles. I figured it was close, so I could compare times. It's similar to what I'll be doing this fall."

Shahrigian was all-state in both sports at Northville High School and helped the Mustangs win the Division 1 state championship in cross country as a senior.

'A great course'

The Founders Fest was her first road race this summer, although she had done one trail race.

"I really enjoyed it," she said. "I like having all different levels of competition, running with the boys as well and having people of all ages. I thought that was nice.

"I thought it was a great course. It was fast. It had some gradual inclines. The last 400 meters was kind of downhill; I liked that for a fast finish."

Shahrigian trailed a former high school rival early in the race, but she moved ahead of her and even many of the male runners. "That was pretty exciting," she said. "And

"That was pretty exciting," she said. "And they pushed me to go faster, so that was helpful to have them out there.

"The last mile and a half, I was alone to the end (among the women). I was just trying to pick off some guys in front of me and finish as strong as I could."

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O&E WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pritzl's never-give-up attitude provides payoff

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Nobody was more surprised than Plymouth's Pam Pritzl after she won the First Flight championship Saturday in the annual Observer & Eccentric women's golf tournament.

After an admittedly poor start. Pritzl worked her way back into contention and eventually first place, finishing three shots ahead of Suzanne Madej at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 86-89.

"I didn't think I had any chance at all after playing so poorly at the start," Pritzl said, adding she was 10 strokes over par after the first six holes. "Things just started to click at seven, and I was only 4-over on the

last 12 holes "Honestly, I don't know

what happened. I just started playing better. I hit a few good shots, some putts went in and things turned around.'

With several foursomes



playing behind hers. Pritzl had no idea where she stood in relation to the other players or that she was even a contender until well after she had finished the round. "I was absolutely

surprised - and winning was a complete shock," she said. "I was very happy to win the tournament, because there were some really good players in the field."

It was Pritzl's first time playing in the O&E tournament, and it was the first time she has won a tournament.

Pritzl has been playing quite well of late, she said, lowering her handicap from 17 to 14. Her average 18-hole score is in the low to mid 80s.

"Recently, I've been working a lot on my short game," she said. "I've worked a lot on chipping and putting, and making some key putts was the difference on Saturday.

Pritzl, who used to play in a league at Whispering Willows, has been a recreational golfer

for 10 years and a serious golfer the last five.

She received a trophy and an \$80 gift certificate to use in the WWGC pro shop for her victory, which she said is a statement about perseverance.

"I thought I was way behind because of my shaky start,' she said. "It's a lesson in never give up, because you never know what can happen.

"I'm over-the-moon excited. The trophy means a little more this time. Hopefully, it's not the last one I win.

SHEPLER

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victory with 38 on the back. That was in marked contrast to last year, when she posted 3-under 33 at the start and finished with 44.

"It might have been the same score but not the same round," Shepler said. "I was more consistent this year. I was really good on the front nine last year.

"I was just hitting a lot of the greens. It helped to know the course and have played there so long and so many times.

Shepler said her nine-hole scores this year were more her average rounds, adding 33 is a really good round for anybody.

"And I got lucky last year," she said. "I eagled the (par-4) ninth hole, and that helped my score. This year, it was more fairways and greens and lot of putts made.'

Repeat the feat

Shepler, who starred at Livonia Churchill High School and is a member of the Madonna University team, had another eagle this year on the par-5 10th hole.

"I hit a really solid drive and happened to catch the downward slope, so that gave me extra roll," she said. "I made a solid second shot, which put me within six feet of the hole, and I hit a little



The prize winners in the annual Observer & Eccentric women's golf tournament are (left to right) Suzanne Madej, Denise Buechel, Kathy Brennan, Shelly Weiss, Jordyn Shepler, Pam Pritzl, Olivia Bayagich and Lu Stockton.

slider to make eagle."

Shepler had worked hard on hitting greens before the 2014 tournament, and that was a major factor in both of her wins.

That's always a big goal of mine, because it makes it easier to score, obviously," she said. "I hit every green on the front nine this year, and it helped to make my score low enough to win.'

Shepler had a bit of a rough start, however. She needed three putts to finish each of the first two holes. "That put me into a differ-

ent mindset, to get the ball to the hole on each hole," she said. "I was fine after the first couple holes, which knocks away the nerves, puts you at ease and gets you ready for the rest of the round.'

Stays the course

Shepler had a nice lead more than halfway through the tournament and, though Weiss played well on the back nine, could afford to give away a couple of strokes on the last couple of holes.

"I think (knowing the course) helps everyone who

plays a golf course a lot and happens to play in a tourna-ment there," she said.

"You know all the little secrets of the course. It helps to build your score and makes you confident as to how you want to play the next hole."

Shepler, who said she most likely will return for a possible third straight title in next year, is looking forward to her senior season at Madonna.

"I have one last year; I don't want it to end," she said. "We have some new recruits coming in, so that's going to



SUBMITTED PHOTO Jordyn Shepler rolls a putt toward the pin en route to her second straight win.

make for a good season, hope-

fully. "The fall season is a lengthy one. Being the last one, it will be nice to play in a lot of tournaments."

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNEY Aug. 1 at Whispering Willows Championship Flight: Jordyn Shepler, Livonia, 77; Shelly Weiss, Southfield, 81; Janina Jacobs, 86; Kathy Stellema, 87; Cindy Hill, 87; Olivia Bayagich, 87; Sue Dorr, 88; Shelly Manning, 91; Deb Horning, 93 Net winner: Bayagich; Closett othe pin: Bayagich, Long drive: Dorr. First Flight: Pam Pritzl, 86; Suzanne Madej, 89; Yvette Gagnon, 96; Cynthia Pinkard, 97; Lu Stockton, 98; Barbara Coury, 98; Joan Cleland, 99; Am Pearson, 99; Becky Tenerowicz, 100; Mary Warnick, 100; Denise Buechel, 101; Kathy Brennan, 101; Mary Washington, 104; Monica Oliver, 107; Pat Shelton, 124. Net vinners: 1. Lu Stockton, Canton; 2. Denise Buechel, Walled Lake; 3. Kathy Brennan, Plymouth; Closest to the pin: Cynthia Pinkard, Southfield;

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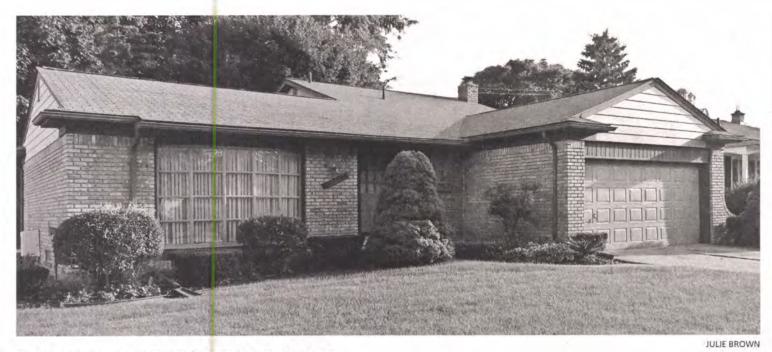




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REAL ESTATE



Realtors who know the market can help you find, or sell, a home.

Home selling, buying help: Talk to a pro, friends, too

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Realtor Noel Derr-Johnson has been with Century 21 Dy-namic Realty in Westland 17 years. She also calls Westland home.

"I feel this is my community," said Derr-Johnson, who enjoys building a sense of community in her real estate work.

She and other industry pros have sound advice when you're buying or selling. "Someone with a lot of integrity and an honest reputation,' she said. "I would say experience in the marketplace where you're looking and superior negotiating skills."

She agrees that asking trusted friends and family for referrals to real estate pros is sound. All Derr-Johnson's business is referral and repeat clients.

"I love working with firsttime buyers," she said. "They can rely on my faith that we're going to get through this.'

She's able to "jump hurdles" for first-timers and others, "so they want to refer people."

There can be a lot of anxiety in finding the right person to help you buy or sell a home. Buyers will be spending a lot of time with them throughout the process in a major decision with financial and life-

style implications. According to the National Association of Realtors' latest Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, potential buyers should talk to friends and family to get their agent suggestions. In fact, 40 percent of buyers found their agent through a referral of a friend, family member, or neighbor (while another 12 percent used an agent they had worked with before).

On the seller side, 38 percent found their agent through referrals and 22 percent went with an agent they had previously used.

Thirty-three percent of recent home buyers were first-time buyers, which is still suppressed from the historical norm of 40 percent among primary residence buyers.

For 43 percent of home buyers, the first step in the home-buying process was looking online for properties and 12 percent of home buyers first looked online for information about the home buying

process

Ninety-two percent of buyers use the Internet in some way in their home search process and 50 percent of buyers use a mobile website or application in their home search.

Real estate agents were viewed as a useful information source by 98 percent of buyers who used an agent while searching for a home. The typical home buyer

searched for 10 weeks and viewed 10 homes — this is two weeks shorter than the previous year's report.

Seventy percent of home sellers only contacted one agent before selecting the one to assist with their home sale.

The share of home sellers who sold their home without the assistance of a real estate agent was 9 percent. Fortyfour percent knew the buyer prior to home purchase.

Livonia resident Maria Mitter used a Realtor from RE/MAX on the Trail in Plymouth when she bought her home five years ago. "It was amazing," said Mit-

ter, assistant director for Bright Futures, a program based at Eastern Michigan University that works in

Wayne-Westland, Ypsilanti and Romulus district schools. "I'm quite happy where I am now.

Mitter looked for a home almost a year and appreciated the patience of Kim Belz, her Realtor. "She was the most patient person," Mitter said. 'She got back to me right away. I was always impressed with her response back. She let me make my decision in what's best for me."

Belz was the listing agent at that time on a Plymouth home, and Mitter found her that way rather than asking friends and family for a Realtor contact. Mitter has since made a number of referrals to Belz.

Realtor Derr-Johnson said of the current market, "It's been a very nice summer." She appreciates her brokers' contributing to her success.

Derr-Johnson's cousin gave her a business tagline, "Prepare To Be Moved."

"He said it's really your personality that you move people," in both senses of that phrase, she said of her cousin's brainstorm.

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In a building mood? Be informed, cautious

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Q: I notice that there is a condo project being built out of empty shipping contain-ers. I note that the empty shipping containers have been used overseas, but I am not aware if much of it is used in the United States. Do you have any comments?

A: Just as in any new construction, you must ensure the quality of the project by ob-

taining the proper warranties and, investigate the developer to make sure that the developer can stand behind its project. As a result of the



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new changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation, Act, the developers and their first board of directors are much more immune from liability, which makes the purchase of any new property more risky, but being well informed is the answer.

Q: I am part of a small nonprofit condominium association. I recently received something from the "Division of Corporate Services," offering their services to complete our annual meeting minutes. The letter does state that we should not confuse these minute reugirements with our obligation to file an Annual Report with the State of Michigan.

Are we required to file some sort of Annual Report with the State of Michigan?

A: If you are a nonprofit corporation, you are obligated to file an Annual Report regarding the nonprofit corporation with the State of Michigan once a year, which is due on Oct. 1 every year. You have received an advertisement from someone who wants to provide services to you.

Obviously, you are shrewd enough to recognize the need to consult with an attorney and that would be your best bet in terms of ensuring that the corporate affairs of the associn are properly document ed.

Report: Down payments inch up for 30-year mortgages

Down payments ticked up in the second quarter of 2015, according to a new report from LendingTree.

The average down payment percentage on a 30-year fixedrate mortgage increased to 17.34 percent in the second quarter. The previous quarter down payments averaged 16.98 percent.

In dollars, the average down payment in the second quarter was \$44,204.

"The spring and summer home buying season naturally creates more demand in the housing market," says Doug Lebda, founder and CEO of Lending Tree. "With a more competitive housing market, it is common to see down payments rise. However, we also saw volume for FHA [Federal Housing Administration] loans increase a little over 5 percent quarter over quarter, signaling more first time home buyers entering the market. For potential buyers who have been sitting on the fence, it's still a good time to explore the housing market as interest rates remain historically low."

The average down payment on a FHA loan was 7.86 percent or \$13,350 in the second quarter. The average down payment on a jumbo mortgage, on the other hand, was 23.61 percent or \$215,909.

The following 10 states had

the highest average down payments for a 30-year fixedrate conventional loan, according to Lending Tree:

Florida: 17.58 percent; Arkansas: 17.74 percent; New Hampshire: 18.16 percent; Connecticut: 18.62; percent; Massachusetts: 19.15 percent; Hawaii: 19.75 percent; New York: 19.97 percent; California: 20.01 percent; New Jersey: 20.14 percent; Washington, D.C.: 21.03 percent.

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If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 16-20, 2015, at the **Oakland County Register of Deeds** office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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\$165,000	38168 Greenwood St
	2750 Hawley Blvd
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\$83,000	403 N Hanlon St
\$77,000	5657 N Linville St
\$73,000	7615 N Venoy Rd
\$82,000	37251 Norene St
\$78,000	38625 Northampton St
\$60,000	1533 Shoemaker Dr
\$113,000	38272 Timberland Dr
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RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST **DEMENTIA SERIES**

Time/Date: 6-8:30 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

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia Details: The school has openings in preschool 3 and 4 and K-8

Contact: stgenevievelivonia-.com; 734-425-4420

SHABBAT DINNER Time/Date: Follows 6 p.m.

services, Friday, Aug. 28 Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Havurah-style dinner will be prepared by Beth Ahm volunteers in the Sisterhood's dairy kitchen. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, 5-12. Maximum cost per household is \$36. Reservations by Aug. 26

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@tbosm.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.

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, 1/4 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

Location: 28660 Five Mile. between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

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» Faith Community Wesley-

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9

a.m., worship service, 11 a.m.,

contemporary service, 1:30 p.m.,

Sunday school, 12:30 p.m.

Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays

Location: 14560 Merriman,

Contact: pastor Roger Wright

» Garden City Presbyterian

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at

service, youth Sunday school and

child care at 10 a.m. Large print

Location: Middlebelt, one block

8:15 a.m.; traditional worship

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Contact: 734-421-7620

» Good Hope Lutheran

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

school followed by 10:30 a.m.

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Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

» Grace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional

Sunday service and 10:30 a.m.

contemporary; Sunday school

Location: 46001 Warren Road,

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity

and 10 a.m. at Madonna Univer-

Location: Trinity Church, 34500

Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall

Contact: www.HisChurchAngli-

on the Madonna University

campus, 36600 Schoolcraft,

» Holy Cross Evangelical

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10

a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m.

Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livo-

» Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran

Wednesday worship in the

Contact: 734-427-1414

can.org; 248-442-0HCA

Lutheran Church

between Canton Center and

Beck, Canton Township

Contact: 734-637-8160

» His Church Anglican

and adult Bible study at 9:15

Contact: 734-427-3660

nion each Sunday; Bible study 10

Details: Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.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), Thursday Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

ville 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

Holiday deadlines are subject to change. Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

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How to reach us:

Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 9600 Leverne, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford Contact: 313-937-2424

» In His Presence Ministries

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday Location: 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford

Contact: 313-533-1956; detroitinhispresence.org

» Nativity United Church of Christ

Time/Date: 11 a.m. service with Plumb Line Church with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Praise Group, Sunday school and child care. Coffee at 10:45 a.m. Traditional Sunday worship service at 2 p.m. with Bastien. No Sunday school or child care. Coffee after the service at 3 p.m.

Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at West Chicago Road, Livonia Contact: 734-421-5406

» New Beginnings United **Methodist Church**

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford Contact: 313-255-6330

» New Life Community

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Contact: 734-846-4615 or

ommunitychurch4u.com

Roman Catholic Church

weekday Masses; 8 a.m. Sat-

urday Mass; 4 p.m. Saturday

and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses;

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

» Our Lady of Good Counsel

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Vigil Mass; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacra-

ment, 7-8 a.m. Monday-Friday;

Monday through 3 p.m. Friday

in the Day Chapel; Sacrament of

Reconciliation, starting at noon

Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Sat-

Location: 47650 N. Territorial

» Plymouth Baptist Church

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor

Details: Both services feature

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Contact: 734-453-5534

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Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m.

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Contact: 248-851-6880: ablau@cbahm.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 10-14

Location: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Theme is Everest -Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power Contact: 248-349-2345; faighcommunity-novi.org

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

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

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 sing-

ing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-

464-1223 Contact: 734-464-1223

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.

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 Contact: 734-522-6830 » Congregation Bet Chave-

rim 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-

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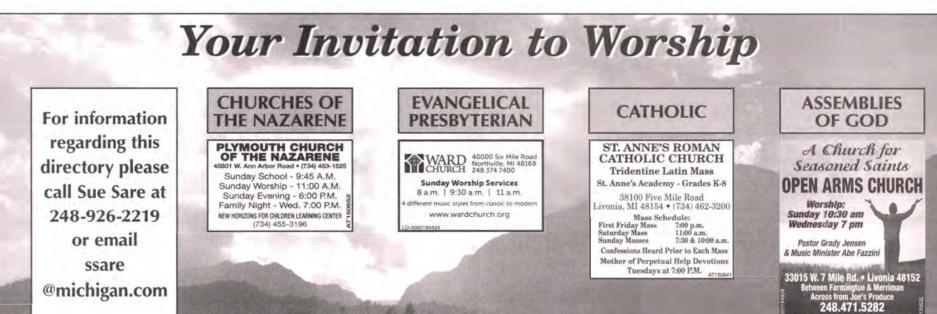
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PIROZEK, STANLEY GEORGE

Of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away at 85 years of age on July 31, 2015 following a brief illness. Born in Detroit on April 22, 1930, Stanley was a 1948 graduate of Mackenzie High School and a resident of Farmington Hills since 1972. Following his retirement from Inmont/BASF in 1992, Stanley enjoyed the opportunity to pursue his passions for golf, bowling, and socializing with his vast network of friends and family in the area. Stanley is survived by his loving wife, Connie (Dewar); sister, Anne Stella Black; five children. Vardas, Sarah (Dan) Pamela J. (Beverly) Wager, Stanley Pirozek, Russell (Tina) Pirozek, and Lynn (John) Webb; six step-children, Rita Breannan, Nettie Dewar, Dawn Dewar, Donald Dewar, Jo Ann (Jeff) Stratford; 18 grandchildren, and 14 greatgrandchildren. Stanley was predeceased by his brother, Edward (Yvonne) Pirozek, and his step-daughter Lynn Young. Respecting Stanley's wishes, no formal services will be held. Stanley was a lifelong Detroit Tigers fan and in lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Detroit Tigers Foundation.



Church As You Remember it!

ENTERTAINMENT **OBSERVER &** B8 (WGRL) ECCENTRIC MEDIA THURSDAY, HOMETOWN LIFE.COM AUGUST 6, 2015 **Color yourself happy**



The crowd throws colored powder skyward at the first Festival of Colors in Novi last year.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Prafulla Kharkar invites you to the "happiest event on the planet" this Saturday at Fuerst Park in Novi.

The Canton man guarantees you'll be singing, dancing and sporting a rainbow of hues in no time at the second annual Festival of Colors, also known as MI Col-orfest, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 8, at the park on West 10 Mile at Taft.

"Every 45 minutes we do a color throw," said Kharkar, who coordinates the festival with his wife, Shivani, and other local volunteers. "We start counting from 10, nine, eight down to one and everyone jumps into the air and throws colors. All those colors at the same time, 1,000 people throwing colors, that is a beautiful sight. Nobody is spared. Everyone at the end is touched. It's that powerful."

Attendees toss the dry, colored powders imported from India into the air and at other revelers, while live bands perform. Before

FESTIVAL OF COLORS RETURNS SATURDAY



Utah-based Ananda Groove performs mantra meditations while it

rest

FESTIVAL OF COLORS

What: The event is based on Holi, a spring festival in India, also known as the festival of colors. The Novi version is for all ages and will include live bands; dance performances; vegetarian food, including authentic spicy Indian dishes; dry, organic, stain-free colored powders thrown skyward every 45 minutes and at other attendees; vendors selling Indian jewelry, arts and crafts and other items; yoga; kids activities; souvenirs and raffle drawing When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 Where: Fuerst Park, at the Novi Civic Center, located at Taft and W. 10 Mile in Novi Admission: \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door

Colors: Dry, organic One

With just three weeks of planning last year, he brought one band and lots of colors to Novi, attracting approximately 2,000 participants.

"I have so many pictures and one thing they have in common is everyone is smiling. The whole atmosphere became compassionate. The real deep meaning of this is when we get colored there is no differentiation behind the color. We are all human beings.'

Kharkar said that while most festivals of colors are set on college campuses and draw mostly young adults, the Novi event targets families. He started planning the event four months ago and hopes it will attract a larger crowd than it did last year.

American color festivals started approximately 15 years ago in Utah. Joseph Perry, lead singer for Ananda Groove, was on hand for the inaugural event.

"It got bigger and bigger. We've been doing color festivals for 15 years and they've grown. The last one we did in March had 60,000 people come to it in two days. It has grown like crazy,' Perry said. "Spanish Fork in Utah is the big one. The color is massive. There are no drugs, no alcohol served. You look ridiculous, but it's fun.' The band performs mostly at color festivals throughout the country. It played a three-hour set in Novi last year and will be back on stage for the second annual festival, along with other bands.

leaving the festival, they can blow the nonstaining powder off their clothing, skin and hair.

The event, which aims to promote friendship, unity, love and happiness through music and colors, is based on the Indian spring festival, Holi. A major difference between the Eastern and Western versions is the color used. In India, it's wet; at American color festivals, it's dry

"In India, you don't gather inone place. You pull people out of their house and color them. Then you go to the next house and the third person's house," Kharkar said, adding that the festivities sometimes also include an alcoholic drink.

Although the festival in Novi will include Indian food and beverages, no alcohol will be served. Kharkar said the music and color throwing is enough to prompt smiles from ear to ear.

'We are giving the message of pure happiness with no drugs, no smoke.

Colorful atmosphere

Kharkar, who works in information technology, got his first taste of an American colorfest while visiting Pittsburgh, Pa., a few years ago. He participated in the festival, met the rock bands, and stayed in touch with them.

rocks the crowd at a color festival.

Ananda Groove stays clear of colored powder that covers the crowd while it performs. The band will play at the Festival of Colors Aug. 8 in Novi.

color bag is \$3; five color bags is \$15; protective mask is \$1

Contact: mifestivalofcolors.com

East meets west

"I've always had a soft spot in my heart for Eastern culture. I love the music and the chanting. It's what makes me tick as a musician," he said.

The band infuses its music with meditation chant, making it easy for the crowd to sing along with the lyrics.

"The music all is positive," Perry said. "I can't think of an-other word for the festival than fun with a capital F.U.N. We'll get to counting down (for a color throw) and say if you have stress or problems you're holding, let it blow out to the wind. It's a fun way to let go.

'It's amazing."

For more about the festival, visit mifestivalofcolors.com.

ANIMALS **DETROIT ZOO**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Wild Summer Nights: Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. and include Taylor Taylor, Aug. 5; The Verve Pipe, Aug. 12; Detroit Children's Choir, Aug. 19; Candy Band, Aug. 26

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE Time/Date: Reception is 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 7. Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through August Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "New Horizons," a solo exhibit by painter Barbara White Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through September

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Tell Me, Berenice Abbott," is a fine art digital photography exhibit by Tim Ruane

Accepting entries: Deadline to enter the 23rd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition is Aug. 24. The exhibition will run Oct. 2-31. Interested artists can visit CantonVillageTheater.org or call 734-394-5300, Ext. 8

GET OUT! CALENDAR

Contact: 734-394-5300

BOOK SIGNING GREEN BRAIN COMICS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 Location: 13936 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Multimedia artist Steven Cerio signs his new book, Sunbeam On The Astronaut

Contact: greenbrain. biz

COMEDY **EMERGENT ARTS**

Time/Date: 9:30 p.m. Aug. 15 Location: The Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron, Ann Arbor

Details: The Laugh Riot Dolls present all-female cabaret-style comedy show; \$10

Contact: 734-985-0875; emergentart-

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8; and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 9

Manhattan, Aug. 27 Contact: 734-453-0870;

Time/Date: Tuesday through Aug. 25 Location: MJR Digital Cinemas, including Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: Any size popcorn is free; includes one refill

Contact: mirtheatres.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 8 Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit Details: Mildred Pierce, \$5 Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Films screen at dusk, nightly through Sept. 6 Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth Details: Double features on three screens. Visit summerdrivein.com weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under. Contact: 734-927-3284

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FILM PENN THEATRE

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: I'll See You In My Dreams, \$3 Summer Cinema: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Aug. 13; The Goonies, Aug. 20; The Muppets Take

www.penntheatre.com

POPCORN TUESDAY

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ENTERTAINMENT

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HISTORY PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

Exhibit: The Fair That Changed America runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, III. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel. Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth Details: Josh White, Jr., performs; \$20 Contact: 734-404-6889; justgobarefoot.com

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CANTON COLOR TOUR Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, through

Aug. 21 Location: A different parking lot each week along Ford Road in Canton

Details: Yancyy, Aug. 7. Both perform at the Super Bowl, located between Canton Center and Sheldon. Charles & Gwen Scales perform Aug. 14 at JCPenney, located between Morton Taylor and Sheldon. Urban Jazz Coalition, Aug. 21, will be at Kroger, at Ford Road and Canton Center.

Contact: shopcanton.org

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 13

Location: Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Public Library on the campus of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: Greg Jaqua with an Elvis Presley Tribute, Aug. 6; and The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13 **Contact**: cantonfun.org

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 Location: Handy Park, 26650 Capitol at Hemingway, Redford Township Details: Persuasion, Aug. 11 Contact: 313-387-2650



See Josh White, Jr., Saturday, Aug. 8, at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.



Becky Copenhaver and Jerry Carney rehearse a scene from "Palliser Suite," for Better Than Ever Productions.



The Laugh Riot Dolls perform Aug. 15 at the Yellow Barn in Ann Arbor.

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, through August

Location: Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Details: Three different jazz acts perform each week at this free concert

Contact: jazzinthepark.org MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Aug. 29

Location. Grand Circus Park in Detroit in August

Details: Mowtown, Mamma Mia and

More! will celebrate the music of the 1960s-'70s by such artists as The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, The Rolling Stones and The Temptations. Local vocalists, Kathryn Calzone, Lauren Norris and Taylor Wallis, will join the Michigan Philharmonic on the "Mamma Mia" finale. Concerts are free. **Contact**: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org

MILFORD MEMORIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 Location: Beer tent at the festival, in downtown Milford. Park at Holden's Party Store, 2055 S. Milford Road or Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Road to catch the shuttle

Details: Local band Powerplay performs. Other performers during the festival, which runs Aug. 7-9 and includes an art show, are The Icemen, Dave Hardin, Leah and the Troublemakers, Lida Mary, Jon McAuliffe, Phoenix Theory, and more

Contact: milfordmemories.com



"The Danube," and other paintings by Barbara White, are on display this month at Northville Art House.

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 27

Location: Livonia Civic Center grounds, Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Motor City Soul, Aug. 6; Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies, Aug. 13; Cosmic Groove Band, Aug. 20; Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Aug. 27 Contact: ci.livonia.mi.us

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sept. 4 Location: Kellogg Park in downtown

Plymouth

Details: The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 7; Phoenix Theory, Aug. 14; The Randy Brock Band, Aug. 21; Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Dittilies, Sept. 4 Contact: plymouthmich.org

MUSIC IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S SERIES

Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday,

through Aug. 26

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Gemini, Aug. 12; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 19; Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Aug. 26 Contact: plymoutharts.com

RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 28

Location: Downtown Farmington Details: Allie Louise, Aug. 7; Hullabaloo, Aug. 14; Twisted Root Revival, Aug. 21; Thiurd Coast Kings, Aug. 28

Contact: downtownfarmington.org STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 27

Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills Details: Sonic Freeway, Aug. 6; Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 13; Kathy Kosins, Aug. 20; L'USA, Aug. 27 Contact: 248-473-1848

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia Details: Open Stage, Aug. 18; Martyn Joseph with Jan Krist, Aug. 14. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional Information

THEATER BETTER THAN EVER PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 Location: Enter through door #13 at Plymouth Parks and Recreation Complex, 650 Church, Plymouth

Details: The group performs "Pallliser Suite," a comedy by Caroline Russell-King. Tickets are \$15

Contact: betterthaneverprod.wix.com/ btep or call Jeanne Pruett at 734-306-7883

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. registration, 7 p.m. start, Aug. 19-20

Location: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Auditions for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* are Aug. 19 for youth, ages 12-16, and Aug. 20 for ages 16 and over. Participants will sing a short excerpt from one of the songs from the play. They'll learn a short dance combination and will audition the dance moves in a small group. They'll also read a monologue from the show

Contact: farmingtonplayers.org PAUL'S PLAYERS

PENNY SEATS THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 6-8 and 13-15 Location: The West Park band shell, 215 Chapin, Ann Arbor Details: Tickets are \$7 and \$10 for *Urinetown, the Musical*. Contact: pennyseats.org



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FOOD

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Fuel your morning with oatmeal and milk

ove oatmeal? Try these variations made with milk and old-fashioned oatmeal. Together, milk and oats make a breakfast powerhouse delivering protein and other key nutrients Americans need, like fiber, potassium, calcium and vitamin D. Plus, when you make old-fashioned oatmeal with milk instead of water, you get 2.5 times the protein.

Try some of the recipes below to ensure a nutritious and delicious start to your day. For more delicious oatmeal recipes with protein to power your morning, visit MilkLife.com.

Courtesy of Family Features





STRAWBERRIES 'N' CREAM OATMEAL

Recipe by Kath Eats Real Food Makes: 1 serving

- ¼cup Scottish oatmeal (or sub rolled oats)
- 1 cup 2 percent milk
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, sliced
- ¼ cup lowfat cottage cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon dry roasted almonds, chopped
- 1 tablespoon shredded coconut
- 1 (8-ounce) glass of milk, to serve with oatmeal

Combine oats and 1 cup of milk in saucepan over medium heat. Stir consistently as oatmeal begins to bubble

Once oatmeal has reached desired consistency, about 5 minutes in, add strawberries, cottage cheese and vanilla. Stir to incorporate. Cook for one more minute. Remove from heat and pour into bowl. Top with almonds and coconut. Serve with remaining 8-ounce glass of milk.

Nutrition: 560 calories; 20 g fat; 9 g saturated fat; 40 mg cholesterol; 32 g protein; 68 g carbohydrates; 9 fiber; 520 mg sodium; 696 mg calcium (70 percent of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using 2% milk, and include an 8-ounce glass of milk served with oatmeal.

BREAKFAST BARS

Servings: 8

- 1 cup old-fashioned or quick oats (not instant)
- 1 bag mixed dried fruit (7 ounces) 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup shredded unsweetened coconut (optional)
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts (optional) ½ teaspoon salt ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon

- Kcup honey
- 2 tablespoons olive oil 1/4 cup unsweetened almond or
- peanut butter 1 tablespoon lowfat or fat-free
- milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F; lightly coat an 8-by 8-inch baking pan with nonstick spray, In a bowl, toss together the oats, dried fruit, sugar, coconut, walnuts, salt, and cinnamon. Set aside.

In a second bowl, blend together the honey, olive oil, almond butter, milk, and vanilla. Pour honey mixture over the oat mixture and stir until completely coated. Pour mixture into prepared pan and press firmly. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until beginning to brown and turn bubbly. Remove from oven, let stand for 10 minutes, then cut while still warm. Let cool completely before removing from the pan. Store in air tight container. Bars will last up to a week.

LEMON BLUEBERRY OATMEAL MUFFINS

- 1-1/4 cup Quaker Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked), divided 2 teaspoons firmly packed brown
- sugar 1 cup all-purpose flour (add an
- additional 2 tablespoons if using old fashioned oats)
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt (optional) 1 cup skim milk
- 2 egg whites or ¼ cup egg
- substitute with yolk or 1 egg 2 teaspoons canola oil 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- (do not thaw) Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 12

medium muffin cups with cooking spray; set aside. For topping, combine 1/4 cup oats and brown sugar; set aside. In large bowl, combine remaining 1-1/2 cups oats with remaining dry ingredients; mix well. In small bowl, combine milk, egg substitute, oil, lemon peel and vanilla; mix well. Add to dry ingredients; stir just until moistened. Do not overmix. Gently stir in berries. Fill muffin cups almost full; sprinkle with topping. Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool muffins in pan on wire rack 5 minutes. Remove from pan. Serve warm.

SLOW-COOKER TROPICAL OATMEAL

Servings: 4

- 1 cup steel-cut oats 3 cups lowfat or fat free milk salt
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter 3 tablespoons brown sugar 1/2 cup diced fresh pineapple 1 banana, sliced chopped pecans, toasted
- Combine oats, milk, and salt in a 2½-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook at low heat for 6 to 8 hours. Before serving, melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add the brown sugar and pineapple and cook just until pineapple starts to release its juices, about 2 minutes. Off heat, fold in the banana. Spoon topping and sprinkle with pecans.

Nutrition: 240 calories; 4.5 g fat; 2 g saturated fat;10 mg cholesterol; 9 g protein; 42 g carbohydrates; 3 g fiber; 0 mg sodium; 250 mg calcium (25 percent of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat free milk.

